

MINUTES OF TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT:-

TAWELFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 30 March 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern, Mel Timothy, Helen Edmunds

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - C Dyke, Alun Fowler and Megan Jones

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/03/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Jill Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and took no part in the discussions on these items

MINUTE No: 2/03/17 POLICE MATTERS:

No representative was present from the police authority and no apologies presented.

MINUTE No: 3/03/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/03/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/03/17 CLERK'S REPORT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS- FEBRUARY 2017

The following decisions on planning applications received in February were, following consultations with members, taken under Plenary Powers

17/0029/10	Mr Ian Robinson 40 Cardiff Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RF	Proposed double storey rear extension at:- 40 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CF15 7RL	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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17/0082/10	Mr Lee Evans 2 Craig Ysguthan The Rise Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3PY	Proposed two storey side extension, including demolition of existing single storey extension at:- 20 BRYNAU ROAD TY RHIW CARDIFF CF15 7SA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0097/10	Mrs Meredith 13 Stradmore Close Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7QN	Remove existing side garage and build new side/rear extension and new porch at:- 13 STRADMORE CLOSE TAFF'S WELL CF15 7QN	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0098/10	Mr M Gibbs 1 Bute Villas Cardiff Road Taff's Well CF15 7QP	Single storey side and rear extension. Front and rear dormer windows and replacement detached garage at:- 1 BUTE VILLAS CARDIFF ROAD CF15 7QP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0128/10	Mr R Stuckey Stuckey Architects 20 Dean Street Aberdare CF44 7BN	Proposed 2 storey offices and workshop for a carpentry company at:- PLOT D9 HEOL CROCHENDY TREForest INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CF37 5UR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
16/1279/10	Mr Ben Atkin 109 Ty Rhiw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RW	Permission is sought for the retention of works carried out which includes creation of off road parking. Alterations to ground levels using retaining walls together with timber decking area at:- 109 TY RHIW TY RHIW CF15 7RW	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

Resolved:-

1. Members noted the use of plenary powers in respect of the applications

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2017 – ANTI –SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

Members gave consideration to a consultation letter from RCTCBC, asking if members have any comments in respect of the proposed measures on dog controls across the County Borough.

Resolved:-

RCTCBC be informed that the Community Council fully support the measures contained within the letter.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Following the agreed interview process the interviewing panel reported back on their deliberations and recommended that, from the 1 May 2017 Mrs Emma Price is appointed Clerk to the Council.

Members agreed that a formal contract of employment be issued and the new clerk placed on the appropriate scale

It was further agreed that the Council would purchase a computer and printer, for the new Clerk, at a cost of £1000.96. It was further agreed that this expenditure would be paid and shown in the forthcoming financial year's accounts.

Resolved:-

The Community Council approves the appointment of Mrs Emma Price as Clerk to the Community Council, with an appointment date of 1 May 2017, and authorises the Chairman and Clerk to deal with the administrative aspects of the appointment.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following applications for financial assistance.

- 1. Taff's Well Community Singers**
- 2. Nantgarw Home-ed Group**

Resolved:-

That a grant of £250 be made to each applicant.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

The Clerk reported that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had recently published its annual report for 2017 - 2018, the report dealt with the remuneration of allowances for various organisations including County and Community Council Members.

In respect of Community Council Members the Panel determined that - Community and Town Councils be authorised to make a payment to each of their members of a maximum amount of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. This is an increase of 50% over the previous year.

The determinations of the Panel are permissive powers that require a formal decision by each Community or Town Council. But where a Community and Town Council make such a decision,

it must apply to all its members at the levels determined. An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the Council.

In previous years these allowances are normally paid in April; however as elections for the new Council will take place in May it is suggested that, subject to Members agreeing to implement the allowances, payment be made at the May meeting.

Resolved:-

The Community Council notes the decision of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and determines that the Council will implement the allowances for the financial year 2017 – 2018.

EXTERNAL AUDIT FEES - ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The Clerk reported that the Wales Audit Office have now submitted their invoice in respect of the Annual Audit Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 in the sum of £188.70

Members were requested to approve payment of this account.

Resolved:-

Members approved payment of £188.70 to the Wales Audit Office

UTILITY CHARGES - HUB

The Community Council has agreed to meet the utility charges at the Community Library/information Centre (HUB)

The HUB had forwarded a copy of the invoice in respect of the utility charges for the period 4 November 2016 – 13 February 2017 in the sum of £182.13 and requested re-imbursement

Resolved:-

1. Members note the above report and approve payment of the utility costs in the sum of £182.13

MINUTE No: 6/03/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed Members that the gas container unit, at the top of Yr Hendre had been rebuilt and included external lighting.
- Noted that cars for sale were once again being parked on the green at the entrance to the estate. Councillor Bonetto confirmed that enforcement officers had visited the site and she would again pursue the matter.
- Noted that roofer's felt and other assorted builders material had been dumped on the downside of Caerphilly Hill. The Clerk undertook to report it to the County litter team.
- Welcomed the Community Council's confirmation that, subject to permission from the county in respect of positioning, the Community council will purchase two benches to be placed by the bus stops in Ty Rhiw.

Councillor Mel Timothy

- Reported back on the recent PACT meeting held in the Area. It was reported at the meeting that one house, in Tawelyfryn, had been 'broken in' twice in a month. The occupant's car keys were stolen from the house and used to steal the car. Police enquiries are ongoing in respect of this matter.
- Noted that there was still a considerable amount of 'dog mess' in the area and welcomed the repositioning of the dog waste bin
- Asked what progress was being made in respect of the acquisition of the goal posts for Tawelyfryn Park? Councillor Bonetto reported that this matter was in hand and hoped that the goal posts would be fitted after the May elections

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Noted that a 'lorry' displaying advertisements for the sale of cars was being parked just opposite the McDonalds Restaurant. The member asked if this type of advertising needed any permission. The Clerk suggested that if the vehicle was taxed and insured then it would be difficult to take any action. However, the County member will make enquiries as this type of advertising takes up much needed parking spaces.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern over the practices of some of the building firms undertaking work in the village. One company undertaking work was clearly blocking the pavement with their van and had dumped a large amount of sand on the pavement limiting access to pedestrians. Another builder had cables from his van into the premises where he was working. Whilst the cables were above head height they did potentially cause a health and safety problem, particularly if they were connected to a generator. Councillor Bonetto agreed that she would seek advice from Building Control Officers about these matters.
- Note a significant increase in dog mess throughout the village

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed Members that a comprehensive traffic survey of Taff's Well and the surrounding district was still being undertaken but it was unlikely to be completed before the County Council Elections. It had however been agreed that new school signage would be installed immediately as it was considered to be an issue for the protection of the children attending the local school.
- Noted that a comprehensive exercise to monitor the speed of vehicles in the village showed that the average speeds recorded were 33 mph
- In conjunction with Cllr Edmunds the member asked what progress was being made to install benches at the bus stops in Ty Rhiw? The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council were awaiting agreement/permission from the County as to the exact location for the installation. It was agreed that the Community Council would reaffirm their commitment to purchase two benches, and this would take priority once permission from the County Council is given. The County Member will make efforts to expedite these matters with County officers
- In conjunction with other members asked if the Community Council would consider purchasing a Defibrillator for use in the village. There had been some explanatory talks with the Co-operative Store about placing the Defibrillator either inside or externally on their

premises. It was agreed that subject to finding a suitably agreed location, the Council would purchase a Defibrillator for use in the community...

MINUTE No: 7/03/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for March 2017.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the March accounts in the sum of £2620.06

MINUTE No: 8/03/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members' received the following planning application and **resolved** that the following observations be made known to the County Council.

17/0178/10	Mr David Thomas DTB Design Temple Court 13a Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9HA	Development of cycle park with facilities building and associated riding track at the:- MOUNTAIN RANCH CYCLE CENTRE 1 HEOL Y BRYN CAERPHILLY CF83 1NG	The Community Council has no adverse comments in respect of this application
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MINUTE No. 9/01/17 – PUBLIC SESSION

No Members of the public Present.

MINUTE No: 10/03/17 Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Community Council will be as follows:

April meeting: Tuesday 25 April 2017 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: