

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

TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 25th May 2017 commenced at 7.08pm

PRESENT: Cllrs: Lynne Thomas, (Chairman), Jill Bonetto, Sandra Lintern, Mel Timothy, Cynthia Dyke, Megan Jones, Jonathan Bishop

APOLOGIES: Cllr: Helen Edmunds

Also present: Clerk to the Council Emma Price and Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/05/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

Councillor Jonathan Bishop declared an interest in items 4h and 5f. He took no part in the discussions on these items and left the room.

Members noted that as Cllr Lintern had not yet signed the declaration of acceptance forms she would not be taking part in any matters/discussions on tonight's procedures.

MINUTE No: 2/05/17 POLICE MATTERS:

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

Councillor J. Bonetto reported the removal of a 12ft Trampoline at Ty Rhiw on RCTCBC land.

MINUTE No: 3/05/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/05/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Councillor X objected to the heading of minute 05/04/17 (h) and requested that the word 'potential' be inserted at the beginning of the heading. Whilst members were happy that the original minute reflected the position, the request was agreed in order to make progress.

A further request from Councillor X that the minute should not be published on the Council's website was unanimously declined.

MINUTE No: 5/05/17 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS.
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Within the provision a Community Council is permitted to make a payment to its members of a maximum amount of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. This sum has been included in this month's financial accounts.

Resolved:

Members noted receipt of the above allowances.

(b) RENEWAL OF INTERNET SERVICES

The Clerk reported that the fee for the renewal of the Council's internet services is due in May at a cost of £257.88 p.a.

Resolved:

Members noted that payment for the forthcoming financial year had been included in this month's financial payments.

Councillor Jonathan Bishop proposed a review of the website domain name - The current domain name is registered until March 2018 so will not be reviewed until then.

(c) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

1. ALL STARS GYMNASTICS CLUB

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be made to support the project

(d) DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

- June meeting: Monday 26 June 2017 at Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- July meeting: Thursday 20 July 2017 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- September meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2017 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- October meeting: Monday 23 October 2017 Saints at Mary & James' Church Hall
- November meeting: Thursday 23 November 2017 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- December meeting: Tuesday 19 December 2017 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre

- January meeting: Thursday 25 January 2018 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- February meeting: Tuesday 27 February 2018 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- March meeting: Monday 26 March 2018 at Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- April meeting: Thursday 26 April 2018 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre

Resolved:

The above dates were agreed. It was also agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm.

(e) CHANGES TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

Members received a copy of the letter sent to the Council's Bank outlining information in respect of change of address details.

Resolved:

Members noted the changes to the Council's Banking arrangements.

(f) VACANCY FOR CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Following a formal advertisement on the Council's Website and at other local venues, the Clerk reported that one expression of interest has been received from Mr Alun Fowler who resides at 1 Church Lane Nantgarw.

Resolved:

Following discussions Members unanimously confirmed the appointment of Mr Fowler as a Co-opted member of the Community Council

(g) UPDATE TO MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members were made aware of the changes to the model Financial Regulations and were advised that the Council's Financial Regulations are compliant.

Resolved:

Members noted the update.

(h) VIKING - STATIONERY ACCOUNT

Following consultation with the previous clerk and chairman the clerk advised members that a Viking account has been set up which will issue an invoice for stationery ordered. This will ensure complete transparency on goods paid for.

Resolved:

Members noted the above.

(i) NEWSLETTER FROM COMMUNITY ENERGY WALES

Members received an electronic copy of the Community Energy Wales newsletter that was recently published.

It would be a very expensive exercise to print copies for each member and it was suggested that hard copies be made available on request.

Subject to Members' approval a copy will be placed on the Council's website

Resolved:

Members noted the above Newsletter and approved that it be placed on the website.

(j) NEWSLETTER FROM SUSTAIN WALES

Members received an electronic copy of the Sustain Wales newsletter that was recently published.

It would be a very expensive exercise to print copies for each member and it was suggested that hard copies be made available on request.

Subject to Members' approval a copy will be placed on the Council's website

Resolved:

Members noted the above Newsletter and approve that it be placed on the Council's Website.

(k) REPORT BACK ON COURT PROCEEDINGS

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS BY COUNCILLOR X

Mr. Allinson informed Members that both injunctions served by Councillor X had been dismissed by the County Court and an order for legal costs made against Councillor X.

Councillor X has since informed the Council's legal representative of their intention to appeal both the judgment and the costs awarded against them.

In respect of the injunctions, Councillor X has been informed that it would require 'leave of the Court' to appeal and that as far as the Council is concerned the matter is now closed as the appeal would be against the Court's decision not the Council.

Resolved:

Any further legal action be referred immediately to the Council's legal insurance department and the Clerk and Council members instructed not to enter any dialog either verbally, in writing or electronically.

MINUTE No: 6/05/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Alun Fowler

- Reported that the tree that had fallen at the bridge in Nantgarw had been removed but expressed concern that the other trees along there looked dangerous and may need to be looked at by RCT and possibly removed.
- The County Member noted the Members concern and advised that whilst the land is not in ownership of RCTCBC she would ask the tree officer to visit the area in question. It was pointed out that no tree cutting work was undertaken during the nesting season.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Noted that the trees along Old Nantgarw Hill were overgrown and hanging over the road signs making visibility of them difficult and causing motorists to possibly use the wrong lane. -The Clerk agreed that she would report the matter via the County Councils website.
- Reported that the trees at Tawelyfryn Community Centre were hanging down over the centre. The RCTCBC member advised she would report to the tree officer but again informed of restrictions during the nesting period.
- Expressed concern over a man cutting down trees opposite 'Spice Connoisseur' on Cardiff Road. The member approached the man in question and was told he had permission to cut the trees. Cllr M. Timothy agreed to pass on the vehicle registration number to the Clerk who will report to RCTCBC
- Informed members that the incident reported at April's meeting with what was considered a dangerous dog had now been resolved. The Police are dealing with threatening behaviour relating to this.
- Expressed concern over the Garth Olwg School bus service. Children as young as 11 and 12 are being dropped off at the wrong stop and having to walk home. The member has telephoned the bus company who were very apologetic but it has happened since. It was also reported that the bus driver traveling to Gwaelod y Garth is very rude, and not on time.
- Councillor J. Bonetto advised she will contact the transport department at RCTCBC to report the incidents.

Cllr Cynthia Dyke

- Reported a large hole in the road outside 58 Ty Rhiw Estate. - The Clerk agreed that she would report the matter via the County Councils website.
- Expressed concern regarding speeding on the Ty Rhiw Estate. The County member was asked if 'slow' or 'MPH' signs could be erected. - The County member advised she will make enquires.

Cllr Jonathan Bishop

- Reported that he has been in contact with David Brookes at Coleg y Cymoedd Library to enquire about the closure of the library facilities. – The County member informed him that following a comprehensive investigation, the reason for the closure of the library was that it was not being used and was becoming more and more expensive to keep open.
- Expressed concern for the need of a neighbourhood watch scheme at Nantgarw. Councillor Bishop informed members he has been in contact with Claire Quick at South Wales Police regarding CCTV within the area that would also have vehicle number recognition to find and fine motorists who litter the area. – Councillor M Timothy advised that the CCTV cameras at Tawelyfryn have been purchased by residents and there is also a monthly PACT meeting that residents can attend to pass on concerns.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Expressed concern over youths in the park riding bicycles dangerously in the children's play area and churning up the football pitch. – The County Member noted the Members concern and will pass onto the relevant personnel.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Informed Members that the County Council were still settling in following the May Elections and she will have a comprehensive report at the June meeting.

MINUTE No; 7/05/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the May accounts in the sum of £5002.68

MINUTE No: 8/05/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

17/0445/10	Caroline Bird Hazelmere 32, Moy Road Taff’s Well CF15 7PX	Single storey extension at HAZELMERE, 32 MOY ROAD TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0446/10	Mr Hayes 36 Moy Road Taffs Well CF15 7PX	Single storey rear extension at: 36 MOY ROAD TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No. 9/0517 – PUBLIC SESSION

A Member of the public who did not reside within the community council’s boundaries asked a question on the whether the council had any policies on disclosing information on disability matters to other parties.

Mr. Allinson informed the questioner that whilst questions by the public were restricted to individuals residing within the council’s boundaries he would suggest that, as an exception, permission be given to allow the questioner to ask his question.

Members agreed, without prejudice to allow the question.

The questioner was also informed that, as a non-resident, if in future he wished to seek information on the Council’s polices this should be done via a freedom of information request.

In respect of the specific question, Mr Allinson informed the questioner that as an equal opportunities Council the Council would always follow the statutory policies on disability information and employment law on these matters. In addition, a recent County Court judgment concluded that the Council had acted properly in respect of its policies and practices in this area.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.26 pm

SIGNED: DATE: