

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

TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 24 November 2016

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - C Dyke, Alun Fowler and Charlotte Griffin

Also, present Clerk to the Council - Derek Allinson, PCSO's Clair Quick and Amy Partridge, also present PC Matthew Sullivan

MINUTE No: 1/11/16 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: 2/11/16 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Quick introduced PC Matthew Sullivan who was replacing PC Richard Williams as PC for the area. Members welcomed PC Sullivan to the meeting.

PCSO Quick informed members that the following incidents had been recorded over the past few months:-

- Nuisance calls about parking on Cardiff Road.
- Burglary from the burger van on Cardiff Road
- Theft of bicycle from Yr Hendre.
- Damage to motor vehicle in Moy Road
- Two reports of criminal damage to cars in Church Street
- Civil Enforcement officers and PCSO's have been giving priority to 'dangerous / illegal parking' in the village and 23 enforcement notices have been issued in the last three weeks
- Members noted that the speed cameras on both Cardiff Road and Caerphilly Road (A648) were not working as the road markings had not been 'repainted' following resurfacing work. Both the County Member and the Police Authority were pursuing these matters and liaising with "Go Safe" to ensure that the cameras were in working order.
- Members noted that a "Home Safe" event will take place at the Library Hub on the 28 November 2016.

- Members noted that the next Nantgarw PACT meeting will be held at the Tawelyfryn Community Centre on Wednesday 14 December.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and comprehensive report.

MINUTE No: 3/11/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2016 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/11/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/11/16 CLERK'S REPORT

RATE PRECEPT 2017/2018

The Clerk informed Members that the County Council had requested that the Community Council set its rate precept for 2017/2018 at its November meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reviewed the Council's expenditure for the current financial year together with its commitments for the forthcoming financial year and expenditure is in line with current estimates. He had also taken into account the Council's reserves and income, including CIF monies.

Members noted their previous commitment to fund the rental costs of the HUB, which currently stands at £7,200 per annum and to meet the electricity and insurance costs associated with the building, this sum would be achieved by making incremental precept rises .

Whilst there has been a slight increase in expenditure of the Council's finances, the Community Council agreed that it would waive the fees from the allotment association for the year so that they could continue with refurbishment/improvement work on the Allotment/Community Garden.

Members noted that whilst CIF (Community Infrastructure Fund) monies were due to be paid to the Council, regulations restricted the use and prohibited the monies being used to 'off set' the Council's precept.

Resolved:-

That in order to continue its commitment to the HUB and protect its services to the local community the Community Council's precept for 2017/18 be increased by £1500

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

As the Clerk will be leaving the employment of the Community Council at the end of the current Council term (April 2017), Members considered the transitional arrangements needed to provide a 'seamless' transfer of responsibilities to the new Clerk and gave consideration is given to the following matters:-

Email address

It was agreed that the current email address would be changed to:- twnc@hotmai.com and that the Clerk will start to inform external contacts and ensure that the address is in full use before leaving office.

Recruitment/ Appointment of new Clerk

It was agreed that the Clerk be empowered seek 'prior expressions of interest' from suitably qualified individuals and organisations and have 'informal / without prejudice discussions' with appropriate candidates.

If agreed this process of recruitment of a new Clerk would commence after the Christmas break

MINUTE No: 6/10/16 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Noted that the street lamp by the bus stop on Yr Hendre, was not working and asked that the Clerk report the matter to the appropriate department of the County Council. The Clerk confirmed that he would report the matter via the County Council's website.
- Expressed concern that fencing erected by one of the householders in Yr Hendre appeared to have use part of the pavement, as there was a 'gap' between the fencing and the pavement. The Clerk confirmed that he had seen the problem described by the member, and wondered if it was a 'work in progress' i.e. the 'gap' would be filled when weather conditions improved. Following further discussion, members agreed to take no immediate action on this matter but to review the position at the next meeting.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Expressed concern that the bollards at the junction of Rhyd yr Helyg were continually being damaged and asked if there could be some prominent visual display before the junction and the bollards highlighted to make them more visible to approaching vehicles? Both the County Member and the Clerk agreed that they would pursue this issue

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Raised the issue of rain water flooding/ pooling at the South entrance to the Council's allotments, the flooding/pooling was making it difficult to access/egress the site without getting wet. Members agreed that this matter would be reported to the County Council with a request that action be taken to resolve this issue.

Cllr C Dyke MBE (in absentia)

- Following the erection of 'park benches' at the new memorial site in Taff's Well Park, the Member had been approached with a request that a similar consideration made to providing benches a Ty Rhiw cemetery? The Clerk agreed to pursue this matter with the County Member and the appropriate department of the County Council.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on her work with local residents and issues relating to the County Council.
- Informed members that officers from the County Council have reviewed the audible warning and crossing timing on the pedestrian traffic lights at the entrance to Tawelyfryn estate and confirmed that the system was working correctly; it was noted that the ‘sensor timer’ whilst showing red from the ‘pedestrian single did not change the main light until the pedestrian had fully crossed the road
- Informed Members that the goal post at Tawelyfryn Park would be refurbished and an additional post be ordered to replace the missing post.
- Had spoken to the Leader of the Council and there was no objection to Community Council’s pursuing ‘joint funding arrangements’ for enforcement officers
- Informed members that BT was currently undertaking a consultaion exercise of the retention of public telephone boxes with in area; the Member noted that the public telephone box in the village was still being actively used; it was agreed that the Community Council would request that this telephone box be retained.

MINUTE No: 7/110/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for November 2016.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the May accounts in the sum of £1708.37

MINUTE No: 8/11/16 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/1142/08	Mr Bradshaw Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC The Pavillions Cambrian Park Clydach Vale Tonypandy CF40 2XX	Proposal to install a temporary double classroom demountable building onto the playing field adjacent to the playground at: FFYNNON TAF PRIMARY SCHOOL CARDIFF ROAD TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PR	The Community Council has no objection to this application
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MINUTE No. 9/11/16 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/11/16 Dates of future meetings

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

- December meeting – Tuesday 20 December 2016 - Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- January Meeting - Monday 23 January 2017 Saints Mary and James' Church Hall
- Please note there will be NO MEETING in February
- March 2017 Thursday 30 March Tawelyfryn Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

SIGNED: DATE: