

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

**SAINTS MARY AND JAMES' CHURCH HALL
Monday 24 November 2014**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, and Fred Meech

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/11/14 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: 2/11/14 POLICE MATTERS:

Whilst no Police representative was present at the meeting Councillor Bonetto gave a brief report on her recent meeting with the police on various matters appertaining to the area.

- The continued problem of cars parked dangerously on the zig zag lines, outside the Co-operative store, was highlighted as a major issue; traffic enforcement officers and the police were working to resolve this problem and are actively pursuing the possibility of safety barriers being erected along the pavement edge, either side of the road.
- The speed camera at Glan-y-Llyn was being repaired and the 'road markings' re-instated
- Volunteers were being recruited to undertake training to use a mobile/hand held speed camera. This equipment will be used to monitor and deter vehicles travelling over the prescribed speed limits.
- The police had issued a number of warning letters to drivers of cars parked illegally in the vicinity of the railway station, many of whom park on the pavement thereby restricting access for wheelchair and pushchair users. If the problem continues further action will be taken and enforcement notices issued.

MINUTE NO: 3/11/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/11/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/11/14 CLERK'S REPORT

RATE PRECEPT 2015/2016

The Clerk reported on the financial position of the Council and its commitments for the forthcoming financial year. Taking account of the Council's commitment to "The Hub Partnership" and the need to protect essential local services it was recommended that the rate be set at £31,000.

Resolved:-

That the Community Council's precept for 2015/16 be set at £31,000

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN TAFF'S WELL PARK

At a previous meeting Members had agreed that the Community Council would provide financial support for the erection of Christmas lights on a suitable tree in Taff's Well Park. After some discussions with officers of the County Council in respect of legal liability it was agreed that the County Council will organise the work and then invoice the Community Council the sum of £730.32.

Resolved:-

Members noted the action taken in respect of this matter and approved payment of £730.32 to the County Council.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BOUNDARIES ON TAFF'S WELL ALLOTMENTS

Members had previously agreed, in principle, to support improvements to the security of the Council's Allotments along the Sustrain's' pathway and to work with the current management committee to secure major improvements to the site.

The Clerk reported that the Community Council has now received the invoice in respect of the Community Council's contribution to this project in the sum of £573.83 and authorisation was requested to make payment of the invoice to the association.

Resolved:

The Community Council welcomes the increased partnership working between the Council and the Allotment Association to improve the security of the site and agrees to meet the cost of the planting materials at a cost of £573.83

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

1. TAFF'S WELL SINGERS

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the above organisation

MINUTE No: 6/11/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed Members that she had received a complaint about the lack of police attendance at a recent PACT meeting in Nantgarw, Councillor Jill Bonetto gave a comprehensive explanation of the events surrounding this matter and confirmed that a verbal report was given to the group based on a written report by the PCSO.
- Requested that the Clerk report two broken street lights on Yr Hendre and opposite the entrance to Heol-y-Coed

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed members that she and other Members of the HUB continue to report the repeated infringements of vehicles parking on the zig zag lines outside the HUB.
- Expressed concern over the number of cars/vans now parking on the pavements particularly by the Railway Station and in the vicinity of the former newsagents and the car wash. There had been at least one incident where an electric wheelchair user could not pass and had to reverse back past a number of cars before being 'forced' out on to the road.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Once again raised the issue of water pooling outside the approach road to the Railway Station and at the bottom of the 'flyover' in Forest Road, the County Member informed Members that she had raised these issues with County Officers and they were pursuing Network Rail, the land owner, to undertake work to rectify the problem.
- In addition, the Member noted that water freezing on the Sycamore Street/Moy Road railway crossing was making safe access and egress very difficult. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with Network Rail and see if there was a solution to this problem.
- Noted that the general cleanliness of Taff's Well Park had deteriorated over the past months with cans cigarette packets and food wrappings littering the park. The County Member agreed that she would raise this issue with County Officers as procedures were in place to ensure that the park was 'cleaned' when it was opened in the mornings.

Cllr C Dyke

- Asked if the Clerk could contact the appropriate authority and request that a 'handrail' be fitted/repared to the steps leading to Brynau Woods. There have been a number of falls on this path and the Member considered this to be a health and safety issue. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this issue.

- **Cllrs Mel Timothy**

- Reported that there still continued to be a problem with 'cars for sale' being parked on the grassed area at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The cars were damaging the grass and although this matter had been reported to the County little action appears to have been taken
- Has received a number of complaints about cars being repaired in the road in Yr Hendre, Councillor Lintern had also raised this issue. The PCSO had looked into the matter but concluded that as long as the vehicles were taxed and insured there was little he could do. It was agreed that Councillor Bonetto would raise this issue with RCT Homes as it appeared that a premises in the area were being used as a business.
- Noted new signs had been erected showing two routes to the Taff Trail
- Asked if action could be taken to repair the street signage at the OAP flats on the Old Nantgarw Road. The Clerk agreed to pursue this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Informed Members that a section of the safety fencing separating Parish Road from the A470 were broken or missing and requested the Clerk to inform the relevant authority with a view to repairs being undertaken. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave Members a comprehensive overview of the action she had been undertaking to improve the problem of illegal/dangerous parking outside the Hub, school and railway station.
- Informed Members of the current position of the County Council in respect of the 'voluntary merger' proposals for County Council's in Wales. RCT County Borough Council had confirmed that they would not be seeking a merger with Merthyr County Council as the proposal did not bring 'economic benefits' and would further increase social deprivation figures in the area. The County were however having some discussions with Cardiff CBC about possible joint working arrangements.

MINUTE No; 7/11/14 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for October/November 2014.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the November accounts in the sum of £3,293.37 (including a £250 grant aid to the Taff's Well Singers)

MINUTE No: 8/11/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

14/136/10	Mr K Luff 46 Cart Ty Mar Caerphilly CF83 RQ	Erection of two dwellings, alteration footpath route and re-alignment of garage for previously approved application 09/544. Location: ADJACENT TO 20 PINE RIDGE, OLD NANTGARW ROAD NANTGARW	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/318/10	Mrs L Holland 1 Quarry Street Nantgarw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SY	First floor extension at rear of dwelling at:- 1 QUARRY STREET NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SY	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/231/0	Mr. Ashcroft Orangebox Ltd 3 East Road Penallat Industrial Estate Hengoed CF82 7SU	Erect 3 dimensional freestanding sign /structure and fascia sign to front elevation of 6B HEOL-Y-GAMLAS, NANTGARW INDUSTRIAL PARK, NANTGARW, CF15 7QT	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/11/14

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/11/14 Dates of future meetings

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

- December meeting - Thursday 18 December 2014 - Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- January meeting – Tuesday 27 January 2015- Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- February meeting – Monday 23 February 2015 - Saints Mary & James' Church Hall

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: