

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

**SAINTS MARY & JAMES' CHURCH HALL
TAFF'S WELL**

Monday 21 October 2016

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/10/16 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: 2/10/16 POLICE MATTERS:

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

MINUTE No: 3/10/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

There was a correction to minute 6/9/16 (Cynthia Dyke MBE) the subsidence of the footpath was outside 74 Ty Rhiw and not 75 as recorded in the minutes. With this correction the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2016 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/10/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/10/16 CLERK'S REPORT

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the County Council it was confirmed that CIL payments were due in respect of the planning consent for the Former Police Station site Cardiff Road.

The Community Council will receive 15% of the CIL which in respect of this site equates to two instalments of £2895.66, the first payment to be transferred to the Council's bank account.

Members noted that there are restrictions on the use of CIL monies and they cannot be used for 'revenue' purposes. In addition, CIL monies must be accounted for separately to the Council's normal expenditure and must be used within 5 years of receipt.

Resolved

Members gave consideration to how the CIL money can be used to best serve the needs of the local community and agreed to set up a small 'working group' to agree a priority list for use of CIL monies.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

At its last meeting Members requested the Clerk to order 3 wreaths from the British Legion; however the order did not include a wreath for the new memorial at Taff's Well Park and following consultation the order was increased to 4 wreaths. Members were requested to note and approve the additional expenditure.

Resolved

Members noted and approve the purchase of the additional wreath from the British Legion.

AUDIT FEES

Members received a copy of a letter from the Council's External Auditors explaining that they are currently unable to issue an invoice for the audit as they are in discussion with the Wales Audit Office to ensure that the same approach to billing is taking place throughout Wales.

Resolved

Members noted the content of the letter.

MINUTE No: 6/10/16 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Thanked Mr Nick Edmunds for his work in cutting back the hedge outside of the properties located at 10-11 Yr Hendre.
- Expressed concern that the footpaths outside of 55-64 Yr Hendre were overgrown making the path very slippery, in addition, a number of sapling trees had taken root on the embankment which needed to be removed.
- The Member noted that there were a number of 'dead trees' in the vicinity of the roundabout at Nantgarw which were potentially dangerous and needed to be removed.
- Noted that no action had been taken to cut back the overgrowth that affected the street lighting on the Nantgarw Road.
- Asked if the leaves along the Nantgarw road could be cleared as they were making the pavements very slippery.
- The County Member noted the Members concern and pointed out that no tree cutting work was undertaken during the nesting season but as this was now over would see if the above trees could be added to the County Council's 'tree list'. The County member also conformed that once the majority of the leaves had fallen the Council would arrange for the area to be cleared.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Noted that a considerable amount of 'garden waste' had been dumped in the King Street lane. The rubbish was located in a recess area but needed to be cleared as it would attract vermin. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter to the appropriate department of the County Council.

- Informed Members that she had received a complaint from Mrs L, a resident of Ty Rhiw who was very concerned about the increased incidents of double parking in the village. Members shared Mrs L's concerns and agreed to raise this issue at the next PACT meeting.
- Noted that the dead tree branch on the footpath/green, opposite the Cross Inn / Nantgarw roundabout had still not been removed. The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been reported to the highway authority. The County Member agreed she would also pursue this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Asked if the Clerk would contact the appropriate department about a tree that had fallen in Brynau Woods and was being 'propped up' by the adjacent tree. It was considered that the present condition presented a possible danger to the public as the tree was precariously balanced. It was agreed that the Clerk would make the authorities aware of the situation.
- Expressed residents concerns about the lighting on the pathway leading to the Views from the post box on Cemetery Road. The positioning of the lights was such that the pathway was in darkness. The Member agreed that she would forward the Clerk a photo to show the extent of the problem. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Noted and thanked the County Member for her work in getting the area around Glan y Llyn and the bridge to Rhiwdda re-surfaced.
- Expressed residents concerns about the continued problems of lack of traffic enforcement in the village and surrounding area. Whilst appreciating that there was a lack of resources the present situation was unacceptable and causing economic problems for traders in the village. In the past the Community Council had discussed the possibility of providing some funding so that a dedicated part time Enforcement Officer could be employed. Given the CIL monies that would shortly be accrued the Member asked if this matter could be again raised with the County Council. The County member agreed that she would pursue this matter with the Chairman of Community Services and the Leader of the Council.

Cllr C Dyke MBE

- Expressed concern over the high cost of parking at the University Hospital Wales (Heath Hospital) and asked that the Council's concern about these charges be brought to the attention of the Wales Assembly Government. The Clerk outlined the reason for the charges and the commitment of the Wales Assembly Government to provide free parking when the existing contract expires. It was agreed that the Council's concern be brought to the attention of the Health Minister.

Cllr A Fowler

- Expressed concern over the safety of cyclists on the cycle path through the Nantgarw Industrial Estate, both cars and cyclists appeared to ignore the 'directional signs' and it was feared that without extra warning signs there could be a serious accident.
- Asked if the County Council could be asked to look at the audible warning and crossing timing on the pedestrian traffic lights at the entrance to Tawelyfryn estate? It appeared that the audible system was not working and there was insufficient time for 'less mobile'

individuals to cross at the traffic lights. Both the Clerk and the County member agreed that they would pursue this matter with County Officers

Councillor Mel Timothy

- Expressed concern over the increasing number of drivers that were making U Turns at the traffic lights by the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate and the total lack of any enforcement system to deal with this matter. Given the lack of an effective policing and enforcement strategy, it was agreed that this matter be raised at the forthcoming PACT meeting and the Clerk contact the local PCSO.
- Asked if some of the CIL money due to the Council could be used to purchase ‘goal posts’ for the Tawelyfryn Park? Members noted that there had been a previous commitment to assist in this matter and asked the County Member if she could get an estimate of the cost of supplying and fitting the goal posts. It was agreed that this matter was a priority for expenditure although not necessarily from CIL funding. It was further agreed to revisit this matter at the next meeting.
- Informed members that she had received a complaint that Heol-y-Coed had been excluded from the recent road surface improvements. Members note that part of the road had been resurfaced and whilst it would be nice to have the whole road done there appeared to be little evidence of potholes or subsidence in the part that had not been resurfaced.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed members that the review of traffic matters associated with the village was currently being considered. Members asked if the County Council could give consideration to a partnership agreement whereby the Community Council would pay for a ‘part time’ enforcement officer whose duties would be solely dedicated to enforcement of offences within the Taff’s Well and Nantgarw area. The County Member agreed that she would raise this with appropriate members/officers and report back at the next meeting.

MINUTE No; 7/10/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the May accounts in the sum of £1774.79.

MINUTE No: 8/10/16 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/0981/10	Mr Steve Robinson 5 Rockwood Road Ty-Rhiw Taff's Well CF15 7SB	Erect Loft conversion for 3 bedrooms and en suites at:- 5 ROCKWOOD ROAD TY RHIW, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SB	Members expressed some reservations about the scale of the development and the possible impact on neighbouring properties. However, subject to there being no objections from neighbouring properties the Community Council would not oppose the application
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MINUTE No. 9/10/16 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No. 10/10/13 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Members gave consideration to the recent review of Parliamentary Boundaries and the proposal to merge some of the existing constituency into Cardiff North. It was agreed that as the County Council and Wales Assembly boundaries are to remain the same the electorate could be confused by these proposals. In addition, as all public local government services are provided within the boundaries of RCT the proposal would lead to confusion and would not be in the best interest of the local community. It was agreed that, following consultation with the County Council Member the Clerk would write to the Commission objecting to the changes.

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

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

- November meeting – Thursday 24 November 2016 - Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- December meeting – Tuesday 20 December 2016 - Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- January Meeting - Monday 23 January 2017 Saints Mary and 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 8.25 pm.

SIGNED: DATE: