

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

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

**Monday 23rd October 2017**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern, M. Timothy, M. Jones,  
H. Edmunds and J. Hutchinson

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: C. Dyke and J. Bishop

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council E. Price

**MINUTE No: 1/10/17 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 Mel Timothy declared an interest in item 6c and took no part in the discussion on this item.

**MINUTE No: 2/10/17 POLICE MATTERS:**

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

Cllr M Timothy gave an extensive report from the October PACT meeting, and Cllr L Thomas reported that she has spoke with the PCSO regarding drug use in Taff's Well car park and the car park behind the flats on the southern end of the park.

Members requested that the Clerk write to PCSO Claire Quick and request that she be present at the next meeting.

**MINUTE No: 3/10/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**MINUTE No: 4/10/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

The Clerk advise that a response had been received from the resident with regards to the CCTV letter sent and they are happy to assist by placing signage up stating the CCTV is in operation.

The Clerk advised Members that a thank you letter has been received from Nantgarw OAP's from the grant issued at Septembers meeting.

## **MINUTE No: 5/10/17 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **a) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

The Clerk reported that the Community Council will receive a payment of £19.04 which relates to 15% of the late payment interest received in respect of application 13/0633 (Former Police Station site Cardiff Road).

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 noted the CIL payment.

### **b) PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

At September's meeting Members received a report from the Clerk with reference to employing a private Civil Enforcement Officer to combat the parking/litter/dog fouling issues and enter into a Service Level Agreement with RCTCBC.

Members instructed the Clerk to gather further information.

Following discussions with RCT Director of Highways and Street Care Services Nigel Wheeler, the following were confirmed:

- \* The cost given was purely costs incurred for employing the warden, van and fuel cost.
- \*The fine levy would be kept by RCTCBC to cover any admin incurred when processing paperwork and if they have to take people to court.
- \*There would be no issue with the officer patrolling the 3 areas.
- \*There would be no issue with the patrolling taking place on alternative days.

#### **Resolved:**

Members gave consideration to the above report and instructed the Clerk to contact RCTCBC to request that they enter into a Service Level Agreement, and an Enforcement Officer be employed to patrol the Taff's Well, Nantgarw and Ty Rhiw area once a week.

### **c) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

## **TAWELFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE – BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

#### **Resolved:**

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

**d) AN ENHANCED ROLE FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS**

Members received the draft report for 'An Enhanced Role for Community and Town Councils'. The report details views, where there was consensus across all attendees.

Councillor Lynne Thomas and Councillor Megan Jones recently attended the meeting to discuss the role of Community Councils and gave a comprehensive report at September's meeting.

**Resolved:**

Members gave consideration to the above report and approved the document.

**e) GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS ON THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES**

Members received a report from The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission) which has been asked by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to provide updated guidance on the conduct of community reviews by principal councils to support greater consistency in the manner in which community reviews are conducted.

Before publishing the guidance in its final form the Commission is providing a draft of the document for consultation. A copy of this draft is enclosed. The consultation will commence on 29 September 2017 and end on 21 December 2017.

There are two audiences in mind in the drafting of this document. Primarily this is a guide for principal council officers in the conduct of a review of their communities. It has also been drafted to inform interested parties, in particular the town and community councils of Wales, as to how the process should operate.

The review will take around a year and any recommended changes following the review will be implemented after due consideration. This guidance will therefore be an important document for officers of principal councils and interested parties in the intervening period.

**Resolved:**

Members gave consideration to the report and recent review of Parliamentary Boundaries and the proposal to merge the existing constituency into Cardiff West. 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 the Clerk would write to the Commission objecting to the changes as the Community Council wish to remain within the Pontypridd constituency.

Members will also write with their own personal objections.

**f) NEW CONSULTATION: Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill**

Members received a report from The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee of the National Assembly for Wales which are consulting on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill.

The Bill includes provision which set out the new powers for the Ombudsman to:

- accept oral complaints;
- undertake own initiative investigations;
- investigate private medical treatment including nursing care in a public/private health pathway;
- undertake a role in relation to complaints handling standards and procedures.

**Resolved:**

Members noted the consultation and welcomed the review.

**e) BBC FILMING ON THE GARTH MOUNTAIN**

The Clerk advised members that there will soon be filming taking place on the Garth Mountain.

**Resolved:**

Members noted the above.

**REVIEW OF CONTRACT - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

Following the agreed 6 months probationary period the Council had to consider the permanent appointment of Emma Price as Clerk to the Community Council.

**Resolved:**

The Community Council considered the above and offered Emma Price the permanent appointment as Clerk to the Community Council, to which she accepted.

**MINUTE No: 6/10/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Sandra Lintern**

- Expressed residents concerns of a property in Heol-y-Hendre. The County Member assured Members that this is an ongoing issue, and Travallis are aware of it. The Clerk was requested to contact Trivallis and make further enquires. The Clerk was also instructed to report the rubble /mess outside the property to RCTCBC.
- Noted that no action had been taken to cut back the trees/overgrowth that had taken root on the embankment between 14 and 15 Heol-yr-Hendre and are affecting the houses. The Clerk agreed to contact RCTCBC again and report the problem.
- Informed the County Member that she had been approached by the shop owner of the Premier Store to enquire if Cllr Jill Bonetto could visit and discuss his ideas on opening a new shop. As the County Member is on holidays for the next few weeks, Cllr Mel Timothy agreed to visit the store.

### **Cllr Mel Timothy**

- Informed Members that she too had received a thank you letter from Nantgarw OAP's, and they also requested that a wreath be laid at Nantgarw for Remembrance. Members advised that the Wreath's purchased by the Community Council were laid on behalf of Taff's Well, Nantgarw and Ty Rhiw.
- Noted that 'cars for sale' were once again being parked, on the grass, at the entrance to the Tawelfryn estate. The County Member informed Members that it is in hand and bollards will be placed at the site in due course.
- Expressed concern over antisocial behaviour at Tawelfryn. The person in question has had a restraining order imposed and is not to enter Tawelfryn.
- Asked the Clerk to contact RCTCBC to report wheel spinning on the County Council grass at Tawelfryn. The Member has reported the incident to the PCSO.
- Requested the Clerk report recycling bags being left out on the roadside all week. The Clerk agreed that she would report this matter via the County Council website.

### **Cllr Jean Hutchinson**

- Noted that there are many empty properties on Nantgarw Industrial Estate near the banks.

### **Cllr Megan Jones**

- Asked if the Clerk would contact the appropriate department about bins being left out all week on the roadside at the very end of West View. The Clerk agreed that she would report this matter via the County Council website.
- Expressed concern that the garden of a privately owned property at Ty Rhiw was being filled with house hold furniture/toys etc... The Clerk agreed that she would report this matter to the County Council.

### **Cllr Helen Edmunds**

- Expressed concern that the reflective bollard on the small traffic island opposite Rhyd-y-Helyg Nantgarw has been smashed and is no longer reflective. The Clerk agreed to report to the relevant department of the County Council.
- Asked the County Member if the speed warning sign in Taff's Well could be reinstated.
- Noted that a considerable amount of water is pooling over the pavement on the junction to Kings Street. The Clerk agreed that she would report this matter via the County Council website.
- Informed Members that Mainline Travel are parking multiple buses on Nantgarw Trading Estate (Upperboat end and Nantgarw end) The County Member advised this matter is being addressed
- Asked that the Clerk contact Sustrans to report that trees on the Taff Trail opposite Ferris Coaches are very thin and falling onto the walkway.

**Cllr Lynne Thomas**

- Informed Members that the Allotment Association have undertaken work to create a car park at the far end. They have cut down some trees and have hired a digger to cover the fire burnt area. It was noted how good the area is looking.
- Requested that it be considered that the Community Council issue a newsletter in January 2018.

**Cllr J Bonetto**

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed members that there are issues surrounding Ferry Lane with parking at school times. Residents have contacted the school to issue a notice to parents not to park across the lane obstructing access. The Member has notified RCTCBC Enforcement department and requested that the Clerk contact the PCSO to patrol the area at core times.
- Asked if the Clerk to write a letter to Taff's Well Football Club regarding the parking issues on match days. A meeting is being scheduled with the County Council Member, the PCSO, Residents and the Football club to discuss residents concerns.

**MINUTE No: 7/10/17 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 £1980.03. which included grant assistance of £250 to Tawelfryn Toddler Group

**MINUTE No: 8/10/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

17/0998/10	Ms Lesley Carpenter Ladybirds Cleaning 1 Cardiff Road Taff's Well	Construction of new Take Away Coffee House Kiosk on the site of existing Garage and Store (to be demolished) along with re-landscaping of rear garden area to provide parking facilities for existing cleaning business.	Members expressed reservations about the development and the possible impact on neighbouring properties. The Community Council is concerned that there is insufficient parking and even with the new allocation this will be taken up by the staff parking their own vehicles and using
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			company vehicles during working hours. There are current issues parking now and double yellow lines have been placed on this road which indicate that it is already a problem area.
17/1067/10	51 Maes Ifor, Taff's Well, Cardiff, CF15 7AS	To demolish existing fire damaged property and rebuild back to previous approved design.	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0749/23	Mr Daniel Scott G E Aircraft Engine Services Ltd Caerphilly Road Nantgarw Taff's Well	Demolition of two former engine test cells (test cells 2 & 3), along with an associated workshop/office building.	No Planning Permission required
17/0988/10	25 Moy Road Taff's Well CF15 7PW	Proposed 2 storey extension to rear to include proposed dorma and internal alterations	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

**MINUTE No. 9/10/17 – PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public attended the meeting

**MINUTE No; 11/10/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Members requested the Clerk write to PCSO Claire Quick and enquire if the PACT meetings could alternate between Saints Mary and James' Church and Ty Rhiw to encourage more attendees.
- Members were made aware of the Planning Aid Wales conference and advised that if they would like to attend there would be a cost of £40 per Member.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: .....