

**MINUTES OF TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT:
SAINT MARY AND SAINT JAMES' CHURCH HALL TY RHIW**

Wednesday 31ST October 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: A. Fowler (Chairman), L..Thomas , J Bonetto, S. Lintern, C. Dyke, J. Hutchinson, M. Timothy,M.Jones, H,Edmunds and J. Bishop

APOLOGIES, C.Dyke

Also present: Clerk Mrs Gail Williams (GW)

MINUTE No: 1/10/18 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Cllr J. Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and items 7.3 and one of the financial applications at item 8.4 (Friends of Taff's Well Park and Thermal Springs) and did not speak or vote on those items.

Cllr L. Thomas declared an interest in item 7.3 and one of the financial applications at item 8.4 (Friends of Taff's Well Park and Thermal Springs) and did not speak or vote on those items

Cllr. H.Edmunds declared a personal interest in item in 7.3 and one of the financial applications at item 8.4 (Friends of Taff Well's Park and Thermal Springs) and did not speak or vote on those items

Cllr J.Bishop declared an interest in one of financial applications at item 8.4 (AP Cymru -Autism Puzzle) and did not speak or vote on the item

Cllr. M.Jones declared an interest on item 7.3 and did not speak or vote on the particular item.

Cllr.M.Timothy declared an interest in one of the financial applications at item 8.4 (Tawelfryn Community Centre) and did not speak or vote on the particular item

MINUTE No: 2/10/18 POLICE MATTERS

GW confirmed that the police representative had given apologies and had explained to GW by email that as it was Halloween all police were required to undertake duties in the area.

GW confirmed that the Police had also confirmed by email that several of the incidents reported previously had been attended to namely the graffiti on the Railway Bridge and it was confirmed that the Police are regularly patrolling the Train Station, reports of anti- social behaviour in the Park.

GW also confirmed that the Beat Manager had confirmed that he was happy to meet members to discuss concerns about the apparent lack of police presence in the area. The Chair, Vice -Chair and Cllr Bonetto were nominated by the majority of members present to attend the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to progress arrangements for the meeting.

MINUTE No: 3/10/18 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Members received the written Report of the Enforcement Officer which included the following information

32 Advisory/warning letters have been sent to various properties regarding contaminated recycling and excess black bag waste.

Abandoned vehicles - x3 reported abandoned vehicles, one vehicle under investigation Rhyd-Yr-Helyg, one vehicle declared SORN but no action required as not on council land and one vehicle reported was taxed so no further action required.

Dog fouling FPN issued for two dogs running around on a restricted area (the small football field next to the park), additional patrols carried out around Moy Road area due to reports of fouling in the area, other locations also targeted for patrols.

No fly-posting or litter issues to report this month, Enforcement have requested posts for bin installation for in the Yr Hendre area and are also monitor the area. Enforcement have also request for Civil Enforcement (parking) to attend the area again due to complaints received.

The Report also highlighted that the activities of the Enforcement Team are available on Facebook and Twitter and that Dog Bags are available at the Hub

RESOLVED: that Council note the information.

MINUTE No: 4/10/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 5/10/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Matters arising from previous minutes :-

GW confirmed that the amended invoice for the defibrillator and cabinet had been received and Welsh Hearts had confirmed that the Defibrillator was in stock and installation would be arranged as soon as possible. GW confirmed that she would update members when the installation date was arranged.

GW confirmed that she had received an email from RCT confirming that they are monitoring the issues in relation to Bus Route Number 111 and were considering imposing a financial penalty if the problems were not resolved.

GW confirmed that the Allotments Association had confirmed by email that they are in correspondence with RCT about planning consent in relation to the pigeon loft. GW confirmed that she would keep members updated.

MINUTE No: 6/10/18 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES DRAFT REPORT 2018/19

Council received copies of the draft Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the year 2018/19. GW highlighted the recommendations applicable to Community /Town Councils as set out in Section 13 of the draft Report. It was confirmed to Council that the closing date for comments on the draft Report was 27th November 2018.

RESOLVED that Council note the content of the draft Report and the information provided.

(b) MR C. LUMB WALKING TRAIL FROM TY RHIW TO GRAIGSIDE COTTAGES

GW reminded Council that Mr Lumb attended the Council meeting in July 2018 in connection with his concerns in relation to the apparent closure of a trail from Ty Rhiw to Graigside Cottages that he was regularly using for running. Council gave consideration to the subsequent email received from Mr Lumb confirming that he is intending to progress an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) with a view to establishing that the route is a public right of way and seeking assistance from the Community Council in order to progress the application. During the course of the discussions it was highlighted that the request for assistance from the Hub contained in the email from Mr. Lumb was a matter for consideration by the Taffs Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association as the body responsible for the day to day running of the Hub. GW was instructed to provide this information to Mr Lumb. Members considered his request to identify local-residents who might be able to assist Mr Lumb by providing witness statements to support his application but were not able to identify any persons. GW was instructed to respond to Mr. Lumb on this point. Following consideration of the request

from Mr Lumb that the Council provide a statement of support in relation to the DMMO to be submitted by Mr Lumb it was proposed and seconded that the request be refused. By a show of hands this was carried by the majority present.

RESOLVED : that the request from Mr Lumb for the Council to provide a statement of support in relation to his DMMO not be supported. GW to update Mr Lumb that any application for support from the Hub should be referred to TWNDA for consideration and confirm that members had not been able to identify local-residents who might be able to assist Mr Lumb.

(c) CLARIFICATION OF THE COSTS OF HUB COMMUNITY IT FACILITIES

GW reminded members that the Council resolved at the meeting held on 28th June 2108 to meet the costs of the ongoing maintenance of the Hub security system and IT provision. It was reported to the Council that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2018 states that the ongoing costs associated with the Hub security system and IT provision were set at £75 plus VAT and £576 plus VAT per annum. Further investigation by GW has revealed that information previously reported to the Council was incorrect. The security of the IT system is £75 plus VAT per month, totalling £1080 per annum. Following consideration of the information provided it was moved and seconded that the Council note the information and re-affirm the previous resolution to be responsible for the payment of the Hub security and IT provision in the sums of £576 and £1080 and £576 (both figures inclusive of VAT). By a show of hands this was carried by the majority present.

RESOLVED: Council be responsible for the payments of the sums of £576 and £1080 (both figures inclusive of VAT) in relation to maintenance of the Hub Security and IT provision.

(d) CONSULTATION AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the information provided by GW in relation to the ongoing consultations referred to in GW's Report. GW confirmed that she would keep members updated in relation to the progress of the Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales. Members also noted the update in relation to local issues which included confirmation that RCT are intending to review and circulate an amended Model Community/Town Council Charter to take account of recent changes in legislation.

RESOLVED: Council note the information received.

(e) MEMBERS TRAINING

Members received an up to date Schedule of training sessions provided by One Voice Wales

RESOLVED : Council note the information presented and individual members advised to contact the Clerk with any requests to attend any of the sessions listed.

MINUTE 7/10/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/18

Consideration was given to the Report presented by GW in relation to the completion of the external audit of the Council's Accounts by BDO acting on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales. It was explained that the Auditor had issued a qualified return on the basis that the RFO had failed to certify Section 1 of the Annual Return before approval by the Council. It was proposed and seconded that the qualified Annual Return be accepted by the Council. By a show of hands this was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED : Council approve and accept the qualified Annual Return

(b) Issues Arising

Consideration was given to the fact that the external auditor had recommended that the Council take a number of actions to assist with future compliance in relation to the statutory and regulatory framework in relation to audit requirements. As a result of the issues identified GW confirmed that a detailed procedure would be prepared and retained setting out in detail the processes to be followed. Members also noted that the external auditor recommended that the Council should appoint a new auditor for the future. The Clerk was instructed take the necessary steps to secure the appointment of a new Auditor. It was also highlighted to members that that the external auditor had highlighted that the Council had incorrectly recorded items of discretionary expenditure under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 when other statutory powers existed. The external auditor had advised in the Report that reliance on S137 powers should only be utilised if no specific powers exist. Following consideration of this information it was proposed and seconded that any Reports to Council that involve discretionary expenditure should include details of the relevant statutory powers and this information will be incorporated in the Minutes and that S137 Local Government Act 1972 will only be relied upon when no other specific powers exist. By a show of hands this was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED : Reports to Council that involve discretionary expenditure should include details of the relevant statutory powers and this information will be incorporated in the Minutes and that S137 Local Government Act 1972 will only be relied upon when no other specific powers exist.

(b) LIST OF PAYMENTS and BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

GW updated members in that as a result of the cross over with the address changes for the Clerk it was not possible to provide accurate information as bank statements were not received by GW in time for the meeting. A list of payments was tabled and it was confirmed that accurate updated information would be provided to members at the November meeting.

RESOLVED : Council note the information provided and that the matters be deferred to the November meeting for consideration.

(c) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members received the following applications for financial assistance :

MOO MUSIC CAERPHILLY music and messy play for pre school

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

TAFFS WELL COMMUNITY SINGERS public singing community activity

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of S145 Local Government Act 1972

PILOT'S CHILDREN'S CLUB craft cooking and story group for ages 5-11

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

A.P.CYMRU AUTISM PUZZLES CHARITIES support of families with autism

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

Taff's WELL FLORAL ART CLUB recreational and social

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of s19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

FRIENDS OF TAFF'S WELL PARK AND THERMAL SPRING activities in the Park (Bugle player for remembrance service)

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £90 under the provisions of S 145 Local Government Act 1972

Members also received a late application for financial assistance from TAWELFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE recreational and social activities

RESOLVED : Members gave consideration to the application and resolved to grant £250 under the provisions of s19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

MINUTE No: 8/10/18 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application 18/0990/10

Alterations to off road parking 19 Rhiw 'r Ddar Taffs Well.

RESOLVED : Council note the comment provided to the County Council that the property is adjacent to a road junction. If the planned extension interferes with the off parking it might increase traffic issues. There are existing traffic issues in the area already

MINUTE No 9/10/18 DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

28 th November 2018	Tawelfryn Community Centre
19 th December 2018	Ty Rhiw Community Centre
30 th January 2019	St Mary's and St James' Church Hall
27 th February 2019	Tawelfryn Community Centre
27 th March 2019	Ty Rhiw Community Centre
24 th April 2019	St Mary's and St James' Church Hall

RESOLVED: Council approved the dates and venues for its Council meetings as listed above, all meetings to start at 7pm.

MINUTE 10/10/18 MEMBER'S REPORT

Cllr H. Edmunds confirmed that Digital Wales Training Sessions are to be held at the Hub commencing on Friday 7th December. Sessions will be known as Digital Fridays. Advisors will be on site to assist claimants to submit online Universal Credit applications and to help and assist individuals to improve their computer skills.

Cllr. S. Lintern confirmed that she had met with RCT staff and a representative of Keep Wales Tidy in relation to the ongoing issue in relation to the erection of a new directional sign for the Nantgarw Gospel Hall, she was concerned that there was a suggestion that the sign would be confusing in light of the proposed reference to Eglwysilian. GW was asked to clarify the issue with RCT officers.

Cllr. M. Timothy confirmed that unfortunately the bench that had been erected on the verge at Tawelfryn had not resolved the issue in relation to cars being parked for sale on the verge area. Cars were still being parked. Cllr Timothy also made reference to the fact that the barrier erected by General Electrics erected to address concerns about the volume of traffic diverting through Tawelfryn Estate appears to have been removed and the problems are now being experienced again. The Clerk was asked to write to General Electrics to seek an update.

Cllr. J. Bishop expressed concerns about the lack of banking facilities in the local area. Members confirmed that banking facilities are offered at the Post Office and a mobile bank attends Taff's Well.

Cllr. M. Jones referred to her written Report circulated with the meeting papers setting out the highlights of the One Voice Wales Regional meeting and the helpful written response provided by Cllr

Edmunds to the many of the points mentioned in her Report. Members discussed the issue of “20 is plenty” signs and the apparent success of such campaigns in other areas such as Cardiff and wondered if RCT might introduce a similar scheme. Cllr Bonetto confirmed that a Traffic Management Consultation is to be undertaken in the Taff’s Well in the near future. GW confirmed that she would try and seek an update from RCT.

Cllr. L. Thomas was concerned that refuse was out too early in Glan Llyn Square the Enforcement Officer had been asked to inspect. Members were reminded about the Remembrance service taking place over remembrance weekend in November.

Cllr. J. Bonetto mentioned some of the County Council activities in the area in particular the Oxford Road walkabout in relation to the new multi- storey building be erected on the site, concerns in relation to students from Hawthorn crossing the road in dangerous locations, pot holes in the road adjacent to local school and the stability of the wall at Yr Hendre. She also mentioned smokers throwing cigarette ends outside the Hub and confirmed that she had reported staff from a care provider throwing cigarette ends and smoking adjacent to care home. She had also reported several issues in relation to refuse being put out too early to the Enforcement Officer.

Cllr. A. Fowler was concerned about the lack of a public footpath opposite the Crosskeys Public House. Cllr Bonetto confirmed that the footpath extension was included in the footpath improvement programme 2019/20. Members agreed that the current situation was dangerous and are concerned that there is potential for a very serious accident to occur.

MINUTE No. 11/10/18 – PUBLIC SESSION

No member of the public attended.

MINUTE No. 12/10/18 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

SIGNED: DATE: