

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

**SAINTS MARY AND JAMES CHURCH HALL  
Monday 28 April 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Megan Jones (Chairman), S. Lintern, Mel Timothy, Helen Edmunds, Fred Meech, and J Bonetto

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin and C. Dyke. .

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

**MINUTE No: 1/4/14 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: 2/4/14 POLICE MATTERS:**

No police authority representative was in attendance

**MINUTE NO: 3/4/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

**MINUTE No: 4/3/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

**MINUTE NO: 5/4/14 CLERK'S REPORT**

**ANNUAL CHARGE FOR WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME**

Members received, for information a copy of the invoice for the Community Council's Domain Name: - www.taffswellandnantgarwcc.com at cost of £18.00 inclusive of VAT

**Resolved:-**

Members noted that payment for the forthcoming financial year had been included in this month's financial payments.

**RENEWAL OF INTERNET SERVICES**

The Clerk reported that the fee for the renewal of the Council's internet services is due in April at a cost of £294 p.a.

**Resolved:-**

Members noted that payment for the forthcoming financial year had been included in this month's financial payments.

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN – TAFF’S WELL ALLOTMENTS- WATER SUPPLY**

In February 2010 the Council agreed, under minute 5/02/10, that the community council would make an annual payment/grant of £250 to the allotment association towards the cost of water supplies to the community garden and allotment plots

### **Resolved: -**

Members noted that payment for the forthcoming financial year was included in this month’s financial payments.

## **PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY and TOWN COUNCILS. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – 2013-14**

In February 2014 the Clerk reported that The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had recently published its annual report for 2013 2014, the report dealt with the remuneration of allowances for various organisations including County and Community Council Members.

Within the provision a Community Council is permitted to make a payment to its members of a maximum amount of £100 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. This sum has been included in this month’s financial accounts.

### **Resolved:-**

Members noted receipt of the above allowances.

## **PLANTERS AND FLORAL DISPLAYS**

In May 2013 the Community Council agreed it would provide an annual grant of £100 to Taff’s Well Community Development Association for the purchase of floral decorations etc. (Minute 5/5/13)

**Resolved: -** Members noted that payment for the forthcoming financial year had been included in this month’s financial payments

## **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Members gave consideration is the following applications for financial assistance.

1. **Ti a Fi/JELLY TOTS**
2. **CYLCH MEITHRIN FFYNNON TAFF**

### **Resolved:-**

1. In respect of the application from Ti a Fi/JELLY TOTS council approved a grant of £250
2. In respect of the application from Clych Meithrin Ffynnon Taff Members noted that the purpose for which the grant was sought stated:- “To respond to the RCT education cuts resulting in the reduction of school hours” Members noted that there had not been a reduction in school hours, within the Taff’s Well/Nantgarw area and as this type of funding can only be made to provide services to residents residing in the electoral boundaries of the ward the community council are unable to provide grant assistance.

## **ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members received a copy of the Community Council's Representative's report on the proceedings of the Allotment Association's Annual General Meeting which took place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

### **Resolved:-**

1. That the report be noted
2. Members thank Councillor Thomas for her comprehensive report.

## **COMPUTER FACILITIES AT THE HUB**

The Clerk reported that the existing computers located at the HUB were obsolete and unable to run current operating systems.

Given the strategic importance of the HUB and the need to ensure that local residents, particularly those using the computers for 'work search activities' had access to up to date technology the Clerk recommended that the Community Council purchase two bespoke computers at an approximate cost not exceeding £1100 and locate them at the HUB.

### **Resolved:-**

That permission is granted to purchase two computers with associated hardware and a budget of £1100 be allocated for this purpose. When received the computers be located at the HUB to support the work being undertaken by the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association.

## **MINUTE No: 6/4/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Cllr Sandra Lintern**

- Asked if there was any information forthcoming in respect of rumours that the No 18 bus, serving the Tawelyfryn estate, was to be withdrawn from service? The County Member confirmed that, whilst she was unaware of any specific proposal, the whole of the bus route system was being examined and would eventually be considered by the Cabinet. As soon as further information was available the County Member will circulate details.
- Expressed concern that a 'broken down car', on the junction of the Old Nantgarw Road had still not been removed. With vehicles now parked on either side of the road it was now very difficult for buses and large vehicles to get through. The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been drawn to the attention of the local PCSO but as the vehicle was taxed/insured and on a public highway there was little he could do to enforce its removal.

### **Cllr Helen Edmunds**

- Informed Members that a large number of cars were still parking on the double yellow lines outside the school and vehicles were still continually parking on the zig zag lines outside of the Co-operative store. The County Council Member agreed that she would request that traffic enforcement officers visit the area.
- Litter caused by dog fouling and cigarette ends was still an issue and little action seems to take place in respect of enforcement. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the County Council in respect of these matters and requested information on the number of 'enforcement notices/warnings issued in respect of these matters
- Noted that no action had been taken in respect of the 'sinking paving stones' at the new bus stop at Nantgarw. Councillor Jill Bonetto agreed she would raise this matter with the appropriate officers of the Council.

### **Cllr Fred Meech**

- Noted that the Council was still banking with the Co-operative Bank and asked if there were any plans to change to another banking group. The Clerk stated that such matters were for members to determine but he had not considered this as an option as the service we received was not causing any difficulty.
- Asked if 'Burger Vans' licensed in one local authority can operate in another? The Clerk confirmed that provided the vehicle was properly licensed and complied with food regulation requirements it could operate across local authority boundaries.
- Asked if the Clerk could contact the highway authority to see if changes could be made to the 40- 30 mph signs as you enter the houses in Oxford Street. The signs were very close together and caused confusion. The Clerk confirmed that he would write to the highway authority on this matter.
- Complained that large lorries using the lanes behind Oxford Street were causing damage to the lane surface and increasing the size of the potholes in the lane. It was agreed that this was more of an issue of poor maintenance of the lane rather than the refuse lorries. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County council in respect of the poor condition of the lane.

### **Cllr Mel Timothy**

- Expressed concern over the arrangements for "sponsored bike events on the Taff Trail". Over the Easter period over 50 bikes congregated in Heol-Y-Gors blocking the road. The bikes often travel down the roads at high speed causing possible danger to children playing in the street. Whilst the Member recognised the importance of these events she asked that advanced notification be given to ensure residents of the street can make appropriate arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.
- Noted that a large number quad/off road bikes were using the Taff Trail during the Easter period.

### **Cllr Jill Bonetto**

- Gave a comprehensive report on her County Council activities
- Asked if the Clerk could write to a local resident who had reportedly been cutting back 'Japanese knotweed' and give appropriate advice on how one should deal with removing this invasive plant
- Reported on the latest developments taking place at the Thermal Spring
- Informed Members that the South Wales Fire Service is reviewing provision in the Taff Ely area and had come up with proposals for either the closure of the fire station in Porth or the loss of the retained fire engine in the Pontypridd Fire Station in Treforest. It was agreed that the Council would respond to a survey on this matter with a view to retaining the current level of two engines in the area

### **MINUTE No; 7/4/14 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for March/April 2014. The Clerk reported that £4,000 had been transferred from the council's deposit account to its current account thereby ensuring that sufficient funds were available to meet current expenditure requirements.

### **Resolved:**

Members approved payment of March's accounts in the sum of £4,900.70 including a payment of £250 to Ti a Fi/Jelly Tots and £600 to Bas Gialopos in respect of computer provision,

**MINUTE No: 8/4/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

14/0258/09	Mr N A Parker 3 Tai Duffryn Nantgarw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7TS	Summer room to rear of property (application for a Lawful Development Certificate) at:- 3 TAI DUFFRYN NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TS.	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0335/10	Mr N Arnold 110 Rhiw'r Ddar Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7PB	Single storey extension to existing dwelling at:- 110 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0346/31	CTIL and Vodafone C/o Caip Ltd 51 Heath Road Wellington Telford Shropshire TF1 3EQ	Upgrade works to existing telecommunications base station at:- JUNCTION OF A468, A469, & B4600, WATFORD PARK NANTGARW CAERPHILLY	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

**MINUTE No: 9/5/14**

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

**MINUTE No: 10/4/14 Dates of future meetings**

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

- May - Thursday 29 May 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre (AGM of the Council)
- June - Tuesday 24 June 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- July - Monday 28 July 2014 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 8.12 pm.

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