

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

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday 28 April 2015**

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

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

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/4/15 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: 2/4/15 POLICE MATTERS:

No police authority representative was in attendance

MINUTE NO: 3/4/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A Member noted a spelling error on the minutes; subject to this correction the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2015 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/3/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO: 5/4/15 CLERK'S REPORT

PENSIONS ACT 2008 – WORKPLACE PENSION SCHEME

Members received a copy of a letter from the Pensions Regulator informing the Council of its obligations in respect of the workplace pension scheme and requiring the Council to nominate its contact by the 18 April 2015.

The Clerk confirmed that, in his capacity as the responsible financial officer for the Council, he informed the Regulator that he would act as the official contact for the Council.

Members noted that the regulations come into force on the 1 April 2016 and will apply to all employees of the Council until they reach the age of 74. The Act requires the Council to automatically enrol staff, who in certain circumstances can then opt out of the scheme, but full details must be kept and sent periodically to the pensions Regulator. To do this specific tailored software has been developed and the Council will possibly need to purchase the required software.

The Clerk confirmed that he will exercise his right to opt out of the scheme but the software is still required as nil returns will still need to be filed.

Resolved:-

1. Members noted the letter from the Pensions Regulator and acknowledge its statutory duty in respect of the Pensions Act 2008
2. Instructed the Clerk to take appropriate action to ensure that the Council's legal obligations are fully met.

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 – 2014-15

In March 2015 the Clerk reported that The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had recently published its annual report for 2014/2015, 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.

REPLACEMENT CHEQUE

Members noted that Cheque No 501326, issued to Tawelfryn Community Centre in the sum of £15.00 had been accidentally destroyed by the recipient and has been deleted from the council's accounts.

Members noted that a new cheque had been issued and was included in this month's payments

Resolved:-

Members noted the report and the issue of a replacement cheque for Tawelfryn

MINUTE No: 6/4/15 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern that little was being done to resolve the anti social behaviour of disruptive tenants in Yr Hendre. Complaints to RCT Homes seem to be largely ignored and still the problem continues. In recent weeks a tenant, details supplied, has been driving quad bikes up the embankment and a large amount of tyres now appear to be stored on the premises. The Clerk confirmed that an official ASB complaint had been made by the Community Council but to date there has been no feed back. Councillor Bonetto informed Members of the action that both she and the County Council were taking to resolve this issue and confirmed that another meeting has been scheduled to discuss these matters.
- Asked if permission could be sought for the Ebenezer Gospel Hall, Storehouse Row, Nantgarw CF15 7SY to erect a 'direction sign' at the entrance to Storehouse Row indicating the location of the Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council to seek permission.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Noted that some work had commenced to deal with the flooding at the bottom of Ty Rhiw Hill (A470). It would appear that some new drainage pipes were being installed and hopefully this will resolve this long standing problem.

Cllr C Dyke

- Expressed concern that individuals for a number of days were shooting in the woods, behind Ty Rhiw, between 2 -3 am, the noise appeared to indicate that the guns in use were 12 bore shotguns. The Member requested that this information be forwarded, for information, to the local police representative

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed Members that the access gate leading to the pipe over the river, near the Skew Bridge off the road leading to Nantgarw roundabout appears to be permanently open. The member was concerned that this could encourage children to play on the pipe leading to a possible accident.
- Councillor Mel Timothy also noted that she had seen a male carrying away what she presumed to be stone from the access gate. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this to the river authority

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Expressed concern over the increasing number of potholes on the bottom section of Caerphilly Hill (A468). The potholes are located in the central lanes as one exits the Tawelyfryn estate and turns right to access the A470. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this problem and the County Council Member would also follow this up with the appropriate officers.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on her County Council activities
- Informed members of the work being undertaken to create a ‘garden of remembrance’ at Taff’s Well Park
- Informed members of the changes to senior management positions at County Hall.
- Reported that the planning Inspectorate had rejected the planning appeal against the Council’s decision to refuse planning permission for the Construction of 4 No., 4 bedroom dwellings to LAND TO THE REAR OF 58 - 60 RHIW’R DDAR, TAFF’S WELL, CF15 7PB

MINUTE No; 7/4/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for March/April 2015.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the April accounts in the sum of £3689.55

MINUTE No: 8/4/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

15/0300/10	Veolia 210 Pentonville Road London N1 9JY	Construction and installation of a primary gas fuel tank and associated concrete plinth areas [at:- VEOLIA TRANSPORT CYMRU, HEOL CROCHENDY, TREFOREST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7QT	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
------------	--	---	--

15/0206/16	Mr S Ash 1 Parc-y-Nant Nantgarw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7TJ	Reserved matters approval sought for the access arrangements, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the approved detached dwelling and garage (Application Ref: 13/0678/13) at:- 1 PARC-Y-NANT NANTGARW, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
15/0207/10	Ms J Reynolds c/o Agent Plainview Planning Ltd 5 Strand Court Bath Road Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 7LW	Erection of a pre-fabricated timber granny annexe for an ancillary residential use at:- 9 RHYD-YR-HELYG NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SW	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
15/0460/10	Mr L Phillips 163 Glan-y-Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SQ	Extension for kitchen and detached garage at: 163 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SQ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/4/15

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No: 10/4/15 Dates of future meetings

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

- May - Thursday 28 May 2015 Saints Mary and James Church Hall (AGM of the Council)
- June – Thursday 25 June 2015 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- July - Tuesday 28 July 2015 Ty Rhiw Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.40 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: