

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

TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 19 December 2013

PRESENT: Cllrs: Megan Jones (Chairman), L. Thomas, J Bonetto, S. Lintern and Helen Edmunds

APOLOGIES, Cllr:- Charlotte E Griffin , Fred Meech, Mel. Timothy and C. Dyke

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson and PCSO Marcus Chick

MINUTE No: 1/12/13 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: 2/12/13 POLICE MATTERS:

PSCO Marcus Chick provided the following information:-

- Anti Social Behaviour incidents (ASBs.) appeared to be on the increase with damage to a fence in Ty Dyffryn and to private property in Ty Rhiw. In addition, a wheelie bin had been stolen. There had also been a number of incidents involving students from the local college who were causing problems at the Bowlplex Centre.
- Incidents of thefts were reported from the Bowlplex Complex, and various garages within the area with three pedal cycles from a garage in Moy Road
- There has also been an increase in theft and damage to motor vehicles, including the theft of a stereo unit from a local car; followed the next day by the theft of the car.
- A number of complaints have been received in respect of speeding vehicles in the Oxford Street area and the PCSO is liaising with the traffic division on this matter

Members noted that the parking of vehicles on the zig zag lines outside the Co-operative store had not improved and vehicles seemed to be able to park there with immunity. Councillor Bonetto informed Members of the action being taken to enforce the parking restrictions on double yellow lines outside Ffynnon Taf Primary School.

There being no other business the PCSO was thanked for his report.

MINUTE NO: 3/12/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/12/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding issues.

MINUTE NO: 5/12/13 CLERK'S REPORT

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE : LIMIT FOR 2014-2015

Members received for information a copy of a letter from the Welsh Government Office informing the Council of the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2014-15. The sum will be set at £7.20 per elector.

Resolved:

Members noted the limit set by the Welsh Government

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES –LEGAL DEPOSIT CLAIM

Members received a letter from The National Library of Wales requesting that copies of the Council's Newsletter be forwarded to them each time it is published. They have also requested permission to archive and preserve the information contained on our website.

Under the provisions contained within the legal Deposit Libraries Act 2013 the National Library must acquire Council's consent in respect of these matters before it preserves the information.

The Clerk confirmed that there are no cost implications for the Council.

Resolved:

The Community Council gives the required consent for the National Library to have copies of the Council's newsletter and for them the archive to content of the Community Council's Website

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Attached for Members consideration is the following application for financial assistance.

- **TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION**

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be made to the above Association

INSURANCE PAYMENT – HUB

The Clerk submitted a letter/invoice from WRK Properties informing the Council that the contribution, agreed in the lease, towards the insurance of the 'block' had not been paid. The sum due was £116.67.

The Clerk informed Members that no previous invoice had been received and requested approval to pay the outstanding sum.

Resolved:

That outstanding sum of £116.67 be approved.

MINUTE No: 6/12/13 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern about the condition of front gardens in some of the properties in Yr Hendre. The member had previously received correspondence from the former AM confirming that RCT homes were responsible for ensuring that the properties were kept in good order but many were in a deplorable condition. It was agreed that the Clerk and the County Council Member would raise this issue with RCT Homes.

- Informed members that she had contacted the County Council's street cleaning team to thank them for the excellent job they had done in clearing fallen leaves in the area.
- Asked if the County Council could be requested to clean the steps leading from the A4054 Caerphilly Road to the 'old post office' Cardiff Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter to the County Council's Highways Department.
- Asked if the County Council member would try to get bus timetables put into the bus shelters in Tawelyfryn? The County Council member agreed she would raise this matter with the appropriate officers.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed Members that she had received a number of enquiries from residents relating to the car wash on Cardiff Road. The Clerk confirmed that the application for the car wash had been withdrawn by the applicant and that a new application had been submitted. The information contained in the new application bore no resemblance to what was happening at the site and the planning authority had been informed of the anomalies.
- Expressed concern about the amount of litter in King Street Lane and the amount of 'vegetation overgrowth'. It had been suggested that the lane was 'private' but the County Council Member informed the Council that she had been informed that the lane had been adopted by the County Council. Councillor Bonetto agreed that she would raise these issues with the appropriate County Officer. Concern was also expressed that young people were also using this area for 'drinking'. It was agreed that this matter would be brought to the attention of the local PCSO.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern about the 'crates' stored on the pavement outside the Co-operative store. The crates were often used for the storage of cardboard and 'rubbish' which in inclement weather were often blown onto the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the manager of the store in respect of this matter.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Informed Members that she had now received confirmation that the Christmas lights would be turned on in the next few days.
- Gave a comprehensive overview of the difficult financial settlement that the County had received from the Assembly and its implications for services within the County.
- Outlined the proposed action that will be taken by the County Council's enforcement team to stop irresponsible drivers parking on the double yellow lines outside Ffynnon Taf Primary School

MINUTE No; 7/12/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for December 2013

Resolved:

Members approved payment of December's accounts in the sum of £2162.43, including a grant of £250 to the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Garden and Allotments Association.

MINUTE No: 8/12/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/1150/10	Bank Machine Ltd. : 1 The Beacons Beaconsfield Road Hatfield Hertfordshire AL10 8RS	The retention of a free standing automated teller machine and bollards.at:- TOTAL FILLING STATION, CAERPHELLY ROAD NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL, CARDIFF CF15 7UN	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/1172/10	Mr R Plaisted Plaisted Properties Riverside Garage Cardiff Road Taff's Well CF15 7RG	Change of use from car sales to car wash and car sales retrospectively .at:- RIVERSIDE GARAGE CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CG15 7RF	The Community Council noted that the information provided within the application bore no relation to what was happening on site and requested that the Clerk write to the Planning Officer outlining the Council's concerns and objections to this application
13/0558/10	Stedman Architectural Suite 18 Big Yellow Storage 65 Penarth Road Cardiff CF10 5DL	Construct 4 No 4 Bedroom dwellings on :- LAND TO THE REAR OF 58-60 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CF15 7PB <i>Amended Plan</i>	The Community Council noted the amended plan but were still concerned about the loss of 'open space' and reiterated its objection to this application
13/09667/13	Barratt South Wales & Castell International Limited Helmont House Churchill Way Cardiff CF10 2HE	Outline application for redevelopment of the site for residential, additional park and ride spaces to serve Taff's Well railway station, site access and associated works at:- SOUTH WALES FORGEMASTERS GARTH WORKS, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RN <i>Amended Plan</i>	The Community Council noted the amended plan but was still concerned about the loss of 'industrial land' and the implications for the Infrastructure of the area. The Clerk was therefore requested to reiterate the Community council's objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/12/13

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/12/13 Dates of future meetings

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

- January - Monday 27 January 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- February - Thursday 27 February 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- March - Tuesday 25 March 2014 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 8.15

SIGNED:..... DATE: