

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

**TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thursday 27 February 2014**

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas (Chairman), S. Lintern, Mel Timothy and Helen Edmunds

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, Fred Meech, Megan Jones, J Bonetto and C. Dyke

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson, PC 4660 Richard Williams and PCSO
Marcus Chick

MINUTE No: 1/2/14 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations were recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/2/14 POLICE MATTERS:

PC Williams and PCSO Marcus Chick provided the following information:-

- There had been a number of drug related offences in the area. One individual had been given a 'street warning' in relation to the use of cannabis and another arrested in South View on more serious charges.
- Theft of equipment, tyres and metal has been reported on the industrial estate and officers were providing businesses with advice about improved security.
- Incidents involving 'car crime' including the theft of a stereo unit, wing mirrors, Ipad, tyres etc had increased significantly. There was concern that many vehicle owners were leaving items in 'plain view' and not fully securing their vehicles.
- A push bike had been stolen in the vicinity of Fagin's Public House
- Officers were liaising with other agencies in respect of a homeless person living on the Taff Trail
- Officers were also liaising with Ferris' garage and the college in respect of cars being parked in the lay-by opposite Ferris' garage

Members raised the following issues:-

- The continued parking of vehicles on the zig zag lines outside the Co-operative store.
- The continual change of PCSO's in the Taff's Well area
- The problem of an aggressive Doberman dog at the Swan Inn

The officers agreed that they would look into the matters raised by the members.

MINUTE NO: 3/2/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The held on 27 January 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/2/143 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO: 5/2/14 CLERK'S REPORT

CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR THE HUB

Members gave consideration to a letter from the Chairman of the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association (CDA) outlining the significant achievements of the association and its hope to develop an outreach extension of the Library Hub with I.T. facilities at the Tawelyfryn/Nantgarw Community Centre. In order to achieve this aim the CDA needed to establish its future funding stream and requested a determination of future support funding from the Community Council

The Clerk reported that under the present agreement the Community Council provides the funding for the lease of the Hub + premises insurance and the County Council gives a grant towards the revenue expenditure. Whilst the agreement has another year to run this would be insufficient if additional funding streams, for the outreach project, are to be secured.

It is clear that the CDA has achieved all of its aims and has established the Hub and I.T. centre as an essential service for library users within the area. The Clerk therefore recommend that the Community Council agrees to extend its present agreement until 31 March 2018 and, subject to a business plan and financial appraisal, further consideration is given to providing core funding for the extension project at the Tawelyfryn/Nantgarw Community Centre.

Resolved:

1. The Community Council agrees to extend its present agreement until 31 March 2018.
2. That subject to a business plan and financial appraisal further consideration is given to providing core funding for the extension project at the Tawelyfryn/Nantgarw Community Centre.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

TAFF'S WELL RFC MINI + JUNIORS

Resolved:

Award a grant of £250.00 to the above organisation.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

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.

In respect of County Council Members the Panel concluded that the basic salary levels in 2014/15 for members of principal local authorities be raised from £13,175 to £13,300. There are similar adjustments to 'responsibility and carers allowances'

In respect of Community Council Members the Panel determined that Community and Town Councils be authorised to make a payment to each of their members of a maximum amount of £100 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. This is the same rate as the previous year with no increase for inflation etc.

The Clerk informed Members that the determinations of the Panel are permissive powers that require a formal decision by each Community or Town Council but where a Community and

Town Council makes such a decision, it must apply to all its members at the levels determined. An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the Council.

A full copy of the Panel's report had been placed on the 'public notices' page of the Community Council's website.

Members asked if their cheques could be made out to the Hub or other charitable bodies. The Clerk confirmed that this was not possible as the allowance had to be paid in the name of a specific member. Individual Members then indicated that their allowances would be donated to charitable bodies.

Resolved:

1. The Community Council noted the decision of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and determined that the Council will implement the allowances for the financial year 2014 – 2015.
2. The Council noted the intention of some members to donate their allowance to charitable organisations

FESTIVE LIGHTING – RCTCBC

The Clerk reported that an invoice in the sum of £1758.38 has been received from the County Council in respect of the installation of festive lighting on a tree located in Taff's Well Park and sought Members authorisation to pay the invoice.

Resolved:

The Clerk be authorised to pay the above invoice in the sum of £1758.38.

MINUTE No: 6/2/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Once again expressed concern that no bus timetables were available in the bus shelters in Tawelyfryn? The County Council member had previously confirmed that she had raised this matter with the appropriate officers but because of possible changes in the timetables in the area it was not possible at that time. The Clerk agreed that he would contact the County Council Member to see if any further information was available.
- Had received a number of complaints from local residents about the height of the 'highway hedge' on Bwnsi lane (Heol y Bwnsi). The hedge and highway green was previously cut by the County Council but in recent years only the highway green has been cut. The hedge had now grown significantly (including seedling trees) and was interfering with the overhead cables. In addition, it was reducing the light into properties 25-28 and 21-24. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the County Member if officers could have a look at this problem.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Expressed concern about the large accumulation of litter, food cartons, beer cans etc in the lane at the rear of Church Street. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the 'litter team' in respect of this problem.
- Reported that she had received a note from a local resident who had slipped on the grass bank whilst alighting from a train at Taff's Well station car park bruising her back and damaging her coat. The Clerk advised that the complainant should contact Network Rail about this

matter as they were responsible for the car park. However, the exit route taken by the complainant was not an authorised exit but a gap in the fence that people used as a short cut it was therefore unlikely that any claim made against Network Rail would be successful.

- Expressed concern about the large number of cigarette ends that were discarded outside the Co-operative store/library hub. It appeared that the problem was caused by staff at the store who discarded their cigarette ends on the pavement. The Clerk informed members that he would raise this issue with the County Council's enforcement team.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed Members that she had received a complaint in respect of a large Doberman dog that was 'harassing' people passing the Swan Inn. The dog had no muzzle or chain and was barking and aggressive to people passing on the pavement. As the police were present they agreed that they would pursue this matter and speak to the dog's owner.

Cllrs Mel Timothy

- Informed members that there appeared to be a significant increase in people ignoring the regulations on dog fouling. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the 'enforcement team' and ask if they could be more vigilant in the area.
- Informed members that Cardiff County Council was consulting upon revising Welsh-medium catchment area arrangements for Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-Y-Gof and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gwaelod y Garth. A public meeting had been arranged and local parents were concerned about the proposals. The Clerk agreed he would see what information was available and send it to the member.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Whilst not present, as attending an important County meeting, Cllr Bonetto had forwarded information on the temporary closure of the lane at the rear of Sycamore Street. The lane will be closed from 17 March to 4 April to enable the replacement of a gas main. It was agreed that this information be placed on the council's website.

MINUTE No: 7/214 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for January/February 2014

Resolved:

Members approved payment of February's accounts in the sum of £4164.14 including a grant of £250 to Taff's Well RFC Mini + Juniors Club and £1758.38 to RCTCBC for the supply and installation of festive lighting in Taff's Well Park

MINUTE No: 8/2/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/1026/10	Ambassador Fire and Security Ltd 2 Business Development Centre Main Avenue Treforest Industrial Estate Pontypridd CF37 5UR	One detached building to accommodate main business office (B1 use) (Amended parking layout received 16/01/14 and amended site location plan received 24/01/14) At:- TAFF'S WELL LIBRARY, CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PL	Members noted that the Planning Officer's report had been published before the Community Council had the opportunity to comment on the application. Members noted that the concerns of the Village Hall had been dealt with in the Planning Officer's report.
14/0133/10	Mrs N Wyvill 51 Rhiw'r Ddar Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7PA	First floor extension above garage and kitchen at:- 51 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WEL CARDIFF CF15 7PA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/2/14

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/2/14 Dates of future meetings

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

- March - Tuesday 25 March 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- April -Monday 28 April 2014. Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- May - Thursday 29 May 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre (AGM of the Council)

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.100 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: