

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

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin and Megan Jones.

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/7/15 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: 2/7/15 POLICE MATTERS:

No Police representative in attendance.

MINUTE NO: 3/7/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/7/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Councillor Bonetto referred to Councillor Timothy's question in respect of Taff's Well Park toilets and informed Members that owing to the condition of the toilets and the lack of resources to repair them the County had reluctantly decided to close this facility.

MINUTE NO: 5/7/15 CLERK'S REPORT

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 56(1)
REVIEW OF RHONDDA CYNON TAF COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that:- The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have recently published the Commission's Final Proposals for the Review of Rhondda Cynon Taf Community Arrangements. (8 July 2015) and has submitted its report to the Welsh Government for consideration.

Under Section 58 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Welsh Governments may if it thinks fit make an order giving effect to any proposals made by the Commission, either as submitted or with modifications. Any order giving effect to any such proposals shall not be made until after the expiry of six weeks from the day on which the proposals were submitted.

As a result of their review changes have been made to the boundaries between the following communities.

Aberdare, Aberaman, Cwmbach, Llantrisant, Llantwit Fardre, Mountain Ash and Pontypridd

There are however no consequential affects on Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Council. A full copy of the report can be viewed on the Commission's web site www.Idbc.gov.uk

Resolved:-

Members noted the publication of the review report.

BENCHES

Following the recent bereavement of Councillor Meech the Clerk has contacted the "executors of his estate' with a view to the return of two park benches, purchased by the Council and stored by Councillor Meech.

It was established that the benches are in the possession of Councillor Meech's executor who is happy to return the benches to the Council. It was previously agreed that the benches would be relocate to the Council's allotments and Members were requested to confirm this decision.

In respect of transportation, arrangements had been made for a volunteer to undertake this matter and the Clerk recommended that a donation be made to the HUB for undertaking this task

Resolved:-

- 1) That the benches be relocated to the Council's Allotments
- 2) Mr Clive Thomas be thanked for volunteering to move the benches and that a donation of £25 be made to TWNCDA in acknowledgment of this matter.

PRINTER ISSUES

The Clerk has recently been having problems with printing, the current computer operates on Windows XP and Microsoft is no longer providing updates for this programme. Following consultation, with the Chair and vice Chair, it was agreed that the Clerk would get someone to have a look at it.

Radford Computing have 'reprogrammed the system' and this appears to have resolved the matter. The Company's invoice for £30 was submitted and members were requested to note this payment.

Resolved:-

Members noted the action taken in respect of this matter.

WITHDRAWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported that two letters had been received, from the planning department, informing the Council that the following applications have been withdrawn by the applicant,

Application No. 14/0200/10 and Application No. 13/0967/13

Both applications are associated with outline applications to redevelop the site at South Wales Forgemasters Ltd, Garth Works, Taff's Well.

Resolved:-

Members note that the above planning applications have been withdrawn by the developer.

VACANCY FOR CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Council it was agreed that the Council would formally advertise the above vacancy and place a notice on the Council's Website and at other local venues:-

The Clerk reported that one expression of interest has been received from Mrs Frances Elizabeth Jenkins who resides at 14 King Street, Taff's Well. In support of her application Mrs Jenkins had forwarded a CV for members' attention.

Resolved:

Following discussion Members confirmed the appointment of Mrs Jenkins as a Co-opted member of the Community Council

POP FACTORY LANE

Members will be aware that 'Pop Factory Lane' is in the ownership of the Community Council as such the Council has a responsibility to maintain clear access along the lane.

Following the review of the Council's 'grass cutting scheme' it was agreed that the vegetation / brambles would be cut as required and this task has recently been undertaken by Mr Nick Edmunds

Mr Edmunds has requested that payment for undertaking this work be paid to "Friends of Taff's Well Park and Thermal Spring".

Resolved:

1. Mr Nick Edmunds be thanked for undertaking the work on clearing the vegetation / brambles from Pop Factory Lane
2. Agreed to make payment of £100 to the 'Friends of Taff's Well Park and Thermal Spring'

SUMMER RECESS – PLENARY POWERS ARRANGEMENTS

Members were requested to consider the arrangements for the continuation of Council Business during the Summer Recess.

The Clerk reported that whilst there is no Council meeting during August the business of the Council still continues and important matters, such as observations on Planning matters, need to be dealt with within the timescales set out for external consultation.

In order to ensure the Council continues to operate efficiently it was recommended that Chairman of the Council, in consultation with the Clerk, be granted plenary powers to deal with matters of an urgent nature that cannot wait until the next committee/council meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that local Members will be consulted on any planning applications received for their ward and that all decisions taken would subsequently be reported, for information, to the Council meeting following the recess

Resolved:

The Community Council approved the above Plenary Powers Arrangements

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following applications for financial assistance.

1. NANTGARW OAP ASSOCIATION
2. TAFF'S WELL OAPs

Resolved:-

That a grant of £250 be awarded to each of the above organisations

CCTV – TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

At its last meeting Members agreed, in principal, to contribute to the provision of CCTV Cameras at Tawelyfryn Community Centre

The Clerk reported that the centre had received a quotation of £500 for a complete installation which can be reduced to £410 if the centre provides the CCTV monitor.

Resolved:-

Members gave consideration to the above report and agree to provide £500 to meet the cost of the installation.

MINUTE No: 6/7/15 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Informed members that she had received a number of complaints about the increase in “unauthorised signage” in the vicinity of the Pit wheel on the Nantgarw roundabout.
- Had received a complaint from a resident at 20 Yr Hendre about the trees on the grass verge which are now ‘touching her property’.
- Expressed concern that whilst resurfacing work had been carried out on the A468 Caerphilly Road, no work had still been undertaken on the ‘dangerous potholes’ at the traffic lights at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The County Member gave assurances that this work was to be undertaken but could not give a timescale for when the work would be completed.
- Had received a complaint that the road, by the Pottery, was very ‘bumpy’ Members assumed that this was related to the loose manhole cover on this section of the road and it was agreed that the clerk would try to further investigate this matter
- Informed Members of the work that had been undertaken by a local graffiti artist with local children. GE was hoping that their designs could be incorporated in a local mural at their premises. It was also hoped that a further mural could be developed at the Community Centre

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed members that she had received a complaint that Japanese Knotweed had been identified at Robert Price Timber Yard. The weeds were located behind the yard office and the boundary fence. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Manager of the site and request that action be taken to remove the weeds and stop the spread to neighbouring land.

Cllr Cynthia Dyke

- Expressed concern about the increase in Ragwort and Hogweed throughout the area, it was prevalent along the Taff Trail and there was evidence of it outside/on the boundary fence at Taff's Well School. County Councillor Jill Bonetto agreed to raise this matter with the appropriate departments on the County Council

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Noted that the access gate leading to the pipe over the river, near the Skew Bridge off the road leading to Nantgarw roundabout was still open. The Clerk reaffirmed that he had sent two emails in respect of this matter, had received acknowledgments but no promise of action to close the gate.
- Supported local residents concerns about the increase in signage at Nantgarw roundabout and asked if planning permission was required for the signs?

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities
- Informed members of the action being taken to deal with 'illegal parking' in the area around the railway station and that a consultation will shortly be published in respect of establishing parking restrictions and double yellow lines in this location
- Action was now planned to cut the grass in various locations within the ward. Priority has been given to Cemetery Road and the work will be undertaken as expeditiously as possible
- A consultation exercise was being undertaken in respect of business on the Treforest Industrial estate. Details can be found on the County Council's website.
- Speed restriction signage will shortly be installed in the vicinity of Abbey Close, warning motorists of the speed restrictions in the area

MINUTE No; 7/7/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for June 2015.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the June accounts in the sum of £2824.92. Including:-

- 1) Grants of £250 to Taff's Well OAPs and Nantgarw OAP Association.
- 2) £500 to Tawelfryn Community Centre for the installation of CCTV equipment
- 3) A donation of £25 to TWNCDA

MINUTE No: 8/7/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

15/0741/10	Mr A Brace C/o Miss R Lees DPP Sophia House 28 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ	Demolition of existing shop and construction of 1 no. residential dwelling at:- 2A CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
15/0697/01	Ms L Carpenter Ladybirds Cleaning 1 Cardiff Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RA	1 no. fascia sign over shopfront with down light illumination, 1 no. flat panel sign to side elevation with low level illumination to replace previous illuminated poster cabinet and 1 n. flat banner fixed to rear of property at:- JOHN MILLS NEWSAGENT 1 CARDIFF ROAD, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
15/0706/10	Mr T Prescott 2 Garth View Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7QH	To extend the pitched roof over the garage flat roof at:- GARTH VIEW CULES TERRACE TAFF'S WELL CF15 7QH.	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 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) (Amended and additional plans received) 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

15/0388/10	Mr E Davies Highfield House Smithy Lane Bosley Nr Macclesfield SK11 0NZ	Convert existing property from two to four self contained flats including three storey extension to northern side (amended plans received 23/06/15) (Flood Consequences Report received 25/06/15)at:- 26 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RE	The Community Council is concerned that the development has insufficient reserved car parking spaces which will inevitably lead to more parking on the already over congested Cardiff Road
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MINUTE No: 9/7/15 – PUBLIC SESSION

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/7/15 Dates of future meetings

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

September meeting - Monday 28 September 2015 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall

October meeting- Thursday 29 October 2015 Tawelyfryn Community Centre

November meeting – Tuesday 24 November 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 8.20 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: