

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

**SAINTS MARY AND JAMES' CHURCH HALL
MONDAY 29 JULY 2013**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllr:- Meech

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

MINUTE No: 1/07/13 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- Councillor Jill Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and took no part in the discussions on these items.
- Councillor M Timothy declared an interest in the grant applications received for Tawelyfryn youth clubs.

MINUTE No: 2/07/13 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Marcus Chick introduced himself as the new PCSO that will be covering the Nantgarw Area and provided the following information:-

- Three rogue traders have been arrested in the Rhydyfelin area
- There has been a large increase in 'metal thefts' on both the industrial estate and in the vicinity of the china works
- Three vehicles had been 'broken into' on the industrial estate and there have been reports of vehicle damage along Cardiff Road
- Whilst there has been no reported anti social behaviour problems it was noted that damage had been done to the Tawelyfryn Community Centre. Ongoing enquiries were being taken to try to establish the cause of the damage.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Scramble bikes were still causing problems in the vicinity of the Ty Rhiw Estate
- Concern was expressed at what was seen as 'ineffective policing' of traffic offences in the area. The Council had been informed that the police still had powers to deal with 'parking infringements' which was contrary advice previously given that these matters were now solely the responsibility of the County Council. The Council had considered writing to the Police Commissioner to express their concerns but agreed to delay this course of action until the PCSO had spoken to his superiors on this item.

MINUTE NO: 3/07/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/07/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding issues.

MINUTE NO: 5/07/13 CLERK'S REPORT

LAND REGISTRY DETAILS

The Clerk reported back on the land registry search to identify all land listed under the Council's name and informed members that three sections of land have been identified.

1. WA386097 Land and building lying to the north east of the A470 at Taff's Well
2. WA444658 Land at Abbey Quarries
3. WA584283 Land lying to the South East of Moy Road Taff's Well

The sections of land were identified as follows:-

Item 1 'Land and building lying to the north east of the A470 at Taff's Well' is the allotment and community garden site. As the Council has full details of this section of land no further action is required.

Item 2 'Land at Abbey Quarries' The Council held no details in respect of this section of land. It was therefore recommend that a full title search be undertaken on this land.

Item 3 'Land lying to the South East of Moy Road Taff's Well' The Clerk reported that whilst the Community Council is identified as "The Proprietor" another plan (Title WA420195) showed exactly the same piece of land registered to Malcolm Phillip Evans & Joan Evans both of 3 White Oaks drive St Mellons Cardiff. As 'ownership' of this section of land is 'unclear' the Clerk recommends that no further action be taken until the Council's Insurers and Accident Investigation Team have concluded their enquiries.

Resolved:

- 1) The Council notes the information received from the land registry
- 2) Authorised the Clerk to undertake a full title search in respect of the section of land identified as WA444658 'Land at Abbey Quarries'
- 3) Agreed to take no further action, at this stage, in respect of the section of land titled WA584283 but instructs the Clerk to report back to the Council following the investigation by the Council's Insurers and their accident investigation officer.

WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT AID FUNDING

COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITES

Members received copies of a letters from RCT in respect of grant aid for the improvement of the Council's Website.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written back to the County confirming that the Community Council would wish to avail itself of this funding so that it can update its publisher soft wear and purchase an appropriate Ipad that will facilitate easier access to photographic materials and speed up the process of placing information on the site.

The County Council had agreed to this request and a cheque to the value of £500 has been deposited into the Council's account. Members noted that the monies can only be used in respect of the above and cannot be diverted to other budget areas.

Resolved:

That the Community Council welcomes the Welsh Government initiative to improve Website facilities for Community Councils in Wales and notes receipt of the £500 grant. On the proviso that the grant is not acceded it further authorised the Clerk to purchase the items identified within the report.

RHONDDA CYNON TAFF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (CIL) DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG).

Members received, for information, a copy of a letter received from RCT County Council in respect of the above. Unfortunately the document was too large to send out as a hard copy and whilst Members on Email had received an electronic copy those without IT facilities had not received the report.

The Clerk confirmed that he could supply a disc so the document could be viewed on a computer..

Members noted that the closing date for representations was the 7th August 2013. Members were therefore requested to let the Clerk know by the 5th August if they wish to comment on the draft charging schedule and SPG.

Resolved:

The Community Council notes receipt of the above and agrees to let the Clerk have any representations by the 5th August 2013.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following applications for financial assistance.

- **NANTGARW OAP ASSOCIATION**
- **TAWELYFRYN YOUTH CLUB (Ten Year Plus)**
- **TAWELYFRYN YOUTH CLUB (Play-scheme application)**

Resolved:

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

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 meetings 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

MINUTE No: 6/07/13 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C E Griffin

- Informed members that she had received a number of complaints in respect of the large pothole by the traffic lights at the entrance to the village. Members confirmed that the pothole had been repaired this morning.
- Once again raised the issue of the overgrowing brambles in the vicinity of Fagin's Public house and the railway bridge. The clerk agreed that he would ask the County Council to look at it but was not hopeful of a positive response as the 'brambles' appeared to be on private land.

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Sought information as to the process undertaken in respect of recycling of domestic rubbish in RCT. She was concerned that much of the collection was not recycled but sent directly to the land fill site. County Councillor Jill Bonetto gave a comprehensive overview of the way that domestic rubbish was recycled in the area and assured members that the County Council did not dispose of rubbish that could be recycled into the land fill site.
- Informed members that she had contacted the County Council in respect of the problem of overgrown hedges along Queensway that protruded across the pavement thereby forcing pedestrians onto the road. In respect of the overgrown hedges at Yr Hendre, which were not part of RCT, Councillor Edmunds agreed that she would ask her spouse if he would cut them back.
- Noted that there were two concrete flower pots located within the Ty Wern OAP Flats, these had been previously purchased by the Community Council on the understanding that they would be maintained by the residents however they had not been replanted for a number of years. It was agreed that the Community Council did not have sufficient resources to maintain the pots and if residents of the flats were unable to do so consideration would be given to removing them to another location.
- Informed members that she had contacted the Water Authority in respect of water that was continually running down the 'embankment' at Tyla Gwyn (Nantgarw Pottery). The Water Authority had confirmed that there was no leak in the area and the problem was possible being caused through increase 'ground water accumulation'

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed members of her concern in respect of the overgrowth of hedges/vegetation that was restricting access to the pavements in the vicinity of the Cross Keys Public House, the member was also concerned that vehicle parked in the lay-by often 'blocked the pavement' making it impossible to pushchairs etc to pass. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the highway department in respect of these matters.
- Reported that the former library site had now been sold but there were a number of concerns raised by local residents about the poor state of the road following the demolition of the building. It would appear the road was un-adopted and in multiple ownership. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the highways department to see if the whole of the road could be adopted.
- Informed members that a resident of King Street flats had approached her in respect of a problem that she was having with a car parked at the side of her property. Given the circumstances of the complaint the County Member agreed that she would raise the issue with RCT Homes.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Asked if the Clerk had written to the dog owner, residing in Yr Hendre, whose dog was fouling the grass verges, the Clerk confirmed that he was awaiting the contact details from the member and as soon as this was received he would write to inform him of the possible action that would be taken if he continued to flout the 'dog fouling regulations'
- Informed Members about the problems of vandalism at the Community Centre, in order to combat this problem the Centre was considering the use of CCTV equipment and painting some of the walls in 'vandal proof paint'. The Clerk agreed he would research what type of paint was available and recommended that if it was used a notice be installed warning of its use.
- Asked if the PCSO still had use of the bicycle purchased by the Community Council. Cllr Dyke confirmed that when Taff's Well police station was closed the bike was transferred to Pontypridd and should still be available.

Cllr C Dyke

- Informed Members of her concern that little gardening work appears to have been carried out on Cemetery Road or on Pop Factory Lane. The Clerk agreed that he would immediately contact the contractor in respect of these issues and ask that a full monitoring report be made available for the next meeting.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave Members a comprehensive report on recent County Council activities
- Informed Members that Taff's Well Park had now been awarded Green Flag Status and outlined the proposed improvements both to the park and Spa area
- Asked if the Clerk could look up previous minutes in respect of the survey that was undertaken on possible residents' only parking and copies of the correspondence sent to the County in respect of these matters.

MINUTE No; 7/07/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of July's accounts in the sum of £2598.96 which included grant payments of £250 to the following organisations:- Nantgarw OAP Association, Tawelyfryn Youth Club Playscheme and Tawelyfryn 10 years plus Youth Club.

MINUTE No: 8/07/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/0598/10	Mr J Speed Tree Tops 182 Rhiwddar Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7ND	Extension to garage workshop .at:- HALFWAY WORKSHOPS, CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PL	This application appears to be a retrospective application and the Community Council has received representations in respect of possible infringements of rights of way to local residents. It was agreed that these matters should be brought to the attention of the planning officer dealing with this application.
13/0633/10	Construction Management Services Ltd Gerddi Ty Celyn Whitchurch Cardiff CF14 7TH	7 No. two bedroom self contained apartment together with external works at: FORMER POLICE STATION BETWEEN 9 AND 13 CARDIFF ROAD, TAFFS WELL, CARDIFF, CF15 7RB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/0693/10	Yum! Restaurants International (KFC GB Limited) Sophia House 28 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ	Erection of a Class A3 (Food and Drink) drive thru restaurant, car parking and ancillary works at surplus car parking at: MAKRO CAR PARK HEOL Y PWLL NANTGARW CF15 7QX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/0678/13	Mr S Ash 1 Parc-y-Nant Nantgarw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7TS	Outline planning application to construction of 1 (one) residential dwelling with garage at:- 1 PARC-Y-NANT NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TS	The Community Council is concerned that this back yard development will see the removal of trees and nesting areas for Bats and wildlife It does not therefore support the application

MINUTE No: 9/07/13

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/07/13 Dates of future meetings

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

- September meeting - Thursday 26 September Tawelfryn Community Centre
- October meeting – Tuesday 29 October 2013- Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- November meeting - Thursday 28 November 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 8.35 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: