

**MINUTES OF TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD AT:-
TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs:- Helen Edmunds and Fred Meech

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson.

MINUTE No: 1/06/13 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: 2/06/13 POLICE MATTERS:

No Police representatives present or report submitted.

MINUTE NO: 3/06/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/06/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding issues.

MINUTE NO: 5/06/13 CLERK'S REPORT

INSURANCE RENEWAL – PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY

Members received for approval a copy of the renewal invoice for the Council and HUB's Public liability policy in the sum of £892.63. The Clerk confirmed that other quotations had been obtained but the existing policy remained the best value and was recommended to the Council.

Resolved:

The Community Council approved the renewal of the Council and HUB's public liability policy

PLANTERS FOR HUB

Members received for approval a copy of the invoice from RCT in respect of the two street planters located outside of the HUB at a cost of £1056.00 inclusive of VAT.

Resolved:

The Community Council approved the payment of the invoice to RCT.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – CLAIM AGAINST THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on this item as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Members received for information copies of correspondence received from David W Harris Solicitors in respect of a claim by their client J.M.J

The Clerk outlined the circumstances surrounding the claim and the action taken in respect of this matter.

Resolved:-

1. Members noted that the claim by J.M.J. had been sent to the Community Council's Insurers for determination.
2. I was agreed that the Clerk would make a comprehensive search to establish all titles of land registered under the name of the Community Council.

MINUTE No: 6/05/13 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C E Griffin

- Informed members that she had received a number of complaints that despite notices indication that the Thermal Spring was open for viewing it was often closed at these times. The Member sought clarification in respect of the opening times of the Thermal Spring and requested that attention be given making sure that correct information was displayed. The County Member agreed that she would raise these concerns with the appropriate offices of the County Council.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed Members that she had received representations for a resident in Tabor Street that access to the rear lane of their property was blocked by recent building work in a neighbouring property. The County Council Member informed Members that a retrospective application was 'in the pipe line' for this property and it was agreed that, once received, the Community Council would make representations on this matter.

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Sought information as to when the flower pots were going to be installed next to the commemorative wheel at the entrance to Nantgarw Business Park. The County Member informed that Councillor that there had been a delay in respect of this matter but it was hoped that the flower pots would be in place in the early autumn
- Informed the Council that she had received representations from the residents at Yr Hendre Flats asking that the Cherry Trees on the communal plot be cut back. The Clerk and County Member informed the Council that they had both raised this issue with RCT Homes but they had not agreed to carry out the work as they considered that the trees were healthy and did not require any work. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again but it was unlikely that RCT House would agree this request.
- Asked that litter bins be provided at the bus stop by Nantgarw College. Whilst two bins were in the vicinity they were placed behind a fence, at the rear of the bus stop, making it

almost impossible for the students to use them. Councillor Bonetto agreed that she would see if one of the bins could be relocated next to the bus stop.

- Asked if the Clerk would write to the County Council and request that the hedges between the Post Box and Yr Hendre flats could be cut back as they were now encroaching on to the pavement. The Clerk agreed that he would forward this request on to the appropriate department of the County Council.
- Raised concern in respect of the lack of maintenance of the pathway between 15-20, 29-34, and 55-61 Yr Hendre. The pathways were completely overgrown making a potential hazard to individuals using these pathways. The Clerk agreed that he would write to RCT Homes in respect of this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Informed members that she and the Clerk, plus another member, had recently attended an information meeting in respect of a proposal to convert the Anchor Public House into 6 flats. The proposed conversion would have 14 dedicated parking spaces and easily accessible communal waste disposal. The Members attending the meeting thanked the developer for informing them of their proposal but stressed that no commitment or comment could be made until a formal planning application was received.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Asked if a sign indicating the location of the Tawelyfryn Community Centre could be placed at the entrance to the estate? The County Council Member agreed that she would raise this issue with the appropriate officer of the County Council.
- Informed Members that she had recently spoken to a dog owner, residing in Yr Hendre, whose dog was fouling the grass verges. The dog owner had refused to pick up the dog mess and informed her that he had been told, by one of the local Community Councillors that he did not need to pick up the mess because of his age. It was agreed that the Councillor would let the Clerk know the name and address of the individual and that the Clerk would write to inform him of the possible action that would be taken if he continued to flout the 'dog fouling regulations'.
- Informed members of information that had appeared on the Nantgarw Face book page that the local park, at the side of Oxford Street Community Centre had been 'taken away from them'. The County Council Member informed the Council that this information was incorrect and gave details of the work that was taking place in trying to get improved facilities in this area.
- Expressed concern that children were climbing on and damaging the fencing at the Thermal Spring, Taff's Well Park, when asked to leave by the Park attendant they had become verbally abusive. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the local PCSO and ask that increased patrols be made in this area.
- Informed Members that the Nantgarw area was having a new PCSO who would be allocated solely to duties in this area.

Cllr C Dyke

- Informed Members of her concern that the roundabout, near the Mc Donald's Nantgarw, was completely overgrown and asked if representations could be made to improve the situation. Both the County Member and the Clerk agreed that they would bring this issue to the attention of the highways department.
- Noted that there was still a problem with water congregating outside of the Ferris' Depot. The County Member informed the Council that the work to remedy this defect had been agreed but, because of budget restrictions, was unlikely to take place within this financial year.

- Asked the Clerk to report the pothole on Cardiff road, at the entrance to Cemetery Road. The Clerk confirmed that he would report the problem.
- Informed Members that the fencing to the Taff Trail, by Abbey Close, had once again been broken and the gates removed. There was evidence that this damage was being caused by quad bikers trying to gain access to the Taff Trail. It was agreed that the PCSO be informed of this problem and asked if appropriate measures could be taken to deal with bikers and quad bikers who were continually damaging the fencing.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave Members a comprehensive report on recent County Council activities
- Informed Members that she had received a reply from RCT Homes in respect of the property that had been left vacant by an elderly resident. RCT Homes could not take action in respect of this matter as the resident's rent was still being paid and they had been informed by relatives that when her health improved she hoped to return to the area.
- Informed Members that the latest funding round, to local authorities in Wales, had been very poor and there would be difficult times ahead. The Member would do her best to keep the Council and local residents informed as the situation progressed.

MINUTE No; 7/06/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of May's accounts in the sum of £3771.59 which included a payment of £11.00 to the Land Registry.

MINUTE No: 8/06/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/0430/10	Mr J Evans 4 Cardiff Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RE	Demolition of lean-to conservatory & coal shed, construction of decking at: 4 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
13/0548/10	Mr J Rowley Llwyncrwn Isaf Brynteg Llantrisant Pontyclun CF72 8LR	Erect 5 detached houses at:- DUFFRYN FFRWD MANOR, OLD NANTGARW ROAD, NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL, CARDIFF CF15 7TE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

13/0558/10	Steadman Architectural Suite 18 Big Yellow Self Storage 65 Penarth Road Cardiff CF10 5DL	Construction of 4 No., 4 Bedroom detached dwellings at:- LAND TO THE REAR OF 58- 60 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CF15 7PB.	The Council is concerned that the proposal would remove the only green space left Rhiw'r Ddar and are of the view that it should be retained either as a "local park/play facility" or public open space. The Council would therefore wish to make a formal objection to this application.
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MINUTE No: 9/06/13

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/06/13 Dates of future meetings

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

- July meeting - Monday 29 July Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- September meeting - Thursday 26 September Tawelfryn Community Centre
- October meeting – Tuesday 29 October 2013- 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 8.35 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: