

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

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday 25 March 2014**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Megan Jones and C. Dyke. Apologies were also received
from PC 4660 Richard Williams.

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

MINUTE No: 1/3/14 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: 2/3/14 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Marcus Chick provided the following information:-

- There had been a significant increase in reported crime over the past month much of it associated with increased burglaries within both the Taff's Well and Nantgarw areas.
- There had been five shed burglaries. Items stolen included power tools, off road mountain bike and a bicycle. In addition, attempted burglaries had taken place at the Garth works site and on the building site of the old Anchor public house.
- Two incidents of 'petrol theft' had been reported with people driving away from local petrol stations without paying.
- Three incidents of licence plates being removed from motor vehicles had been reported; PCSO Chick informed members that stolen licence plates were often used in the commissioning of further criminal activity.
- Theft of garden furniture was also on the increase with three separate incidents reported this month. Also stolen a heavy metal anvil.
- Incidents involving 'car crime' had increased significantly; items stolen from parked vehicles included the theft of a stereo unit, wing mirrors, a car bumper, headlights and even a car bonnet. Many of these incidents had taken place in broad daylight so residents have been asked to look out for any suspicious activity and immediately report the matter to the police.
- PCSO Chick also informed members that lead piping and a rope had been stolen from Tawelyfryn Community Centre.
- In respect of anti social behaviour there had been some improvement over the number of incidents reported with only one reported this month, a damaged shop window.

Members raised the following issues:-

- The continued parking of vehicles on the zig zag lines outside the Co-operative store.
- The problem of cars for sale being left on double yellow lines.
- A 'broken down' vehicle that was parked precariously outside pensioners' flat in Nantgarw. PCSO Chick informed members that he was aware of this matter and was taking steps to have the vehicle removed.

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

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

MINUTE No: 4/3/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO: 5/3/14 CLERK'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2014-2015

Members gave consideration to the continued membership of "One Voice Wales" at a cost of **£436.00**. This sum is calculated on based on 1627 chargeable dwellings @ 0.269p per dwelling (Based on the Valuation list not the Electoral Register)

The Clerk informed Members that One Voice Wales provides legal advice services to Community Councils in Wales and represents the views of Community Councils in negotiations with the Welsh Assembly government.

Resolved:

1. The Community Council continues its membership of "One Voice Wales" for the financial year 2014-2015.
2. Fees to be paid in the new financial year.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL FEE REVISION

The Clerk informed Members that the Council has a statutory duty to annually review its charges for services and requested that Members gave consideration to the level of fees the Council wishes to set the next financial year for users of the Council's Allotments.

Resolved:

The fees for 2014-2015 be set at £1.75 per perch

MINUTE No: 6/3/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Asked if consideration could be given to extending the time of the last bus to the Tawelyfryn Estate from Pontypridd. The last bus left Pontypridd at about 1.30pm and residents had requested this be extended by at least one hour. The County Member confirmed that bus routes and timetables were under review and whilst she would raise this issue she was not hopeful of a successful outcome.
- Informed Members that there were rumours circulating the area that a Morrisons Super Store was to be built next to the Castle Bingo building. Both the Clerk and County Member confirmed that no planning application had been received for such a development.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Expressed concern about the lack of enforcement action being taken in respect of traffic matters, dog fouling and the discarding of cigarette ends within the area. Cars were often

parked on the zig zag lines, outside the Co-operative; cars for sale were parked on double yellow lines; staff at the Co-operative store and Castle House, Cardiff Road continually discarded cigarette ends onto the pavement and the amount of dog mess appeared to have risen considerably. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to establish what enforcement action had been taken in respect of these matters and write to the Leader of the County Council requesting the 'scrutiny committee' looks at how effective its policies were for dealing with these matters.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern over the practice of cars for sale being left on the highway and in particular the car parked, partially on the pavement by the Swan Inn. It was agreed that the Clerk would include this item in his correspondence to the planning officer in respect of a number similar concerns throughout the area.

Cllr C E Griffin

- Asked if action could be taken to review the opening hours of the toilets, in Taff's Well Park, when children were off school? The County Member confirmed that this was an issue that was being addressed and it was envisaged that a 'full service' would be available from April.
- Informed members that over the past 18 months there had been 3 major accidents in the same spot (in the vicinity of 38 Cardiff Road) with cars being badly damaged and written off. It was agreed that the County Member would ask the highways department to have a look at this problem to see if 'traffic calming measures' could be introduced in this particular spot

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Informed members that there was still an issue with people ignoring the regulations on dog fouling. It was agreed that the Clerk would once again contact the 'enforcement team' and ask if they could be more vigilant in the area.
- Asked if action could be taken to remove a car, that had broken down and was parked precariously on the road opposite the pensioners flat Nantgarw. The PCSO attending the meeting confirmed that he had received a number of complaints in respect of this matter and was attempting to contact the owner to get the vehicle removed.
- Expressed concern over the large number of 'cars for sale' which were parked at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The clerk confirmed that he would raise this matter with the planning authority to see if any action can be taken in respect of this matter.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on the action she had taken in respect of the complaints from local residents about the height of the 'highway hedge' on Bwnsi lane (Heol y Bwnsi). She was awaiting a report from the highway's officer and would continue to pursue this matter
- Informed Councillor Lintern that she had raised the issue of bus timetables being placed in local bus shelters and been informed that these were normally only put into shelters on the main bus routes.
- Outlined the action she had taken in respect of the review of school catchment areas and the appeals procedure in respect of local anomalies to the current policy.
- Informed members of the latest developments taking place at the Thermal Spring and the plans for further development.
- Gave a comprehensive report of current issues facing the County Council

MINUTE No; 73214 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of March's accounts in the sum of £1858.75

MINUTE No: 8/3/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/0224/10	Mr K Jenkins c/o Agent 65 Cowbridge Road East Cardiff CF11 9AE	Demolition of existing buildings and development of 3 no. two bedroom dwellings with associated access and parking areas. (Additional information and revised parking layout plan received 26/02/14 at:- LAND ADJOINING 44 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RF	Council is concerned that the proposal, in its current form, would cause a serious traffic hazard as vehicles would need to reverse on to the A4054 which we believe would be to the detriment of both pedestrians and other road users.
14/0200/10	Barratt South Wales & Castell International Limited C/O) Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners Helmont House Churchill Way Cardiff CF10 2HE	Demolition of existing buildings and site clearance to allow for the erection of 140 no. residential dwellings, 50 space extension to the existing park and ride overflow to serve Taff's Well railway station, access, landscaping and associated works at:- SOUTH WALES FORGEMASTERS LTD GARTH WORKS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7YF	RCTCBC be informed that the Community Council reiterates its previous object to this application and the proposed change of use from light industrial land to housing
13/0558/19	Stedman Architectural Big Yellow Self Storage 65 Penarth Road Cardiff	Construction of 4 No., 4 bedroom dwellings (Amended plans received 12/03/14) LAND TO THE REAR OF 58 - 60 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CF15 7PB.	The Community Council notes the amended plans in respect of this application and will write to the planning officer to see if action can be taken to inform the applicant of the Caveat Emptor that was a condition of planning consent on Rhiw Ddar estate

MINUTE No: 9/3/14

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/3/14 Dates of future meetings

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

- April -Monday 28 April 2014. Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- May - Thursday 29 May 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre (AGM of the Council)
- June - Tuesday 24 June 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 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: