

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

**TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thursday 29 May 2014**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs:- Charlotte E Griffin, C. Dyke and Fred Meech

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

MINUTE No: 1/5/14 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: 2/5/14 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Marcus Chick provided the following information:-

- There had been a number of anti social behaviour problems in Yr Hendre and Heol Y Dderwen including noise from individuals drinking in the gardens
- A local drugs find was uncovered in the Garth Works Area with over 20 Cannabis Plants being grown. Police are still making enquiries in respect of who is responsible
- There has been an increase in reported burglaries
- Lead flashing has been removed from properties in the Views and metal thefts reported on the industrial estate
- Incidents involving 'car crime' is still a cause for concern and thieves were apprehended on the Park Nantgarw Site removing alloy wheels from one of the vehicles parked there.

Members raised the following issues:-

- The continued parking of vehicles on the zig zag lines outside the Co-operative store.
- The on-going problems of 'off road motor bikes' on the Tawelfryn Estate.

MINUTE NO: 3/5/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/5/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes

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

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - 2013- 2014

Members received, for approval, a copy of the Council's income and expenditure accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been checked and verified by the Council's internal auditor, Mrs T. Mota, and once approved the accounts will be sent for 'pre audit' to Mazars external auditors. This has to be completed by the **30 June 2014**.

Resolved:-

1. The Community Council notes and approves the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.
2. Approves payment of £30 to Mrs T. Mota the Council's internal auditor.

MAZARS - WALES AUDIT OFFICE

Members' received a copy of an invoice from Mazar's, the Council's external auditor, in respect of an outstanding invoice for the financial year ended 31 March 2012.

The Clerk confirmed that the invoice was outstanding and requested approval of payment.

Resolved:-

Members note and approve payment of the above invoice.

DISABILITY WALES – MEMBERSHIP 2014- 2015

In May 2012 the Council resolved to become an Associate Member of Disability Wales. Members were requested to confirm renewal of membership at a cost of £45.

Resolved:-

Members confirmed its continued membership of Disability Wales and approve payment of the invoice.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

1. TAFF'S WELL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Resolved:-

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Taff's Well Rugby Football Club

AN INCREASED ROLE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S

The Clerk reported that a 'working group' lead by Mick Antoniw AM have been examining the implications and possible future roles for Town and Community Councils as outlined in the Williams report.

The group had produced a report which it would like to present to the Welsh Government in June and had requested that the council review the report and confirm that it endorses the content of the report.

In addition, the Council has been requested to nominate a member of the Council to participate in any future publicity.

Having reviewed the report and on the basis that is intended to be a 'discussion document' the Clerk recommend that the Council endorses the report.

In respect of Member participation it was noted that Councillor Jill Bonetto had been attending the meetings and it was recommend that she continues in this role as the Community Council's representative.

Recommendation:-

1. The Community Council notes that the report is intended to be a 'discussion document' and on this basis is happy to endorse the report.
2. That Councillor Jill Bonetto act as the Council's nominated representative to this committee.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clerk presented an invoice for the renewal of the Council's public liability and premises insurance at a cost of £917.11. However the company had agreed that if the Council continued with its 3 year long term agreement the cost would be reduced by 5% making the renewal sum £871.25 pa.

The Clerk confirmed that he had 'tested the market' and that the current policy, with a company specialising in local council insurance, represented good value for money

Resolved

The Council agrees to renew its policy with its current insurance company and to enter into a 3 year agreement with the company.

MINUTE No: 6/5/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed members that the 'broken down car' parked outside the pensioner flats had now been removed
- Noted that large branches has fallen from the trees on the Old Nantgarw Road and asked if action could be taken to remove them
- Informed Members that she had received a number of complaints in respect of the overgrowth along pavements between 29-34 and 55-61 Yr Hendre. It would appear that RCT Homes considered that any clearance work should be the responsibility of the County highways department but the County Council saw the responsibility to be with RCT Homes. It was agreed that County Councillor Jill Bonetto would raise this issue with the respective authorities and get a definitive answer to who was responsible for the footpaths/pavements in this area.
- Had received further complaints in respect of rat infestation in the vicinity of McDonald's and other food outlets on the Parc Nantgarw complex. The Clerk confirmed he would raise once again raise this matter with the Environmental Heath Department of RCTCBC.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Asked if the Clerk could contact the County Council in respect of ‘possible unsafe trees in the vicinity of the roundabout at Nantgarw, large branches had fallen onto the Cardiff Road. Members were also concerned that some of the trees on the ‘embankment’ at Cardiff Road were also potentially dangerous. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County in respect of these matters.
- Expressed concern that coaches were often ‘parked up’ by the traffic lights on the Treforest Estate with as many as 9 coaches often parked one behind the other on obscuring the lights. Whist it was agreed that no parking restrictions were in place this did constitute a safety issue and the Clerk would raise it with the appropriate authorities
- Once again expressed concern about the amount of litter/dog fouling in the lane behind King Street it was agreed that both the Clerk and the County Member will pursue these matters.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern that there were 3 dead, possibly dangerous, trees behind 2, 4, and 6 Moy Road, between the back lane and Rhys Davies’ car park. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council to ask for them to be removed.
- Noted that no cutting of the overgrowth in pop factory lane appears to have been carried out and the brambles were now causing a problem. It was agreed that the Clerk would ‘chase up’ the Council’s contractor on this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Reported that there was a problem with the retaining wall at the Village Hall and asked if the Clerk could contact the Management Committee to draw this matter to their attention.
- Noted that the ‘green man crossing sign’ on the traffic lights at the entrance to Ty Rhiw, the one that you are looking at if you are returning from Taff’s Well to Ty Rhiw was not visible from the pavement side and needed realignment . As this crossing is used by children on the way to school it was requested that the County Highways department take urgent action to remedy the defect.
- Expressed concern that little action appears to have been undertaken to resolve the issue of ‘flooding’ at the entrance to the train station. The County Member outlined the steps that she had taken in respect of trying to resolve this issue and discussions that County Officers were having with Arriva to ensure this work was completed as expeditiously as possible.
- Raised the issue of dangerous parking at the rear of South View, vehicles were parked in such a way that emergency vehicles would have access difficulties. It was agreed that the Clerk would see what action could be taken to resolve this issue.

Cllrs Mel Timothy

- Informed members that large ‘cracks/holes’ had appeared on the pathway to the entrance of the Community Centre. The member was concerned that an elderly user could fall and asked if action could be taken to ‘fill in’ the cracks/holes. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with the County Council.
- Noted that there was a possible bee/wasp net in the centre. The Clerk informed the member that whilst the centre could ask Environmental Services for assistance there could be a charge for this service.
- Requested information on the cost of applying for ‘dropped curbs’ to allow access over the pavement. Councillor Helen Edmunds agreed she would let the member have some information on this matter.

- Once again raised the issue of the problems cyclists racing, at speed, down Heol y Gors and asked if the County Council could look at a possible re-routing of the sign that indicated that the Taff Trail was accessed through Heol Y Gors.

Clr Jill Bonetto

- Informed Members that she had received confirmation that the number 18 bus service between Ty Rhiw and Pontypridd had been identified as being one of the highest priority routes for ongoing support within the County Council’s second public consultation exercise on service delivery and change. The Member was therefore very optimistic that the service would continue
- Informed members that a “Family Fun Day” would be organised by Friends of Taff’s Well Park on Saturday 28 June. It was agreed that the Clerk would put this information on the Council’s Website
- Gave an update on the action being taken to reduce the traffic hazards at Rhyd yr Helyg including traffic enforcement measures.
- Informed Members that she had been requested to leave a meeting called to discuss a new campaign to secure the future of Welsh Education and Language in our community. It was agreed that the incident be noted and recorded on the Council’s Website

MINUTE No; 7/5/14 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for May 2014

Resolved:

Members approved payment of May’s accounts in the sum of £3228.42, including a grant of £250 to Taff’s Well RFC and renewal of the Council’s Insurance Policy in the sum of £871.25

MINUTE No: 8/5/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

14/0448/09	Mrs J Parry 1 Queensway Nantgarw Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7TH	Single storey extension to side of:- 1 QUEENSWAY NANTGARW TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TH	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0368/10	Mount Stuart Developments Ltd Grid Refs: Merlin House 1 Priory Drive Langstone Newport NP18 2HJ	Demolition of single storey element, replaced with 2 storey office extension and re-cladding of existing facades at:- UNIT 10 MOY ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7QR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

14/0425/10	Mr. J Rigby 28 Butterfly Close Church Village Pontypridd CF38 1AZ	Change of use from a materials testing laboratory to a crèche and young children's play centre, with a café at:- UNIT 9 MOY ROAD INDUSTRIAL CENTRE TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7QR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No: 9/5/14

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/5/14 Dates of future meetings

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

- June - Tuesday 24 June 2014, Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- July -Monday 28 July 2014, Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- September - Thursday 25 September 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: