

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

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday 24 May 2016**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Lynne Thomas (Chairman), Megan Jones, Sandra. Lintern, Mel Timothy, Cynthia Dyke and Alun Fowler,

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: Helen Edmunds, Jill Bonetto and PCSO Clair Quick

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/5/16 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded

MINUTE No: 2/5/16 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Quick presented her apologies and submitted the following message/report.

- ASB - 1 noise nuisance Ty Rhiw.
- Burglary x 3 two in properties being built and one theft from Garden shed of bike.
- Theft and Handling – theft of tools from Glan Y Lyn
- Theft and Handling – Bike stolen from garden in Tabor Street.
- Theft from Mackro – male charged.
- Theft from Caerphilly Garden Centre arrest enquires ongoing.
- Theft of number plates Cules Terrace.
- Theft of bumper from Ford Fiesta on Cardiff Road.
- Make off from Petrol Station top of Nantgarw Hill enquiries ongoing.

There have been several concerning incidents over the last few days with 3 burglaries in Ty Rhiw and one in Toghill Drive where a vehicle was stolen.; CID are investigating these crimes which happened on the same evening and enquiries are on-going. Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Residents were asked to be mindful with regards to security in their homes and lock doors and windows

MINUTE NO: 3/5/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2016 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/3/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO: 5/5/16 CLERK'S REPORT

RESULT OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Members' received a copy of the election notice confirming that the election for the Nantgarw Ward was uncontested and that Mr Alun Fowler is therefore elected as the representative for the Nantgarw Ward.

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Fowler had signed the required declarations, prescribed by statute, and is therefore elected onto the Council.

Recommendation:-

Members note the results of the uncontested election

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - 2015- 2016

Members gave consideration to the Council's income and expenditure accounts and governance procedures the financial year ended 31 March 2016

The accounts had been checked and verified by the Council's internal auditor, Mrs T Mota.

Once approved, by the Council, the accounts will be sent for external audit BDO` LLP the auditors who undertake to audit on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales.

Resolved:-

1. The Community Council approved the Council's accounts and governance procedures for the year ended 31 March 2016.
2. Approves payment of £37.50 to Mrs T Mota the Council's internal auditor.
3. The Council's thanks be conveyed to Mrs T Mota for her work on the internal audit

ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Members gave consideration to a letter from the Treasurer of the Allotments Association requesting that the Community Council waive this year's allotment fees to enable improvement works to be carried out at the allotments.

The Clerk reported that there have been a number of incidents of petty thefts and vandalism on the site and obviously any measures to improve security would be welcomed. In addition, the association has spent a considerable amount of money improving facilities and security on the site. Over £3000 of the allotments reserves have been used for an improvement which ultimately benefits the Council.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council has a 'duty of care' in respect of these matters and that the work undertaken by the association and volunteers has saved the Council considerable expense.

Having examined the request, and the Council's financial position, the Clerk recommend that, subject to the money being used to improve access and security, the Council waives its fees for

the financial year 2016-2017

Resolved:-

Subject to the money being used to improve access and security, the Council waives the allotment fees for the financial year 2016-2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration is the following applications for financial assistance.

1. TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be made to support the project

MINUTE No: 6/5/16 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern that despite being reported on a number of times the repair to the pothole in Quarry lane had still not been done. A resident had now marked the hole with paint to show the location. As this item has been reported on three separate occasions it was agreed that the Clerk would bring the matter to the attention of the County Member and request her assistance in resolving this matter
- Noted that once again cars were being stored and repaired on Yr Hendre. The Member will monitor the situation and assess if it was causing a nuisance.

Cllr C Dyke MBE

- Expressed concern over the very poor condition of the road in the vicinity of Glan y Llyn and Glan y Ffordd; there were numerous potholes all along the road which have been reported but no action has been taken.
- Reported that she had received a number of complaints in respect of the new Streetlights that were being installed in the area; It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the County Member
- Asked if the Clerk could see what action could be taken in respect of the 'stored cars' at 'Highlands' Ty Rhiw. It was agreed that the Clerk would visit the site and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

Cllr Helen Edmunds *(in absentia gave the following report)*

- Had reported, to the local County Member her concerns about possible stone movement in the wall and pillar that is outside United Church on the main road.
- Even more of a concern is on our way home tonight as we passed the new houses (on the old Williams garage site) the wall facing the new houses is leaning slightly in but more worrying is that the wall abutting it is leaning onto the pavement out about 4 inches and is tapering down . The walls are parting company as they are not tied in to the adjoining property

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Expressed concern over the number of potholes on the A470 roundabout at Nantgarw some of which were quite large. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the Members concerns to the County Council's Highway Department.
- Informed members of an incident which had taken place in the local park where a dog owner was allowing the dog to run free in the park. When approached the owner became verbally aggressive, the matter had therefore been reported to the local PCSO who was now pursuing this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Informed Members of her concern that young children were climbing up the Fir Trees in the park; some to a height that could cause serious injury should they fall. It was recognised that, as the park no longer has an attendant, little could be done to stop this practice but it was agreed that the matter should be brought to the attention of the County Member to see if the County had any ideas on how to prevent this practice.
- Noted that the Caravan, parked on the highway at Ty Rhiw had now been moved outside number 17, it was agreed that this matter be brought to the attention of the PCSO
- Expressed concern that cars were parking fully on the pavement, at the bottom of the train station bridge. This completely blocked the pavement. It was agreed that this matter would be reported to both the local PCSO (as it was obstruction) and to Network Rail.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern that each Saturday night cars were parked on the pavement from Fagin's Public House to the Ex Servicemen's Club which made it impossible for wheelchairs or pushchairs to pass. This practice forces pedestrians onto a very dangerous section of the road. As this occurs almost every Saturday night it was agreed the County Member be asked if she could arrange for an enforcement office to visit and take appropriate action.

Cllr A Fowler

Informed members that he had been approached by a resident of Lower Nantgarw about providing play facilities in the area; the Clerk and Members outlined the work being undertaken by the County Member, Cllr Jill Bonetto, in respect of this matter and suggested he should contact her for a full briefing on what action was being taken to provide these facilities.

MINUTE No; 7/5/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for April/May 2016.

Resolved:

1. Members approved payment of the May accounts in the sum of £2018.54 which included grant assistance of £250 to the Community Garden Project at Tawelyfryn Community Centre

MINUTE No: 8/5/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/0277/10	Mr G Jones 83 Oxford Street Nantgarw Taff's Well CF15 7SU	Two storey / lean-to rear extension (replacement ground floor kitchen / wc and new first floor bedroom and bathroom at:- 83 OXFORD STREET, NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SU	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
16/5007/41	Mr N Speller 111 Glan y Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SP	Addition of porch to front access of house. Installation of downstairs wc. External appearance to match in with existing materials at:- 111 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/5/16

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

MINUTE No: 10/5/16 Dates of future meetings

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

- June meeting: Monday 27 June 2016 at Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- July meeting: Thursday 28 July 2016 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- September meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 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 8.10 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: