

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

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday 29 October 2013**

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

APOLOGIES, Cllr:- Charlotte E Griffin , Fred Meech and Mel. Timothy

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson, PSCO Sarah Emanuel and PC Richard Williams

MINUTE No: 1/10/13 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: 2/10/13 POLICE MATTERS:

PSCO Sarah Emanuel and PC Richard Williams provided the following information:-

- There has been an increase in reported incidents on the Moy Road Industrial Estate.
- On the 26 October locks were found to be broken on one of the buildings but nothing appeared to have been stolen.
- The PCSO was working closely with local businesses to see what increased security could be put in place including 'mapping' of camera sites within the area.
- PC Williams informed members that there had been no complaints received in respect of the football club and the procedures put in place in respect of parking problems seemed to be working.

Members raised the following issues:-

- There had been an incident where a local resident appeared to be a victim of a 'local scam' Councillor Edmunds outlined the incident and the police agreed that they would look into this matter.
- A member raised the issue of 'cars for sale' being parked on the grass verges in Tawelyfryn, it was agreed that this was more a matter for enforcement by the County Council rather than the police. The Clerk agreed that he would make the County Council aware of the problem
- The Clerk informed members of the reply that had been received from the Crime Commissioner and the email received from the local police Inspector Nigel Griffiths in respect of problems with parking on zig zag lines in the area. Members continued to express their concern about parking on the zig zag lines outside of the Co-operative store and provided PC Williams with the number vehicles that had been recorded in one short period. It was agreed that the list would also be forwarded to Inspector Williams. Follow a further discussion on this matter it was agreed that Councillor Jill Bonetto would arrange a meeting with PC Williams and officers of the Highway Authority to see what further action could be taken to reduce the risk to pedestrians using the crossing.

MINUTE NO: 3/10/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/109/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding issues.

MINUTE NO: 5/10/13 CLERK'S REPORT

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT AND RIGHT TO INSPECT THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The Clerk informed Members that the external auditors had concluded their report for the year ended 31 March 2013 and have certified the Council's Annual return. Members received for approval a copy of the Auditor's Remittance advice in the sum of £372, this being the standard fee agreed with the Wales Audit Office.

Members were informed that the statutory notice in respect of the audit has been placed on the Council's website.

Resolved:-

1. Members noted the satisfactory conclusion of the audit and approve payment of the audit fees
2. Noted that the statutory notice in respect of electors rights has been published on the Council's Website.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2013

At its last meeting Members requested the Clerk to order 3 wreaths and four small crosses from the British Legion. The Clerk informed Members that whilst he had been able to obtain the wreaths he had not been able to order the four small crosses as these have all been dispatched to 'poppy sellers'

Resolved:-

Members noted the above report.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - EMILY WALBY MEMORIAL FUND

Members gave consideration to an application for financial assistance to the Emily Walby Memorial Fund.

Resolved:-

Because of legal and financial restrictions the Community Council were unable to make a direct contribution to the above fund. However, it was agreed that the County Council be asked to deduct £100 from the cost of the memorial bench and invoice this sum to the Community Council.

CLOSURE OF NANTGARW LIBRARY

Members were informed that the Community Council had received a number of emails from local residents protesting the proposed closure of Nantgarw Library, which is to close to the general public from April 2014 and requesting that the Community Council makes a formal objection to the proposed closure.

Resolved:-

It was agreed that the Community Council would strongly oppose the closure of the Nantgarw Library and the loss of the services it provides.

The Council thanked County Councillor Jill Bonetto for her efforts in assuring that the local Community library and Hub in the village remained open and that the joint funding arrangements would continue.

MINUTE No: 6/09/13 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Expressed concern about the amount of litter caused by discarded cigarette ends in the village. The main culprits appeared to be staff smoking outside of the premises at the Co-operative store and the office block on the corner of Castle Street. The Clerk agreed that he would raise this matter with local enforcement officers.
- Asked that the Clerk contact the County Council in respect of the condition of the trees between Glan y Llyn and Nantgarw, the recent inclement weather had caused one tree to be dislodged and the member was concerned about the condition of other trees within the vicinity.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Raised the issue of the continued flooding of the road leading to the Railway Station and the flooding at the footbridge on Forest Rd, the member explained that each time there is heavy rain both of these areas are impassable, particularly the area at the bottom of the footbridge. The County Council Member agreed she would, once again, raise this issue with the appropriate officers of the County Council.

Cllr C Dyke

- Once again raised the issue of the height of the bushes and vegetation on the roundabouts, in the vicinity of the College, the height of the bushes made visibility extremely difficult for road users. It was agreed that these comments would be sent onto the highways department with a request that action be taken to 'cut back' the overgrowth.
- Informed Members that the gates at the entrance to the woods had once again been stolen

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed Members that she had been asked by the Allotment Association to enquire if the Community Council would consider providing a grant so the gate, to the allotments, could be repositioned to make way for a car park. Members were concerned at the amount of expenditure already given to the allotment association but suggested that they should submit an application form with details and costings of their proposal.

Cllr S Lintern

- Asked that the County Council be requested to pick up the leaves from the pavements in the Tawelyfryn area as they made the pavements very slippery for elderly residents.
- Expressed concern that a number of cars for sale had been parked on the grass verges at the top of the Tawelfryn Estate. The Member was concerned that cars were damaging the grass and turning the area into an unofficial ‘cars for sale lot’. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter to the County Council.
- Asked if the Clerk could contact the bus transport officer and request that ‘bus timetables’ be placed within the bus shelters in Tawelyfryn.
- Requested that the County Council’s tree officer be contacted in respect of a dead tree by the Nantgarw School, and ask for it to be removed.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Raised the issue of a possible partnership with the County Council in respect of the installation of Christmas lights to a tree located in Taff’s Well Park, after consideration by members it was agreed that the Community Council would be willing to provide a sum of up to £1750 for this project with the County council meeting the additional costs.
- Informed Members on the progress of getting appropriate signage erected to stop large Lorries using the village rather than the bypass link.
- Gave a comprehensive overview of the difficult financial settlement that the County had received from the assembly and its implications for services within the County.

MINUTE No; 7/10/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the October accounts in the sum of £2318.46. It was further agreed that, subject to financial regulations, a donation of £100 be made to the Emily Walby Memorial Fund.

MINUTE No: 8/10/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

13/0889/10	Mr D Reade Wellsfield Associates 80 High Street Hadleigh Essex SS7 2PB	The replacement of the existing shop front and the installation of a new ramp at:- THE CO OPERATIVE 30 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RF	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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13/0999/01	The Co-operative Food Group Grid Refs: The Old Bank Building Ground Floor New Century House Manchester M60 4ES	Advertisement consent for 1x Fascia sign - size 23500mm x 600mm - externally illuminated by overhead trough lights to front elevation. 1x internally illuminated Projection sign - size 600mm x 635mm 1x set of 5 replacement 'Car Park' signage at:- THE CO OPERATIVE 30 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RF	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/0967/14	Barratt South Wales & Castell International Limited Helmont House Churchill Way Cardiff CF10 2HE	Outline application for redevelopment of the site for residential, additional park and ride spaces to serve Taff' Well railway station, site access and associated works at:- SOUTH WALES FORGEMASTERS GARTH WORKS TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RN	<p>The Community Council is apposed to the development on the following grounds:</p> <p>We believe that the location of the site with its close proximity to the M4 motorway is a key piece of industrial land which once lost can not be recovered when there is a turn in the economy.</p> <p>The Council is seriously concerned that the loss of this industrial site, located in such close proximity to the M4 motorway, will have environmental consequences in so far as businesses that are relocated will need to travel further which will lead to increased traffic generation and pollution.</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that most of the tenancies are on short term leases this is because of the developers wish to redevelop the site as housing. A recent application to develop the whole of the industrial estate was withdrawn, by the applicant, prior to submission to the planning committee and we believe that if current development is approved it will be used as a precedent to apply for further housing in the immediate vicinity and would certainly be used in any appeal to a refusal of further housing development.</p> <p>We believe that any large scale development of housing on the industrial estate will have serious consequences for the infrastructure of the area and upon the local schools which are already full to capacity.</p>

13/0939/10	Mr G Bowden 22 Abbey Close Ty Rhiw Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7RS	Extension to existing kitchen. New roof structure and purpose made windows double glazed at:- 22 ABBEY CLOSE TY RHIW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RS	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No: 9/10/13

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

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

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

- November meeting – Thursday 28 November THE HUB Cardiff Road Taff’s Well
- December meeting - Thursday 19 December Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- January 2014 meeting -Monday 27 January 2014 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: