

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

**TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Megan Jones (Chairman), L. Thomas, Mel. Timothy, Fred Meech  
and Helen Edmunds

**APOLOGIES,** Cllr:- S. Lintern, C. Dyke, C E Griffin and J Bonetto

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson, PCSO's Marcus Chick and Claire Quick.

**BEREAVEMENT**

Members expressed their condolences to Councillor Sandra Lintern on the bereavement of her son Gareth.

**MINUTE No: 1/09/13 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declaration of interest were disclosed

**MINUTE No: 2/09/13 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSOs Marcus Chick and Claire Quick provided the following information:-

- There had been an increase in anti social behaviour reports throughout the area including a house that had been damaged in the Views.
- There has been an increase in reported thefts on the Moy Road Industrial Estate. 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.
- There had been a reported theft of diesel from Ty Rhiw farm.
- On the positive side 3 mountain bikes had been recovered and a number of individuals were being questioned in relation to the theft of the bikes.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Scramble bikes were still causing problems in the vicinity of the Ty Rhiw Estate
- Concern was expressed at what was seen as 'ineffective policing' of traffic offences in the area. The officers present confirmed that they had been informed that as these functions were now the responsibility of the County Council they were powerless to intervene. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise the issue of inadequate policing and the role of PCSOs with the Police Commissioner.
- Members once again expressed their concern about vehicles that were parked in the lay-by opposite Ferris' garage, these vehicles were often parked in such a way that they obstructed the pavement forcing pedestrians onto the road.
- Members thanked the PCSOs for their assistance in dealing with 'traffic congestion' during the recent funeral of a Council member's son.

**MINUTE NO: 3/09/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

**MINUTE No: 4/09/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no outstanding issues.

**MINUTE NO: 5/09/13 CLERK'S REPORT**

**SUMMER RECESS – PLENARY POWERS DECISIONS**

The Clerk reported, for information, the decisions taken under plenary powers during the summer recess.

1. To note payment of £44.99 in respect of the renewal of Kaspersky Internet Security.
2. To note the purchase of IT equipment in the sum of £508.90. £500 of this sum is covered by the County Council's grant to enable better access to the development of the Council's website.

**Planning applications dealt with under plenary powers**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Community Council's Observation</b>
13/0764/10	Mr B Earing Ffynnonwen Farm Groeswen Cardiff	Conversion of former public house and residential accommodation to six apartments at:- THE ANCHOR PUBLIC HOUSE 17 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CF15 7RB	<p>Whilst the Community Council does not, in principle, object to the conversion of the building it does have a major concern about the number of car parking spaces allocated on the site.</p> <p>Both local residents and the Council were assured by the developer that 14 spaces would be available. However, the Council notes that in the application form, submitted to the planning department, the number of spaces has been reduced to 10.</p> <p>Given the serious parking problems both in Anchor Street and on the Cardiff Road the Council cannot support the application in its current form and therefore <b><u>OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION</u></b> on the grounds that there are insufficient car parking spaces.</p>

13/0732/09	Mr Davies 3 Stradmore Close Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7QN	Construction of a dormer roof extension to the rear elevation (certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development) at:- 3 STRADMORE CLOSE TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/0744/10	Mr E Jones Strongs Partnership Ltd Mill House Old Caerphilly Road Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TA	Construction of eight 1 bedroom affordable flats at:- MILL HOUSE OLD CAERPHILLY ROAD NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TA	A local member has some concerns in respect of access arrangements but subject to full consultation with local residents the council does not raise a formal objection to this application.
13/0773/10	Mrs Davies 155 Glan-y- Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SQ	Construct orangery style conservatory to rear of:- 155 GLAN Y FFORDD, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SQ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
13/0777/10	Mr M Samphire 13 Clos Llewellyn Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7AT	Conversion of integral garage to habitable room at:- 13 CLOS LLEWELLYN TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7AT	Whilst the council has some reservations that this type of conversion increases on street parking it would not formally object if neighbouring properties were happy with the proposal
13/0763/10	Mr R James Ty Mondas Trecastle Brecon, Powys, LD3 8UH	Erect rear single storey kitchen/dining area extension together with external works at:- 44 MOY ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

**Resolved:-**

Members noted the decisions taken under plenary powers during the summer recess

### **COMPLETION OF AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

Members received a copy of the external auditor's report in respect of the year ended 31 March 2013.

Members noted that that no qualification issues had been identified and that the audit met the statutory requirements set out in the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)

The Council gave consideration to the matters brought forward by the report and noted the advice given in respect matters not affecting the audit opinion

#### **Resolved:-**

The Community Council noted the comments made by the appointed auditors and approves the report.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2012**

Members were requested to consider arrangements for Remembrance Day, which this year falls on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, and confirm if they wish the Clerk to order the usual 3 wreaths from the British Legion.

#### **Resolved:-**

The Community Council consider arrangements for Remembrance Day and confirmed approval for the Clerk to order wreaths and four small crosses from the British Legion.

### **COUNCIL DATES FOR 2014**

Members gave consideration to the date/venues of Council meetings for the forthcoming calendar year and agreed the following:-

#### **COUNCIL DATES FOR 2014**

- January meeting - Monday 27 January 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- February meeting - Thursday 27 February 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- March meeting - Tuesday 25 March 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- April meeting - Monday 28 April 2014. Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- May meeting - Thursday 29 May 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- June meeting - Tuesday 24 June 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- July meeting - Monday 28 July 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- September meeting - Thursday 25 September 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- October meeting- Tuesday 28 October 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- November meeting – Monday 24 November 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- December meeting - Thursday 18 December 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre

#### **Resolved:-**

Members approved above the dates and venues for its Council meetings for the calendar year 2014.

## **TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION.**

Members gave consideration to two letters from the above association requesting 'ground landlords consent' to site a greenhouse on plots 21b & 29 and to allow some plots to keep chickens on their plots. In coming to a conclusion in respect of these matters Members were made aware of the legislation that is applicable to the keeping of hens or rabbits on allotment land.

In respect of the erection of the greenhouses the Clerk informed members that one could consider greenhouses to be an integral part of gardening and it would difficult to refuse the request.

### **Resolved:-**

- 1) Provided that the association takes responsibility for the monitoring of animal welfare and the keeping of chickens is not associated with trade or business use the Community Council has no objection to the keeping of chickens on individual plots.
- 2) Provided that the greenhouses are not permanent structures i.e. do not have concrete bases or footings the Community is happy to grant 'ground landlords consent to the erection of greenhouses on individual plots.

## **BLUE PLAQUE AWARD**

Members gave consideration to a request from the County Council asking if the Community Council would like to become involved in the above project and suggesting that the Council might consider funding the Blue Plaque at a cost of £360.00.

### **Resolved:-**

1. The Community Council recognises that the Blue Plaque award is a significant award and that a 'partnership arrangement' could pave the way for other improvements and funding opportunities. It is therefore welcomes the opportunity to be involved and agrees to contribute £360.00 towards the cost of the Blue Plaque.
2. The County Council be asked to ensure that the spelling on the plaque uses the apostrophe i.e., Taff's Well to denote the connection with the Thermal Spring

## **MONITORING REPORT- GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

Members gave consideration to the monitoring report submitted by the Council's contractor and to the concerns expressed by some members that work appeared to not have been undertaken.

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the contractor and they have confirmed that if the contract specifies two (2) cuts per annum these are normally undertaken in May and September. Unfortunately there is considerable growth between May & September and they suggested that this might be one of the reasons that Members think the work has not been undertaken.

The contractor suggested that Members may wish to state when they would wish the 'cuts' to take place and in this way they could monitor that the cuts had taken place.

Members, whilst recognising that the problems caused by variations in the growing season were not convinced that they had the expertise to state exactly when cuts should take place. However, they noted that the majority of the cuts took place in May and requested that the first cuts be delayed until June. It was further suggested that the contractor be requested, on its monthly

invoices to identify what work had been undertaken during the invoice period (members recognised that for some months no work would have been undertaken)

In respect of ‘contract specification’ for Taff’s Well ward it was agreed that item 10 (entrance to Glan y Ffordd – cut back bushes to allow the Post box to be visible) be removed from the specification.

**Resolved:-**

That the contractor be requested to give consideration to the above and confirm that the proposed changes were acceptable to them.

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Attached for Members consideration is the following applications for financial assistance.

- **TY RHIW SEQUENCE DANCING**
- **PILOTS CHILDREN’S CLUB**

**Resolved:-**

A grant of £250 be made to each of the above applicants.

**LAND REGISTRY ENQUIRY**

At the July meeting of the Community Council the Clerk was requested to contact the Land Registry to question ownership of the land lying to the south east of Moy Road. Records show that the Land Registry received a transfer of part dated 7 March 1991 made between Rhys Davies Limited and Taff’s Well Community Council

The Clerk outlined the implications for the Council both in terms of access and maintenance and requested authority to obtain an official copy of the transfer. Once this is received the Clerk sought authority to contact the County Council with a view to seeking guidance on how best to proceed with this matter including disposing of the land in question.

**Resolved:**

Members gave approval for the Clerk to obtain an official copy of the transfer and authorised the Clerk to pursue these matters with the County Council.

**MINUTE No: 6/09/13 MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

**Cllr Helen Edmunds**

- Updated members on the current ‘dispute/problems’ involving residents of King Street flats, RCT Homes were now involved in this matter and were monitoring the situation.
- Expressed concern over ‘dog fouling’ within the area. The Clerk outlined the different regulations that applied to the highway, parks and countryside and the difficulty of enforcement of these regulations.
- Informed Members that the ‘church hall’ was not available for the Council meeting on the 28 November. It was agreed that as this was a revised date the meeting would now take place at THE HUB, Cardiff Road.

### **Cllr Mel Timothy**

- Informed Members that she had been approached by a resident who wished to know if an application to convert the Halfway Garage' into a café would be an acceptable use of the premises? The Clerk advised that the individual should contact the County Council's Planning department and ask for "Pre-application advice" in respect of their plans.
- Informed members that a resident of Heol y Gors had now erected swings on the 'green verge' and had removed part of the verge and tarmaced the area so a car could be placed on it. The Member was concerned that this land was in the ownership of the County Council and was yet another example of this individual expanding their boundaries onto public land. In addition, the owner of number 4 Heol y Gors had put a 'hard-standing' on their property but had not installed a dropped curb, consequently the vehicle had to mount the pavement each time it accessed the property and was causing considerable damage to the pavement. It was agreed that County Councillor Jill Bonetto be approached and asked if officers of the County Council could investigate these complaint.
- Informed Members that the dog owner, residing in Yr Hendre, was still allowing his dog to foul the grass verges. The Clerk suggested that the Member contact the County Council's enforcement department and request that action is taken against this individual.
- Expressed concern that the signage on Nantgarw Hill, (A468) towards the A470, indicating which lane to use was obscured by trees. The Clerk agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the County Council's Highway Department
- Informed Members that traffic was still doing U turns at the traffic light on the A468. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the local PCSO.

### **Cllr Lynne Thomas**

- Expressed her concern that large vehicles were continually using the village rather than the by-pass. This matter had been raised with Rhys Davies' but it was denied that Rhys Davies' vehicles were responsible. It was agreed that a request be made, once again, for signage to be erected and a weight restriction be placed on vehicles travelling through the village.
- Informed Members that a planning notice had been placed in the village indicating that the Co-operative store had applied for planning permission to replace its shop windows and install a ramp. The Clerk confirmed that no notification had been received by the Community Council but notifications were normally sent on a Friday so it should be on the planning list of the October meeting.

### **Cllr Megan Jones**

- Reported back on a recent meeting with Rhys Davies Logistics, the meeting discussed various topics including undertaking work on the broken fencing on the public footpath at Ty Rhiw. Rhys Davies Logistics were keen to become more involved with the community and was hoping to become involved in local school project including giving career advice on logistics.

### **MINUTE No; 7/09/13 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

### **Resolved:**

Members approved payment of the August accounts in the sum of £1218.02 and the September accounts in the sum of £2889.23 including grants of £250 to Ty Rhiw Sequence Dancing Group and the Pilots Children's Club.

**MINUTE No: 8/09/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

13/0843/10	Robert Price (Distribution) Ltd The Wood Yard Forest Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF 7YE	Installation of dust extraction plant, access steps and platform at:- THE WOOD YARD FOREST ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RQ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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**MINUTE No: 9/09/13**

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

**MINUTE No; 10/09/13 Dates of future meetings**

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

- October meeting- Tuesday 29 October Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- November meeting – Thursday 28 November THE HUB Cardiff Road Taff's Well
- December meeting - Thursday 19 December 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 8.20 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: .....