

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

TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 26th September 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas (Chairman), M. Jones, S. Lintern, H. Edmunds,
M. Timothy, C. Dyke and J. Bonetto

Also present: Clerk to the Council Emma Price and Derek Allinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr J. Bishop and J. Hutchinson

MINUTE No: 1/9/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Jill Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and took no part in the discussions on those items and Councillor Helen Edmunds declared an interest in Clerks Report item c and took no part in the discussion on this item.

MINUTE No: 2/9/17 POLICE MATTERS

No Police representatives present or apologies submitted.

MINUTE NO: 3/9/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/9/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO: 5/9/17 CLERK'S REPORT

a) SUMMER RECESS – PLENARY POWERS DECISIONS

1. Members noted and approved the payment of £846.59 in respect of Salary, Tax and NI for the month of August.
2. Members noted the decisions taken in respect of the following planning applications:

Application No.	Applicant	Proposal	Community Council's Observation
17/0895/10	Bramble Cottage, Caerphilly Road, Nantgarw, Taff's Well, CF15 7TP	Retention of stables extension, operating a livery with associated parking and access and construction of menage. BRAMBLE COTTAGE, CAERPHILLY ROAD, NANTGARW, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7TP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0749/23	G E Aircraft Engine Services LTD Caerphilly Road Nantgarw Taffs Well CF15 7YJ	Demolition of two former engine test cells (test cells 2 & 3), along with an associated workshop/office building. GE AIRCRAFT ENGINE SERVICES LTD, CAERPHILLYROAD, NANTGARW, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7YJ	The Community Council have concerns over what will be rebuilt once the existing has been demolished - we will have input on the planning application at that time. There is also concern over the control of dust and contamination during the demolition given their previous use. The application has been made invalid at the moment, pending a more detailed response about how the structure will be demolished.
17/0846/10	Mrs Jones All Stars Gymnastics Club 1c Coryton Rise Whitchurch Cardiff	Change of use from a warehouse to D2 Leisure for a Gymnastics Club. RYAN BUILDINGS, 3 CARDIFF ROAD, NANTGARW, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7SR	The Community Council have concerns that the proposed development could cause an increase on street parking. The Council is in the view that it has insufficient parking on the site. The Community Council would request that these concerns are taken into account when determining the application.
17/0693/10	Mr. J Hazelwood Carpentry Business Development Centre Unit 1 Main Avenue Treforest Ind Est CF37 5UR	Proposed new 2 storey offices and workshop for a carpentry company. Remote car parking allocated to the project on adjacent site. PLOT D9, HEOL	The Community Council have concerns that the proposed development could cause an increase on street parking. The Council is in the view that it has insufficient parking on the site. There is, at present, current issues over buses and vehicles parked on

		CROCHENDY, TREForest IND EST, CF37 5UR	Crochendy Road which would indicated that communal parking areas are at capacity. The Community Council would request that these concerns are taken into account when determining the application. * Highways Department also objected to this application
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b) COMPLETION OF AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Members received and gave consideration to the external auditor's report in respect of the year ended 31 March 2017.

Members received a report from the previous Clerk Mr Derek Allinson.

The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate notice in respect of electors' rights has been placed on the Council's website.

Resolved:

The Community Council noted the completion of the 2017 auditor's report and approves the Annual Return. Members thanked Mr Allinson for his outstanding work.

c) REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

Members gave consideration to the arrangements for Remembrance Day, which this year falls on Sunday 12th November, and confirmed that it wished the Clerk to order 2 wreaths from the British Legion.

Councillor Edmunds informed Council that a Remembrance Service is also taking place in Taff's Well Park on Saturday 11th November and asked that the Council consider supporting the payment of a bugler for the ceremony.

Resolved:

1. The Clerk be requested to order 2 wreaths from the British Legion.
2. The Council supports the Remembrance Service taking place at Taff's Well Park and resolved to contribute towards the cost of the bugler through a grant process.

d) REFORM OF DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION - GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION AND DATA PROTECTION BILL

Members' received a copy of a letter from the NALC informing the Council of its obligations in respect of the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill. Members were advised that the regulations come into force on the 25th May 2018

Resolved:

Members noted the letter from NALC and acknowledged its statutory duty in respect of the Act, and instructed the Clerk to take appropriate action to ensure that the Council's legal obligations are fully met.

e) **SAFE ROUTES IN COMMUNITIES SCHEMES**

Members' received correspondence from RCTCBC ref: Safe Routes in Community Schemes.

Every year RCT is invited to submit a bid for Safe Routes in Communities (SRIC) schemes to the Welsh Government. The Safe Routes in Communities initiative is primarily aimed at encouraging greater participation in sustainable travel, in conjunction with improving safety throughout the wider community with a focus on areas around schools.

The County Council would like to take this opportunity to invite Community Councils and Groups to submit a scheme request and assessment pro forma, if they believe there is a requirement to develop a scheme which will encourage more people to travel by more sustainable means such as cycling, walking or by public transport.

Applications must be submitted by **Friday 27 October 2017**

Resolved:

Members gave consideration to the Safe Routes in Community Schemes, and instructed that the Clerk investigate the possibility of submitting a request for 2 areas for improvement:

- 1) Lights on the Taff Trail
- 2) Improve the footpath/walkway leading to the school for a safe route to school.

f) **MAINTENANCE OF POP FACTORY LANE- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Members are aware that 'Pop Factory Lane' is in the ownership of the Community Council and that the Council has previously agreed that the vegetation / brambles would be cut as required.

Work to clear the debris and overgrowth has recently been undertaken by Mr Nick Edmunds. This is his final visit to the area for this year.

Resolved:

The chairman remarked how clean and tidy it looks, and Members requested that Mr Edmunds be thanked for undertaking the above work.

g) **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Members gave consideration to the following applications for grant aid.

1. NANTGARW OAP
2. PILOTS

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to each of the above associations subject to Nantgarw O.A.P Association submitting an updated form.

h) ONE VOICE WALES - South Wales Training Schedule

Members received the training schedule from One Voice Wales.
Cost for members is £40 each.

Resolved:

Members noted the above report.

i) MEMBERSHIP OF DISABILITY WALES 2017-2018

Members received the invoice for continued membership of "Disability Wales" at a cost of **£40**.

Resolved:

The Community Council approved its membership of "Disability Wales" for the financial year 2017-2018 and agreed the cost of **£40**

j) PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

At the July meeting, Members requested that the Clerk research employing a private Civil Enforcement Officer to combat the parking/litter/dog fouling issues in the area and link with other Community Councils who have similar problems.

The Clerk has contacted neighbouring Community Council, Llantwit Fardre, who are keen to explore this proposal.

The Clerk has been in discussions with RCT Director of Highways and Street Care Services Nigel Wheeler, to consider entering into a Service Level Agreement with RCT and Members were advised of the costings.

Resolved:

Members gave consideration to the above report and instructed the Clerk to gather further information.

k) REPORT BACK ON COURT PROCEEDINGS

Council to resolve that, under the provisions made under paragraph 28 of the Council's standing orders, the press and public be removed from the meeting as the item under discussion involves sensitive and confidential information

Members received a verbal report from Mr Derek Allinson.

Resolved:

1. The former Clerk updated Members on information, received from Council's solicitor, in respect of Councillor Xs legal action against the Council.
2. Members noted the information received without comment.

MINUTE No: 6/9/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed Members there was concern that a property at Yr Hendre is receiving multiple complaints from residents regarding the highway being blocked up with lorries, cars and tyres thus restricting the 'right of way'. The Clerk advised the Member that she would report this to the Highways Enforcement Officer to visit the area.
- Expressed concern about the hedges between number 10 and 11 Yr Hendre. Councillor Edmunds kindly agreed that she would ask her partner to have a look at the problem.
- Reported large trees at the front of numbers 55 - 64 Heol-yr-Hendre and number 14 Yr Hendre. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring these to the attention of the RCT Officer.
- Expressed concern about overgrowth and vegetation near Chinaworks behind the bus stop leading up to Tyla Gwyn. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this to the attention of RCT Street Clean Services.
- Noted that a considerable amount of moss is building up on the pavement on Nantgarw Road leading down to the lane. The Member was concerned that someone could slip and injure themselves. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this to the attention of RCT Street Clean Services.

Cllr Melanie Timothy

- Enquired with the County Member when the goal posts at Tawelfryn Park would be fitted and requested that a basket ball hoop be purchased and fitted to one of the goal posts. Members agreed to the purchase of the hoop and Cllr Jill Bonetto informed that she would pursue this item with the appropriate Officers of the County Council.
- Informed Members that the caravan previously reported to County Member Jill Bonetto had been moved but was now back. Cllr Bonetto advised that she would again make the authority aware of this.
- Enquired with the County Member if signage could be situated in Tawelfryn park stating 'no dogs allowed'. The County Member advised that there is a new signage being installed in parks in the near future.

Cllr Cynthia MBE

- Informed Members of her concern about the gate at 'skew bridge' being open and very dangerous. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this to the relevant personnel at RCT.
- Expressed residents' concerns about the continued problems of parking. It has become apparent that commuters are parking their cars in Ty Rhiw and getting the train at Taff's Well Train Station. The Clerk was instructed to contact the local PCSO Claire Quick to report this.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Advised Members that Church Street will be closed on Monday 2nd October, as the whole street is being resurfaced.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Asked if the Clerk could contact the County Council about large potholes between Parish Road and Forest Road. The Clerk confirmed that she would report the matter via the County Council's website.
- Raised the ongoing issue of mud coming off the banking in the woods. Cllr Jill Bonetto has reported this previously and will chase it up.
- Expressed concern over issues relating to the gates to the play area in Taff's Well park being unsecure and unsafe. The Clerk was instructed to contact RCT to report.
- Noted that youths are congregating in cars, in Taff's Well car park. Councillor Bonetto will contact RCT to enquire if the gates can be locked at 4.30pm over the winter months. The Clerk will report to PCSO Claire Quick.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Reported large potholes in the car park at Taff's Well park. The Clerk confirmed that she would report the matter via the County Council's website.
- Expressed concern over cars parked at Church Street and Kings Street causing an obstruction. The Clerk was instructed to contact PCSO Claire Quick to report.
- Expressed residents concerns about the continued parking problems near the Rugby field when matches are being played, with cars parked on the pavement restricting pedestrian access. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Rugby Club to request that they notify the PCSO when big matches are being held.
- Gave an extensive report on the Increased Roles for Town and Community Councils Seminar held at the National Assembly for Wales, which the member attended along with Cllr Megan Jones.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed members that the Welsh Assembly had approached the Coleg y Cymoedd Nantgarw to enquire if they would like to purchase the land surrounding the college owned by WAG. The Welsh Assembly have agreed to fund half of the purchase of the land and half of the costs for a new sports hall. The land is now in the ownership of the College.
- Informed members that she has contacted Natural Resources Wales regarding the stream problems at the farm at Ty Rhiw. N.R.W are now working closely with the farm putting pools for drainage and monitoring on a regular basis. Cllr Bonetto has requested that RCT put a 'Baffle' to stop the effluent running into the river.

MINUTE No 7/9/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for June, July, August and September 2017, and gave an up to date Budget review

Resolved:

Members approved payment of £846.59 in respect of the August accounts and £2,146.26 in respect of the September accounts, which included grant assistance of £500 to the following;- Taff's Well Church (Pilots), Nantgarw O.A.P and £40 membership to Disability Wales

MINUTE No: 8/9/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

17/0911/10	Mr David Agnew Bwlch-Y-Maen Livery & Vet Craig Yr Allt Farm Duffryn Ffrwd Nantgarw CF15 7TP	Portal steel framed building to be used for the stabling of horses. LIVERY STABLES, CRAIG YR ALLT FARM, UPLANDS, NANTGARW, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7TP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0982/10	Mrs L. O'hara 70 Cardiff Road, Glan y Llyn, Taff's Well, CF15 7QE	Erection of rear first floor timber-framed extension. 70 CARDIFF ROAD, GLAN Y LLYN, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7QE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/9/17 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: