

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Saints Mary and James Church Hall Tuesday 22 March 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman), Megan Jones, L Thomas, C Dyke, Pat Prothero, S Lintern, A Evans and C E Griffin

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson; PCSO Christopher Roberts and PCSO Dave Lot

MINUTE No: 1/3/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declaration of interests disclosed.

MINUTE No: 2/3/11: POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Christopher Roberts introduced PCSO Dave Lot who had recently been appointed as the PCSO for Taff's Well. The Chairman welcomed PCSO Lot to his first meeting of the Community Council.

PCSO Roberts informed members that considerable changes were being undertaken within the force but it was, at present unclear how these would impact on the area. Hopefully, there would be little change, but at present the picture was unclear.

Issues:

- Following complaints about anti social behaviour (ASB) problems in Moy Road, patrols had been increased with officers wearing "high visibility vests" this appears to have worked as no ASB issues had been reported over the last month.
- There was still a problem with vehicles parking indiscriminately at the school which was causing problems for the school crossing attendant. Individuals had been spoken to and, in future, enforcement notices will be issued. The officers had also spoken the RCT County Councils who had agreed to renew the parking signage and curb lines in the vicinity of the school.
- There was still a problem with vehicles parking on the Zig Zag lines outside of the co-operative store. Warning notices do not appear to be working and enforcement notices will now be issued to all vehicles parking on the Zig Zag lines.
- Increased patrols have taken place in Tyla Gwyn and there has been a marked improvement over the past month with very few parking infringements in this area.
- Whilst officers were still dealing with the issue of the "boat" parked at Tawelfryn officers were conscious that, because of the width of the road, many vehicles were parked on the pavement and if enforcement was taken on the boat issue the owner could legitimately point out that others were also infringing the regulations. It was felt that it was not desirable to "mass ticket" the area so a process of "encouragement" to move the boat was being pursued.
- Members were reminded that at the next PACT meeting (Thursday 24th March) a demonstration would be given on the use of police dogs in drug detection. Members were asked to encourage people to attend this event.
- A member expressed concern over the motor bikes using "Bluebell woods". The PCSO's agreed that they would look into this matter and request assistance from the police traffic section.

Resolved: That PCSO Roberts and lock be thanked for their reports.

MINUTE NO: 3/3/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 February 2011 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/3/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/3/1 CLERK'S REPORT

TAFF'S WELL THERMAL SPRING

At its last meeting Members requested that the Clerk contact the County Council to ascertain what action was proposed to bring the Thermal Spring Well, located in Taff's Well Park, back into beneficial use.

The Clerk subsequently contacted the County Council and received the following reply:-

Dear Mr. Allinson

I refer to your letter dated 24th February 2011, in respect of the well located within Taff's Well Park. In response to your query, the Council's Regeneration Section commissioned Faber Maunsell to undertake a feasibility study during 2005 looking at the potential of rebuilding Taff's Well spring and formulate a costed strategy that addresses the following tasks:

- 1. Condition and Structural survey of the visible remains of the Well and the preparation of repair costs and anticipated works to the above structures.*
- 2. Initial development proposals that include consolidation/display of above and further developments to provide a heritage facility. Proposals for the phased development and implementation of the scheme.*

Fully developed plan and costing for enhancements of existing well, improved visibility and historical information (phase1)

- 1. Develop a tourism and marketing strategy.*
- 2. Prepare an environmental strategy.*
- 3. Undertake a public consultation on the proposed scheme.*

The above works were completed and the outcome was presented at a Public Consultation event held at Taff's Well Rugby Club on 25th October 2005. At this event it was suggested that a constituted friends group would be required to move the project forward to seek funding from external bodies. Generating interest in the community to set up a Friends Group of Taff's Well Park has been slow but as part of a proposal to submit Taff's Well Park for the Green Flag Standard, the Parks Section has held meetings with members of the community during 2009/10 which were very positive. The Parks Section will consider working with this Group in the future with the aim to them becoming constituted and to work in partnership with the Council to seek funding to improve the infrastructure of the Park and the Well. Currently the outfall of the Well is blocked/collapsed and the water from the well is backing UP into the Park. It is proposed to repair the pipe between May and September to meet the requirements set by the EA. At the current time the Council is not in a position to fund this project and the restoration of the Well will largely depend on partnership working with the community and the availability of external grants.

Resolved:

1. That the reply be noted
2. The County Council be informed that the County Council Member, Cllr Adrian Hobson, had informed members that a sum of £30,000 had originally been "put aside" from Lovells Homes to carry out this work and requested the Clerk to ascertain if this sum was still available for this purpose.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID

MENCAP - CYMRU

Members gave consideration to an application from Mencap Cymru requesting grant aid for their work with individuals with learning difficulties.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be made to the above organisation.

MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES

Members gave consideration to a letter from the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales inviting the Community Council to renew its membership for the municipal year 2011-2012

The renewal costs was based on the number of chargeable dwellings in the Council's area (1601 @ 25.2p per dwelling) Total cost £403

The Clerk informed Members that One Voice Wales provided support for Community Council's in Wales and a free legal advice service. The Clerk recommended that the Council renewed its membership but defers payment until the new financial year.

Resolved:

The Community Council renews its membership of One Voice Wales but defers payment until the new financial year.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY - JULY 2011

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had been invited to represent the Community Council at the annual Buckingham Palace Garden Party in July and recommended that the attendance be classified as an approved duty.

Resolved

That the Chairman's attendance at the Garden Party be classified as an approved duty

ROUNABOUT AT NANTGARW BUSINESS PARK

The Clerk informed Members that following representations from the Community Council the hedging and shrubbery on the roundabout had been cut back. to improve the visual safety of vehicles on the roundabout.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

MINUTE No: 6/3/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Audrey Evans

- Express concern over the "fly tipping" that was taking place near the old Nantgarw Tip (Nantgarw Lane) and requested that the County Council be informed about this issue.
- Brought to the attention of the PCSO's the problem of motor cycles using Blue Bell Woods and the disruption this caused to both local residents and the environment. The PCSO's agreed that they would pursue this matter.
- Asked if was possible for a "one way" system to be introduced in the Ty Rhiw area? Following discussion it was agreed to seek the views of local residents before pursuing this matter.

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Expressed concern that the proposed site meeting, with RCT Homes to look at the drains in West View, had still not taken place. The Clerk agreed that he would once again pursue this matter and make a formal complaint about the lack of action in this matter.
- Requested that the County Council Highways Department be contacted in respect of the numerous potholes in the Ty Rhiw area.
- Informed Members that at a recent school governors meeting the County Council Member, Cllr Adrian Hobson, had informed members that a sum of £30,000 had originally been "put aside" from Lovell's' Homes to carry out work on the Thermal Spring at Taff's Well Park. The Member requested that the Clerk ascertain if this sum was still available for this purpose
- Informed Members that at the PACT meeting, to be held at Ty Rhiw Community Centre on March 24th will feature a visit from a sniffer dog trained in drug detection, this will include a demonstration of the skills involved. The Member requested that this information be placed on the Community Council's Website.

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Requested that the Clerk write to the County Council and thank them for the work they had undertaken in her ward
- Requested that the Clerk write to the Gospel Hall Committee, located at Storehouse Row, Nantgarw asking if they would consider cutting back the trees to make the lane a little lighter.
- Following an enquiry from the Members the Clerk confirmed that the request, by residents of the flats, on the junction of Heol y Dderwen and Tyr Waun asking if parking restrictions could be placed outside of the flats had been passed on to the County Council. Two traffic surveys observations had been undertaken but only a few cars were found to be parked at this location. The County Council's Traffic management team had agreed that they would continue to monitor the situation but, at present, they were unable to assist in this matter.
- Expressed concern over the tipping of rubbish on the public footpath/right of way at Dyffryn House. It was agreed that this matter would be brought to the attention of the appropriate department of the County Council..

Cllr Megan Jones

- Expressed concern over the condition of the chain link fencing in the vicinity of "City Link" It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Rhys Davies' requesting that action be taken to resolve this matter. In addition, Network rail be requested to repair the fencing on the other side of the lane.
- Request that the Clerk contact "Network Rail" with a request that the overgrowth be cleared at the level crossing in Kings Street.
- Requested that the Clerk write to the occupants of Castle House expressing concern about the amount of cigarette ends that were being discarded on the pavement by people smoking outside of the premises. If no action was taken to improve this matter the Clerk would contact the County Council's enforcement team and ask them to investigate the issue.
- Requested that the County Council be asked to replace the broken glass on the bus shelter at Ty Rhiw.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- The Member gave a verbal report on the recent AGM of the Allotment Association which she chaired. There were still some constitutional matters to resolve and a further meeting would be held in the near future
- The Member gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the library users committee that had been established to examine the relocation of the Taff's Well library.

MINUTE No; 7/3/1 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Resolved:

1. Members approved payment of the February accounts in the sum of £1,369.52 this included a grant of £250 for Mencap Cymru approved under minute No.5/3/11

MINUTE No: 8/3/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/0114/105	Mrs Lynda French 12 Garth View Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7UL	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (amended description 03/03/11) [LS] 21/02/2011 at 12 GARTH VIEW, NANTGARW, CARDIFF, CF15 7UL	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0055	Dr Colin Griffiths 129 Cardiff Rd Taff's Well CF15 7PP	Proposed extension/refurbishment of existing practice to provide additional surgeries, associated treatment rooms, waiting are and staff welfare accommodation at GLENHAVEN DENTAL CARE 129 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CF15 7PP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0088/10	Mr R Forward 24 Yr Hendre Nantgarw Cardiff	Erect 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension at: 14 HEOL-Y-COED TAWELFRYN NANTGARW, CF15 7UE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0173/10	Mr Rhys Davies Weir House 133 Cardiff Road Taff's Well CF15 7PP	Proposed two storey rear extension and internal works at: WEIR HOUSE 133 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0156/10	Mr Daniel Hobbs 15 Anchor Street Taff's Well CF15 7RH	Proposal to erect first floor extension at: 15 ANCHOR STREET TAFF'S WELL CF15 7RH	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/3/11 PUBLIC SESSION:

Members of the public raised or sought information on the following issues:

- Fencing at the Taff's Well football club
- Rumours / information on proposed developments on the Rhys Davies Site
- Inadequate bus facilities to Hillside Park
- The closure/relocation of the Taff's Well library
- The poor condition of the fencing along the "Railway's pathway" on the Moy Road Industrial Estate.
- Christmas lighting
- Possibility of a best garden /hanging baskets competition in the area.

Where possible Members and the Clerk clarified issues but pointed out that the majority of their concerns were County Council responsibilities and need to be addressed to the local County Council Member Adrian Hobson.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email Councillor Hobson on the issues raised but he could not guarantee that the Council or the individual complainant would receive a reply from the County Council Member .

MINUTE No; 10/3/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 26 April at Ty Rhiw Community Centre commencing 7pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8. 20.

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....