

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Tawelyfryn Community Centre Thursday 27 October 2011

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams & C E Griffin,

Also present: Clerk to the Council: Derek Allinson & PCSO Rachel Price

MINUTE No: 1/10/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor C Dyke declared an interest in the two grant applications being presented to the Council and took no part in the deliberations on these matters.

MINUTE No: 2/10/11: POLICE MATTERS:

The Chairman and Council Members welcomed back PCSO Rachel Price who has been reappointed as the PCSO for the area.

PCSO Price gave the following written report:-

The occurrences over the last few months in both Taff's Well and Nantgarw have been

- 3 vehicles summoned for speeding in the area, the drivers exceeding 30 mph
- 1 vehicle seized on Cardiff Road, Nantgarw for having no insurance following checks, the driver was not from the area.
- A male collapsed on the lane of Graig Fach Farm Gwent police dealt with the matter, male was not from the area and his family were notified.
- Theft from Co-op of beer and cake. Suspect returned the cake, no suspects known at the moment.
- Lead theft on Church Lane Nantgarw from a house.

The PACT priorities are

1. DOG FOULING- Cemetery Road -:- .
2. SPEEDING - Ty Rhiw and Rhiw'ddar
- 3 PARKING ISSUES - Near the school

OPERATION BANG.

Local PCSO's will be working 4 pm -12 pm on Halloween and Bonfire Night. Notice requesting NO CALLERS will be available for individuals who do not want to be disturbed.

It is hoped that CCTV equipment can be purchased via the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The officer was thanked by the Chair and members for her comprehensive report.

MINUTE NO: 3/10/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 Tuesday 27 September 2011 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/10/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/10/11 CLERK'S REPORT

REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS

The Clerk reported that the County Council is undertaking a review of its polling stations and conducting a consultation exercise on this matter. Members examined the review information and noted that no changes were proposed within the Community Council's boundaries.

Resolved:

Members noted the report and agreed that they were satisfied with the locations of the present Polling Stations.

ALLOTMENT FEES

At the last meeting the Council were informed that there had been some difficulties in obtaining information and the annual fees from the allotment association.

The Clerk reported that these matters have now been resolved.

Resolved:

That the above report be noted.

GARAGES AT THE VIEWS

Members received, for information, a copy of an email from RCT Homes confirming that the work to 'refurbish' the above garages would now be undertaken. However the actual timescales will be dependent on current work commitments and weather conditions.

Resolved:

1. That the above report be noted.
2. That the Clerk continues to monitor progress on this matter.

COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2012-2013

Members received a letter from the County Council requesting that Community Councils set their Council Tax Precept for the financial year 2012-2013.

The Clerk reported that he had undertaken a review of the Community Council's income and expenditure for the existing financial year and whilst, because of lower interest rates, there has been a decline in income the Council's financial position was still able to meet the Council's commitments.

Whilst the Council has agreed, in principal, to provide £5000 per annum towards a possible library/IT hub and a grant of £3000 towards the Tawelfryn Development these figure can, for the next financial year, be contained within present estimates. It was therefore recommended that there should be no increase in the precept for the financial year 2012 -2013

Resolved:

The Council's Tax precept for the financial year 2012-2013 remain at its present value of £22,000

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following applications for financial assistance were received by the Council.

1. **TY RHIW OAP SEQUENCE DANCING GROUP.**
2. **TAFF'S WELL MINIS + JUNIORS R.F.C**

Resolved:

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

LIBRARY/IT HUB

1. The Clerk reported that the working group had now applied to the Charity Commission for registration as a charity. The name of the charity will be registered as Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association, commonly referred to as "The Hub". A letter outlining the Community Council's financial commitment to the project had been sent to the secretary.
2. The Clerk reported on the ongoing discussions/negotiations that were taking place in respect of a possible venue and funding stream. As these matters were commercially sensitive it was agreed that, at this stage, no figures would be included in the minutes. Approval was sought for the Chair and the Clerk to be given plenary powers to conclude the negotiations.

Resolved:

1. That section (1) of the report be noted and approved.
2. That, because of the commercial sensitivity of the negotiations no figures be included within the report.
3. That approval be given for the Chair and Clerk to conclude the negotiations and at the conclusion report back to the Council

APPOINTMENT OF LEA GOVERNORS

The Council reaffirmed that it would wish to re-nominate Cllr Cynthia Dyke MBE as a Minor Authority representative for the governing body of Ffynnon Taf Primary School.

MINUTE No: 6/10/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Expressed concern over the performance of the "gardening contractor"; only a limited amount of work had been undertaken on the verges at Cemetery Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the contractor and pass on the Member's concerns.
- Requested that the Parks Department be contacted to request that some work be undertaken to clean the disused children's' playground at Ty Rhiw. It was agreed that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to Cllr Robert Bevan
- Requested that the Clerk contact Mr Brian Morris, the County Council's tree surgeon, to request that work be undertaken to trim back the 'canopying' trees at the top end of Cemetery Road.
- Requested that the County Highways department be asked to investigate and carry out remedial work to stop the flood water outside of 97-99 Ty Rhiw.

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed Members that whenever there was heavy rain, the water coming down the hill on the Old Nantgarw Road entered the flats at Garth View. The Member requested that the Clerk contact the highways authority with a view to cleaning the drains in this area,
- Expressed concern that leaves on the pathway between Quarry Lane and the Gospel Hall made the pathway very slippery. It was requested that action be taken to remove the leaves.
- Requested the garden contractor be asked to trim back the hedges on Yr Hendre. The Clerk questioned if this work was part of the agreed contract and promised to check the monitoring sheets to see if it was included.
- Noted that two panes of glass were broken at the bus shelter at Yr Hendre. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the matter to the appropriate department of the County Council.

Cllr Audrey Evans

- Reported that the street light opposite the Community Centre was not working. The Clerk undertook to report the matter
- Expressed concern that Express concern over the "fly tipping" was taking place near the old Nantgarw Tip (Nantgarw Lane). The gates had been locked but were broken, by someone in a white van, to gain access to the site. It was agreed that the County Council be informed about this issue.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Expressed concern about poor condition and the lack of cleaning of the drains in the Views, Ty Rhiw. One drain showed evidence of a small tree growing from it. It was agreed that the Member would take a photo of the drain and that the Clerk would raise the matter with the Highway authority.
- Asked if the Clerk could enquire if white luminous lines could be painted on the various steps on the walkways at the Views. The lighting in this area was very poor and there had been a number of 'falls' in the area. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with RCT Homes.

Cllr Pat Protheroe

- Asked, if the lines were painted, would RCT homes consider putting handrails on some of the steps, particularly the steep steps leading to the road way by 12 West View, Ty Rhiw. The Clerk agreed he would take this matter up with RCT Homes

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Reported back on various meetings that had been held in respect of providing a library hub in Taff's Well Village. The discussions had proved beneficial and the working group were optimistic that the newly formed Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Project would have a base for their activities in the heart of the Village.
- As the council's representative on the Tawelyfrn working group, reported back on the achievements to provide a road narrowing scheme in the lane running from the G.E. Aviation Wales (G.E.). G.E. had been very co-operative and had used its apprentices to carry out work in the vicinity of the Community Centre. In addition, G.E. is offering to help renovate the Community Centre and the surrounding area. A questionnaire was being sent to all of the houses in the area thereby giving the community the chance to have their say on what is developed. Current ideas are as follows:-
 - Level off the playing field for ball games
 - Fix the broken fences
 - Create a nature trail through the woodland
 - Create a multi-activity adventure area, including a tree house
 - Create a water splash area
 - Ground level trampoline
 - Build a slide and sea -saw
 - provide wooden flower beds
 - Provide a decked area
- The Members paid tribute to the work being undertaken by Mary Prichard and the working group and to the commitment of G.E.'s management team who were working together to improve facilities within the area. The Community Council had previously agreed to provide £3000 towards local community improvement measures in this area and this money would be released once plans were finalised.

MINUTE No; 7/10/11 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the October accounts in the sum of £1,707.14 including grant payments of £250 to the following voluntary organisations.

1. **TY RHIW OAP SEQUENCE DANCING GROUP.**
2. **TAFF'S WELL MINIS + JUNIORS R.C.F.**

MINUTE No: 8/10/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/1145/10	Mr Rod Parker The Boathouse Storehouse Row Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TB	Construction of garage with workshop area and wet room at:- THE BOATHOUSE, STOREHOUSE ROW, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/1184/10	Mrs Sam Macnamara 25 Parc Y Nant Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TJ	First floor side extension, extension to front elevation of existing dwelling, replacement of existing roof and remodelling works at:- 25 PARC Y NANT NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/1232/10	Mr John 91 Rhiw'r Ddar Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7PB	Extend garage and convert existing into workshop storage area for household and garden tools at:- 91 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/10/11 PUBLIC SESSION:

No issues were raised at the Public Session

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

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Thursday 8 December 2011 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre. The meeting will commence at 7pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

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