

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre Thursday 8 December 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman), L Thomas, C Dyke, Megan Jones & C E Griffin

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams, S Lintern, Pat Prothero and A Evans

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

MINUTE No: 1/12/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor C Dyke informed Members that she had received a box of chocolates from a resident she had been helping with a local problem

Councillor L Thomas declared an interest all matters associated with the Community Garden and took no part in the deliberations on these matters.

MINUTE No: 2/12/11: POLICE MATTERS:

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Rachel Price to the meeting.

PCSO Price gave the following written report:-

PACT priorities for December were:

Parking Issues- Parking Issues Nantgarw

There have been issues with Parking in the Cardiff Road area of Nantgarw, on the Industrial Estate and also Tyla Gwyn where vehicles have been double parking in the streets

Parking on the yellow lines;

- Patrols have been carried out
- PACT notices placed on Vehicles
- Engaging with the College in regards to road safety issues and the new campus.
- Attended community meeting in regards to above.
- Hedges on roundabouts trimmed

Parking Issues- Taff's Well;

Parking issues on the corner of the road near Taff's Well Park

- Patrols carried out
- Engaged with Emanuel in regards to issues of parking.

Speeding - Ty Rhiw;

Speeding issues entering and leaving the estate

- Speeding survey carried out last week
- Traffic officers making patrols and also caught 1 male driving with no license and insurance.

Other issues;

- Shed / Garage Burglaries-in the Nantgarw and Taff's Well area.
- Letters passed to affected areas mainly
- Oxford Street, Nantgarw
- Cardiff Road, Taff's Well
- Sycamore Street, Taff's Well
- Stradmore Close, Taff's Well
- Intelligence is being gathered and an Operation planned for late night patrols.

Community Forum at Coleg Morgannwg;

- There was a community meeting at the College where members of the local community were invited to attend and view plans and future funding projects in order to have their say and ideas on what to do in the local area.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the Officer for her comprehensive report.

MINUTE NO: 3/12/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

MINUTE No: 4/12/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/12/11 CLERK'S REPORT

COMPLETION OF AUDIT REPORT - 31 MARCH 2011

Members received for approval a copy of the external auditors report for the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

Members noted that there were no qualification issues raised by the audit and, subject to Council approval, the audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 will be successfully concluded.

Resolved:

1. That the comments made in the audit opinion be noted
2. That the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 be approved.

TY RHIW PLAY AREA - DISPOSAL OF LAND

Members received, for consideration, a copy of the notice issued by County Borough Council, under section 123(1) (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, advertising its intention to dispose of the Former Ty Rhiw Play Area, Cemetery Road Taff's Well.

Despite efforts, by the Community Council, to see the area put back into beneficial use the County Council has decommissioned the site and informed Members that there were insufficient finances to refurbish the area.

Members had previously been informed that if the site was disposed of it would be used for "social housing".

Given the condition of the site and the lack of funds to carry out any restoration Members reluctantly agreed not to oppose the Disposal order.

Resolved:

On the understanding, given by the County Council that the land would be used for social housing Members reluctantly resolved not to oppose the disposal order.

LIBRARY/IT HUB

The Clerk updated Members on the recent meetings of the above working group.

The Group was in the process of registering the library/IT hub with the Charity Commission, a bank account had been opened and interim officers and trustees appointed.

The Police Authority and the owner of the former police station have confirmed that the lease can be reassigned to the Community Council and a copy of the existing lease has been received.

As certain changes to the lease are required and in order to provide "due diligence" the lease has been forwarded to a solicitor who will ensure that there are no problems associated with the proposed amendments and continuation of the lease for a 5 year period.

Subject to no issues it is anticipated that the Community Council will assume 'ownership of the building in the near future.

A further meeting of the working group plus County Officers will be held at the end of January in order to plan what will hopefully be a seamless transition once the existing library closes.

Further reports on this matter will be made as progress is made.

Resolved:

1. That the actions to engage a solicitor to protect the Community Council's interest be approved.
2. That further reports be brought before the Council as these matters progress.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following applications for financial assistance.

1. **TAFF'S WELL UNITED CHURCH PILOTS YOUTH CLUB.**
2. **1st TAFF'S WELL RAINBOWS**
3. **JELLY BABIES BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT GROUP**

and resolved to provide a grant of £250 to each applicant.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to each of the above organisations.

COMPOST TOILET - COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Clerk reported a request from the Community Garden Association asking the Community Council's permission to erect a Compost Toilet on the Community garden site

Members were reminded that there is a clause in the Memorandum of Understanding that, with the exception of sheds and greenhouses, restricts any building without the express consent of the Council.

The Community Garden Committee had requested that this restriction be waived in order that a compost toilet facility can be built on the site.

The Clerk's advice to members was that the request is not unreasonable and there are numerous compost toilets on allotments throughout the Country. In addition, such a facility would obviously be needed if

the garden was to involve the local school. However, it is likely that the structure will require planning consent and the approval of the Environmental Health Department and if members were minded to give approval it should be on the clear understanding that it will be the responsibility of the Community Garden committee to ensure that all necessary permissions are obtained prior to the commencement of any work and that ALL costs are met by the Community Garden Association.

Resolved:

That subject to the following the Community Council would not withhold consent for the erection of a compost toilet on the Community Garden site.

1. That prior to the commencement of work ALL required planning consents and regulatory issues identified by RCT or other bodies must be in place.
2. The costs of the structure must be met by the association or via external funding and no costs will be incurred by the Community Council.

NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION

No 11/0043/13- LAND AT MOY ROAD

Members received a copy of a letter from the planning department formally notifying the Community council that the application to redevelop the land at Moy Road, Taff's Well has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Resolved:

That receipt of the letter be noted

MINUTE No: 6/12/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Expressed concern over the poor condition of the footpaths through Brynau woods and informed members of her discussions with Kevin Oaks (RCT) about getting work done in the area.
- 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 write to the County Council and formally complain about the dilapidated condition of Oxford Street play area/park

Cllr C E Griffin

- Requested that the Clerk write to Rhys Davies Transport to express the Council's concern that its vehicles were not using the bypass road causing problems for residents and traffic movement in the village.
- Requested that the County Council be once again asked to consider putting a weight restriction on vehicles travelling through Taff's Well village.

MINUTE No; 7/12/11 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the November accounts in the sum of £1,179.06

Members approved payment of the December accounts in the sum of £1,878.98, including grant payments of £250 to the following voluntary organisations.

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- 3. JELLY BABIES BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT GROUP**

MINUTE No: 8/12/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/1218/10	Mr A Cena Riverside Garage Cardiff Road Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7RE	Change of use from car sales to car wash and car sales at:- RIVERSIDE GARAGE CARDIFF ROAD TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RE	Following consultation with members it was agreed that the Community Council would raise a formal objection to the above application on the following grounds: Insufficient car parking spaces on the site leading to increased parking on Cardiff Road Concerns in respect of drainage on the site
11/1253/10	Mr S Undery 24 Palace Road Llandaff Cardiff CF5 2AF	Reconfiguration of planning permission ref. 10/0001/10 to provide one additional bedroom with en-suite facilities at . TY NANT COTTAGE TY RHIW FARM BEECHWOOD ROAD TAFF'S WELL.	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/12/11 PUBLIC SESSION:

Members of the public expressed concern of the continuing problems of large vehicles using Oxford Street and lack of effort from the County Council to provide a suitable solution to the problem.

Residents informed the Council that:-

As a result of traffic movement of large vehicles there are signs of structural damage to some houses with cracks appearing both internally and externally.

There is noise intrusion throughout the day with regular traffic through the night, increasing from 04:30 with houses shaking at regular intervals.

The surface of the road, on Oxford Street was not intended for the current volume and size of vehicle using the street. The existing tarmac panels are very degraded and breaking up thereby accentuating the noise levels

The width of the road is not suitable for the current volume and size of vehicle using Oxford Street.

There are two other perfectly usable roads to access the estate, both of which are dual carriageway and non residential but the highways department refuses to take the complaints of residents seriously. As a result residents were considering taking "direct action" by closing the road to large vehicles.

Members of the Council fully sympathised with the plight of the residents and fully understood why they were considering such action. The Chairman, Councillor Jill Bonetto suggested that one more effort should be made to resolve this matter and asked the Clerk to write to see if a meeting could be arranged with the Cabinet Member & Highways Department.

Resolved:

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Cabinet Member responsible and ask if he would meet with local residents and Council Members to see the problem at first hand.

The Clerk would write to the environmental health department asking if it could investigate the noise pollution caused by this matter.

MINUTE No; 10/12/11 Dates of future meetings

Members agreed the schedule of meeting until the end of March 2012

- The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 January 2012 at Saints Mary & James Church Hall, Taff's Well
- The February meeting will be held at Tawelyfreyn Community Centre on Thursday 23 February 2012
- The March meeting will be held at Ty Rhiw Community Centre on Thursday 29 March 2012

All the above meetings will commence at 7pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

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