

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

**SAINTS MARY & JAMES' CHURCH HALL
TAFF'S WELL**

Monday 20th November 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern, M. Timothy, M. Jones,
J. Bishop, A. Fowler, H. Edmunds and J. Hutchinson

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: C. Dyke and J. Bonetto

Also present: Clerk to the Council E. Price

MINUTE No: 1/11/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Lynne Thomas declared an interest in item 5f (Financial Assistance) and took no part in the discussions on this item.

Councillor Helen Edmunds declared an interest in item 5f (Financial Assistance) and took no part in the discussion on this item.

MINUTE No: 2/11/17 POLICE MATTERS:

Apologies were sent from PCSO Claire Quick and the following report received

- 6 speeding fines
- 1 small cannabis factory containing 4 plants detected
- 1 Shed Burglary in Nantgarw (two males arrested)
- 1 theft from motor vehicle at Cedar Tree Cars
- 1 Theft from Co Op, Taff's Well persons identified and community resolution provided
- 1 theft from the Co Op person identified and Restorative justice approach used
- 1 theft from Co Op, facial recognition used which has come back with a hit and possible suspect, enquiries ongoing
- Theft of Yankee Candles from Caerphilly Garden Centre, no suspects identified.

- There is a new Neighbourhood Beat Manager called Andy Evans.

- Moy Road is in the process of setting up a NHW with Police involvement.

- Officers have been attending the College to give talks to the students and also parking patrol and Fynnon Taff primary. PCSO Claire Quick also held a joint housing meeting with Trivalis Officers this week which was very successful. Concerns remain from local residents around the lack of camera on Caerphilly Road although Go Safe have informed her categorically that they will not re introduce the camera. Claire has spoken to Community Safety and is looking to set up a residents Community Speed watch for the area.

MINUTE No: 3/11/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/11/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

The Clerk advise that a response had been received from Lisa Austin RCTCBC regarding the play area concerns. Lisa has assured that the play area is inspected regularly and is up to standard.

Members requested that the Clerk contact Lisa to request that the gates have some form of lock on them as there are concerns for children's safety.

The Clerk advised Members that planning application 17/0998/10 - Ladybirds Cleaning has been refused.

MINUTE No: 5/11/17

a) RATE PRECEPT 2018/2019

The Clerk informed Members that the County Council had requested that the Community Council consider its budget requirement for the next financial year 2018-19 at its November meeting. It is anticipated that RCTCBC will set the Council Tax Base for 2018-19 late December.

The Clerk confirmed that she had reviewed the Council's expenditure for the current financial year together with its commitments for the forthcoming financial year and expenditure is in line with current estimates. She has also taken into account the Council's reserves and income, including CIL monies. Members noted their previous commitment to fund the rental costs of the HUB, which currently stands at £7,200 per annum and to meet the electricity and insurance costs associated with the building, this sum would be achieved by making incremental precept rises. Members noted that the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies paid to the Council, have regulations restricting the use and prohibited the monies being used to 'off set' the Council's precept. This money would be put towards the new Private Enforcement Officer the Community Council are employing at a cost of £7314.01 per annum.

Resolved:

That in order to continue its commitment to the HUB, employ the Private Enforcement Officer and protect its services to the local community, the Community Council's precept for 2018/19 be increased by 2.5% pending the Council Tax Base Rate which will be available late December.

b) TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor for year ending 2018/2019.

Resolved:

Members resolved to reappoint Mrs Mota

c) ELECTION MAY 2017 CHARGES

Members received a copy of the invoice for the Local Government Elections May 2017.

Resolved:

The Community Council noted and approved the Local Government Election Payment of £839.20

d) PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Clerk advise Members that a meeting was scheduled with Mr Nigel Wheeler for Thursday 30th November with reference to the employment of a Private Enforcement Officer. The Clerk proposed that the Chair and Vice Chair be present at the meeting

Resolved:

The Community Council noted the above.

Cllr J Bishop accepted the proposal for the Chair and Vice Chair to be present at the meeting and Cllr J Hutchinson seconded it.

e) INDEPENDANT RENUMERATION FOR WALES - FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Members received the draft Annual Report for the commencing April 2018. Pages 40 – 45 of the report relate to Town and Community Councils, highlighting Payments to Members.

Resolved:

The Community Council noted the above.

f) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration is the following applications for financial assistance.

1. TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
2. FRIENDS OF TAFF'S WELL PARK AND THERMAL SPRING

Resolved:

That a grant of £90 be made to Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association

That a grant be issued to Friends of Taff's Well Park and Thermal Spring once an invoice is received.

MINUTE No: 6/11/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Reported that there is dog mess all over the grass verge and pavement outside Tawelfryn Community Hall and the hill leading up from it. The Clerk will contact RCT street maintenance and report.
- Asked if the area where 'cars for sale' where bollards are to be placed on the grass, at the entrance to the Tawelfryn estate could also have a bench / flowers. The Clerk will pass onto the County Member.
- Requested the Clerk contact the planning officer at RCT regarding residents crossing the pavement at Ty Mawr House to get access to their property - no drop curb has been put in place. The Clerk will contact the relevant personnel.

Cllr Alun Fowler

- Expressed concern that the footpath opposite the old Cross Keys Pub should be extended as students are often having to walk through the mud. The Clerk will contact RCTCBC to report.

Cllr Jonathan Bishop

- Informed Members that he had attended a transport consultation in Caerphilly to support the continuing running of the number 26 bus circling Parc Nantgarw before going to Cardiff or Caerphilly. He also proposed a "Garth View Circular" that would involve the number 136 continuing past Creigiau Inn where it presently stops and going through Llantwit Fardre as it used to and then through Parc Nantgarw. It would then travel its current route to Pentyrch and Cardiff as appropriate.
- Reported that he has spoke with PCSO Claire Quick regarding the use of speed guns in the ward.
- Informed Members that he has sent his objections into the BCFW.

Cllr Jean Hutchinson

- Expressed support for Cllr M. Timothy's suggestion to place a bench and flowers at the grass area in Tawelfryn.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Expressed concern that there are dogs being left to run in the play area and football field late at night and early morning. The Clerk will report to the enforcement department at RCTCBC.
- Advised Members that the car previously reported as being dumped has now been removed.

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Reported a faulty street light in Quarry Street, Nantgarw. The Clerk agreed that she would report this matter via the County Council website.
- Expressed concern that there are no dog bins at Yr Hendre. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with RCTCBC.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed members that the sign outside Evans Halshaw on Main Road, Nantgarw is obstructing the view of drivers. The Member will report online.
- Requested that the Clerk contact RCTCBC to enquire if a bench can be placed in the bus stop outside the CO-OP.
- Informed Members that the Mainline buses have returned to the area near the banks and post office in Nantgarw.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Councillor Bonetto sent the following report in her absence.
- The goal post Cllr Mel Timothy requested is not supplied by parks. That particular type is for Hard courts only, not grassed . If the Member knows of a supplier can she let Cllr Bonetto know, but it will largely depend upon the cost whether she gets that particular post or the normal posts.
- The grassed area in the Community Centre is due to be marked in paint soon and new dog signs will be put up.
- The kick about area in the park at Taff's Well will be painted weekly and new signs re dogs will go up. Parks see no problem with the overspill car park area being used as an dog exercise area as long as dog mess is picked up. Cllr Bonetto has requested two dog bins for that area.
- The benches for Ty Rhiw will be installed shortly.
- The play area in Ty Rhiw will be marked out by scorching rather than painting and new dog signs put up.

MINUTE No: 7/11/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk informed Members that she had not received the bank Statement for November as yet and would add it to Decembers agenda. Members received the payments for November.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the November accounts in the sum of £2458.25. which included grant assistance of £90 to TWNCDA

MINUTE No: 8/11/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

17/1171/10	43 Rhiw'r Ddar, Taff's Well, CF15 7PA	Two storey side extension. 43 RHIW'R DDAR, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7PA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/1041/10	Mr Daniel Scott G E Aircraft Engine Services Ltd Caerphilly Road Nantgarw Taff's Well	New temporary works and maintenance depot. G E AIRCRAFT ENGINE SERVICES LTD, CAERPHILLY ROAD, NANTGARW, TAFFS WELL, CF15 7YJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/5105/35	Plot G13, Plot G6.9B Land off Main Avenue, Treforest Ind Estate	Pre application notice for the proposed development of a five storey Use Class B1 office building with associated car parking and related infrastructure and engineering works. LAND OFF MAIN AVENUE, TREFOREST IND ESTATE.	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/11/17 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No: 11/12/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised Members that she had received a phone call from Mr Alun Pugh at Nantgarw Chinaworks, who expressed concern that there is a terrible smell coming from the drainage system outside the building. This has been an ongoing issue for some time and visitors to the site are being put off by it. The Clerk will contact RCT with the concerns

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With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

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