
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at
The Tanyard, Tongwynlais,
on Tuesday 26th May 2015.
Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

1.00 ATTENDANCE :

Community Councillors: Chairman Brian Griffiths, Chris Morgan, Michael Griffiths, Linda Morgan, Graham Walters, Mike Jones-Pritchard and Peeter Tiidt

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon

County Councillors: None

No members of public. None

Police Representative: None present.

2.00 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

2.01 Cllr Michael Griffiths proposed that Cllr Brian Griffiths remain Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Walters. All agreed.

2.02 Cllr Brian Griffiths accepted the position and thanked the members.

3.00 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

3.01 Chairman Cllr Brian Griffiths proposed that Cllr Linda Morgan is Vice-Chairman. All agreed and Cllr Linda Morgan accepted the position and thanked the members.

4.00 OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Tongwynlais School Governors – Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard.
- One Voice Wales – Cllrs Graham Walters and Julie Jones.
- Amersham – Ceri Morgan.

5.00 APOLOGIES: Cllr Ceri Morgan, Cllr Julie Jones, Ceri Lane Co-opted member, Amelia Thomas.

6.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS.

6.01 None were declared.

7.00 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

7.01 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th April 2015 were agreed.

8.00 POLICE MATTERS

8.01 There was no police report.

9.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND ANY REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

9.01 Item 6.03 The wildflower seeds have been planted by the Chairman at the canal gate project.

9.02 Item 6.07 Cllr Graham Walters spoke to the secretary of One Voice Wales regarding the meeting held at Taffs Well rugby club. There were no minutes, however a dossier will be sent out in due course for information

9.03 Item 6.10 The summer bunting and flags were discussed and it was confirmed that there were two new strings available from last year. The sewing class at the Tanyard has also been making bunting and maybe this would be used also? The bunting and flags will be put up within the next two weeks in time for festival week.

9.04 Item 6.12 The community council will be applying for a neighbourhood grant. The application will be for garden/ground maintenance equipment. Tyfi requested that the strimmer, hedge cutter and blower needed replacing as they are old.

9.05 Item 6.13 The community council are waiting to hear from the electricity board regarding installation of mains electricity at the store.

9.06 Item 6.14 At the last meeting Cllr Chris Morgan queried the amount on the gas bill and a meter reading was taken. The clerk queried the bill with Swalec and a credit note was received of over £800.00.

9.07 Item 10 Cllr Peeter Tiidt has been maintaining the allotments. It was noted that fencing at the allotment was in disrepair, it looked as though maybe a vehicle had gone into it. The Chair enquired as to whether it could be repaired as it was currently held together with wiring. Cllr Peeter Tiidt said he would look into this and hopefully both he and Tyfi would be able to repair it.

9.08 Cllr Michael Griffiths brought up the issue of the potholes in Merthyr Road, the yellow paint has worn off where Highways had marked them for repair. There was also another large pothole reported in Catherine Drive and the clerk was requested to write to Highways again.

9.09 The Chair had contacted Amelia regarding painting of murals in the village, and it is not certain where they will be painted. The community council has objected to this as it feels it will incite graffiti within the village. Cllr Chris Morgan noticed that a building (where the water level is monitored) near the river Taff had been painted. It was also mentioned that murals are scheduled for painting at Whitchurch Hospital.

9.10 Item 10.08 The community council has employed someone to water the hanging baskets during the summer. Cllr Graham Walters requested a date for putting the baskets up and it was decided that they would go out on the 15th or 16th June. In the meantime they were currently being kept in a polytunnel and needed to be watered.

10.00 CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, PLANNING APPLICATIONS & REPORTS OF MEETINGS:-

10.01 **The Clerk reported the following correspondence received since the previous meeting:-**

- a) New employee tax codes from HMRC.
- b) Lloyds bank new terms and conditions and on line banking facilities.
- c) Notification from Highways regarding the A470 and the new slip road off the Coryton interchange. The notice prohibits vehicles, pedal cycles and pedestrians turning right on to the filter slip road which joins on to the Merthyr bound carriageway of the A470.
- d) Correspondence was received from the pension regulator.
- e) The clerk produced a monthly finance report, an annual budget and an expenditure report for the year ending 31.03.2015. There was also a yearly comparison.
- f) An insurance quote was received from AON.
- g) It was noted that the Library has still not paid the rental invoice for last year.
- h) Credit note from British Gas £815.23.
- i) Invoice for hanging basket compost B & Q £19.59.
- j) SJ Phillips plants, hanging baskets invoice £225.00

10.02 **Planning Applications:**

None received.

11.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES.

11.01

Expenditure		
British Gas Electricity	dd	-27.34
Pughs Garden Centre	1434	-47.97
Wages & Expenses	1435/6	-606.04
Cardiff County Council Ground Rent	1437	-10.00

11.02 Cheques to be raised by the clerk: Wages and expenses £612.55. B & Q £19.59, T Berrell plants £20, SJ Phillips £225.00

12.00 NOTICES OF MOTION:

None received

13.00 QUESTION TIME:

- 13.01 Overhanging branches were reported on Merthyr Road, the Clerk was requested to write again to Highways to clear as it is dangerous for cyclists.
- 13.02 Cllr Graham Walters noticed that Tyfi is strimming the village green where the grass cutting machine will not reach. Cllr Mike Pritchard-Jones mentioned that weed killer is being sprayed in between the bollards and it is unsightly. Cllr Mike Pritchard-Jones also discussed with the members of Tongwynlais Community Council whether the maintenance of the grassy areas in the village could be managed by the community council. The clerk was requested to write to Jon Maidment in the parks department at Cardiff County Council to make enquiries on the feasibility of this.
- 13.03 Cllr Graham Walters noticed that the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church have placed a lamp outside of the village hall so that the Christmas lights may be installed. It was discussed that this lamp would not be connected to the main grid and would be operated by the village hall. It was agreed that the Community council will fund the connection of the lamp to the mains electricity in the village hall. It was also requested that the Clerk write to the church to thank them for their work including the landscaping in front of the village hall.
- 13.04 The ladies circle are organizing a senior Citizens party and the Community Council will be helping with this
- 13.05 Cllr Brian Griffiths was given an invitation sent out to a Mr Kinsey by Col Lewis dated 1819 for a celebratory wedding dinner at the Lewis Arms. Also an invitation to a banquet at the Park Hall Cardiff 1886 to commemorate the victory of the Glamorgan liberal 10, they both will be framed for displaying in the Tanyard. The missing picture of the old bridge across the canal bank by Ivy House has still not been located also Gerald Bailey's photograph has also gone missing, Cllr Chris Morgan considered that maybe they had been broken and/or thrown away?
- 13.06 Store keys were given out as Cllr Graham Walters had new keys cut. Also new padlocks were purchased. The store was discussed and it needs to be cleared out and also the bushes need to be cut back around the store. For this purpose a large skip will be required.

14.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- 14.01 None.

15.00 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 15.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 29th June at 19.00hrs

- 16.00** The meeting closed at 19:55hrs.