
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on March 29th 2016. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

1.00 ATTENDANCE :

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

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon.

County Councillors: None.

Members of the public. Three members of the public..

Police Representatives: PC Elizabeth Wall, PCSO Richard Davies & PCSO Scott Evans.

2.00 APOLOGIES:

2.01 County Councillors: Ben Thomas, David Groves, Jonathan Evans & Chris Davis.
Community Councillor Julie Jones.

3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS:

3.01 None

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

4.01 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th February 2016 were agreed. Councillor Ceri Morgan pointed out that in the minutes he was registered in attendance and in the apologies when in fact he did not attend.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 PCSO Richard Davies fifty six reported incidents in Tongwynlais during the month of March. Two of these were thefts from vehicles, six were burglaries, two of which have resulted in arrests. This is still ongoing and two have been taken into consideration having admitted to other crimes. There are three other crime related incidents criminal damage, theft and assaults, the rest were minor incidents. PC Elizabeth Wall said that there had been good results with the two males having been taken into custody admitting up to twenty other burglaries across the area including Whitchurch. Items were also recovered bikes and car keys.

One resident was concerned that there were still charities knocking on doors despite Tongwynlais being a 'no cold calling zone'. Apparently this charity had said that they had been given permission by the police to do so, this was in fact incorrect.

Two other members of the community raised concerns regarding parking on Mill Road opposite the Lewis Arms. Also residents were concerned with cars parked outside the pub with music blaring particularly in the summer, the Police confirmed that this was classed as anti-social behaviour and that should this occur then residents should contact the Police.

Residents also raised issues regarding Hope and the lorries travelling through the village at 4am in the morning. The morning traffic was discussed and how difficult it is to filter onto Merthyr Road because of the sheer volume of traffic coming through the village. PC Elizabeth Wall suggested that residents attend the PACT meeting on Tuesday April 19th for further discussion.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.05 The Chair requested that the Clerk contact Floodlighting to ask for a price to place the last strip of the festive lighting from the Lewis Arms to the top of the village. Also as suggested by Cllr Julie Jones the price of lighting up a Christmas tree on the green at Pantgwynlais. The Clerk had contacted Floodlighting but they were away for the Easter Holidays.
- 6.02 Item 6.04 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard confirmed that nothing had been heard regarding the road closure fees of £600.00 this was still ongoing.
- 6.03 Item 6.10 The Chair confirmed that Cardiff County Council, Strategic Estates Department had decided that the garden area on Merthyr Road could not be used as a fire exit for Aion Church. The Clerk has written to the Strategic Estates Department to find out whether the Community Council could actually purchase the land.
- 6.04 Item 6.12 The Chair had received notification that the bench at Pantgwynlais would be installed before the end of March and that the AM Julie Morgan had become involved in this.
- 6.05 Item 10.01 The Clerk had obtained a quote for £480 for the Queens 90th Birthday Commemorative Coins and the Chair had requested the Clerk to place the order.
- 6.06 Item 11.01 The Golf course on Mill Road has planning permission for a 9 hole golf course but it's being used as a storage depot for a civil engineering company. Ground has been built up for storing pipes and 6ft fencing has been put up around it. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard had been informed that the Enforcement officer would be making a visit as planning permission was needed for any engineering works.

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

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

a) A letter was received from the WI who have requested whether they can place a certificate from the Glamorgan Federation of the Women's Institute celebrating the 40th anniversary of the WI. The certificate would be framed in keeping with the others in the Tanyard and it would be placed below the clock.

b) Correspondence was received regarding Caerphilly LDP together with an informative DVD; developments are to be made at the old tar factory on the Harold Wilson estate. Also there will be developments on the Van estate with a bypass being proposed to link onto Caerphilly

mountain. This could mean the bypass link could be extended beyond and to the golf course, this is a five year review of the LDP.

c) An email was received from the Czech republic requesting promotional memorabilia from the Community Council as the gentleman was a collector.

d) An email was received from Kumi regarding the charter. Councillor Hughes was unhappy with the charter but Tongwynlais Community Council are happy with the charter and have no objections.

e) Minutes were received from Amelia Thomas regarding the Ton group meeting.

f) Raoul Tuffnel emailed asking whether he could put advertising signage up at the entry roads to the village. But the areas concerned do not belong to the Community Council and he will have to write to Highways for permission.

g) General Rates received £899.10.

h) The Precept cheque has been received.

i) A cheque was received from Pins & Needles for the rental of the Tanyard.

7.02 **Planning Applications:**

None.

8.00 **FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:**

Expenditure

British Gas Electricity	d/d	-27.87
Wages & Expenses	1482	-174.99
Nigel Ferguson Website	1483	-100.00
Swalec Xmas Electricity	1484	-20.02
Floodlighting	1485	-7919.70
One Voice Wales	1486	-234.00
Tongwynlais Village Hall Roof Donation	1487	-2000.00
Brian Griffiths (Garden Centre Compost)	1488	-49.92

Cheques to be written by the Clerk : Wages £409.92, Expenses £16.00 & PAYE £125.80.

9.00 **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

9.01 None.

10.00 **QUESTION TIME:**

10.01 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard requested whether the Community Council could enquire about getting a nice sign for the village and whether CADW would be interested in adding Castell Coch to the design.

10.02 Amelia had sent an email to the Community Council as the Ton group had received permission from Cardiff County Council to plant wildflowers on the grassy area opposite the Holiday Inn. They are hoping to involve the school in some way and it will make a lovely colourful welcome to the village. The seeds are developed by Sheffield University cost £155 and Amelia has asked whether the Community Council could contribute to the cost. The Chair is not particularly happy with the idea as it would mean the grass would not be cut and has concerns about the appearance of the area if it is not looked after. The Chair also voiced his concerns as previous planting done at Catherine Drive had not thrived and was looking scruffy, a photograph of the area was shown.

Councillor's are concerned as the area planned for the wild flowers is particularly large and if not maintained correctly could go completely wild with brambles etc. and would not be a welcome sight to the village. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard and Cllr Linda Morgan have requested that a plan is provided of what area will be planted, if it looks like a meadow of flowers then that would be great. Cllr Peeter Tiidt said that the area would have to be rotivated and maintained correctly and that it was a lot of work involved. The Chair will be arranging a meeting with Amelia.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

11.01 None.

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

12.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday April 25th 2016 at 19.00 hours.

12.02 The meeting closed 20.04 hours.