
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Meeting Held at
The Tanyard, Tongwynlais,
On Monday November 24th 2014.
Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

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

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon
Ceri Lane Co-Opted Member

1 Member of the Public

Police Representatives: None

2.00 APOLOGIES : County Councillors: Ben Thomas, Chris Davis, Jonathan Evans and David Groves.

Community Councillors: Ceri Morgan

Amelia Thomas

3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS.

3.01 None were declared.

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

4.01 The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2014 were agreed.

4.02 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th October 2014 were not agreed by Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

None

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

- 6.01 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard disputed the Minutes of 27th October 2014 and stated that he did not say the Council was acting illegally, he said he wanted the legality of the process checked. He requested withdrawal of the statement and an apology from the Community Council. The Chair enquired as to why minutes from the previous month had been agreed. Cllr Graham Walters requested that the recording was checked, which is usual procedure if there is a dispute between Councillors. It was agreed the Clerk would check the recording.
- 6.02 Cllr Peeter Tiidt raised concerns about the traffic coming through Heol y Fforest from Caerphilly particularly in the morning rush hour. It was noted the sheer volume of traffic using Tongwynlais as a shortcut to avoid congestion on the A470, creating problems for pupils of Tongwynlais Primary making their way to school. Cllr Julie Jones stated she had raised concerns in the past to South Wales Police regarding this. Restricted parking on Merthyr Road was debated and also the implementation of a through traffic restriction. It was decided this would not be a solution, as residents of Merthyr Road have nowhere else to park.
- 6.03 Item 6.02 project at Ironbridge Road. The Chair confirmed that the project could proceed as soon as possible and requested that Ceri Lane Project Coordinator source an invoice from the contractor.
- 6.04 Street lighting was discussed. The Clerk had been in contact with Cardiff County Council who confirmed it was an ongoing issue with Western Power but it would be resolved within the next week or two.
- 6.05 Item 10.07 Tongwynlais Surgery has refused on two occasions to allow the Community Council to secure a Christmas light fitting to their building, thus preventing Phase D of the Christmas lights outside of the primary School. The Clerk was requested to contact Floodlights to see if they could be put up somewhere else.

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

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

- a) Electricity bill British Gas £15.d/d.
- b) Blackwood Fire invoice £48.72.
- c) Letter of thanks from Tongwynlais Primary School re. Donation of £200.
- d) Correspondence regarding the next Eisteddfod.
- e) Copy of the letter Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard sent to the Planning Department.
- f) Insurance quote from Came & Company £1001.63
- g) Estimate from Floodlights for the Christmas Lighting.
- h) Numerous Christmas donation requests.

7.02 Planning Applications:

14/02168/MNR, The Fire & Stove Shop, Tongwynlais.

Proposal: Alterations and additions to extend the rear of the shop to form a new floor level adding storage and office space. To forma and extend shop front and entrance with new floor.

14/02322/DCH 28 Castell Coch View, Tongwynlais.

Proposal: New 1st Floor Balcony to rear elevation.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Expenditure

British Gas Business (Elec)	d/d	-14.02
Cardiff in Bloom (DVD)	1405	-2.5
Tongwynlais Primary School Donation	1406	-200
Architecture (Printing)	1407	-38.25
Cardiff County Council (Ground Rent)	1408	-10
Wages & Expenses October	1409	-265.87

Cheques to be raised by the Clerk: Wages & Expenses £821.80, Blackwood Fire £48.72, Came & Company Insurance £1001.63.

09.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

09.01 None Received.

10.00 A resident of Castle Road raised concerns about the Quarry and the possibility of restricting vehicle movements between certain hours. The Chair stated a new company Hope had taken over from Tarmac with whom the Community Council had a verbal agreement in place. It had been agreed that HGV's would not pass the school until after 9am and also in between the hours of 3.30 and 4.30pm. No vehicles went out before 7am and none went out on a Saturday or Sunday. Hope are moving HGV's at 6am, noted were the volume of vehicles which pose a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. The Clerk was requested to write to Hope to see whether an agreement could be made.

10.01 The Clerk was asked to contact the Forestry Commission regarding complaints to the Community Council of litter in the woods. This has previously been discussed at meetings and fly tipping concerns have been raised again. Dog walkers have also been observed throwing plastic bags full of dog litter into trees, the Community Council found this disgusting.

10.02 It was requested by a resident whether traffic calming could be implemented on Castle Road. This had been debated previously and it would be difficult to enforce because of the resident parking either side of the road. However a speed meter maybe an alternative.

10.03 CCCZ signage was discussed and the 19 signs whether/how they would be a benefit to the community.

10.04 Cllr Brian Griffiths informed the Council that he had spoken with Sarah McGill regarding the library and its possible closure. The Library at the Tanyard on Friday 2 to 5.30m will stay open with a paid librarian but the mobile library at Pantgwynlais on Tuesday's will be discontinued. The Library are looking for volunteers to train up and man the library at the Tanyard one afternoon a week.

10.05 Finance was discussed and the following local businesses/companies had donated to the Community Council for the Christmas lights: Tongwynlais Dental Practice, Spar, Tongwynlais Pharmacy, Newydd Housing Association, Headzone, and The Fire & Stove Shop.

10.06 A Christmas Light Switch on has been arranged for 7pm outside the Lewis Arms on November 27th. Cllr Linda Morgan would like to arrange next year for the Christmas Fair to coincide with a switch-

on by a local celebrity. It was also requested whether a Christmas tree could be put on the green. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard stated that there is an electric supply for this purpose and the electricity box just needs to be located.

10.07 Cardiff Housing Department have confirmed that the bench donated by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church can be installed on the green opposite the Primary School.

10.08 Cllr Peeter Tiidt informed the Community Council that there had been a number of burglaries in Taffs Well and for people to be vigilant as one resident had been burgled between 5 and 7am.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

11.01 None

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12.01 Monday January 26th 2015

12.02 The meeting closed at 19:50hrs.