
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Meeting Held at
The Tanyard, Tongwynlais,
On Monday April 27th 2015.
Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

- 1.00 ATTENDANCE :** Community Councillors: Chairman Brian Griffiths, Michael Griffiths, Ceri Morgan, Chris Morgan, Julie Jones, Mike Jones-Pritchard and Peeter Tiidt.
- Clerk: Rebecca Crandon
Co-opted members: None
- No Members of the Public
- Police Representatives: None
- 2.00 APOLOGIES :** County Councillors: Ben Thomas, Chris Davis, Jonathan Evans and David Groves.
- Community Councillors: Linda Morgan and Graham Walters
- Co-opted members: Ceri Lane and 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 30th March 2015 were agreed.
- 5.00 POLICE MATTERS**
- None
- 6.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND ANY REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.**
- 6.01 The remainder of the grant money has been received from the Welsh Assembly Government £922.39.

- 6.02 Item 6.07 The Clerk has written to all the businesses on Merthyr Road requesting that they take a responsibility clearing up litter outside their premises. The Chair has noticed that outside of the Spar shop particularly is looking very clean.
- 6.03 Litter picking and planting seeds at the canal project were cancelled due to inclement weather. The Chair and Cllr Chris Morgan have offered to plant the wild flower seeds. It will be too late for this year if this is not completed within two weeks.
- 6.04 The Clerk has received correspondence from Highways Dept. regarding the bollard request at the top bus stop. They have confirmed that they will not be installing any. In the letter it mentioned that there are no police reports regarding accidents or problems even though residents are parking on the footpaths. Cllr Chris Morgan stated that Highways/Police should observe the issues during the morning rush hour. The area to the side of the bus stop will be built up with a flower bed to prevent parking.
- 6.05 Waste management have said that there is an adequate supply of litter bins along the main road.
- 6.06 Item 6.15 Cllr Peeter Tiidt has been given a rotavator and it is available for anyone at the allotments who wishes to use it. The Clerk has received all the information from Cllr Peeter Tiidt regarding the allotments tenants and contracts will be drawn up in due course.
- 6.07 Cllr Graham Walters was unable to attend a meeting at Taff's Well Rugby Club held by Cardiff County Council. The Clerk is waiting to receive a copy of the minutes.
- 6.08 Item 10.05 Cllr Ceri Morgan enquired as to whether there had been any more reports regarding attempts to access the rear of back gardens at Merthyr Road and Queen Street. Cllr Julie Jones also raised concerns regarding this. The Chair said that a website called 'Streetlife' had also reported a spate of attempted break ins at back gardens particularly in the Fairwater area.
- 6.09 The Community Council are looking to apply for a grant for a solar panel. The Clerk has attempted to source a price of a panel but needs the correct specifications. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard or Cllr Graham Walters may have the details.
- 6.10 Cllr Linda Morgan has contacted the Clerk requesting whether the Community Council will be able to help put up the flags for the Summer Fair and would the Community Council be willing to sponsor the senior citizens tea? It was agreed that the Community Council would be prepared to do both.
- 6.11 Amelia Thomas emailed the Community Council enquiring whether she could hold a community fun fare on the playing fields on June 28th. The playing fields do not come under the jurisdiction of the Community Council and Amelia will have to contact the Parks Department.
- 6.12 The Chair enquired as to what else was needed so that could be included in the Grant Application. The Chair will ask Tyfi whether there is any equipment that he needs.
- 6.13 The Clerk was requested to write to the electricity board regarding installing an electricity supply to the store.
- 6.14 Cllr Chris Morgan enquired as to whether the gas bill was queried. The Clerk confirmed that the correct meter reading had been given to British Gas and is now waiting for an updated bill.

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

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

- a) A revised guidance on the code of conduct for Community Councils.
- b) A quote from Floodlights was received for the Christmas lighting post to be installed in the grounds of the village hall £466 & VAT.
- c) An email was received from the monitoring office regarding the update of Community Council websites.
- d) One Voice Wales minutes received for the meeting held on January 26th 2015.
- e) Electricity bill £27.34
- f) Land at Merthyr Road rental invoice £10.00.
- g) A circular from the Insurance Company.
- h) Welsh Assembly Government correspondence regarding promoting CADW.
- i) Audit application from Mazaars.

7.02 Planning Applications: None

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:

Expenditure

Cardiff Council Traffic Order	1429	-337.72
Swalec Christmas Lights	1430	-15.04
Wages & Expenses	1431/2	-637.58
Julie Jones Tanyard (Kitchen expenses)	1433	-12.10
British Gas Electricity	dd	-21.07
British Gas	dd	-540.5

Cheques to be raised by the Clerk: Pugh's Garden Centre £47.97, Wages & Expenses £606.04, Cardiff County Council ground rent £10.00.

9.01 NOTICES OF MOTION

None Received

10.00 QUESTION TIME

10.01 Cllr Julie Jones raised concerns regarding the condition of Merthyr Road and the number of potholes. Cllr Mike Griffiths said that there had been yellow paint around the problem areas for over 6 weeks.

10.02 Cllr Peeter Tiidt notified the Community Council that he had carried out a substantial amount of work at the allotments. The hedging had been trimmed back, a cherry picker enabled the lopping off of rotten branches. One particular tree was noted as rotten to the core and if it had fallen would have landed at the allotment gates, posing a danger to the public. The Community Council thanked Cllr Peeter Tiidt.

- 10.03 Cllr Mike Griffiths reported that the street lamp outside of the church was not working again. The Clerk was requested to contact Cardiff County Council to arrange a repair.
- 10.04 The Chair discussed that when Amelia Thomas initially formed her group she was co-opted on to the Community Council for insurance purposes. Any work that the group performed was covered by the Community Council's insurance policy. However, the group has progressed and is now associated with Spice and the Time Credits scheme. The group has their own constitution, bank account, chairman and are now a separate entity in their own right. The Community Council agreed to rescind the Co-opted membership, however Amelia is always welcome to attend the meetings.
- 10.05 Cllr Mike Griffiths enquired as to whether the Community Council's insurance was covering the summer fair. It was discussed that as the Village Hall Committee are now organising the event, then it would no longer come under the auspices of the Community Council.
- 10.06 Cllr Brian Griffiths brought to the attention of the Community Council that one of the items the Ton Group were considering are the painting murals on sides of buildings in the village. The Community Council feel that it will encourage graffiti and are not in agreement with it as there have been issues with graffiti in the past..
- 10.07 A lady in the village kindly lent a picture to the Community Council which has been displayed in the Tanyard but it has gone missing,
- 10.08 Applications have been received for the hanging basket watering post. The Chair, Cllr Chris Morgan and the Clerk attended an interview with an applicant and confirm that the vacancy has been filled.
- 11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**
- 11.01 None
- 12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
- 12.01 Tuesday May 26th 2015, 7.00pm.
- 12.02 The meeting closed at 20:10 hrs.