
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Meeting Held at
The Tanyard, Tongwynlais,
On Monday February 23rd 2015.
Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

- 1.00 ATTENDANCE :** Community Councillors: Chairman Brian Griffiths, Julie Jones, Mike Jones-Pritchard, Michael Griffiths, Ceri Morgan, Chris Morgan and Peeter Tiidt.
- Clerk: Rebecca Crandon
Co-opted members: Amelia Thomas and Ceri Lane
- 3 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
- 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 26th January 2015 were agreed.
- 5.00 POLICE MATTERS**
- None

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

- 6.01 Item 6.06 the invoice from LDP has been paid. The Welsh Assembly grant has been received to cover the installation costs of the new gate at Ironbridge Road.
- 6.02 An invoice was received from Floodlighting but they invoiced for phase d of the Christmas lighting at Merthyr road. The clerk queried this as the lights were not installed and a credit note has been issued.
- 6.03 Charter - Cardiff County Council will be arranging a meeting to discuss proposals. The Chair and the Clerk will be attending.
- 6.04 Item 10.03 The Community Council enquired as to whether a donation could be made towards the damaged green houses at the allotments. The Clerk contacted One Voice Wales for clarification and they have requested a copy of an allotment agreement. It was confirmed that all agreements had always been made verbally however, in future any agreements would be drafted up. Cllr Peeter Tiidt said he held records of the allotment holders but no signed written agreements. A copy of the allotment register was requested by the Chair to be given to the Clerk. The greenhouses are not council owned and therefore are not covered by the Community Council's Insurance policy.
- 6.05 Item 10.04 The Chair informed the council that Barry Morgan has confirmed that he will install the bench donated to the village by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.
- 6.06 The Chair asked Amelia whether the 'Ton group' would be interested in planting shrubs on the grass verge next to the new barrier at Ironbridge Road. Part of the Welsh Assembly grant had a proviso of £400 for this purpose. Cllr Chris Morgan discussed what plants would be planted rhododendrons, forsythia and camellias were suggested and Cllr Peeter Tiidt said that wildflowers would be a good idea. A date for planting will be arranged. Amelia enquired as to whether the group would be covered by the Community Council's insurance and the Chair confirmed that they would, as Amelia is a co-opted member of the council.
- 6.07 St Michael and All Angels church paid for the Christmas lighting on the church and also the angel motif on the lamp post. At the time the angel was installed the lamp post was not connected to the main grid (re fault) and electricity was provided by the Church. The Clerk was requested to ask Floodlighting how much the electricity supplied by the church would cost and the Chair confirmed a reimbursement would be made.
- 6.08 Ceri Lane received an invoice for the traffic order £337.72 as there had been no objections to the traffic order it was a lot lower than anticipated.
- 6.09 Bollards have been requested on the land on Merthyr Road to stop people parking as it is a hazard for people turning on to the main road. The Clerk will write to the Cardiff City Highways to see whether they can be installed. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard noted that vehicles were also parking on the pavement on the opposite side of the road. Cllr Chris Morgan is concerned as it is an accident waiting to happen.
- 6.10 The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church will be landscaping the land outside the village hall and have also offered to provide a post so that phase D of the Christmas Lighting can be installed next Christmas. Ceri Lane suggested writing to Floodlighting to find out the correct specifications for the post for installing the lighting.

6.11 Cllr Ceri Morgan attended the GE Healthcare Local Liaison Committee 18th December.2014. GE Innovation are attracting other suitable companies to its ‘Innovation Village’ at Coryton. Tongwynlais Community Council has been invited to suggest ideas to GE Healthcare and any community work required will be carried out by employees free of charge. Members of the Community Council were also invited to conduct a site visit. The next the GE Healthcare Local Liaison Committee will be held in October 2015

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

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

- a) HMRC re V126 claims.
- b) Information regarding Tidal Lagoon Power Cardiff.
- c) The Pensions Regulator.
- d) Caerphilly Borough Council LDP (First Revision).
- e) Launch event Time Credits Tongwynlais.
- f) Kidney Wales Foundation Newsletter.
- g) Teenage Cancer Trust Newsletter.
- h) British Gas Electricity Bill £22.93.
- i) Nigel Ferguson re: Website £100.
- j) One Voice Wales Membership renewal £226.
- k) Floodlighting & Electrical Services Invoice £4962.

7.02 Planning Applications:

Rear of 51 Merthyr Road, Tongwynlais, Cardiff: Cycle Repair Shop 1500189MNR.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:

Expenditure

LDL Engineering Services	1416	-2280.00
Cardiff County Council Rent	1417	-10.00
Wages	1418/19	-713.25
Expenses	1418/19	-26.26
British Gas Elec	dd	-23.00

Cheques to be raised by the Clerk: Nigel Ferguson £100, One Voice Wales £226, Floodlighting £4962, Wages & Expenses £312.85.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None Received

10.00 QUESTION TIME

10.01 A member of the public from Mill Road reported that a HGV from Hope Quarry came within 10 inches of her home on February 10th 2015 and broke the pavement outside. The driver did not notice the damage and concerns were raised about the sheer size and weight of the HGV’s moving through the village. The Clerk has already written to the quarry and has not received a reply, it was requested that the Clerk write again but directly to their head office. Cardiff County Council Highways Department have repaired the pavement.

- 10.02 Residents are concerned about the narrow width of the pavement outside the cottages and the volume of parked cars on Mill Road. It was also noted how narrowly dangerous the pavement is from the bus stop to the rugby club, the condition of pavements in the village were noted as appalling. The Clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department to arrange an inspection of the pavements, also it was suggested widening of the footpath outside the Spar and replacing the litter bin.
- 10.03 A second member of the public is concerned with the littering issues, hot spots are Green Meadow Woods, past the allotments and Forestry Road has a continual trail of litter. A litter collector was employed by the County Council however all County Council litter pickers are no longer operational. Amelia will be organizing a litter pick through the Time Credit's scheme and Keep Wales Tidy will be supporting the litter picking schemes. The Clerk will be writing to local businesses and requesting that they keep the areas around their businesses litter free. It was asked whether a person could be employed solely for litter clearing in the village. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard suggested that if there is any spare precept at the end of the financial year maybe the Community Council could consider this? It was agreed that this would be reviewed.
- 10.04 Large stepladders have gone missing from the Tanyard, this was noticed last Thursday.
- 10.05 Wi-Fi will be installed at the Tanyard by the library. The Chair suggested that the Tanyard could be used for adult computing.
- 10.06 Tanyard Keys were discussed and whether a new set could be cut.
- 10.07 Arrangements to clean the Tanyard: Amelia suggested that it could be organised through the Time Credit's scheme as an activity also volunteering running the library.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- 11.01 Intruder alarms at the Tanyard have been going off at 3.30am in the morning. The Clerk will contact an engineer to check over the alarm system.

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 12.01 Monday March 30th 2015, 7.00pm.
- 12.02 The meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.