
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at The
Tanyard, Tongwynlais on Nov 27th 2017
Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.**



1.00 ATTENDANCE: **Community Councillors:** Chairman Brian Griffiths, Mike Griffiths, Chris Morgan, Ceri Lane, Caryn Hill, Peeter Tiidt
Clerk: Nadine Dunseath
County Councillors: None
Members of the public: One
Police Representative: One

2.00 APOLOGIES:
Community Councillors – Vice Chairman Graham Walters, Linda Morgan, Mike Jones-Pritchard
Cardiff County Councillors – Morgan, Davies, Phillips, Jones-Pritchard

3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS:
None

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

4.01 An amendment is required to minute 10.02 of the meeting on Oct 30th to read “Cardiff Council have inspected a tree on Greenmeadow, which is not considered dangerous and is being monitored”.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS:

5.01 SW Police reported crime figures from 30th October until 27th November as the following: -
1x shed burglary; 1x damage where a vehicle hit another; 5x thefts including bikes and a van; 1x break in to a car; 0x anti-social behaviour.
There was an incident of violence in the fish and chip shop, but SW Police do not routinely report on violent crimes.
Police are to investigate where vehicles have been parking alongside the road narrowing on Merthyr Road near the junction with Ironbridge Road, as cyclists have not been able to use the cycle path.
Where residents have been distressed by individuals smoking substances, they are to report this to the Police.
Information has been posted on the Community Council website advising individuals to contact their local police if they would like crime prevention advice for their property.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.02: Regarding "Welcome to Tongwynlais" road signs. It is hoped to place a rockery around the base of each sign and a plan of the design is expected early in the new year.
- 6.02 Item 6.03 Regarding the defibrillator. It is difficult to read the numbering on the keypad of the cabinet in the evenings and it was agreed a motion sensor light should be placed above the defibrillator cabinet. Clerk to arrange.
- 6.03 Item 6.04 Re: Property of multiple occupancy Queen Street. The owner of the property has put this up for sale.
- 6.04 Item 6.07 Clerk contacted Stagecoach regarding the number 26 service highlighting the increase in travel time and expense for residents wishing to travel to Caerphilly and to request the timetables are such that there is a short time between connections. Clerk has not received any response.
- 6.05 Item 6.08 The Monitoring Officer at Cardiff Council has confirmed she is happy to attend the Council to provide Code of Conduct training on Monday December 11th.
- 6.06 Item 6.09 Cardiff Council has provided a new lock for the gate by the canal.
- 6.07 Item 16.10 Natural Resources Wales advised of some tree pruning on the Forest Road between 20th and 25th November and signage has been put up on the Forest road, the village noticeboard and on the Community Council website.
- 6.08 Item 6.15 Clerk attended the meeting at Pentyrch Community Council on Tuesday 31st October between all local Community Councils to discuss the revised Community Council Charter. Neighbouring Community Councils are not happy to sign the revised charter, or to remove the planning section. A meeting is likely to be requested with Cardiff City Council.
- 6.09 Item 6.17 Two lights are not working in the subway running underneath the A470 from the bottom of Market Street. Clerk has contacted Cardiff Council and requested this is repaired.
- 6.10 Item 6.19 Floodlighting installed the Christmas lights on Sunday 12th November. Clerk provided a letter to all residents on Merthyr Road to advise them of the installation date and apologise for any inconvenience caused. The lights were switched on Monday 20th November in time for the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 23rd. Council agreed they would prefer the lights to be removed at the end of the festive period. One motif light at the end of the line is not working. Clerk to contact Floodlighting.

- 6.11 Item 6.22 Hedges have still not been cut on Merthyr Road and there are now overhanging branches. Clerk to chase Cardiff Council.
- 6.12 Item 7.01 Regarding the Tanyard Boiler. It is not clear who made this repair, but the boiler is working.
- 6.13 Item 7.03 The sponsorship for the litter picker is intended to finish at the end of the year. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the sponsor.
- 6.14 Item 7.04 A starter session yoga class was held in the Tanyard on Friday November 24th and proved popular. Further classes have been planned for the New Year.
- 6.15 Item 7.06 The Council agreed the risk assessment document.
- 6.16 Item 7.07 Clerk has received donations from local businesses towards the cost of the Christmas lights and letters of thanks have been sent.
- 6.17 Item 7.08 Regarding Japanese Knotweed being cultivated on land close to Ynys House. Clerk has received guidance from Cardiff Council stating it is not illegal to grow and is only considered a nuisance if it contaminates neighbouring land.
- 6.18 Item 7.09 Regarding The review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales. Clerk to attend the One Voice Wales consultation event on Tuesday 5th Dec in Pencoed.
- 6.19 Item 7.11 The Standards and Ethics Committee have requested a meeting with all Clerks; the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee; the Director of Governance and Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer. Clerk to attend meeting in early December.
- 6.20 Item 10.03 Clerk contacted One Voice Wales regarding the pension deficit and seeking clarification on whether local Councils would be required to contribute towards the shortfall. The Chairman of One Voice Wales is in the process of composing a letter of response.
- 6.21 Item 10.04 Clerk to contact Cardiff Council again requesting that fallen leaves are cleared from roads and pavements, as well as around the children's play area.
- 6.22 Item 10.06 Cardiff Council cleared the two drains that were blocked on St. Michaels Close. However, another drain on St. Michaels Close is blocked, as well as a drain at the bottom of Hermon Hill. Clerk to contact Cardiff Council.
- 6.23 Item 10.07 The Community Council have agreed the allotment store could be rented.

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

- 7.01 Unfortunately the bible reading class arranged for evenings in December at the Tanyard was cancelled due to the organiser being taken ill.
- 7.02 BBC Wales are producing a baby documentary series and are looking for first time mums who are due in January/February 2018 to take part in the series. Information has been placed on Clerk's twitter page @nadedunseath
- 7.03 Cardiff residents can share views on Cardiff City Council budget proposals for 2018/19 by filing in a questionnaire at www.cardiff.gov/budget by Thursday December 14th.
- 7.04 The next One Voice Wales area committee meeting is arranged for Monday January 15th at Cowbridge 7pm.
- 7.05 A new volunteer Cardiff website has been launched www.volunteercardiff.co.uk where you can promote a project or get involved by volunteering.
- 7.06 A cement spill was reported on Merthyr Road. Hope Construction were notified who apologised for any inconvenience and cleaned up the spill.
- 7.07 A new Cadw Monuments Pass scheme is to begin in January 2018 which will replace the existing Local Residents Pass scheme for Castell Coch. New passes will be issued directly from Cadw. Existing pass holders can exchange their passes free of charge at Castell Coch. You no longer need to be a resident of Tongwynlais to hold a pass for the castle under this new scheme.
- 7.08 There has been a suspected incident of badger baiting at Fforest Fawr, which has been reported to the police.
- 7.09 Cllr Ceri Lane reported that the Federation of school governors for Tongwynlais and Coryton Primary has been given the go ahead. A meeting for the school Governors at Tongwynlais has been arranged for Wednesday 29th November. The primary school will undergo an Estyn inspection during the week 11th to 14th December.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Expenditure

Wages & Expenses Oct	1606/9/10	-735.26
British Gas	d/d	-20.77
Kevin Davies-Ball Removal of baskets	1607	-100.00
School Mulberry Bushes	1608	-30.18

8.01 The clerk reported they had received the following since the last meeting:
British Gas Electricity, Removal of hanging baskets, School mulberry bushes.

8.02 Cheques to be written by the Clerk: Wages & Expenses: Tyfrion Edwards,
Nadine Dunseath, James Proctor.

8.03 The financial report was presented to the Council and agreed as correct.

8.04 Clerk presented a cashflow forecast for 2018/19 to help determine the annual
Precept request. The Community Council agreed to increase the request this
year to £20000.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None

10.00 QUESTION TIME

10.01 The Traffic lights at Coryton are set so there is often a delay in the mornings.
Clerk to contact South Wales Trunk Agency.

10.02 A tyre has been left on the green in front of the doctor's surgery. Clerk to ask
the groundsman to remove.

10.03 It was agreed that Community Councillors could not wear the Community
Council hi-vis jackets unless they are doing work on behalf of the Community
Council. The Community Council have offered to purchase hi-vis jackets for
anyone to wear regarding the fayre nights and festival week. Cllr Linda
Morgan to decide any wording on the back.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

None

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 29th January 2018 at 19.30
hours. The meeting closed at 20:35 hours.