
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 28th September 2015. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

1.00 ATTENDANCE :

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

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon

County Councillors: None

Members of the public. Amelia Thomas, 4 Members of the public, Amelia Thomas & members of Tongwynlais and Taff's Well Women's Institute.

Police Representatives: None present

2.00 APOLOGIES:

2.01 County Councillors: Ben Thomas, Chris Davis, Jonathan Evans and David Groves.
Cllr Ceri Morgan, Ceri Lane & Cllr Chris Morgan.

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 Monday 27th July 2015 were agreed.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 The Chair and the Clerk met the new Community Police Officers. Tongwynlais now has PCSO's purely representing the area from the Hollybush upwards. The Police have keys for the Tanyard and they are able to use the facilities. Should any member of the community wish to speak with the police they can now do so at the Tanyard providing there are no other bookings.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.02 Neighbourhood Fund Application, the Clerk spoke to a lady at Cardiff County Council who was going to put the application forward again as there appeared to be a misunderstanding. The Clerk had requested that the funding would be solely for equipment, but it had been misread by the council as a payment for wages, ongoing.
- 6.02 The Chair enquired as to whether anything had been decided for the school. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard stated that the school would like a notice board for the school council instead of prize money. Cllr Graham Walters said that the baskets have been the best the village has seen and something should be given, especially to the gardening club. There will be a plaque placed inside the notice board to this effect.
- 6.03 The Chair wrote to the Doctor's surgery who has confirmed that they are prepared to allow Floodlighting to secure a bracket to the surgery for the Christmas lights. A quote has been received £6500 from Floodlighting and Cllr Linda Morgan requested a switch on for November 26th at 6.00pm.

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

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

- a) A planning application was received for 12 Queen Street, Tongwynlais there were no objections.
- b) Two years library rental income was received.
- c) Correspondence from the Wales Audit Office re Improving Financial Management & governance relating to the external audit.
- d) The British Gas contract has been renewed by the clerk.
- e) Information regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Development Plan.
- f) Information regarding the residential development at Llantrisant Road.
- g) Correspondence was received from Mazars confirming completion of the Audit and an invoice for fees £246.00.
- h) Electricity bill £23.31 paid by direct debit.
- i) Insurance renewal information.
- j) One Voice Wales Annual Meeting Agenda 9 motions being put forward.
- k) Gas Bill £120.00 paid by direct debit.
- l) Revised water rates received in the name of the community council as previously addressed personally to the clerk. £120.53 paid.
- m) Correspondence received regarding consideration of a train station in Tongwynlais.
- n) Lesley May contacted the Community Council regarding road signs propped up in the village by the dentists and weeds along the pavements.
- o) A letter was received from the City Solicitor regarding the Charter which is still being amended but it will be considered at the Standards and Ethics Committee on 15.12.2015.
- p) September electricity bill £19.87 paid by direct debit.
- q) Western Power Distribution connection paperwork for the Christmas lights.
- r) Rental invoice Cardiff County Council £10.00

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:

8.01	Expenditure		
	K Morris Internal Audit	1451	-70.00
	Wages July	1452, 1453,1454	-706.48
	Expenses July	1452, 1453	-32.43
	Wages Aug	1455,1456,1457	-643.82
	Expenses Aug	1455, 1457	-55.04
	Welsh Water	1458	-120.53
	British Gas Elec Aug	d/d	-23.31
	British Gas Elec July	d/d	-23.62

8.02 The Chair requested that £6500 is paid into the special account to cover the Christmas lighting.

8.03 Cheques to be raised by the clerk: Wages & expenses £703.90, Cardiff County Council £10 and Mazars £246.00.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None

10.00 QUESTION TIME

10.01 The Chair Councillor Brian Griffiths welcomed the members of the Tongwynlais and Taff's Well WI. The WI wished to present a clock as it is their 40th anniversary this year in the village and their centenary year in the UK. The clock was presented so that it would be placed on the wall for "many a happy hour" at the Tanyard. The Chair thanked the WI.

10.02 Jocelyn a resident of the village attended the meeting to inform the Community Council of the outcome of a meeting that was held with South Wales Police on September 18th. Members of the community have requested action to be taken after a fatal accident happened at Heol-y-Fforest. Copies of the notes that were made were given to the Community Council. Craig Williams MP attended the meeting together with Ben Thomas County Councillor. Residents also met with the Traffic Officer who has agreed to install road markings and signs at Heol-y-Fforest. It was also noted the amount of water that runs along the road, despite numerous past workings on drainage in that area. Work has begun and a few of the trees have already been cut back and drainage facilities will be upgraded as they need to be redesigned. The money for these safety measures has come from fines from vehicles that drive illegally in bus lanes. The Police have also been very instrumental in getting this done and the Community Council agreed that the road is dangerous. Jocelyn was commended by Cllr Peeter Tiidt on her hard work and instigating this as residents in the village had been deeply affected, particularly the younger members. It was also suggested that the road could be used for access only during the night time. Cllr Linda Morgan said that this had been requested in the past but Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that police don't do access only roads as they no longer enforce them. A petition has been organised and there are nearly 600 hundred signatures and this will be presented to the council. It was also stated by a member of the public that money had been offered to the Community Council for road signage at Heol-y-Fforest 10 years ago, the Community Council disagreed as they had never been offered money from anyone. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that Tarmac had offered to put a

speed sign up on Mill Road, but the County Council had refused not the Community Council. Jocelyn said that Heol-y-Fforest is a beautiful place but it needed to be made safe for everyone. The Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths said that the Community Council would fully support Jocelyn in making the road safer.

- 10.03 Members of the community would like to get a memorial bench for Leon Whittle and have asked the Community Council for a donation, the Community Council agreed that they would be prepared to make a donation. Jocelyn would be drafting a letter and will send a copy to the Clerk.
- 10.04 The Clerk requested that PAT testing is done on the electricity and also the gas boiler needed servicing. Cllr Graham Walters said he would organise this. The Clerk will contact Blackwood fire for servicing of the fire extinguishers.
- 10.05 The standing order will be reviewed for amendment.
- 10.06 Cllr Linda Morgan has requested that the bark in the playground is renewed as it is dangerous. The clerk will write to the Parks Department.
- 10.07 Cllr Linda Morgan also reported that residents at Grant's Close were complaining about the state of the lane with overhanging things. The Clerk will write to Cardiff County Council.
- 10.08 Cllr Graham Walters mentioned the pathway from the bus stop that was reported last month. The clerk has written to the Council but will chase. Cllr Graham Walters also reported how run down the garages were looking on the estate and the clerk was asked to contact the Council to see whether anything could be done to improve them. It was also reported that Cardiff County Council would be jet washing the properties on the Green meadow Estate.

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 October 26th 2015 at 19.00 hours.
- 12.02 The meeting closed 20.10 hours.