
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 30th November 2015. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

1.00 ATTENDANCE :

Community Councillors: Chairman Brian Griffiths, Michael Griffiths, Chris Morgan, Ceri Morgan, Peeter Tiidt and Graham Walters.

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon

County Councillors: None

Members of the public. None

Police Representatives: PC Huw Thomas

2.00 APOLOGIES:

2.01 County Councillors: Ben Thomas, David Groves, Jonathan Evans & Chris Davis.
Community Councillors: Julie Jones, Mike Jones-Pritchard & Linda 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 October 2015 were agreed.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 PC Huw Thomas provided the community council with a crime report for Tongwynlais, this information will be provided at every monthly meeting. If the Police are unable to attend then an email will be sent to the clerk. The report included two incidents of malicious communications, five assaults, theft of a number plate and a public order offence. The next PACT meeting will be Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm at the Tanyard. School parking is an ongoing issue, the police have been moving people on and a ticket has been issued.

Ultimately it is for parents to change their parking habits, one parent was observed parking on the zig zags. Cyclists down Ironbridge- concerns have been raised as they are speeding under the bridge towards the Taff trail, the road at this point is blind to oncoming drivers and residents are concerned that there will be an accident. Christmas Fayre- the PCSO's reported problems with traffic in and out of the village. Cllr Graham Walters said that in previous years the community council provided the manpower for marshalling, arranged road signs and bus companies were notified well in advance. However this year the village Hall committee were responsible for organising the event, problems occurred because there were no marshals at either end of the village. The police had not been involved in previous years and this year Cardiff County Council charged for the road closure.

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

- 6.01 The Clerk will chase up the Neighbourhood fund application as no further information has been received.
- 6.02 Christmas light switch on: There was a problem with one of the timing devices and not all of the lights were illuminated. Cllr Graham Walters said that Floodlighting should have checked the devices beforehand. The motif outside of the take away didn't come on and two sections in the new light strip which are supposed to be brand new malfunctioned also. Another motif at the top of the village was also not working properly, the clerk was asked to contact Floodlighting.
- 6.03 A letter of thanks was received from the residents of Catherine Drive regarding the donation of £200 for the memorial bench. They are just waiting upon health and safety approval, then the bench will be installed.
- 6.04 Wales and West housing association organised an event at the Tanyard to help residents look and apply for jobs but sadly no one attended.
- 6.05 Cllr Linda Morgan, had telephoned Cllr Brian Griffiths thanking the community council for offering to pay for the road closure. The event was apparently the best ever and three times as much money had been made this year.
- 6.06 The hanging baskets: There have been problems this year due to weather and illness and Cllr Brian Griffiths enquired as to whether the community council could pay someone to take them down. To take them down will require a maximum of four man hours for two people. Cllr Graham Walters requested that the clerk write to David Lloyd and thank him for all his help and to organise a donation to the charity he supports. Also it was requested to be written in the minutes, to thank all the community councillors who have helped with the baskets in the past.
- 6.07 The Planning Aid Wales meeting was discussed and the new developments that will be taking place on Llantrisant Road.
- 6.08 The Christmas lights and donations were discussed and Cllr Chris Morgan suggested that additional lights would look lovely around the church bell tower. Maybe this could be something to be considered in the future?
- 6.09 Charity donations were also discussed and the proposed amendment to the standing order. The suggested amendment "The community council has the authority to use all funds which it has under its control for the benefit of its residents".

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

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

- a) Correspondence has been received from the Monitoring Officer Secretary regarding the Charter.
- b) Pensions regulators - correspondence received but current employees do not fit the criteria.
- c) Invoice for PAT testing.
- d) Statement from British Gas invoice already paid by direct debit.
- e) Invoice for the service of the central heating boiler £75.
- f) A letter of thanks received from Tongwynlais Primary School for the donation towards a new notice board.
- g) A letter of thanks received for the donation towards the memorial bench in Catherine Drive.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:

Expenditure

Tongwynlais Primary School Donation	1464	-200.00
Wages & Expenses October	1465/6/7	-626.19
Blackwood Fire	1468	-48.72
Memorial Bench Donation Leon Whittle	1469	-200.00
Electricity British Gas	d/d	-27.64

Cheques to be written by the Clerk: Wages and expenses £582.51, Castlecare PAT testing £50.00, Lime Green boiler service £75.00, Welsh Water £81.43 and STTEPS donation £50.00 (David Lloyd).

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None

10.00 QUESTION TIME

- 10.01 Cllr Graham Walters observed that there were two fire engines and crew taking down the banner for the Reindeer run in Whitchurch village. Surely this should have been the responsibility of the organizers not the fire service? It was agreed that if it was dangerous then yes the fire service should have taken it down.
- 10.02 Cllr Graham Walters raised the issue that the South Wales Echo had coverage in the newspaper of Christmas lights going on in different areas of the city. The question raised "Why is it that Tongwynlais doesn't seem to get any publicity?" Maybe the Community Council should notify the South Wales echo of any events that are taking place and this is something that will be looked into.
- 10.03 Cllr Graham Walters raised the issue about the garages on the Green Meadow Estate and the clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent. Cardiff County Council had replied to confirm that they will be addressing the concerns raised.

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 January 25th 2016 at 19.00 hours.

12.02 The meeting closed 20.35 hours.

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