
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 25th January 2016. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

1.00 ATTENDANCE :

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

Clerk: Rebecca Crandon.
Ceri Lane
Co-opted Member.

County Councillors: None.

Members of the public. One member of the public and 4 representatives from Aion Baptist Church, Tongwynlais.

Police Representatives: PC Huw Thomas.

2.00 APOLOGIES:

2.01 County Councillors: Ben Thomas, David Groves, Jonathan Evans & Chris Davis.

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 30th November 2015 were agreed.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 PC Huw Thomas provided the Community Council with a crime report for Tongwynlais. There were 8 incidents in Tongwynlais during the period 1st December 2015 to January 2016. One incident of criminal damage, one incident of attempted burglary, one incident of criminal damage to a motor vehicle, one common assault, harassment, blackmail and theft. A vehicle

number plate was stolen from Greenmeadow Drive and this incident is usually linked to garage forecourt petrol theft. PC Huw Thomas reported that PCSO Laura Moore will no longer be working in Tongwynlais and that PCSO's Gary Dunning and Richard Davies will now continue working in the Tongwynlais area. PC Huw Thomas also reported that there had been a number of burglaries in the Whitchurch and Llandaff North areas because residents had been leaving doors unlocked at night. Also vehicles had been reported stolen as residents as well as leaving doors unlocked they were leaving car keys on the side near to the front door. Councillor Peeter Tiidt raised concerns regarding the traffic issues at the junction of Mill Road with Merthyr Road by the Lewis Arms. Vehicles coming from Mill Road are experiencing difficulty turning left and right during the morning rush hour, due to the sheer volume of traffic cutting through the village. Cllr Tiidt asked whether the police could look at this problem, together with the parking outside the school. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard agreed with Cllr Tiidt regarding the parents parking and said that it was an ongoing issue throughout Cardiff with individuals parking on zig-zags and bus stops.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.02 the Community Council discussed the hiccup with the Christmas lighting at switch on. There was an issue with one of the time switches and it had to be replaced.
- 6.02 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that Cllr Graham Walters should have declared an interest at November's meeting as he had completed the PAT testing of the Tanyard. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard was not at November's meeting.
- 6.03 Item 6.06 Cllr Julie Jones enquired about the hanging baskets as they had been taken down. Originally Tyfrion Edwards was going to take them down, but had been unable to do so because of inclement weather. Cllr Brian Griffiths (Chair) said that this was discussed in the last meeting and that he had contacted a landscape gardener in the village who was prepared to take them down and will be putting the new baskets up in the summer.
- 6.04 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard discussed the pension regulation and the clerk will be sorting out a pension plan to adhere to current pension criteria. However, the clerk confirmed that none of the current employees met with the required criteria for pension deductions.
- 6.05 The Christmas Fayre was discussed and Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard confirmed that the regulations for the road closure had been followed. In previous years volunteers from Tongwynlais Community Council had acted as marshals at the roadside both near the hotel entrance and at the other entrance to the village, notifying oncoming vehicles of the road closure. This always helped considerably in preventing traffic issues but current legislation states that the marshals are to be officially trained. This year the marshals were stopped as it was a health and safety issue and due to these regulations the police were helping at the barriers. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard also said he had been invoiced for the road closure personally and had sent it back for correction. Cllr Linda Morgan said that in future a road closure may not be possible as the cost is currently £600.
- 6.06 Item 10.01 Cllr Graham Walters had observed that there were two fire engines and crew taking down the banner for the Reindeer run in Whitchurch village. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard had checked this out with the Fire Officer who confirmed that if there were high winds, the banner was loose, dangerous or a public safety issue then it was "Quid pro quo". That this was part of the public service agreement, the Fire Service helped out in Whitchurch.

- 6.07 Item 10.01 Cllr Graham Walters had raised an issue at the last meeting that the South Wales Echo had coverage in the newspaper of Christmas lights going on in different areas of the city. Tongwynlais was the first to start Christmas street lights and many people had commented how magical and outstandingly beautiful they were this year. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that Whitchurch was 3 to 4 times the size of Tongwynlais and that many journalists lived in that area so that is probably why they have more coverage. Discussing the Christmas lights, Cllr Julie Jones asked whether lights could be put on the Christmas tree on the green as it would look lovely, this is something that hopefully can be organised with Floodlighting for next Christmas.
- 6.08 Item 10.03 Cllr Graham Walters raised the issue about the garages on the Green Meadow Estate and the clerk confirmed that an email had been received from Cardiff County Council. It stated that the work had been costed and if there is adequate funding then the much needed repairs would go ahead.
- 6.09 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard confirmed that the notice board donated by the Community Council to Tongwynlais Primary School had been placed in the corridor and looked lovely. A plaque which is currently being would be presented at some point to the gardening club.
- 6.10 There was a meeting held between Wales & West Housing Association and the Ton Group. The group are looking to get play equipment for Catherine Drive. Cllr Brian Griffiths confirmed that area considered did not belong to the Community Council and that it had been the proviso of Wales & West to provide a play area.
- 6.11 Complaints have been received regarding the bins at Catherine Drive as many of them were not being emptied. Residents had requested that it was far more convenient using the black plastic bags. It was also noted that a lorry had dumped a pile of black bags in the bin collection area.

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

- 7.01 The Clerk reported the following correspondence received since the previous meeting:-
- a) Precept Application.
 - b) Came & Company Insurance certificate and correspondence.
 - c) Welsh Government- correspondence regarding the Road Safety Review across Trunk Roads in Wales.
 - d) Mazars correspondence- A written apology was received regarding the Audit and that they had incorrectly reported matters in the Audit certificate as 'except for' when they should have been reported as 'other matters.'
 - e) Email from Sarah Lane Cardiff Council regarding the upgrading of the garages at the Greenmeadow Estate.
 - f) British Gas bill £64.39.
 - g) Email from Louise Bassett Cardiff Council regarding the Neighbourhood Funding Application re upgrading of maintenance/gardening equipment. It was viewed that this was a core function that the Community Council provide.
 - h) Land Rental Invoice £10.00.
 - i) Electricity bill £27.26.
 - j) Electricity bill £27.41.
 - k) Invoice Kevin Davies Ball £80.00.

7.02 **Planning Applications:**

Lewis Arms, Mill Road, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7JP.

Variation of the layout and design of the premises. The bar counter to be repositioned, repair, refurbishment & redecoration to the premises.

8.00 **FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES:**

Expenditure

British Gas Elec Nov.	d/d	-27.41
November Wages	1470/1	-582.51
Castle Care PAT Testing	1472	-50.00
Lime Green Boiler Maintenance	1473	-75.00
Welsh Water	1474	-81.43
STTEPS Charity Donation	1475	-50.00
Came & Co Insurance	1476	-1012.46
Wages & Expenses December	1477	-163.28
Tongwynlais Community Council other account.	Tfr	-7000.00
British Gas Elec Dec	d/d	-29.34
British Gas	d/d	-270.34

Cheques to be written by the Clerk: Kevin Davies-Ball £80.00, Wages £269.70, Cardiff Council land rental £10.00.

9.00 **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

9.01 Tongwynlais Community Council agrees that the said Council has authority to use all funds which it has under its control and that they are to be used for the benefit of its residents. And that this notice of motion rescinds all previous decisions made by this Council on this matter.

10.00 **QUESTION TIME:**

10.01 Aion Church requested permission for fire/emergency access through the Community Council garden onto Merthyr Road. The Community Council are happy to support Aion Church and have no issue with this. Aion have also offered to clear the garden and make it safer as there are a few raised paving slabs.

10.02 A member of the public complained about the rubbish bags that had been left outside the village hall. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that he had been dealing with the issue and had contacted the council, because of the bad weather the black bags had not been collected.

10.03 Cllr Brian Griffiths informed the Community Council that a new bench would be installed on the green at Pantgwynlais.

10.04 The Community Council wished Cllr Julie Jones congratulations on her 60th birthday.

10.05 Congratulations to Cllr Linda Morgan whose son and daughter in law are expecting twins.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

11.01 The precept was agreed at £19000, no increase on last year or the previous year.

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

12.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday February 29th 2016 at 19.00 hours.

12.02 The meeting closed 20.35 hours.

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