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# TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard,  
Tongwynlais, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015.  
Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

**1.00 ATTENDANCE :**

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

**Clerk:** Rebecca Crandon

Ceri Lane Co-opted member

**County Councillors:** None

**Members of the public.** Amelia Thomas

**Police Representative:** None present

**2.00 APOLOGIES:**

2.01 Community Cllr Julie Jones  
County Councillors: Ben Thomas, Chris Davis, Jonathan Evans and David Groves.

**3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS:**

3.01 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard re Planning Application at 3 Castle View, Tongwynlais, Cardiff.

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

4.01 The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were agreed.

**5.00 POLICE MATTERS**

5.01 The Community Council has been notified that there are new Police Officers for Whitchurch & Tongwynlais.

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

- 6.01 Cllr Brian Griffiths noted that the summer bunting and flags need to be taken down as some of them have fallen down and are now looking a little bedraggled.
- 6.02 Item 6.06 The Neighbourhood Fund Application for new gardening/maintenance equipment. The clerk received notification from Cardiff County Council that the project may struggle to gain funding, despite clarification to Cardiff County Council that the application was for equipment only and not staff salaries. Cllr Jonathan Evans also wrote a letter in support of the application.
- 6.03 The clerk attended a meeting at Radyr Community Council rooms together with the other community clerks, the monitoring officer and the solicitor regarding the Charter. Issues were raised regarding prioritising of calls from the clerks to the council and implementation of a hot line for the clerks only. A few other things were to be adjusted on the Charter and a future meeting will be arranged to discuss these. Tongwynlais Community Council has never experienced problems when contacting Cardiff County Council through their 'Connect to Cardiff' service.
- 6.04 Cardiff County Council has discontinued 'Cardiff in Bloom' and is no longer awarding prizes for hanging baskets. Cllr Brian Griffiths said "This years were the best looking baskets that the village has ever had" and the Community Council agreed. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that he had spoken with the school and was hoping that the Community Council could give the gardening club something towards new equipment or a new project. Cllr Graham Walters would also like to see an award given to the gardening club of Tongwynlais Primary School; possibly a plaque or a trophy and/or certificate and maybe a photograph could be placed in the South Wales Echo. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that maybe this trophy could be presented to the school during an assembly in the Autumn term. Thelma the lady who organises the garden club had fallen on the weekend and broken her arm on one of the poly tunnels, a get well soon bouquet of flowers will be sent from the Community Council.
- 6.05 The painting class is no longer being held at the Tanyard and it has moved to Aion.
- 6.06 Cllr Graham Walters had been unable to order a skip to clear out the shed due to work commitments. However, when the skip is arranged he will telephone everyone to come along and help clear it out. Tyfrion has been cutting back the overgrowth outside but there is a lot more to be done.

**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 3 Castle View, Tongwynlais. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard stated that he had a declaration of interest and offered to leave the meeting. The Chair requested that Cllr Jones-Pritchard stay at the meeting as there was no objection to the application by the Community Council.

b) Another planning application was received 48 Mill Road, Tongwynlais and there was no objection from the Community Council.

c) Electricity bill £23.62.

d) Correspondence from Floodlighting has been received regarding the lamp post that was installed by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. Apparently it is not high enough to support the Christmas lighting, further enquiries will be made.

e) A final public notice was received regarding the Coryton interchange. There would be no right turn on to the new slip road connecting the M4 to the Merthyr bound carriageway of the A470.

f) An invoice of £70 for the Internal Audit has been received from K. Morris. One Voice Wales recommended an auditor for £400. The audit has already been forwarded to Mazars for completion.

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

8.01

### **Expenditure**

Senior Citizens Tea	1444	-72.78
Wages	1445/6/7	-745.00
Expenses	1445/6/7	-31.80
Tanaka Spares (leaf bower)	1448	-202.99
Solar panel & battery	1449	-278.39
Cardiff County Council land rental	1450	-10.00
British Gas electricity	d/d	-23.20

### **Income**

Tanyard Hire		180.00
Castle Passes		5.00

8.02 Cllr Graham Walters purchased a new solar panel and battery.

8.03 Cheques to be raised by the clerk: K Morris internal audit £70, Wages £706.48, Expenses £32.43.

## **9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION**

9.01 None

## **10.00 QUESTION TIME**

10.01 Cllr Graham Walters pathway from top bus stop onto castle view by the hotel is rather rutted and he has received a number of complaints from residents. The Clerk will write to Cardiff County Council to ascertain who is responsible for repairing the path.

10.02 The branches need cutting back again for the cyclists on Merthyr Road.

- 10.03 Cllr Brian Griffiths discussed the Standing Orders and there was an anomaly on the back regarding a resolution that was passed in September 2003 “that all the funds that the council has under its control be directly used within Tongwynlais for the benefit of the residents”. It’s not worded very well, for example we do buy plants from Abergavenny for the hanging baskets. Could we find another way of wording that? Cllr Michael Griffiths remembered that this resolution was passed as many donations were being given to charities outside of the village. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard asked whether the clerk could reword this Standing Order?
- 10.04 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard asked whether the clerk could email the Minutes and the Agenda in future to those who were set up on email.
- 10.05 Amelia Thomas informed the Community Council that her AGM would be on Wednesday at 6pm in Sugar & Spice. The brief overview... being IT classes, knitting & sewing classes and other events. The next thing that the group is trying to do, is to engage teenagers within the village, ideas have been collected possibly a film night.
- 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 September 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 19.00 hours.
- 12.02 The meeting closed 19.35 hours.