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# TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.**

### **1.00 ATTENDANCE :**

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

**Clerk:** Rebecca Crandon  
Ceri Lane Co-opted member

**County Councillors:** None

**Members of the public.** One

**Police Representative:** None present.

### **2.00 APOLOGIES:**

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

### **3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS:**

3.01 None were declared.

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

4.01 The minutes of the previous meeting (Annual General Meeting) held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed.

### **5.00 POLICE MATTERS**

5.01 None received

5.02 The incident at Asda was discussed.

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

- 6.01 Item 9.03 Summer bunting and flags have been put up and the sewing class have placed their bunting outside of the village hall.
- 6.02 Item 9.09 it has been suggested by the Ton group that murals are to be painted on the Village Hall. It has also been noticed that the steps that had been repaired by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church at Catherine Drive have now been painted like a piano keyboard.
- 6.03 John Maidment hasn't responded to the letter written by the community council requesting that the community council takeover the ground maintenance and upkeep of all green areas in the village.
- 6.04 Mike Jones –Pritchard has requested that the new bushes planted outside of the village hall are watered at the same time as the hanging baskets. The Chair confirmed that Rhys had already been asked to do this.
- 6.05 Neighbourhood Fund Application: The leaf blower has already been replaced and it was ordered on the internet by the clerk. The community council will be requesting funding for a new strimmer with a hedge trimming accessory.
- 6.06 The clerk had written to residents at Castle Road regarding the sale of land behind their properties. The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church had requested to purchase the land for additional parking. A resident who attended the meeting objected to the sale of the land and also numerous written replies from other residents had also been received. They were all in agreement of 'no sale'. Councillor Linda Morgan had contacted the Clerk that afternoon to say that she did not agree with the sale of the land. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard opposed the sale and said it should remain open space. Cllr Chris Morgan had paced the area and reckoned it was about 50 yards. Cllr Graham Walters also went to look at the land and couldn't understand why the church would need so much land for parking and spoke to residents who would be affected. A resident also commented that the amount of land required would accommodate 50 parked vehicles. Cllr Graham Walters opposed the sale together with Cllr Chris Morgan. Ultimately, Tongwynlais Community Council unanimously opposed the sale of the land. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths suggested that the area could be cleared and more trees planted, a few benches, a raised walkway on the lines of Cefn Onn park but on a much smaller scale. It could be a project the community council would look into and possibly get a grant to do this. The Clerk was requested to write to the residents to notify them of the decision of 'no sale'.

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

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

- a) A letter was received from a resident of Birch Court regarding the bins and the problems with them overflowing, photographs had also been provided. Cllr Brian Griffiths had been in touch

with Environmental Health and it had now been cleared. It was also noted that residents were not recycling correctly and refuse was not collected because of this. Wales and West are also aware of the problems.

b) The clerk will be attending a meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> with other community clerks regarding the Charter. The Chair discussed the new code of conduct, particularly member's interests which had been brought out. It also stated that any correspondence that was written by the councillors a copy should be given to the clerk.

c) The clerk had received a water bill for the Tanyard addressed to her personally and not to the community council. A new bill in the name of Tongwynlas Community Council was requested.

d) Swalec electricity bill £23.20.

e) Ground rent £10.00.

f) Invoice for the leaf blower from Tanaka spares.

g) Local Access Forums Correspondence.

h) One Voice Wales meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July and April's minutes.

i) An email was received from John Maidment regarding cutting back of the bushes on Merthyr Road opposite the vicarage to enable cyclists to ride in the designated areas.

j) The clerk had been trying to find someone to complete an Internal Audit on the Community Council accounts. Another clerk had recommended a gentleman whom was contacted however, he was reluctant to do an audit and also quoted £100. One Voice Wales was contacted for guidance and they recommended a chartered accountant who would charge £400 for one day's work. An accounts person has now been found who will conduct an internal audit for £70, the Chair was requested to sign the Audit form.

k) Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard reported that he had attended the last meeting of the school year at the school. It was reported that attendance was good 95% and performance was high. Because Cardiff County Council are no longer judging the hanging baskets the community council are looking to award the school, a presentation and a photograph in front of the baskets. It is the school gardening club who nurture the flowers for the hanging basket displays in the village.

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

### **8.01**

#### **Expenditure**

Brian Griffiths B & Q (Compost)	1438	-19.59
T Berrell (plants hanging baskets)	1439	-20.00
S J Phillips (plants)	1440	-225.00
Wages & expenses	1441/2	-603.55
Cardiff County Council rates	1443	-891.70
British Gas eletricity	d/d	-23.58

8.02 On line banking was discussed and whether this would be beneficial to the community council. Cllr Brian Griffiths disagreed as it is public funds. It was discussed transferring funds into the savings account to cover the Christmas lights.

8.03 The Tanyard has received a few bookings for a water colour class.

8.04 Cheques to be raised by the clerk:  
Senior Citizens Tea (Brian Griffiths) £72.78, Wages £745.00, Expenses £31.80, Tanaka Spares £202.99, Solar Panel & battery £278.39, Cardiff County Council land rental £10.00.

## **9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION**

9.01 None

## **10.00 QUESTION TIME**

10.01 Cllr Brian Griffiths suggested purchasing more tables for the Tanyard, particularly if the water class expands. The lady is bringing her own tables along, but maybe looking to move to Aion as it is a bigger venue.

10.02 The stores were discussed but it needs to be cleared out as it has become a dumping ground. The little garden in the front is becoming overgrown and parks have not cleared it. Tyfi has been requested to cut and tidy the area up. A skip will be needed in order to dispose of the items in the shed and Cllr Graham Walters suggested that we need people to clear for a few hours. If the skip was left overnight concerns were raised about people throwing things into it. A Saturday morning was discussed.

10.03 The dog show held at the village hall was reported as a success.

10.04 Cllr Mike Griffiths enquired about an electrician for the new light installed outside the village hall

10.05 The clerk enquired as to whether the street light outside the church had been repaired. Cllr Mike Griffiths confirmed that it had.

10.06 Cllr Mike Griffiths said he had noticed that the yellow paint had been replaced around the potholes. So hopefully they would be repaired soon.

10.07 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard reported that posts had been put up in the road at Greenmeadow Springs to avoid turning right onto Merthyr Road. It was also noted that one had already been knocked down.

## **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 July 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 19.00 hours.

12.02 The meeting closed 19.55 hours.

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