
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 28th Nov 2011. Meeting Commenced at 7:30 pm.

1.00 ATTENDANCE : Councillors: Chair Cllr. Graham Walters, Cllr. Ceri Morgan, Cllr. Julie Jones, Cllr. Chris Morgan, Cllr. Mike Griffiths, Cllr. Linda Morgan, Cllr. Brian Griffiths, Cllr. Peeter Tiidt, Ceri Lane (Clerk)

Police Representatives : PC Paul Tebbutt

2.00 APOLOGIES : Cllr. Mike Jones-Pritchard

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 held on 31st Oct 2011 were agreed.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 PC Paul Tebbutt read out the following police report

1. 5th Nov – Theft of a mobile in Queen Street.
2. 9th Nov – Damage to house on Castle View, stone thrown through window.
3. 10th Nov – Criminal damage, Pine Court. Arrest made.
4. 11th Nov – Heol y Fforest, possession of cannabis.
5. 15th Nov - Common assault, Green Meadow Drive.
6. 18th Nov - Theft of bike, Queen St.
7. 24th Nov - Common Assault, Cae Lewis, arrest made.
8. 27th Nov - Castle hill, Theft from motor vehicle.

5.02 One person has been arrested in connection with the recent car crimes in the area.

5.03 The next Pact meeting will be held at 7pm on the 6th Dec at Cardiff International Hotel.

5.04 The times for the road closures for the Christmas fayre were confirmed as 16:20 – 22:00Hrs.

5.05 Pc Paul Tebbutt apologised for not being able to attend recent meetings.

Chair Cllr. Graham Walters asked for permission to discuss item 9.00, notices of motion before item 6.00 as Cllr. Linda Morgan needed to leave the meeting early. The council gave their permission. Cllr. Linda Morgan left the meeting at 20:20hrs.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.06. Cllr. Brian Griffiths asked about the tree cutting by Western Power. Cllr. Peeter Tiidt confirmed that Western Power had asked for permission to prune some trees at the allotments.
- 6.02 Item 11.01. Cllr. Brian Griffiths raised his concerns over the running of The Tanyard. Chair. Cllr. Graham Walters informed the council that he had, once again, spoken to Rhys, Robert and the workmen regarding the cleanliness of the building. There was a disagreement between councillors as to who is to blame and who may be at fault. After a long debate, it was decided that the caretaker, Rhys Edwards would be given a months' notice to end his employment. Robert and the workmen will no longer be able to use the Tanyard from 1st January 2012. The Youth clubs will be charged a rental rate of £15 per hour if they wish to continue to use the Tanyard from 1st January 2012. It was agreed that councillors would work on a rota basis to clean, open up and lock up the Tanyard. However, Cllr. Mike Griffiths informed the council that he could not commit himself to the rota due to his other commitments.
- 6.03 Item 6.07. Cllr. Chris Morgan asked if there had been any developments on getting power to the tree opposite the school. Chair Cllr. Graham Walters suggested that Cllr. Ceri Morgan continue with his letter to the Rotary club, requesting their support.

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS OF MEETINGS:-

- 7.01 **The Clerk reported the following correspondence received since the previous meeting:-**
- a) LloydsTSB – payment changes. Filed.
 - b) South Wales Police – Response from our letter 14th Oct 2011. Filed.
 - c) One Voice Wales – Training Issues, strong Roots Project. Filed.
 - d) Natwest – Maximise your interest. Filed.
 - e) Environment Agency – Filed.
 - f) Health Watch newsletter – Filed.
 - g) Zurich Insurance – Council agreed to renew, Clerk to raise cheque.
 - h) Valuation Office, Request for information – Clerk filed online.
 - i) One Voice Wales – Training champions. Filed.
 - j) Tim Davies – notes from meeting on 25th October 2011. Filed.
 - k) Tim Davies – Invitation to attend meeting on 7th December at 17.00hrs.
- 7.02 There were no reports of meetings.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES.

8.01 Expenses

Total wages and expenses Oct 2011	1195/96/97	991.43
Swalec	1194	95.54
One Voice Wales Training	1198	25.00

Income

Castle Coch Passes	199	8.00
Allspares (donation received)	200	100.00
Castell Coch Golf Club (donation received)	200	50.00

8.02 The clerk presented the Annual return to the council and section 3 was certified and approved by the council and the clerk. The Clerk will return the forms to Mazars.

8.03 Precept. The clerk handed out a budget for 2012/13 (see below). Chair. Cllr. Graham Walters asked Cllr. Brian Griffiths if he knew of any reason the council could not use the money in the savings account. There were no known reasons and the council agreed that the savings account can be transferred into the main account and used when needed. Cllr. Chris Morgan pointed out that the council should take into consideration the Queens Golden Jubilee. Chair Cllr. Graham Walters explained that the Christmas lights need replacement bulbs next year. 2012 is an election year and therefore if an election takes place there will be a charge of £2500. Cllr. Brian Griffiths suggested that we keep the special savings account in reserve for the election. Cllr. Chris Morgan proposed that the precept should be increased by £4000 Cllr. Brian Griffiths seconded the proposal and all councillors present agreed. The Clerk will request a precept of £16,000 for 2012/2013.

Budget

2012/13

		31/03/08	31/03/09	31/03/10	31/03/11	31/03/12 Estimated
Income						
Precept	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00
Tanyard letting	£1,503.00	£1,682.60	£1,782.35	£1,789.60	£1,659.60	£1,530.00
Donations	£600.00	£142.09	£1,120.00	£0.00	£0.00	£630.00
Interest	£2.00	£763.95	£92.49	£2.92	£2.64	£2.00
VAT reclaim	£500.00	£855.90	£0.00	£2,441.05	£0.00	£958.11
Castell Coch Passes	£15.00	£16.00	£2.00	£28.00	£5.00	£25.00
Grafton	£100.00	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
Other	£0.00	£100.00		£268.42	£155.77	£500.00
	£14,720.00	£15,710.54	£14,996.84	£16,529.99	£13,823.01	£15,845.11
Expenses						
Wages	£9,500.00	£5,386.90	£4,406.13	£5,999.95	£7,210.71	£9,500.00
Section 137 Tanyard running costs	£500.00	£9,844.50	£350.00	£261.00	£529.17	£500.00
Projects	£3,950.00	£1,834.67	£4,775.92	£2,195.09	£4,606.16	£4,000.00
Admin, Insurance, repairs	£2,300.00	£9,511.71	£1,859.00	£2,213.78	£2,759.19	£2,200.00
Sundries	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,385.09	£1,410.17	£1,500.00
Services	£400.00	£1,702.60	£1,267.07	£786.82	£480.83	£400.00
	£450.00	£706.98	£1,343.90	£794.95	£498.08	£450.00
	£18,600.00	£28,987.36	£14,002.02	£14,636.68	£17,494.31	£18,550.00

8.04 Cheques to be raised. Total of wages (£182.00+£243.63+£197.22) Cardiff Council £0.08 Zurich Insurance £1105.45 Father Christmas £150.00.

8.05 The council gave permission for any necessary cheques to be raised before the January meeting.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 A notice of motion was received by the Clerk as follows. That this council continues its support for Father Christmas, with its donation of £150.

Proposer – Cllr. Linda Morgan

Seconder – Chair Cllr. Graham Walters.

This motion was agreed and passed unanimously by the council.

9.02 A notice of motion was received by the clerk as follows. That this council, debates the sale of the Tanyard.

Proposer – Chair Cllr. Graham Walters.

Seconder – Cllr. Linda Morgan.

Chair Cllr. Graham Walters explained that the council is not in a financial position to keep the Tanyard running on the current precept and that the costs to bring the building up to standards would be too great. (Approx £40,000). Cllr. Brian Griffiths disagreed with the cost of repair and felt it would cost a lot less than £40,000. Cllr. Linda Morgan suggested getting several quotes. Cllr. Linda Morgan also felt that the Tanyard was not used enough by the residents anymore. Cllr. Chris Morgan suggested that Amersham may be able to help with the repairs. Cllr. Ceri Morgan was concerned about the finances involved. Cllr. Brian Griffiths requested that the Deeds should be checked by a legal representative. Cllr. Chris Morgan raised the question of what would the council do with the proceeds? Councillors agreed that leaflets explaining the proposed sale would need to be delivered to every household within Tongwynlais. Chair Cllr. Graham Walters explained that he felt it was in the best interest of the residents. Cllr. Linda Morgan stated that she will only support the sale, if the residents are in agreement. Discussions continued. The results of the vote are tabled below.

For	Against	Abstained
Chair Cllr. Graham Walters	Cllr. Brian Griffiths	Cllr. Ceri Morgan
Cllr. Julie Jones	Cllr. Mike Griffiths	
Cllr. Linda Morgan	Cllr. Chris Morgan	
Cllr. Peeter Tiidt		

10.00 QUESTION TIME.

10.01 The clerk has received a Hotel voucher from Cardiff International hotel to help raise money for the Christmas lights. As the council doesn't have a license to hold a raffle, the council decided to give it to the school for their raffle at the village Christmas fayre.

- 10.02 Cllr. Chris Morgan enquired as to the whereabouts of some photographs from inside the Tanyard. Cllr. Brian Griffiths explained that he had borrowed them and then asked Robert to put them back. All photos concerned were found hanging up at the back of the Tanyard.
- 10.03 The remaining Christmas lights to go up on Tuesday 29th December around 5pm and Sunday 4th December.
- 10.04 Volunteers are needed to obtain a Christmas tree on Saturday 10th December at 9am at the allotment shed.
- 10.05 Chair Cllr. Graham Walters read out a letter from the WI thanking the council for allowing them to use the Tanyard for their meetings. Enclosed with the letter was a cheque for £25, the council decided to return the cheque to the WI. Clerk will send cheque back with a letter.

11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Chair Cllr. Graham Walters reminded all councillors that help was needed with the road closures on December 12th.

12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 12.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 30th January 2012 at 19.30hrs
- 12.02 The meeting closed at 21:21hrs