
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Meeting Held at
The Tanyard, Tongwynlais,
on Monday 28th January 2013.
Meeting Commenced at 7:30pm.**

- 1.00 ATTENDANCE :** Community Councillors: Chair Brian Griffiths, Chris Morgan, Graham Walters, Julie Jones, Mike Griffiths, Peeter Tiidt, Ceri Morgan, Mike Jones-Pritchard and Linda Morgan.
Clerk Ceri Lane
- County Councillors: Benjamin Thomas and Chris Davies
- Police Representative: PCSO Gary Dunning.
- 2.00 APOLOGIES :** Councillors: None
PC Paul Tebbutt
- 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 26th November 2012 were agreed.
- 5.00 POLICE MATTERS**
- 5.01 PC Paul Tebbutt sent the following police report from 1st January 2013 to 23rd January 2013:
- 20th January, criminal damage to motor vehicle, Catherine Drive.
- 5.02 The next PACT meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th February at Cardiff International Hotel.
- 5.03 PCSO 51242 Gary Dunning introduced himself and informed the Council that he will be assisting PC Tebbutt and PC Cozens covering the whole of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais. He can be contacted on 07825 436777 or email Gary.Dunning@south-wales.pnn.police.uk
- 6.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND ANY REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.**
- 6.01 Item 6.01. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths read out a reply from Cardiff Parks Dept. advising on the wooden bridge at the rear of 14 Castle Road. The Parks Dept suggested putting a hand rail, concreted at both ends of the bridge and maybe using anti-slip panels. The Clerk contacted a company called Polydeck Ltd who inspected the bridge and suggested using anti slip sheets. There

was two options:-

1. To fully panel the bridge in our 4mm GRP panels I measured the bridge to be 3500mm long by 1040mm wide.
Cost for this would be £ 254.80+vat
To supply our recommended fixings £47.80+vat
Carriage £40.00+vat
Total £342.60+vat

2. To Provide 50mm wide strips which placed 50mm apart would provide enough anti slip surface to prevent further problems
18 strips at 50mm x 1040 would be required cost £84.24+vat
To provide our recommended fixings £55.40+vat
Carriage £40.00+vat
Total £179.64+vat

After discussion it was decided that a hand rail on both sides of the bridge should be sufficient. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths will instruct Tyfrion to put a hand rail on each side of the bridge. The need for GRP panels will be considered if and when needed.

- 6.02 Item 6.03. Cllr Graham Walters has the new lamps for the allotment shed and is waiting for Cllr Mike Jones Pritchard to contact him regarding a new battery.
- 6.03 Item 6.07. Cllr Graham Walters reported on the Christmas lights. Only ten lamppost lights could be used this year due to no power supplies in two of the lampposts. There were three repairs needed at a cost of £45 each plus vat. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths read out a breakdown of costs received by Elsbury. Cllr Graham Walters will contact Elsbury to discuss the repairs and the possibility of spreading out the cost of the new controls. It was decided that the controls will only be replaced as and when needed. County Cllr Benjamin Thomas is in talks with Street Lighting regarding the replacement lampposts. Clerk Ceri Lane will also write to Street Lighting. It was agreed that the Council should consider getting new lights for along the cottages next year. It was agreed that there would be no increase in electricity payments this year as the lights were not switched on in the mornings. The Clerk shall arrange the resident's electricity payments. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths thanked Cllr Graham Walters for all his efforts organising the Christmas lights.
- 6.04 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard arrived at the meeting at 19:43hrs.
- 6.05 The Tanyard now has a water meter and will be billed on usage from 4th January 2013. Resolved.
- 6.06 Item 10.06. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths asked Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard if he had managed to get anyone to advise on the floor of the Tanyard. He shall try to arrange within next couple of weeks.
- 6.07 Item 10.01. The leaf blower has been repaired at the cost of £32.19 (included in Tyfrions expenses). Resolved.
- 6.08 Item 10.09 & 6.04. The Clerk is still waiting for a reply from Highways dept. regarding the planters for Merthyr Road/Bute Street, and the road layout at the Greenmeadow Springs junction. Cllr Mike Jones Pritchard asked if Highways could remove any unnecessary road signs in the village. The Clerk shall write to Highways. Ongoing.
- 6.09 Item 6.05. Cllr Graham Walters has replaced the locks on the notice board and once he has got spare keys cut he shall give a set to the Clerk.

6.10 Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths informed the Council that he would like a decision tonight on whether the Tanyard should be sold or repaired. He informed the Council that Welsh Water had given the Council £4792 in compensation. The Council now have £6792 to use to make the necessary repairs so that the building can be used again. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard asked if a business plan had been prepared. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths explained that he felt that a business plan could not be prepared under the present circumstances as the possibilities for lettings is unknown. Previously, the building was available to local residents free of charge. The Clerk Ceri Lane had started to prepare a business plan but was unsure of the potentials. She explained that at present time the annual cost of running the Tanyard is approx. £1000. The Chairman explained that the building had been given to the Council for the community to use and felt that it should remain Council property. Cllr Mike Jones Pritchard explained the importance of a business plan.

Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard proposed that the Council inform the local residents to allow them to have a say on the matter. Cllr Linda Morgan seconded his proposal. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths explained that this matter had gone on for long enough and a decision should be made tonight. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard disagreed and urged the chairman to consider his proposal and emphasised the importance of a business plan before a decision is made. Cllr Michael Griffiths suggested that the Council use the insurance and compensation funds to repair the damage and make the building usable until a final decision is made. The chairman requested a vote on the proposal of using the £6792 to repair the damage and make the Tanyard usable. The result was:

For	4
Against	2
Abstained	3

Cllr Mike-Jones Pritchard requested that the residents of the village are surveyed and given a say on the matter before a decision is made. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths agreed to the residents being surveyed regarding the sale of the Tanyard but explained that a decision had been made to use the £6792 to make the Tanyard usable until a final decision on the sale of the building.

Cllr Mike Jones Pritchard left meeting at 20:20hrs after disagreeing with the way the decision was made.

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

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

- a) Western Power agreement for Christmas light power. Signed by the Chairman.
- b) Cardiff Council, Parks response to footbridge rear of Castle Road. (see item 6.01)
- c) Cardiff Council, Highways response to Merthyr Road road improvements.
- d) GE Healthcare, unable to offer donation for Christmas lights. Filed.
- e) Community website notice. To be placed in the notice board.
- f) Consersative notice and calendar. To be placed in the notice board.
- g) One Voice Wales, Strong Roots training.
- h) One Voice Wales, Strong Roots training 4th February 2013.
- i) One Voice Wales, 2013 training Courses.
- j) One Voice Wales, Module 1 – The Council training session, Tuesday 12th March, Radyr OCR.
- k) The Sustainable Development Bill consultation events.
- l) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report is available at www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk
- m) Planning Policy being circulated.
- n) Judith Marsh's CPG report.

- o) Section 137 (4) (a) spending for 2013/14 is £6.98.
- p) Clerk & Councils Direct.
- q) One Voice Wales Agenda for 14th January 2013.
- r) Public appointments in Wales.
- s) Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill.
- t) One Voice Wales, Lyn Cadwalladen's response to the Local Government Bill.
- u) One Voice Wales, opportunity for members.
- v) Urdd, donation request.
- w) Willis, insurance payment. Banked.
- x) @rchitecture printing invoice £83.03. Clerk to raise cheque.
- y) British Gas Electric bill 1/12/12-1/1/13 £32.26. Filed.
- z) Cardiff Council land rent £10. Clerk to send payment.
- aa) Welsh Water, confirmation of water meter. Filed.
- bb) British Gas electric 31/10/2012-1/12/12 £26.08. Filed.
- cc) British Gas 7/8/12 – 5/11/2012 £274.18. Filed.
- dd) Insurance documents. Filed.
- ee) Elsbury invoice £2286. Cllr Graham Walters will try to arrange a payment plan.

7.02 Cllrs Graham Walters and Julie Jones could not attend the One Voice Wales meeting on 14th January and sent their apologies.

7.03 Cllr Ceri Morgan attended a GE Healthcare meeting and reported as follows:

- Meetings may not continue due to lack of attendance.
- A new £3million Cell Laboratory block was built.
- Over 1000 school children attended the Education zone during 2012.
- Radio activity levels are very low.
- They are keen to get involved with community projects.

7.04 There was nothing to report from the school Governors meeting. The new head teacher Mrs Sally Phillips started at Tongwynlais Primary School at the beginning of January.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES.

8.01 Expenses

Total wages Nov 2012	1270/71	-805.19
Christmas Grotto	1272	-100.00
Insurance	1273	-1048.76
Graham Walters - refund Alan Wilson light bulbs	1274	-132.24
Wages December 2012	1275	-579.43
Business Gas 7th Aug - 5th Nov	D/D	-274.18
Transfer to account 07095994		-2000.00

Income

Zurich Insurance	62	2000.00
Total donations received.	62	150.00
Welsh Water compensation	64	4792.00

8.02 Cheques to be raised. Total wages and expenses for Dec/Jan (£104.58+£262.80+£382.95) Cardiff Council £10, @rchitecture (printing) £83.03, Residents Christmas lights payments(£80 + £80 + £80 + £80 + £80 + £80 + £30)

8.03 As agreed at the November 2012 meeting, the Council will request a Precept of £18000. The Precept form was signed by Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Julie Jones and Clerk Ceri Lane.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None received.

10.00 QUESTION TIME.

10.01 None.

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 25th February 2013 at 19.30hrs

12.02 The meeting closed at 20:42hrs.