
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting Held at The Tanyard, Tongwynlais, on Monday 27th January 2014. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm.

- 1.00 ATTENDANCE :** Community Councillors: Brian Griffiths (Chairman), Chris Morgan, Mike Griffiths, Linda Morgan, Mike Jones-Pritchard, Ceri Morgan, Graham Walters and Julie Jones.
Clerk: Ceri Lane
- County Councillors: None present.
- Three members of public.
- Police Representative: No Police Officer present.
- 2.00 APOLOGIES :** Community Councillors:
County Councillors: Chris Davies, David Groves, Jonathan Evans and Benjamin Thomas
PCSO Natalie Evans, Bethan Taylor and Gary Dunning
PC Paul Tebbutt

The Chair informed the Council that Graham Walters retracted his resignation on 25th November 2013 and will remain on Council as Community Councillor. He will also continue to represent the Council at One Voice Wales.

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 25th November 2014 was agreed.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS

5.01 South Wales Police sent the following crime report for Tongwynlais.

- Burglary (Non-dwelling) : 11/01/2014, Heol-Y-Fforest, Tongwynlais.
- Theft of motor vehicle: 11/01/2014, Heol-Y-Fforest, Tongwynlais.
- Criminal damage: 23/01/2014, Wellington Street, Tongwynlais.
- Theft from motor vehicle: 25/01/2014, Birch Hill, Tongwynlais.

The next PACT meeting will be Tuesday 11th February, 19:00hrs, International hotel.

6.00 AMELIA THOMAS TO PRESENT THE GROW WILD PROJECT

The Chair welcomed Amelia Thomas to the meeting. Amelia explained the Grow Wild Project to the Council and explained that she would like to apply for lottery funding to improve some areas in the Tongwynlais area. She is currently working on two projects in the village. One is to improve the lane between Ironbridge Road and the park and the other is the steps leading from Castell Coch View to Catherine Drive. Wild flowers and plants would be purchased to encourage wildlife and discourage litter in the area. If there is enough funding she would like to purchase some features such as benches or trellis. The work would be completed by local resident volunteers. She is also planning on holding an event in the village hall to promote the project. She would like to encourage the 15-24 age groups to get involved. All age groups are welcome. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said "if residents are happy to do it then we should support it". The Chair read out an email explaining the terms under which the insurance would cover the project. The Chair proposed that Amelia Thomas be co-opted onto a subcommittee and work with the Council. All agreed and Amelia accepted the position. Amelia to report back to council at each meeting. The Clerk and RFO will deal with the finances.

Amelia has been in contact with Wales and West Liaison Officer as they own the land between Castell Coch View and Catherine Drive. A meeting has been arranged at The Tanyard on 31st January 6:30pm for residents of Catherine Drive to show an interest and ask any questions. The Chair thanked Amelia for attending.

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

7.01 Item 6.05. Cllr Graham Walters sent an email to the Clerk to apologise as he will be late arriving at the meeting. He wished to quantify a point relating to 6.05 of the minutes of the last meeting. He said that he did indeed contact Cllr Evans by email regarding the cutting down of the trees behind the bungalows but he had suggested that the trees opposite side of the main road represented a far greater problem. He also suggested that the trees overhanging along Merthyr Road from the school up to the hotel needed to be cut back as they were causing a greater danger to cyclists and motorists than anything else. He wished to point out I never at any time had he asked for any trees to be cut down, merely cut back.

7.02 Item 6.12. Castle Care has made a start on the lights for the Tanyard. Ongoing.

GW

7.03 Item 6.02. The Chair will ask Cllr Graham Walters if he has made any progress with the local landscaping company. The Chair will then contact the voluntary group to arrange a meeting.

BG
GW

7.04 Item 10.01. County Cllr Jonathan Evans has informed the Clerk that the green along Pantgwynlais is the responsibility of the Housing Dept. They have arranged for Officers to attend either at the start or the end of the school day to survey the area. Officers will report back to County Cllr Jonathan Evans who will then report back to the Community Council.

Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard suggested that the council write to Cardiff Council and ask them not to spray so much weed killer on posts at the edge of the green. The Clerk will send a letter.

CL

7.05 Item 10.02. Cllr Chris Morgan has inspected the notice board and found a crack that is letting water in. He will treat it once the weather has improved as it needs to be dry.

CM

7.06 Item 10.04. Cllr Chris Morgan can get plain yellow vests for £3+vat each but they cannot personalise them. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard will make some enquiries.

MJP

7.07 Item 7.01c. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard will represent the Community Council on Cardiff Neighbourhood Partnerships.

7.08 Item 7.03. Residents had asked Gerrit Groenswold to meet with them to discuss the matter further. Mr Groenswold did not meet up with them. As the deadline is on 31st January, Chair Brian Griffiths will contact him again to find out what his plans are for the land. Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that Mr Groenswold may need to obtain planning permission to cut down any trees. BG

7.09 Cllr Graham Walters entered the meeting at 19:35hrs.

7.10 The Clerk has purchased a Hoover for the Tanyard. Resolved.

7.11 The Chair asked the Clerk to provide an idea of the price for additional Christmas lights next year and bring it along to the next meeting. CL

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

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

- a) Public Service Commission, final report available to download from <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improving-services/public-service-governance-and-delivery/report/?lang=en>
- b) One Voice Wales – changes to the planning system.
- c) One Voice Wales – The Voice issue 24.
- d) One Voice Wales Minutes and Agenda.
- e) Post Office Advisory Council, looking for volunteer members.
- f) One Voice Wales, training- use of IT, Website and Social Media.
- g) One Voice Wales, training programme – South Wales.
- h) Welsh Government, Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2014-15, £7.20.
- i) Cardiff Council, notice of intention to adopt part II of the local government Act 1976.
- j) Welsh Government, appointment of 5 members for Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group. Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths will apply. BG
- k) Play for Wales, issue 41.
- l) Glasdon products for local councils.
- m) Clerks & Councils Direct.
- n) Andrew RT Davies AM/AC public notice. Placed in notice board and in Tanyard.
- o) Cardiff Council Precept form. (see 9.03)
- p) Cardiff Council reply to Clerks November letter.
- q) Cardiff Council Fly Tipping response. (1)
- r) Cardiff Council Fly Tipping response.(2) Clerk to follow up. CL
- s) ICT Vision, website design. The Clerk shall discuss with Jack Caunt and report back at next meeting. CL
- t) Email from County Cllr David Groves, updating various issues as discussed.
- u) British Gas 6th August – 5th November 2013, £231.54.
- v) Welsh Water, 6th June – 11th Dec 2013, £88.14. £14.08 in credit.
- w) Heat Elite Gas Safety checks £50.
- x) Floodlighting, £6108.
- y) British Gas Electric 1st Dec – 1st Jan £26.53. JC

8.02 Planning Application 14/00062/DCH, rear extension 3 Pwllhelyg, Tongwynlais. No comments.

8.03 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard said that all is well with the school.

9.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

9.01

Expenditure

Curley Locks	1341	-80.00
Total wages and expenses November	1342/43	-735.71
Came & Co Insurance	1344	-1023.64
Cardiff Council land rent	1345	-10.00
Mr & Mrs Bale house fire donation	1346	-100.00
Total wages and expenses December	1347/48	-493.78
STTEPS charity donation	1349	-50.00
British Gas Electric		-25.64
British Gas		-231.54
British Gas ElectricDecember		-27.38

Income

Spar (donation)	74	100.00
Tanyard hire	74	60.00
Allotment rent	74	72.30
Castell Coch passes	74	6.00
HMRC VAT refund	BAC	732.48
Ton Dentist (donation)	75	75.00
WI	75	12.00
Belby (Tanyard booking)	75	24.00
Castell Coch pass	75	1.00
Ainon	76	36.00

9.02 Cheques to be raised. Total wages and expenses for January (£232.37) Floodlighting £6108.00, Heat Elite £50. CL

9.03 It was decided that the council would request a Precept of £19000. The Chair Cllr Brian Griffiths signed the Precept form along with Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Linda Morgan and the Clerk Ceri Lane. CL

10.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

10.01 None received.

11.00 QUESTION TIME.

11.01 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard would like another community Litter Pick in the Spring. To be arranged.

11.02 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard informed the Council that Tyfrion had helped rescue the residents from the house fire in December. He suggested the Council write a letter of thanks. Clerk will send letter. CL

11.03 Cllr Mike Griffiths reported that the drain outside the Old Ton is still blocked. The Clerk shall write to Cardiff Council. CL

11.04 Cllr Mike Griffiths suggested that the white lines on Merthyr Road need repainting. The Clerk shall write to Highways. CL

- 11.05 A local resident reported a broken fence between the Taff Trail and the A470 slip road. The Clerk shall contact Cardiff Council. CL
- 11.06 A local resident suggested that dog mess bins should be placed in the village. The Chair informed him that dog mess can be bagged and put into normal bins.
- 11.07 County Cllr David Groves has advised the Clerk in an email (8.01t) that it has been proposed, subject to consultation that Tongwynlais will become a Controlled Cold Calling Zone. Residents will be contacted to see if they agree to it.

12.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- 12.01 The Chair informed the Council that local resident, Jack Caunt would like to tweet on Twitter from the meeting. Mr Caunt would like to bring the people of Tongwynlais together and keep them updated with what's going on in the area. He said "I am very conscious of what I write and I would only report facts". A heated debate took place. Mr Caunt confirmed that he would be tweeting on his own behalf. The Community Council will not be held responsible for anything put on Social Media sites by members of public. The Chair informed the council that in Wales, the Council can make their own choice on whether to allow tweeting, blogging etc. at their meeting. The Chair called for a vote, the results are shown below.

In favour of tweeting being allowed by members of public at meetings	Against tweeting being allowed by members of public at meetings
Linda Morgan	Graham Walters
Mike Jones-Pritchard	Julie Jones
Michael Griffiths	Brian Griffiths
Ceri Morgan	
Chris Morgan	

The Chair warned Mr Caunt that the Council will take legal action for any incorrect information that he publishes.

13.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 13.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 24th February 2014 at 19.00hrs
- 13.02 The meeting closed at 20:45hrs.