
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held at The
Tanyard, Tongwynlais on Feb 27th 2017.
Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

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

Clerk: Nadine Dunseath

County Councillors: None

Members of the public: Two

Police Representative: PCSO Richard Davies
PCSO Hywel Arkontopoulos

2.00 APOLOGIES:
Cardiff County Councillors - Davis, Evans, Groves and Thomas

3.00 DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS:

3.01 None

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

4.01 The previous minutes were approved.

5.00 POLICE MATTERS:

5.01 There are new police boundaries in place and Tongwynlais is now classed as a rural area. The police officers responsible for Tongwynlais are PCSO Richard Davies, PCSO Hywel Arkontopoulos and PCSO Helen Abdullahi.
Crime figures for February are 2 antisocial behaviour offences involving off road bikes around the castle grounds; 2 drug offences – cannabis on Grants Close; 1 burglary on Cross Street; 5 theft & handling – all theft from vehicles, majority of which from insecure vehicles.

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

6.01 Item 6.01: Acquisition of Land at Tongwynlais Gardens.

Tongwynlais Community Council met with Aion Baptist Church who would like to use this area to provide a fire escape exit for the church and place a secure gate on the land. A written agreement was discussed and signed by all parties.

- 6.02 Item 6.02: A new invoice has been received by Floodlighting, which contains additional costs for repair works that Tongwynlais Community Council were not aware of. Clerk to arrange a meeting between Tongwynlais Community Council and Floodlighting to discuss these charges.
- 6.03 Item 6.03: Re: the new road signs, which are to be placed on the grass verge at either end of Merthyr Road. Clerk is still awaiting the detailed quote from Cardiff Council for them to make and install the signs.
- 6.04 Item 6.05 The TON group are yet to provide a date to clear out the allotment shed. Once a date has been agreed the Community Council will provide the skip.
- 6.05 Item 6.06 Clerk has received a response from Land Registry regarding the ownership of the green land on Ironbridge road to confirm it belongs to the Welsh Assembly Government. Clerk has contacted them to request trimming of the large overgrown trees on this area.
- 6.06 Item 6.08 Chairman Brian Griffiths has contacted the primary school gardening club to ask if there is any equipment they require to be provided by Tongwynlais Community Council. They have requested that a surface, such as paving slabs or gravel, is provided around the greenhouse, which is currently just mud and is a slipping hazard to the children. Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard suggested that chipped bark could be used, which is a softer surface and less of a hazard to the children. Chairman Brian Griffiths to discuss quotes for this work with local contractors.
- 6.07 Item 6.11 Clerk is still awaiting a formal quote from the builder regarding the leak in the Tanyard ceiling above the front door.
- 6.08 Item 7.01 Clerk returned the precept request form to Cardiff Council.
- 6.09 Item 7.03 Clerk has contacted Cardiff Council regarding the litter bins that have been removed by the bus stop on Merthyr Road, as well as on Mill Road opposite the Lewis Arms by the phone box and by the playground, but has not yet received a response.
- 6.10 Item 7.04 Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard advised the Council that speed bumps and traffic calming measures may not be necessary for a 20mph speed restriction as other areas of Cardiff have demonstrated. Clerk to contact Cardiff Council to request if the 20mph zone could be extended in the village to include Mill Road and Castle Road. Also Clerk to request that the speed bumps on Merthyr Road are removed.
- 6.11 Item 7.05 Clerk has provided suggestions to Challenge Wales regarding parking for the running event from Castell Coch in November 2017. The date of this event is planned for early morning on Sunday 5th November.
- 6.12 Item 7.10 Planning Application 16/03067/MNR Proposed New Dwelling, Land Off Mill Road, Tongwynlais.

Tongwynlais Community Council has filed an objection to this application, as well as assisting local residents in completing a petition, which has also now been submitted to the Planning Department at Cardiff Council.

- 6.13 Item 10.01 Re: Garage rental increase at Pantgwynlais and Greenmeadow Drive. Tongwynlais Community Council has written to Cardiff Council requesting they reconsider the increase. Councillor Graham Walters has received a response from Cardiff Council suggesting that the current charge is one of the lowest in Wales. However after the increase it would place Cardiff Council as one of the highest charges in Wales. Tongwynlais Community Council feels this increase is too much. Clerk to contact Cardiff Council again to request they reconsider and to provide clarification on the discrepancies between charges.

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

- 7.01 Mr Terry Gaylard of H&N Cleaning on Merthyr Road has kindly offered to sponsor the wages of the Community Council litter picker and has offered to provide a high-visibility jacket for him. Tongwynlais Community Council agreed that the wording "Community Council sponsored by H&N cleaning" could be placed on the back of the jacket. The Community Council agreed that they would also continue to pay the litter picker and extend his working hours to cover the whole length of Merthyr Road.
- 7.02 Clerk has received nomination packs and information in the event of a Community Council election. Clerk to distribute the nomination forms to members of the Community Council and any other interested individuals.
- 7.03 Correspondence has been received from a local resident regarding the placement of a public access defibrillator in the village. Clerk to contact the local resident to request further information.
- 7.04 Following information placed on the TON group website, Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard has suggested the Community Council becomes involved with the company fixmystreet.com where local residents can report problems such as graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving or broken street lighting. Clerk to request an information pack and to place a link on the Community Council website for residents.
- 7.05 There has been a complaint from a local resident regarding a lorry from the Hope Construction site travelling fast through the village on Merthyr Road on Monday 20th February at 6:40am. Clerk has notified Hope Construction.
- 7.06 Correspondence has been received from the Woodland Trust regarding the tree charter project that is to be launched in November 2017. The project sets out guidelines for local councils to help look after trees and woodland in their neighbourhood.
- 7.07 The TON group has secured funding from Wales & West Housing of over £8000 towards a new playground at Catherine Drive.

8.00 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Expenditure

British Gas Business	d/d	-24.97
Wages & Expenses	1544/45	-312.89

Welsh Water	1546	-139.33
Welsh Audit Office	1548	-207.15
One Voice Wales Membership	1549	-240.00
Floodlighting VAT		-1831.27
Limegreen Boiler Service		-75.00

8.01 The clerk reported they had received the following since the last meeting:
British Gas, Welsh Water, Welsh Audit Office, One Voice Wales Membership,
Floodlighting VAT and Tanyard Boiler Service.

8.02 Cheques to be written by the Clerk: Wages & Expenses: Tyfrion Edwards, Nadine
Dunseath, James Proctor, Floodlighting VAT, Boiler Service.

9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.01 None

10.00 QUESTION TIME

10.01 Councillor Linda Morgan advised the Community Council that the dates of the
summer festival will be from Wednesday 28th June to Saturday 8th July. The sunset
fayre will be on Wednesday 28th June.
Tongwynlais Community Council agreed that they would again sponsor the senior
citizens tea which is to be held on 3rd July.

10.02 Councillor Peeter Tiidt has noticed that there is a large oak tree at the entrance to
Castell Coch which has some dead branches. Clerk to contact Cadw to request they
trim the branches.

10.03 A local resident has reported that there is a blocked drain on Merthyr Road by the
chapel, which has also caused a manhole to overflow with water on the pavement.
Clerk to contact Cardiff Council.

10.04 A local resident has reported that the grit bin on Pantgwynlais is sinking into the
ground. Clerk to contact Cardiff Council.

10.05 Clerk to contact Cardiff Council to request that a litter bin is placed in the layby by
the Holiday Inn which has become a problem for littering.

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 27th March 2017 at 19.00 hours.
The meeting closed at 19:45 hours.