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# TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held at The  
Tanyard, Tongwynlais on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.  
Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

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

**Clerk:** Rebecca Crandon  
Nadine Dunseath

**County Councillors:** None

**Members of the public:** Two

**Police Representative:** One

**2.00 APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Ceri Morgan  
Cardiff County Councillors

**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 minutes of the previous meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 were agreed.

**5.00 POLICE MATTERS:**

5.01 There was one reported incident of anti-social behaviour and 6 crime related incidents. It was noted that Sunset Fayre road closures should also have included closure to Herman Hill. Signs were needed by Taffs Well roundabout and Coryton roundabout to alert motorists coming into the village about the road closures. The police have requested that Community Councillors attend the Sunset Fayre in future.

A member of the public reported that during the Sunset Fayre it was witnessed that gangs of children had been throwing stones. The Police Officer advised residents to inform the police if they witness such behaviour and not attempt to intervene.

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

- 6.01 Item 6.02 Acquisition of Land at Tongwynlais Gardens.  
The Community Council is still awaiting a response from Cardiff Council with a breakdown of the cost of purchasing the land, or with a cost of a lifelong lease.
- 6.02 Item 6.06 A lock is still present on the gates to the children's play area, although it is possible to gain access to the play area through the gate opposite the field. The Community Council is still awaiting a response from Cardiff Council Parks Department for an explanation as to why the gate has been locked.
- 6.03 Item 6.08 12 Commemorative coins have been returned to the Community Council from the school, although there is still a shortfall as about 30 coins should have been returned. These 12 coins are to be sold to anyone who wants them at cost price and any proceeds to be returned to the Community Council funds.
- 6.04 Item 6.10 There are 5 extra hanging baskets available to be placed in the village. A hanging basket is to be replaced in Wellington Street and 1 to be placed by the church, the remaining 3 baskets to be placed on the cottages at the top of Merthyr Road. Cllr Graham Walters will drill holes in the lamppost outside the church for the new fittings and the baskets should be up this week.
- 6.05 Item 7.01 The planning application for the new 2 bedroomed property on Ironbridge Road has been refused by a delegated authority.
- 6.06 Item 10.02 The post office has still received no formal notification to vacate the property on Merthyr Road where the building is currently up for sale.
- 6.07 Item 6.01 The Community Council is still awaiting a price from Darren at Floodlighting for a price for the village Christmas lights.

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

- 7.01 A planning application for change of use to retail at the Bike Shed on Merthyr Road has been received. The Community Council has raised concerns that the property has already been converted prior to the planning application being submitted. They have also raised concerns about the size and placement of the Bike Shed's Yellow sign as complaints have been received from residents. The Community Council will ask the Bike Shed if they would move the sign closer to their building.
- 7.02 Correspondence has been received featuring a proposed design for new road signs to be placed on Merthyr Road saying "Welcome to Tongwynlais" and featuring the image of Castell Coch. The correspondence outlined the cost of the road signs. Clerk to contact Cadw to ask if they would like to place adverts on the road signs, and if so would they be prepared to contribute to the cost.
- 7.03 Correspondence has been received from BDO Audit of the Council requesting further information. Clerk to respond to BDO.
- 7.04 Correspondence has been received stating that Community Councils must advertise that they comply with the Amended Model Code of Conduct. Clerk to place a notice on the Community Council website.

- 7.05 A planning application has been received for a 4 bedroom detached house at Ty Isaf Farm, Castle Road, Tongwynlais. The Community Council has no objection to this application.
- 7.06 Cllr Graham Walters attended the One Voice Wales AGM, where the resident officers were voted back in. He also attended the One Voice Wales three monthly meeting, which included a talk from the Commercial Manager at Cardiff Airport. There will be an AGM in Builth Wells on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- 7.07 Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard attended a meeting at Tongwynlais Primary School where it was discussed that the Head Teacher of the school has been appointed as Executive Head of Coryton Primary School for the next 12 months. The current Deputy Head has been appointed as Acting Head teacher, and a current teacher is the new Acting Deputy Head for Tongwynlais Primary School for the next 12 months. Parents have been informed.

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

### **Expenditure**

British Gas Business	d/d	-23.27
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Kevin Davis Ball Hanging Baskets	1503	-100.00
Wages & Expenses	1504/5/6	-808.80
Senior Citizens Tea	1509	-63.38
Tower Mint Coins	1508	-128.40
Cardiff Council Rent	1507	-10.00
Welsh Water	1511	-143.72

- 8.01 The clerk reported they had received the following since the last meeting
- a) British Gas Bill
  - b) Welsh Water Bill
- 8.02 Cheques to be written by the Clerk: Wages & Expenses: Tyfrion Edwards, Rhys Davies, Rebecca Crandon, Nadine Dunseath. Welsh Water Bill.

## **9.00 NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 9.01 None

## **10.00 QUESTION TIME**

- 10.01 Hedges are to be cut back on Merthyr Road from the school to the Holiday Inn. Clerk to inform Cardiff Council.
- 10.02 4 lights are not working in the subway that runs underneath the A470 from the bottom of Market Street. Clerk to inform Cardiff Council Streetlighting Department.
- 10.03 Drains are blocked outside the Mews property on Merthyr Road. Clerk to inform Cardiff Council Highways Department.
- 10.04 No bins are present on the Taff Trail by the newly opened picnic site at Radyr Weir. Clerk to inform Cardiff Council.

- 10.05 New time credit books have been issued with information on where you can spend time credits earned.
- 10.06 TON neighbourhood group has requested permission from Cardiff Council to paint a mural on the M4 underpass to cover the existing graffiti. It is intended the mural will be painted by young people in the community and feature a fairytale castle theme. The TON group already has permission to paint the A470 underpass.
- 10.07 TON neighbourhood group is hoping to build a play area at Catherine Drive. To apply for funding they are required to have 10% of the cost.
- 10.08 Re: Leon Whittle Bench. Currently awaiting planning permission to place a concrete base for the bench, which is intended to be installed prior to August 9<sup>th</sup>. The chair requested a proof of expenditure receipt.

#### **11.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

- 11.01 Trees have been cut down by the allotments as they were touching overhead wires. It is intended that the hedge next to the allotment will also be cut down.
- 11.02 The pavement on Merthyr Road from the Spar to the Mews has a littering problem, especially at weekends. The Community Council proposed employing someone to litter pick on a Friday and Sunday morning in all of Merthyr Road.
- 11.03 It was reported that on the corner of Ironbridge Road a sign has been damaged. Clerk to contact Cardiff Council.
- 11.04 The Chair of the Council will meet with the Clerk on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August to sign any cheques required.

#### **12.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 12.01 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 19.00 hours.

The meeting closed at 19.55 hours.