

Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council, held on Thursday 14th December 2017 at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail which commenced at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Messrs: D. Owen Jones, D. Grehan, Austin Davies, G. Powell, C. Wells, A. Davies-Jones, Mrs. Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones, Mrs. L. Michel and Mrs. K. Webb

Also in attendance:
Pauline Williams – Clerk
Tammy Claire Caddy – Administrative Assistant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 APOLOGIES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors D. Roberts (Concert with Tonyrefail Ladies Choir) and S. Stevens (Pantomime Rehearsals)

1.2 APOLOGIES NOT SUBMITTED

With the apologies submitted above there were no other apologies to be submitted.

2. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:** To approve and accept the minutes of the November monthly meeting held on Thursday 2nd November as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC BREAK

There were no members of the public present.

5. YOUTH REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no Youth representation this evening.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 BUS SHELTERS FOR ARTWORK – REQUEST FROM AVANT

It was **RESOLVED:** That this request is accepted and that Avant would also be asked if they would 'artwork' the underpass in Thomastown.

6.2 BUS STOP 247 EXISTING LOCATION & NEW PROPOSED LOCATION

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept the recommendation from RCTCBC and that the proposed bus stop earmarked for The Meadows, Tyn-y-Bryn will now be sited at Stop 231 (Ty Dawel) South Bound mainly for the following reasons: The new 122 Long Gold Buses will over hang the junction at Heol Ton, the bus shelter will obstruct visibility exiting Heol Ton, and the location is directly over a set of Speed Cushions.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 TONYREFAIL TIGERS

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their letter dated 17th November thanking the Community Council for the grant of £200 submitted to their organisation and also to congratulate the Community Council on the award ceremony that had taken place in the Council Office.

7.2 ONE VOICE WALES – REVISED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME 2017/WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT – 27TH OCTOBER 2017.

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 27th October 2017 and the Written Statement issued by the Welsh Government in respect Section 73 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 requiring Welsh Ministers to make, keep under review, and from time to time remake or revise a Local Government Scheme. That Scheme sets out how the Welsh Ministers propose, in exercise of their functions, to sustain and promote local government in Wales

7.3 ONE VOICE WALES – 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 13TH November and the Written Statement dated 10th November issued by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education at the Welsh Government setting out their national mission who will see the implementation of a brand new curriculum, with a focus on leadership, professional learning, and a self improving system.

7.4 ONE VOICE WALES – NRW FUNDING AND SUPPORT 2017/18

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 1st December 2017 in respect of Funding and Support for 2017/18.

7.5 ONE VOICE WALES – CONSULTATION ON A MAJOR TRAUMA NETWORK FOR SOUTH AND WEST WALES AND SOUTH POWYS

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 30th November 2017 advising of a 12 week consultation being undertaken by Cwm Taf Health Board which commenced on the 13th November.

7.6 ONE VOICE WALES – PLANNING LAW IN WALES – CONSULTATION PAPER

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 1st December 2017 in respect of the Law Commission undertaking a review of the planning law in Wales with the aim of ensuring it works for the specific needs of Wales and improves accessibility of the general public and stakeholders.

8 PLANNING

It was reported that Application No. 17/0580/10 had been refused by RCTCBC.

It was **RESOLVED:** That neither observations nor any objections were raised in respect of the other planning applications placed on this month's agenda.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were 2 additional planning applications received after the circulation of the agenda:

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- Application No: 17/1268/10
 Proposal: Proposed extended hardstand and steps to front garden plus extended patio and decking in rear garden.
 Location: 2 Mynydd Y Seren, Thomastown,

- Application No: 17/1324/10
 Proposal: Upgrade of existing access road off the B4278 to accommodate 44t timber Lorries for the removal of Phytophthora Ramorum infected trees which post a tree health risk.
 Location: North of Tonyrefail, B4278, Penrhiwfer Road.

It was **RESOLVED:** That neither observations nor any objections were raised in respect of the 2 additional planning applications received since the circulation of the agenda.

9. FOOTPATHS

Councillor G. Powell thanked Councillor D. Owen Jones for his input in respect of the dumping of materials on and near to the old Battleground. Councillor D. Owen Jones advised that he would continue to pursue this matter with NRW and RCTCBC. Councillor G. Powell also advised that owing to the area having a SSSI that no cattle, horses, etc should be allowed on the site and that in view of this, it needs to be enforced by RCTCBC.

9.1 FOOTPATH REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the Footpath report as presented.

10 FINANCE

10.1 ACCOUNTS PAID OCTOBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** That the final accounts paid in October 2017 were approved and accepted as circulated to Council.

10.2 ACCOUNTS PAID NOVEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** That the final accounts paid in November 2017 were approved and accepted as circulated to Council.

10.3 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT DECEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To note and accept the accounts for payment for December as circulated to Council.

11. MEMBERS AND CLERKS REPORT

11.1 CLERKS REPORT

In view of the council wishing to apply for a financial grant from Welsh Water the Clerk asked council to consider what they would like to put on the application form for funding. It was **RESOLVED:** That this would be brought back to council in January 2018 for consideration

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The Clerk advised council that she was having problem cashing the Petty Cash cheque as she is not a signatory on the account and that in view of this that no petty cash will be held in the future. It was **RESOLVED:** To accept the Clerks comment.

11.2 MEMBERS REPORT

Councillor Alexandra Davies-Jones advised that RCTCBC will be providing a park at Parc Dan-y-Bryn and that the developers will be responsible for its future maintenance/responsibility.

Councillor Davies-Jones also advised that the infrastructure at Mountain View will be adopted by RCTCBC in the next 12 months.

Councillor Davies-Jones reported on the recent speed monitoring which had taken place on Penrhiwfer Road and that the findings will be submitted to Go-Safe. It was also reported that RCTCBC will be putting in a crossing and a buffer zone within the next 8 months.

It was reported that there are no dropped kerbs in the vicinity of the Co-operative store and Councillor Davies-Jones advised that she would take this concern up with RCTCBC.

Councillor Cam Wells reported on the park in Coedely and the proposed equipment. He also advised that the Community Centre in Coedely is working on a grant application.

Councillor Cam Wells advised that he had received a verbal quote of £350 to set up a new website for the community council (the supplier who council accepted previously had not come forward). It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Wells will provide the council with further information and that a decision will be taken at the January 2018 meeting.

Councillor L. Michel raised the subject of Public Liability insurance cover by the person who erected and will be taking down the Christmas Trees as she was concerned that it had not been provided to the council prior to the work being undertaken. The Clerk assured council that the public liability was in place prior to the commencement of the trees being erected.

Councillor K. Webb raised the subject of the lack of dropped kerbs in Francis Street, particularly in the area of the Community Centre despite the Clerk and herself meeting with and Officer from RCTCBC some time ago. Councillor Alexandra Davies-Jones advised that she would take this matter up with RCTCBC. Councillor Davies-Jones was also asked to pursue the lack of dropped kerbs in Meyler and Pembroke Street also.

It was reported that the disbanded chapel in Edmondstown had now been sold at Auction but concern was raised in respect of children climbing on the roof and throwing stones near to the bus stop. Councillor Alexandra Davies-Jones will raise this concern with RCTCBC.

Congratulations were given to Councillor D. Grehan on becoming the Chair of the Tonyrefail Skateboard Park committee and it was reported that Mr. D. Batten from RCTCBC Parks & Leisure will be invited by Councillor Grehan to meet with the community council.

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A discussion took place on the proposed Skateboard Park and that a site had been identified at the side of Tonyrefail Leisure Centre, and it was reported that at the recent meeting held it was very well attended.

Councillor Dan Owen-Jones reported on the footway between Winslade Avenue and Maes-y-Bryn, whereby a lady had recently fallen. He advised council that he had spoken to RCTCBC on the condition of the footway as only part of it is adopted.

12. TRANE CEMETERY

12.1 DEVELOPMENT OF TRANE FARM

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept the proposal in Mr. Adam's email dated 15th November asking the council to extend the planning option for an additional 2 years through to 18th September 2020.

13. PACT MEETINGS

- **TONYREFAIL WEST**

The next PACT meeting will take place on the 20th December 2017.

- **TONYREFAIL EAST**

It was reported at the meeting that the litter bins which had been removed for the erection of the new bus shelters will be reinstated by RCTCBC. It was also reported that dog bins are not being emptied on a regular basis – Councillors Dan Owen-Jones, D. Grehan and Alexandra Davies-Jones will raised this concern with RCTCBC and it was finally reported that currently has a very low crime rate.

14. PROJECTS

The Clerk prompted Councillor D. Owen Jones on the siting of the Edward II plaque. It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor G. Powell would meet with Councillor D. Owen Jones to finalise the location for the plaque.

Councillor Alexandra Davies-Jones asked whether or not the Council would consider holding an Easter event. It was **RESOLVED:** To agenda this item for the January 2018 meeting.

15. STAFFING

There were no staffing issues to discuss.

16. EVENTS

16.1 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was the feeling of council that the event being more contained in the 1 hall was more successful and the Clerk was asked to send letter of thanks to Beyond Balloons for the amazing grotto the provided once again, Communities First and the Tonyrefail Leisure Centre staff.

16.2 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

It was reported that there was an excellent turn out and everyone enjoyed themselves.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk makes a booking with Tonyrefail Workingmen's Club for the 1st Wednesday in December 2018.

17. THE WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT

Proceeding.

18. ALLOTMENTS

18.1 THE AVENUE ALLOTMENTS, TONYREFAIL

Council were not happy as no reply had been received in respect of the plot holders meeting with the council. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk writes a further letter.

18.1 LEASE ON LAND AT REAR OF PRICHARD STREET, TONYREFAIL

The Clerk advised council that she had been informed that the committee/plot holders no longer required the land. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would write to RCTCBC to see where the council stood in respect of the lease.

The Clerk also advised that she had received 2 letters of request from individuals, asking that in view of the allotment holders not requiring the land if they could take over the lease for parking of their vehicles. It was **RESOLVED:** That should the community council be able to cancel the lease that the land in question would be the responsibility of RCTCBC.

19. BANKING

The Clerk advised that now Councillors G. Powell and Mrs. K. Webb had returned to council that she would look at alternative banking for the council.

20 REPORTS ONLY FROM THE COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

- Councillor D. Grehan advised that he had driven around Tonyrefail with an Officer from RCTCBC and the following issues were raised. i). No drop kerbs at Bethania Chapel, ii). Pot holes on St. John's Road and the rubbish/fly-tipping on Llantrisant Road. Councillor Grehan will pursue these issues with RCTCBC. A discussion also took place on whether or not RCTCBC could install CCTV on Llantrisant Road particularly in view of the regular dumping of waste materials at the old Hillside site. Councillor Grehan will also raise this with RCTCBC,
- Councillor Dan Owen Jones advised that he had met with the RCTCBC Footpath Officer and will provide the Clerk with a booklet for distributing to each Councillor. Councillor Owen Jones reported on his recent visit to the re-cycling centre in Llantrisant.
- Councillor Dan Owen Jones reported on the Welsh Office Directive whereby it is proposed that Bridgend may merge with Rhondda Cynon Taff and advised that the consultation is now up and running until March 2018.
- A discussion also took place on the lack of beds at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital and it was reported that some people have to spend hours on end in A & E before being transferred to a ward.

**Councillor L. Michel and Councillor G. Powell gave their apologies
and left the meeting at 7.58 pm.**

21 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2018-2019

21.1 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RCTCBC DATED 23RD OCTOBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the letter from RCTCBC advising that they are preparing for its budget estimate process and that they will be contacting the Community Council in late December with notification of the estimated Council Tax Base for 2018/19.

21.2 TO RECEIVE EMAIL FROM RCTCBC DATED 27TH NOVEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email indicating the timetable over the new few months which will enable them to set the Council Tax and Budget for 2018/19.

**21.3 TO SET DATE AND TIME FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO MEET TO
CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018-2019**

It was **RESOLVED:** That the P & R committee will meet during the 3rd week of January 2018 and the Clerk was asked to increase the budget for Summer Flowering ,Events and Christmas Lighting for 2018/19.

**21.4 TO SET DATE AND TIME FOR FULL COUNCIL TO MEET TO DECIDE ON THE
BUDGET AND PRECEPT FIGURES FOR 2018-2019**

It was **RESOLVED:** That a Full Council meeting will take place on 8th February 2017 at 6.00 pm to finalise the budget and precept for 2018-2019.

**22 PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE STRATEGY FOR THE ACCOUNTING FUNCTION FOR
TONYREFAIL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FROM JASON MORGAN ACCOUNTANCY
SERVICES.**

The Clerk advised that she had deferred this item to the January 2018 meeting.

**23. TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A BURIAL MAPPING AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR TRANE
CEMETERY.**

The Clerk advised that Pear Technology are trying to find a way of transferring the data from XP to windows and a report will be brought back to council in January as to the way forward.

**24. TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FROM GROUNDWORK BRIDGEND ON THE RE-SITING OF THE
BUS SHELTER REMOVED FROM ST. JOHNS ROAD TO TYN-Y-BRYN**

In view of Minute No. 6.2 the bus shelter will not be located at The Meadows at Tyn-y-Bryn.

25. URGENT ITEMS

There were no items of urgency by reason of a special circumstance to be discussed.

26. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED:** That the next Monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 11th January 2018 at the council office, Trane Cemetery at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

Date: