

Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council, held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail which commenced at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Messrs. D. Grehan, Austin Davies, C. Wells, A. Davies-Jones, Mrs. Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones, Mrs. L. Michel and Mrs. D. Roberts

Also in attendance:
Pauline Williams – Clerk
Deputy Head – Tonyrefail School
3 Learning Champion Representatives from Tonyrefail School.

*/In the absence of the Chairman,
The Vice Chairman, Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones took the chair*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 APOLOGIES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Andrew Davies-Jones (Sickness and Influenza); K. Webb (Daughter's Birthday) and Dan Owen-Jones (Workload).

1.2 APOLOGIES NOT SUBMITTED

No apology was received from Councillor Greg Powell.

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 December monthly meeting held on Thursday 14th December as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC BREAK

There were no members of the public present.

5. YOUTH REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Chair advised that the council would like to engage with the young people in our community to see what they would like in the community.

Councillor Grehan reported on the possible location of the proposed skateboard park whereby reservations had been made as to it being sited at the side of the leisure centre which had been previously identified and that a more suitable site will be brought back to council for consideration. He further advised that a fundraising event will be held in Coedely on the 20th April and that the Skateboard Group are now constituted and will be applying for funding from various organisations including the lottery fund. Councillor Grehan advised that he would like youth involvement in the design of the skateboard park and asked a variety of questions and advised that a survey had been sent to the school.

Councillor Grehan advised that he would like the pupils to design a logo and that Ensinger will be providing an Ipad as prize.

Council raised the issue of litter problems associated with Tonyrefail School and asked if they would bring raise this issue with the pupils and to see if they could arrange a community litter pick.

The following concerns had been discussed at school:

1. Feeling unsafe in the community
2. Lack of lighting in certain areas (Basketball area Bryngolau was mentioned).
3. Drugs
4. Feeling threatened.

The council advised that the above concerns would be raised at the next PACT meetings and a question will be asked in respect of Youth representation at future PACT meetings.

The youths would also like to see the Classic Car show return to Tonyrefail.

The Chairman advised that the council are looking at a 'Kidney Wales Walk for Life' this year to which the school advised they would like to work in partnership.

The Chairman thanked the group for attending and looked forward to seeing further youth representation in future meetings.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CIL PAYMENTS

The Clerk advised that the 15% CIL payments received from RCTCBC can be spent anywhere within its boundary i.e.: Tonyrefail East monies can be spent in Tonyrefail West and vice versa (as per email from RCTCBC dated 18th December 2017).

6.2 WELSH WATER FUNDING

It was **RESOLVED:** To ask for funding towards the proposed Skate-Board park and future Community Council events.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 TONYREFAIL WELFARE FOOTBALL CLUB

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their letter thanking the Community Council for the invitation to the Grant Presentation Evening which was held on 16th November 2017.

7.2 ONE VOICE WALES – EXPERT PANEL ON ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL REFORM

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 12th December advising that the panel had published its report 'A Parliament that Works for Wales' which can be found on the panels web pages.

7.3 ONE VOICE WALES – TACKLING LONELINESS AMONGST OLDER PEOPLE

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 8th December 2017 advising that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee had launched the report from its inquiry.

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It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Linda Michel will send details on behalf of the events held by the Community Council for the elderly as well as information on other organisation within this community council's area.

8. PLANNING

It was **RESOLVED:** That was no observation nor any objection were raised in respect of the other planning applications placed on this month's agenda with the exception of application no. 17/1350/01 whereby Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones will clarify the closing time of the Co-operative Store as the time differs on the totem pole to that displayed on the store and that she would also take up a concern of noise to local residents and visibility to road users.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- Application No: 18/0007/10
Proposal: First Floor Rear Extension
Location: 15 Church Road, Penrhiwfer
- Application No: 17/1144/10
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension
Location: 15 Highfields, Tonyrefail

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.

Councillor S. Stevens raised concern in respect of the route being taken by the vehicles which will be transporting the trees which are being taken down in Penrhiwfer. Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones will consult with RCTCBC on this and report back to Councillor Stevens.

9. FOOTPATHS

Councillor Austin Davies advised that the stile opposite his home on Waunrhydd Road needs replacing/repair.

9.1 FOOTPATH REPORT JANUARY 2018

There was no footpath report issued this month.

10 FINANCE

10.1 ACCOUNTS PAID DECEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** That the final accounts paid in December 2017 as circulated to Council are approved and accepted

10.2 QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Statement of Accounts and Budget figures as at 31st December 2017 as circulated to Council are approved and accepted.

10.3 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT JANUARY 2018

It was **RESOLVED:** To note and accept the accounts for payment for January 2018 as circulated to Council.

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11. MEMBERS AND CLERKS REPORT

11.1 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised that she would be taking Annual Leave from 21st February for 15 days and asked council if they would consider deferring the March monthly meeting. It was **RESOLVED:** That the March meeting will now be held on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

11.2 MEMBERS REPORT

- It was reported that the speed signs had been placed at the bottom of Barn Hill and that another accident had occurred on Penrhiwfer Road. It was also reported that water is still cascading on the road at the top of Penrhiwfer Road.
- Councillor C. Wells reported on the revised opening hours of the Tonyrefail leisure centre and Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones advised that she had contacted RCTCBC and is awaiting clarification as to the new hours.
- Councillor L. Michel reported on the condition of the road to Parklands Surgery and council advised that this subject had been raised many times, but as it is not adopted the problem does not lie with the local authority.
- Councillor L. Michel reported that the Happy Wanderers organisation, through not sending Christmas Cards to their members raised £25 and this will be presented to the New Life Church for the Tonyrefail food bank.
- Councillor L. Michel reported that there is a litterbin missing from Parklands to High Street to which Councillor D. Grehan advised that he would take this up with RCTCBC.
- Councillor L. Michel reported that there are no drop kerbs at Heol Ty Llwyd and Councillor Grehan advised that he would take this concern up with RCTCBC.
- It was reported that there are sacks of litter/animal waste dumped on Llantrisant Road and Councillor D. Grehan advised that he had asked RCTCBC for CCTV as there is continuous fly tipping at this location. RCTCBC advised that they will consider this location for CCTV.
- The footpath from Maes-y-Bryn to Winslade Avenue was discussed whereby only part of the path is adopted by RCTCBC. Councillor Grehan advised he would take this up with RCTCBC.
- Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones reported on the recent flooding at Tyn-y-Bryn whereby the culvert had flooded 3 gardens. The problem had now been resolved and the 3 houses are to be compensated by the contractors.

The ongoing problem of dog fouling in Nant-y-Fron is to be addressed by the RCTCBC Enforcement Team.

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- Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones advised that she is to meet with residents in Edmondstown to discuss the fly-tipping.
- Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies Jones advised council that she had contacted RCTCBC in respect of the pot holes in the road at the Tonyrefail Leisure Centre.
- Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones advised that the speed signs on Penrhiwfer Road had been sited today.

12 TRANE CEMETERY

The Clerk gave a report on recent tree damage which had occurred during the recent high winds whereby the Tree surgeon was called out as a large branch had fallen down onto the road and whilst a normal emergency call out would be costly the work had been carried out for £90 plus VAT.

The Clerk advised that owing to the high winds she had asked the Tree surgeon to inspect the remainder of the trees in the cemetery and the only tree that needed work was the cost of a 4 metre reduction to the remaining part of the Leyland Cypress that suffered the above damage at a cost of £270.00 plus VAT. The Clerk advised that this work would be carried out on Friday 12th January 2018.

13. PACT MEETINGS

No reported were provided this month.

14. PROJECTS

Proceeding.

15. STAFFING

15.1 TO SET DATE AND TIME FOR STAFFING MEETING

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Staffing meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 6.00 pm at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery.

16. EVENTS

16.1 KIDNEY WALES – WALK FOR LIFE

It was **RESOLVED**: To await further information from Kidney Wales.

16.2 EASTER EVENT

It was **RESOLVED**: That a RCT Rock event would take place whereby 22 rocks would be painted and varnished, (Clerk to liaise with Communities First on the painting etc of the rocks). Each Councillor would then hide 2 rocks in their ward on Good Friday and an Easter egg to the value of £5 would be awarded to the winners of the 22 rocks which are returned to the Community Council office.

16.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE FROM ST. GEORGE'S

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED**: That in view of the distance from St. George's to the War Memorial at Trane cemetery that this would not be considered by the Community Council.

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A further discussion took place on marking the anniversary of St. George's and it was **RESOLVED:** That £1500 would be set aside from the Project money for a 'War Memorial Bench' to be placed at Ely Valley Miners Club – subject to their permission.

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

Proceeding.

18. ALLOTMENTS

18.1 THE AVENUE ALLOTMENTS, TONYREFAIL

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with one of the Allotment Plot Holders and he will arrange for the contact details to be sent to the council in order that a meeting can be set up with all involved.

18.2 LEASE ON LAND AT REAR OF PRICHARD STREET, TONYREFAIL

The Clerk advised that owing to her workload and having taken annual leave that this item is still proceeding.

18.3 REQUEST TO ERECT GREENHOUSE AND SHED AT PRICHARD STREET ALLOTMENTS

An email outlining the details of the greenhouse and shed to be erected at the allotments had been circulated to councillors by email on the 2nd January 2018 and it was **RESOLVED:** That permission is granted for the same.

19. BANKING

The Clerk asked council if they would consider using the Credit Union in Tonyrefail as an additional source of banking for the council. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would contact the Credit Union.

20 REPORTS ONLY FROM THE COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

- Councillor D. Grehan reported that he had contact RCTCBC in respect of the over-hanging trees on Ely Valley Road.
- Councillor D. Grehan reported that he has contacted RCTCBC in respect of the pot holes on St. John's Road.
- Councillor D. Grehan reported that a request has been made for speed bumps along Mill Street.
- It was reported that a motorbike which travels along Mill Street late at night has been reported to the Police as a noise nuisance.

21 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2018-2019

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Policy & Resources Committee would meet on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.00 pm to discuss the Precept and Budget figures for recommendation to Full Council for 2018/19.

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

Unfortunately Mr. Jason Morgan had been unable to attend this month's meeting. It was **RESOLVED:** That this item will be discussed at the February monthly meeting.

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

The Clerk advised that Pear Technology had found a solution to transferring the data from the current burial records. An email quotation received from Pear Technology was circulated to each Councillor present and it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation for the purchase of the Burial record system and the Digital Mapping of the Cemetery at a cost of £4675.00 to be paid over a period of 5 years, plus the cost of £85.00 for Annual Technical Support per annum. It was also **RESOLVED:** To accept the Digital Mapping of the community council area at a cost of £1175.00 to be paid in 1 instalment plus the cost of £140 per annum for Technical support and up-dates.

24. COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation of £350 for a new website to be built and that it would take 1 month to build.

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 8th February 2018 at the council office, Trane Cemetery at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed:

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