

**MINUTES** of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of **TONYREFAIL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held on **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at the **Thomastown Social Club** (Please note change of venue as original venue had been double booked), which commenced at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Messrs. D. Owen-Jones (Chairman), S. Kiff, S. Stevens, Austin Davies, G. Evans, Mrs. A. M. Davies-Jones, Mr. Andrew Davies-Jones and Mrs. D. Roberts

**In attendance: Mrs. Pauline Williams – Clerk  
Ms. Tammy Claire Caddy – Assistant to the Clerk**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**1.1 APOLOGIES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the verbal apology submitted by Councillor G. Powell (Childcare).

**1.2 APOLOGIES NOT SUBMITTED**

There was no apology for absence received from Councillor K. Godfrey.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs. A. M. Davies-Jones and Councillor Austin Davies declared an interest in item No. 7.1 on the agenda and duly completed the declaration form as required.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the minutes of the October Monthly meeting and the Events Committee meeting both held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 together with the minutes of the Remembrance Day Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 as a correct record

**4. PUBLIC BREAK**

P.C. Steven Davies who lives in Tonyrefail addressed the council in relation to additional defibrillators being distributed throughout the Tonyrefail & District Community Council and was looking at ways in which they could be financed.

In view of this item being placed on the agenda Standing order were suspended in order to discuss item No. 18 of the agenda.

A discussion took place and the council was fully supportive of P.C. Davies initiative. It was **RESOLVED:** That key locations would be identified by each Councillor and brought back to the next monthly meeting of the council and that a further discussion will take place.

It was also **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would write to each Public House to ask if they would participate in the fundraising by having a collection point for the defibrillators. It was further **RESOLVED:** That P.C. Davies would arrange a collection at the Community Councils Christmas Event on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Standing orders were resumed.

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**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (If Any)**

**5.1 VERBAL REPORT ON THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE**

It was reported that the Remembrance Day Parade and service at the Cenotaph was extremely well represented.

Council thanked Councillor S. Kiff for all his hard work and also expressed thanks to the members of the Remembrance Day Committee members.

It was also reported that the 1st Remembrance Day Concert held at The Savoy Theatre in Tonyrefail was a sell out and again Councillor S. Kiff was thanked for all his efforts he had in making the concert the success it was.

**5.2 PROPOSED BUS SHELTER HIGH STREET, TONYREFAIL**

The Clerk had received an email from RCTCBC advising that provided there is enough room there shouldn't be a problem with siting a narrow roofed shelter at this location.

The Clerk advised that that was insufficient money in the budget for 2016/17 and council had identified 3 locations for bus shelters and asked council if they would priority each location. It was **RESOLVED:** That as and when money becomes available it would be Penrhiwfer 1<sup>st</sup>, High Street 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tyn-y-Bryn 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**5.3 PROPOSED COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATION**

Proceeding.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 TONYREFAIL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

It was with regret that council had to note the 'folding up' of the above organisation. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk writes a letter of thanks.

It was also **RESOLVED:** That the Community Council would discuss the possibility of holding an Annual Gardening Show and the Clerk was asked to place this item on the agenda for February 2017.

**6.2 RCT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the information received from Mr. J. Bragg in his letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**6.3 I.C.O. – NEWSLETTER OCTOBER**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the newsletter.

**6.4 I.C.O. – NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the newsletter

**6.5 ONE VOICE WALES – WELSH TREASURY NEWSLETTER**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the newsletter

**6.6 ONE VOICE WALES – CABINET SECRETARY PROPOSES VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTION IN WALES.**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the email from One Voice Wales dated 17<sup>th</sup> October

**6.7 ONE VOICE WALES - NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION FOR WALES**

Members discussed their email dated 17<sup>th</sup> October and it was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk writes to RCTCBC to ask what the long term development and infrastructure plans are for the future in relation to Tonyrefail & District Community Council.

**6.8 ONE VOICE WALES – COMMUNITY ENERGY WALES UPDATE OCTOBER**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the information received from One Voice Wales dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**6.9 WELSH GOVERNMENT – LDBCW PUBLICATION – ELECTORAL REVIEWS: POLICY AND PRACTICE**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**6.10 ONE VOICE WALES – WALES REMEMBERS 1914-1928'S PROGRAMME 2017**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**6.11 AVANT – FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Council discussed their letter and it was **RESOLVED:** That as the 'Grant' support has been finalised for 2016/17 that no financial aid is awarded at this time and the Clerk was asked to write to Avant advising that the Community Council's grant forms are available in July each year.

**6.12 CPRW – MEMBERS BULLETIN OCTOBER 2016**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the information contained in their bulletin.

**7. PLANNING**

Having declared an interest in Minute No. 2 above, Councillors Mrs. A. M. Davies-Jones and Austin Davies took no part in the discussion of Application No. 15/0112/13.

There were 2 additional planning applications discussed i.e.: 16/1186/10 and 16/1228/10.

With the exception of planning applications 15/0112/13 and 16/1228/10 there were neither observations nor objections to any of the other planning applications discussed this month.

**8. FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk advised that the Public Footpath sign had been re-instated on Penrhiwfer Road and that the stiles had been replaced and the footpath had been cut.

**8.1 FOOTPATH REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016.**

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

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## **9. FINANCE**

### **9.1 ACCOUNTS PAID OCTOBER 2016**

It was **RESOLVED**: To approve and accept the Accounts paid for October 2016

### **9.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT NOVEMBER 2016**

With some additional accounts added, it was **RESOLVED**: To approve and accept the Accounts Payable for November 2016 as presented. The cheques were signed by Councillors S. Kiff and D. Roberts.

## **10. MEMBERS AND CLERKS REPORT**

### **10.1 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that a member of staff is off on 'sick' leave.

### **10.2 MEMBERS REPORTS**

With the inclement weather the Clerk was asked to ensure that the 'salt' supplies are sufficient and to ensure that the pipes are adequately lagged.

Councillor S. Kiff thanked the council for the support provided by them to the Remembrance Concert held at The Savoy Theatre.

It was reported that there is a litter problem associated with the Tonyrefail school route and the Clerk was asked to write to RCTCBC about this concern.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with The Rhondda Bowl in respect of the 'Folding' table which has not been replaced by the council. The Clerk advised that she had advised Mr. Maddox to purchase a table and that the council would reimburse him. It was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk will contact him again.

The Clerk was asked to agenda 'Remembrance' seating for the next monthly meeting.

The Chairman advised that he and the Clerk had met with an Officer from RCTCBC in respect of the cricket pitch in Tyn-y-Bryn park and was advised that the pitch will not be affected by the new proposals.

The Clerk was asked to write to Tonyrefail School to ascertain whether or not the school gates will be restored owing to their deterioration and to clarify that the gate that has been locked at Nant Eirin will be re-opened once the building works have been completed.

It was reported that 2 telephone kiosks are to be removed 1 from Edmondstown and 1 in Coedely. Whilst there had been no usage in Coedely it was reported that 34 calls had been made from the kiosk in Edmondstown. It was advised that our MP will be doing a report on this concern.

## **11. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE PACT MEETING**

The ongoing problem with litter and fly tipping was reported.

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**12. TRANE CEMETERY****12.1 EXPENDITURE ON JCB**

The Clerk reported the urgency of having the repairs carried out on the JCB and advising that there had been insufficient time to call a special meeting. The Clerk advised council that she had looked at the option of purchasing a new vehicle but the delivery time was 6 weeks and that the rental of a machine in the meantime would have cost more than the repairs.

Council resolved that the Clerk had acted appropriately and that when the budget is prepared for 2017/18 that there will be a sufficient amount available to purchase a new machine should it be required in the future.

**13. PROJECTS**

The Clerk advised that she had received no response to the consultation letters sent out to residents in Pantybrad in respect of the re-siting of the Edward II plaque.

The subject of a Pavilion for Tyn-y-Bryn park was suggested as a project and Councillor Mrs. A. M. Davies-Jones would look into whether or not there would be any grant aid available.

**14. CHRISTMAS 2016****14.1 CHRISTMAS EVENT – 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

The Clerk advised Council that the cemetery staff would be working on the Friday afternoon (if needed) and Saturday afternoon after 3.00 pm to erect and dismantle the large gazebos.

It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor D. Owen-Jones would be responsible for the Risk assessments etc.

The Clerk asked for help in setting up/running the event on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the following Councillors volunteered: - S. Kiff, A. Davies, Andrew Davies-Jones, A. M. Davies-Jones and the Clerk advised that Councillor K. Godfrey has also advised that she would volunteer.

**14.2 SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

The Clerk advised that the tickets went on sale on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and will also be available on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from the Community Hall in Prichard Street. The Clerk thanked Councillor D. Roberts for helping at the Community Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Clerk asked Councillors if they would be attending and it was **RESOLVED:** That 4 Councillors would require tickets.

**14.3 CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE SAVOY THEATRE – 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

Councillor D. Roberts advised that both choirs would organise the evening and that

Mr. Fred Nicholas will be the MC for the evening. It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Roberts would provide the clerk with the relevant information for the programme in order that the Clerk could arrange the production and printing of the same.

**16. NEW OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

The Chairman reported to council on the recent problems in having the accommodation delivered and advised that the road closure is going to cost £2500. It was **RESOLVED:** To accept the information. The Chairman also reported that the accommodation should be in situ during the Schools Christmas holiday period.

**17. RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Councillor N. Harding advising of his resignation as a Councillor for Coedely.

The Clerk advised that as the resignation is within 6 months of Election that there will be no need to advertise and that the Council could co-opt should they desire. It was **RESOLVED:** That no co-option would take.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Neil Harding.

**18. SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEBRILLATORS**

See Minute No. 4 above.

**19. MINOR AUTHORITY VACANCY – TREF-Y-RHUG SCHOOL**

In view of Councillor G. Powell being disqualified it was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Dan Owen Jones would replace Councillor G. Powell as the minor authority representative for the Community Council.

**20. RCTCBC – COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2017/18**

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Precept meeting will take place at 8.30 pm after the January monthly meeting.

**21. TO CONSIDER URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items requiring attention.

**30 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING.**

It was **RESOLVED:** That there would be no meeting in December and that the January meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....