

Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council, held on Thursday 12th October 2017 at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail which commenced at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Messrs: D. Owen Jones, S. Stephens, D. Grehan, Austin Davies, C. Wells, Mrs. D. Roberts, Mrs. and Mrs. L. Michel.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 APOLOGIES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

A verbal apology for absence had been received from Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones (Migraine and feeling generally unwell) and Councillor Andrew Davies-Jones (Extended hours at University and will be unable to get to the meeting in time).

1.2 APOLOGIES NOT SUBMITTED

No apologies were submitted from Councillors Mrs. K. Godfrey and Mr. G. Powell.

2. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Monthly meeting and the Grants Meeting both held on Thursday 14th September were confirmed as a true record. With the following amendment that Mr. R. Jones should read Mr. R. Williams – The minutes of the Remembrance Committee meeting which was held on Tuesday 3rd October were also confirmed as a true record.

4. PUBLIC BREAK

There were no members of the public present.

5. YOUTH REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no Youth presence at the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The Clerk advised that she had held a site meeting with Officers from RCTCBC and the bus shelter that had been removed from St. John's Road in Tonyrefail will now be sited in Mountain View.
- The Clerk was also informed by RCTCBC today that the siting of a new bus shelter opposite St. David' Church on High Street would not be possible owing to the footway being too narrow. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification as to whether or not the shelter could be sited with the screen at the rear. Should this not be possible it was **RESOLVED:** To site the bus shelter at Ty Dawel.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 RCTCBC – SAFE ROUTES IN COMMUNITIES SCHEME

A discussion took place and several areas were discussed, but owing to deadline approaching it was **RESOLVED:** To note the correspondence and to place this item on the January 2018 agenda for consideration in the future.

7.2 ONE VOICE WALES – CONSULTATION GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS ON THE REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITIES

It was **RESOLVED:** To defer this item to the November meeting for further discussion.

7.3 ONE VOICE WALES – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL – CALL TO EVIDENCE – FUTURE ROLE OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Clerk advised that she had circulated the notice on the council's notice boards and on Face book. It was **RESOLVED:** To note email dated 3rd October 2017.

7.4 SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

Both Councillor Austin Davies and Deidre Roberts represented the council at the recent meeting with Mick Antoniwi to discuss the role of Community Councils. Having received the report from that meeting it was **RESOLVED:** That the report is endorsed by this council.

7.5 ONE VOICE WALES – DRAFT BUDGET/WALES TAX POLICY REPORT

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the content of the email dated 3rd October together with the report from the Welsh Government as the budget has already been passed by the Welsh Government.

7.6 ONE VOICE WALES – IRPW ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 – SECTION 13

Careful consideration was given to the draft report and it was **RESOLVED:** That the report is agreed in principle by this council.

8. PLANNING

- It **RESOLVED:** There are no objections/observations raised in respect of the planning applications listed on this month's agenda.

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9. FOOTPATHS:

Councillor Grehan reported on the condition of a section of Y Waun footpath whereby drainage pipes are broken and water is sitting on the surface to which the Clerk advised that she would ask a member of staff to see if there was any work the community council could undertake and if not that she would report this concern to RCTCBC.

Councillor Dan Owen Jones advised that he is awaiting an outcome of a recent visit from NRW and will report back to council.

9.1 FOOTPATH REPORT – OCTOBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the footpath report as presented for October 2017

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10. FINANCE:**10.1 ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER 2017**

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the accounts paid for September 2017 as presented.

10.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS OCTOBER 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the accounts for payment for October 2017 as presented.

11. MEMBERS AND CLERKS REPORTS**11.1 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report this month.

11.2 MEMBERS REPORT

- It was reported that 'Speed Monitoring Equipment' is in place by the Co-operative Store in Tonyrefail and will remain at that location for 2 weeks.
- It was mentioned that the car park at the 'Miners Club' is in need of lighting, but unfortunately the community council are unable to provide the lighting as it is sited on private land.
- It was reported that the 'mud' on the road in Duffryn Terrace was causing concern and Councillor Austin Davies advised that he would ask County Borough and Community Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones to raise this concern with RCTCBC.

12. TRANE CEMETERY

The Clerk advised council that the tree maintenance work for 2017 will be carried out by Mighty Oaks on Thursday 16th, Friday 27th and the whole of week 20th – 24th November 2017.

13. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE PACT MEETING

Councillor Grehan advised that a '5 a side' football team is to be set up by 1 of the PCSO's in Tyn-y-Bryn Park and that PCSO Hayley Vranich is back at work and also:

- Local farms are being targeted for theft.
- CCTV for Fly Tipping
- Trivallis will be holding a 'Blitz' day in Capel Farm on Thursday 19th October and the Tonyrefail Environment Association will be offering their services as part of a 'Clean Up' of the area.
- Speed tests had been carried out on Collenna Road and Llantrisant Road and information has been passed onto the Police.
- Contact will be made with Tonyrefail School to invite the School Council to the PACT meeting.
- No dropped kerbs – Celyn Isaf to Penygarreg and Councillor Grehan will take this up with RCTCBC.

14. PROJECTS:**14.1 EDWARD 2nd PLAQUE – PANTYBRAD**

The Chairman has discussed with Mr. Daryl Jones the siting of the plaque and it was **RESOLVED:** That the Chairman will liaise with Mr. Jones and the plaque will be re-instated as soon as possible.

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14.2 MEMORIAL SEAT FOR MR. W. BARNFIELD

The Clerk advised that she had placed the order for the Memorial seat at a cost of £1061.50 together with a delivery charge of £150 plus VAT.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the existing site earmarked for the bench was not entirely suitable and that the memorial bench will now replace the seat on the Square outside of Hammonds. It was also **RESOLVED**: That the family of the late Mr. Wayne Barnfield would be invited to attend the unveiling of the memorial bench.

15. STAFFING

The Clerk reported that she had given permission to a member of staff for extended time off with pay owing to very special circumstances.

16 EVENTS

16.1 CHRISTMAS EVENT – LEISURE CENTRE – SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2017

The Clerk gave an up-date on the proposed entertainment and layout of the event.

16.2 SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER – 6TH DECEMBER 2017

Proceeding.

16.3 PROPOSED SWITCH ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROL SERVICE

A discussion took place and owing to the difficulty in having a 'switch on ' for the lamp-post features it was **RESOLVED**: That the proposed switch on would be for the Christmas Tree on the square and that the Tonyrefail Ladies Choir would be asked to perform and that a short carol service will be held subject to the Clerk to liaising with RCTCBC on the road closure on Friday 17th November 2017.

16.4 PROPOSED REINDEERS WALKING WITH SANTA TO THE LEISURE CENTRE

It was **RESOLVED**: That this would not go ahead and that the reindeers would be situated at the front of the Leisure Centre.

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

Proceeding.

18. PURCHASE OF DIGITAL BURIAL ADMIN SYSTEM AND MAPPING SYSTEM

It was confirmed that Councillors Deidre Roberts and Austin Davies would meet with Mr. Makin from Pear Technology on Monday 13th November at 2.30 pm.

19. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had received no reply from The Avenue allotments. It was **RESOLVED**: That a further letter is sent in respect of the council holding a meeting with all of the plot holders to address the councils concerns in respect of the way in which the allotments are being maintained.

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20. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – TO AGREE DATE AND TIME FOR MEETING

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Policy and Finance Committee would meet in January 2018 to discuss the relevant Policies which may need reviewing/producing.

21 REPORTS ONLY FROM THE COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Councillor D. Grehan reported on the following:

- Capel Farm Management Committee are organising a Fire Work Display.
- That Councillors will be invited to the Capel Farm Management Committee AGM
- That the Windmill at Graig Fartha Farm has received planning permission and that the grant of £8000 per annum will be handled by the Community Council.
- That he is to meet with all the Schools in respect of a Skateboard Park for Tonyrefail
- The 'Walk in Bus' service operated by Four Seasons have had their funding taken away and that a meeting has been called on 25th October with Representatives from RCTCBC, Four Seasons, County Borough Councillors and our Assembly Member to see if there is a way forward in keeping this facility in Tonyrefail.

22. MINOR AUTHORITY VACANCY – CWM LAI SCHOOL

It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor D. Grehan would represent the Community Council as a Minor Authority Governor at Cwm Lai School.

23. BANKING

Proceeding.

24. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE/SERVICE

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Cameron Wells would lay the Community Councils poppy wreath as the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be laying their own wreaths as County Borough Councillors.

The next meeting of the Remembrance Committee will be taking place on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 6.00 in the council office at Trane cemetery.

25. TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Two applications had been received and it was **RESOLVED:**

- That a grant of £200 would be awarded to Tonyrefail ABC
- That a grant of £150 would be awarded to New Life Community Church. Councillor Deidre Roberts wished it recorded that she strongly disagreed with the decision to award the New Life Community Church with a grant.

26. FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE WORKS TO THE CAPEL FARM DISPLAY

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED:** That a sum of £600 would be awarded to the Capel Farm Management Committee for them to purchase fireworks for the display which they are organisation and holding on 3rd November 2017.

27 AWARDS NIGHT

Owing to the Council meeting being postponed on Thursday 5th October it was **RESOLVED:** That the Awards Night which was scheduled to take place on 26th October would not take place this year.

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It was further **RESOLVED:** That a representative from the organisations who had been successful in obtaining a grant this year would be invited to attend the Council Office, Trane Cemetery on Thursday 16th November at 5.30 pm to receive their cheque and have a photograph with the Chairman. A buffet will be provided by the Chairman.

28. URGENT ITEMS

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

30. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED:** That owing to the Remembrance Concert in The Savoy on Thursday 9th November that the next Monthly meeting of the Full Council will take place on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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