

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Alexandra Davies-Jones (Chairman), Mrs. L. Michel, Messrs. D. Grehan, Austin Davies, S. Stevens, G. Powell, Andrew Davies-Jones.

**Also in attendance:
Pauline Williams – Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 APOLOGIES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Martin Barron (Prior Engagement), Danny Grehan (Prior Engagement) and K. Godfrey (Work Commitment)

1.2 APOLOGIES NOT SUBMITTED

No apology for absence was received from Councillor C. Wells.

2. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal interest declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Grants meeting, the minutes of the September monthly meeting both held on Thursday 13th September 2018, together with the minutes of the Remembrance Committee meeting held on 8th October 2018 are confirmed as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC BREAK

There were 2 members of the public in attendance to discuss a planning application in relation to The Boar's Head in respect of a parking requirement.

As it had been brought to the attention of the council that there was no indication of parking requirements on the initial planning application, that was placed in front of them at the September meeting and in view of this concern the Chair advised that this could be discussed as urgent business. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would forward a letter outlining the councils concerns.

5. YOUTH REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Chair advised that she would be attending the School Governor's meeting and will discuss the attendance of Youth representation at the council meetings.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Penrhys Pilgrimage**

Councillor L. Michel advised that as she was on holidays she was unable to attend the initial walk which took place on 30th September.

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- **Policy & Finance Committee**

A date and time for the next meeting will be discussed at the December meeting.

- **Allotment Committee**

A date and time for the next meeting will be discussed at the December meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 RCTCBC – COUNCIL TAX 2019/20 – BUDGET TIMETABLE

It was **RESOLVED:** In view of the budget timetable that a date and time would be set at the December monthly meeting to discuss the precept/budget requirements for the community council for 2019/20.

7.2 ONE VOICE WALES – ENABLING NATURAL RESOURCES AND WELL-BEING IN WALES 2019-2023 – CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS.

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 12th September 2018 advising that the grant is open to a wide range of organisations.

7.3 ONE VOICE WALES – CONSULTATION – UN-ADOPTED ROADS.

It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor D. Owen-Jones will complete the consultation on behalf of the community council.

7.4 WELSH GOVERNMENT – ASSETS AND SERVICES TOOLKIT

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 27th September with a link to the toolkit at: www.gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/communitytowncouncils/assets-services-toolkit.

7.5 WELSH GOVERNMENT – CREATING A PARLIAMENT FOR WALES

It was **RESOLVED:** To note their email dated 2nd October 2018 advising that a debate will take place on Wednesday 10th October to see the Assembly's approval for the Bill to be introduced.

7.6 REVIEW OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the completion of the review which has been presented to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services. The review can be read at: <https://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/communitytowncouncils/review-of-community-town-council-sector/?lang=en>.

8 PLANNING

It was **RESOLVED:** That there were no observations neither objections raised in respect of any of the items placed on this month's agenda.

There was 1 additional planning application:

Application No.	18/0967/10
Application Type:	Single storey rear extension
Location:	22 Dan-y-Fron Tonyrefail.

It was **RESOLVED:** That there is no observation neither objection raised in respect of the additional planning application.

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9. FOOTPATHS

9.1 FOOTPATH REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

It was **RESOLVED**: To note the footpath report for October 2018

The Council asked the Clerk to relay their thanks to the council staff for the additional work undertaken by them in respect of the Pilgrimage Walk.

10. FINANCE

10.1 ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER 2018

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

10.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT OCTOBER 2018

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

10.3 QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Clerk apologies to Council, but the bank statements had only arrived this afternoon and there was no time to prepare the accounts for the meeting. It was **RESOLVED**: That the quarterly accounts would be presented at the October monthly meeting.

11. MEMBERS AND CLERKS REPORT

11.1 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from a member of the public in respect of an unveiling of the Edward II plaque.

It was **RESOLVED**: That this item is deferred to the January 2019 meeting and in the meantime if a letter to the Minister for Culture – Lord Dafydd Ellis Thomas could be sent to ask if he would like to attend to unveil the plaque.

11.2 MEMBERS REPORT

- **Councillor Dan Owen Jones**
Reported that it was 'nice' to see the Edmondstown community pulling together in respect of the community hall.
- Reported that the Penrhiwfer Club has been sold.
- **Councillor Shawn Stevens**
Reported that work on the new school building for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg is proceeding and that the school will hopefully open after the autumn half-term.
- Reported that St. George's is up for auction.
- **Councillor Linda Michel**
Reported the need for a new school crossing at Tonyrefail community Council. She was advised that it does not meet the criteria set by RCTCBC.
- Reported traffic issues during school opening/closing times at Cwm Lai School.

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- **Councillor Greg Powell**
- Reported on the condition of the Footpath near to the siting of the Edward II plaque. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will arrange a site meeting with the Cemetery Supervisor and Councillor Powell. It was also noted that there is no footpath sign for this particular path.

12. TRANE CEMETERY

There were no issues to be discussed.

13. PACT MEETINGS

- **TONYEFAIL EAST**
Councillor D. Owen-Jones gave his report and advised that there were very little attendance once again.
- **TONYREFAIL WEST**
A report was given by Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones and advised that over 20 people had attended the last meeting. One of the issues raised at the meeting was parking on Gilfach Road to which it was advised that this is a Police matter. The Police have advised that they will be ticketing all illegally parked vehicles i.e. parking on pavements, yellow lines, junctions etc.

Another issue that was raised was anti-social behaviour behind the leisure centre and at Wilfried Way to which the Police have advised that they will patrol these areas.

14. PROJECTS

14.1 TONYREFAIL SKATEBOARD PARK

Councillor Dan Owen-Jones gave a report and advised that the following events are taking place:

- Sunday 14th October – Fun Run from Coedely Club
- Friday 26th October – Adults Halloween event at Coedely Club.
- Sunday 18th November – Free ‘Pop-Up’ Skate park at Tonyrefail Leisure Centre

The Clerk advised that she is to meet with Councillor Grehan and Paula Cook on 12th October to finalise the 1st phase funding application to the National Lottery.

15. STAFFING

15.1 TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED:** That this would be discussed at the end of the current review period.

16. EVENTS

16.1 AWARDS NIGHT

- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Event on Friday 2nd November at 6.30 pm in the Ely Valley Miners Club.

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16.2 CHRISTMAS EVENT

- A meeting took place with the Office staff and Beyond Balloons today and it was asked if Ty Hafan could be invited on the Friday 30th November. It was **RESOLVED:** That Ty Hafan is invited to the event.
- Councillor G. Powell advised the 'Burger' company could not attend as they had a prior engagement on that day. It was **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Andrew-Davies-Jones would make enquiries with another company.
- It was **RESOLVED:** That the Community Council would provide the tea/coffee/hot chocolate etc plus biscuits and that the Skate-park committee would have sole responsibility for serving the refreshments and any monies raised would go to the skate park fundraising. It was also **RESOLVED:** To ask the Skate park committee if they would like to provide cold drinks, sweets, chocolates and also a 'raffle' should they wish to enhance their fund-raising.

16.3 REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND SERVICE

The committee met and the order of service has been typed up and sent to The Canon Reverent Ruth Moverley for printing. An additional page will be provided on the day with the order in which the march should take place.

The Clerk advised that notices will be displayed advising that there will be a minor disruption to traffic using Gilfach Road on Sunday 11th November between 10.30 am and 10.45 pm.

In view of problems encountered with the councils P.A. system the Pop-Up church will be providing their P.A. system for the service.

16.4 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Clerk advised that the Firework display which is being sponsored by this council is taking place at Capel Farm on Saturday 3rd November.

16.5 PICNIC IN THE PARK SUMMER 2019

It was **RESOLVED:** That this would go ahead and it was further **RESOLVED:** To defer discussing the event until the January 2019 meeting.

17. ALLOTMENTS – REVIEW OF TENANCY AGREEMENT

See 5.1 above.

18. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Dan Owen-Jones

- Reported that there had been 435 fines issued by the new Enforcement vehicle in RCTCBC.
- Reported that unfortunately there had been no local interest in the use of St. George's Church and that it was now up for auction.
- Reported that he will be writing to RCTCBC in respect of the yellow lines on Collenna Road, and Martin's Crescent to ask for some dispensation on a Saturday and Sunday and to have the yellow lines removed from across some drive-ways on Martin's Crescent.

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- Reported that the Capel Farm committee have now reformed as Capel committee and that he is the Chair. He also reported that RCTCBC will pay the accounts for the next 2 years for the Capel Farm Resource centre and that it will be asset transferred to the committee.
- Reported that the Capel Farm Resource centre is proposing to become a Community Hub.
- Reported that the Community hall in Prichard Street had secured some organisations to use the hall.

Councillor Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones – Tonyrefail West

- Reported that the public meeting which was to be held in respect of the Waterton Hotel had been deferred.
- Reported on the Edmondstown Community hall whereby the new committee are very active and keen and that there are lots of events coming up.
- Reported that Penrhiwfer Church is now ready to pursue funding opportunities.
- Reported that the bus stop 'pole' opposite the Co-operative store on Penrhiwfer Road is to be moved.
- Reported that the public consultation to reduce the speed limit on Penrhiwfer Road from 60 MPH to 40 MPH has gone up for consultation on the 11th October.
- Reported that Tonyrefail Boys & Girls Football Club plan to create a changing room, path around the building and secure fencing and a stand in Tyn-y-Bryn Park and asked the community council for support. It was **RESOLVED**: That this would be placed on the November 2018 agenda.
- Reported that Edmondstown are holding their own Fireworks display and are seeking financial assistant. The Chair advised that she would make a donation of £250 to ACE for the event.

19. WINDFARM TRUST MONIES

Proceeding.

20 MEMORIAL BENCHES

20.1 THE LATE WAYNE BARNFIELD

In view of observations made in respect of the siting of the bench on the Square a further suggestion was to place the bench on the land opposite the old library on High Street. It was **RESOLVED**: That the family would be asked as to where of the 3 proposed sites they would like to the bench to be sited.

20.2 WORDING FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR RICHARD WILLIAMS BENCH

The Chair apologies and advised that she would contact the family as to the wording for the bench.

20.3 TO CONSIDER A 'STATUE' FOR THE LATE RICHARD WILLIAMS

It was **RESOLVED**: To look into the possibility of a statue and that the Arts Council for Wales will be approached in respect of any funding which may be available to the council.

21 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES – TREF-Y-RHUG SCHOOL

The Clerk advised that she had been informed by RCTCBC that a traffic management survey had been carried out on Tuesday 25th September between the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm and that there were no issues identified.

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The Clerk asked RCTCBC if they would consider putting a 'Crossing Patrol Officer' on duty to which she was advised that previous requests had not met the criteria.

However in view of a further request by the community council a further traffic management safety/speeding survey will be carried out and that an up-dated pedestrian count will also take place in respect of a School Crossing Patrol Officer and that the community council will be informed of the results.

Councillor Dan Owen-Jones reported that he has written to the RCTCBC Leader in respect of this issue and is awaiting a response.

22. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

The item had been placed on the agenda as a result of the recent Community Liaison committee meeting attended by both the Clerk and Chair.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Chair will be responding to the consultation as Tonyrefail West is vastly over-populated. It was also **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk will forward a letter to support the response by the Chair.

23. A SHARED COMMUNITY – MODEL CHARTER REVISIONS

The Chair advised that following the Community Liaison committee held at RCTCBC, that the Deputy Leader, Councillor Maureen Webber and Christian Hanagan –Service **Director**, Cabinet & Public Relation in RCTCBC will be attending a meeting of the all the community councils in RCTCBC in the future.

24. TO CONSIDER THE INDEPENDENT RENUMERATION PANEL DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

It was **RESOLVED**: To note the Draft Annual Report.

25. TO CONSIDER LATE FINANCIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were 2 applications to be considered:

- **Tonyrefail Ladies Choir**

It was **RESOLVED**: That a grant of £200 is awarded to this organisation.

- **Personal Grant Application**

It was **RESOLVED**: That no grant is awarded.

26. TO CONSIDER URGENT ITEMS

See Minute No. 4 above.

27. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED**: That the November Monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th November at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed:

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