

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council held via Zoom on 21st October 2021 at 6:30pm

Present: Councillors A Davies (Chair), D. Grehan, D Owen-Jones, M Barron, L Michel, G Powell

In attendance: Clerk: S Powell

1. Apologies for absence

1.1) Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Stevens, Andrew Davies-Jones, Alex Davies-Jones

1.2) No apologies were received from Cllr K Webb

2. To receive declarations of interest: none received

3. Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16th September 2021.

4. Planning Application 21/1312/36 Land at Mynydd y Glyn, 7 turbine wind-farm

A presentation was received from representatives of the developers who explained the broad picture of the proposed development. It was explained that this is a scoping exercise and it looks at the worst-case scenario initially. A number of Councillors asked questions, expressing concerns which included ecology, access, rights of way, noise and the visual impact amongst other issues. Councillors reserved judgement until further details are known in due course.

5. Finance

5.1. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts paid for September 2021.

5.2. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment for October 2021

5.3. It was **resolved** to accept the half-yearly accounts as at 30 September 2021

5.3.1. Bank reconciliation

5.3.2. Trial balance for month 6

5.3.3. Detailed income and expenditure by budget heading

5.3.4. Council details report

6. Capel Fireworks

It was **resolved** to approve the donation of £1000 to the Capel Community Management Committee for their fireworks display.

7. Remembrance Event 2021

It was **noted** that there would be no parade or service at Trane Cemetery this year, however the cemetery itself will be open for wreath laying.

8. Draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

It was **resolved** to note the report.

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9. Trane Cemetery

- 9.1. The Clerk explained that the ecology report for the cemetery extension has been completed and forwarded onto Natural Resources Wales and Rhondda-Cynon-Taffs ecologist along with a revised site plan taking into account the report.

10. Coedely Ward Casual Vacancy

The statutory notices have been placed in the Council's noticeboard in Coedely and at Trane Cemetery, along with a notice on the website.

11. Staffing

- 11.1. It was **resolved** that up to 20 additional staffing hours can be used as necessary per week on existing part time staff as opposed to recruiting an additional member.
- 11.2. It was **resolved** to temporarily promote a member of existing staff as temporary Cemetery Supervisor. The Chair of the Council, Staffing Committee and Clerk are delegated to make the temporary appointment.

12. Gilfach Goch and Tonyrefail Neighbourhood Network Meeting

Councillor Michel attended and reported that it was a well-attended first meeting and hoped the network would become beneficial. The next meeting is to be held at Capel and the date circulated to all members.

13. Christmas 2021

- 13.1. It was **resolved** that the Clerk proceed with organising the Christmas gift packs as per last year for all primary school children and not to invest in a grotto.
- 13.2. It was **resolved** to proceed with the providing Christmas trees for businesses and within the community with individual sites taking full responsibility of any larger trees requested.
- 13.3. Financial Assistance for disadvantaged households
- 13.3.1. It was **resolved** not to make a donation to Fresh and Fruity and instead to make a donation of £750 to Taff Ely Food Bank due to their level of contacts on a weekly basis.
- 13.3.2. It was **resolved** to make a donation of £750 to the Lighthouse Project specifically for their Tonyrefail food bank.
- 13.4. It was **resolved** to sponsor two afternoon tea events at £6 a head for 50 people. One at the Lighthouse Project and another at Coedely Community Centre.

14. Keep Wales Tidy Development Packages

It was resolved to note the packages and to share the information with other community groups.

15. It was resolved for the Clerk to write to Rhondda-Cynon-Taff Council expressing our concern over the lack of provision for horse riders within our communities.

16. **Urgent Items**

Cycle to Work Scheme – It was **resolved** that the Council should offer the Cycle to Work Scheme to employees with delegated powers to the Clerk to authorise payments over £1,000 as part of the scheme.

Coedely Community Centre Relaunch – It was **resolved** that £350 would be provided to the centre to provide the buffet for the relaunch event on the 11th November at 7pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 6:30pm.

Meeting finished 8:00pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____