

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council
held at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Gilfach Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8HL
on 19th May 2022 following on from the annual meeting.

Present: Councillors A Davies, D Owen-Jones, G Powell, L Michel, D James, M Balestrazzi, D Grehan,
K Webb, G Evans, M Davies

In attendance: Clerk: S Powell

1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1) An apology was received from Cllr. D Parkin
- 1.2) All members were accounted for.

2. Disclosures of Personal and Pecuniary Interests - No disclosures were made at the meeting.

3. March 2022 Minutes – the minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Finance

- 4.1. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts paid for March 2022.
- 4.2. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts paid for April 2022 noting the employee payment made was a reimbursement assist in maintaining the employee's fitness to work.
- 4.3. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment for February 2022

5. Planning

22/0510/10 – Councillors do not feel that the siting of 16 flats is appropriate at this location and have concerns over the impact on the amenity of residents in Bryn Rhedyn due to increased traffic. Councillors would like to see a mix of accommodation types in affordable accommodation, including accessible properties.

22/0493/10 – Councillors raise an objection to the proposal due to the concerns over the environmental impact that this and future developments may have on the SSSI land.

6. Financial Grants - It was **resolved** to proceed with the Small Grants Scheme opening in July 2022 and closing on the 31st August 2022 and to increase the allocation to £10,000 to be reflected in an amended budget next month.

7. Windfarm Grant - It was **resolved** to make a donation of £5,000 to Tonyrefail BGC utilising the Windfarm Community Benefit Payment towards the new 100 seater stand.

8. Attendance Allowance - It was **resolved** to not introduce an attendance allowance for approved duties.

9. Public Footpaths – It was requested to invite Rhondda Cynon Taf's public rights of way officer to the next meeting to provide information on their service area.

10. Summer Event – it was resolved to proceed with the Clerk's proposed summer events within the community with a total of £10,000 delegated to cover the 8 events made up of the six locations within the report plus Parklands and Coedely.

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11. **Council Priorities for the next 5 years** – A discussion was taken with Councillors raising issues which they would like to have considered during the Council's term. These items are not minuted in any order and are purely indicative of the conversation to provide a flavour of the direction of the Council.
- i) Footpath Network – concerns were raised over the standard of public rights of ways
 - ii) Walking Routes – the exploration of creating some new walking routes within Tonyrefail to encourage more use
 - iii) Cemetery – consideration to be given to more user consultations, reviewing the options available and the introduction of a comment/suggestion box
 - iv) Cemetery Expansion – to continue to progress with the expansion plans
 - v) Environmental issues – consideration to be given to how to assist with the protection of SSSI land, the introduction of wildflower areas around Tonyrefail. Work in conjunction with a local ecologist and Rhondda Cynon Taff's ecologist.
 - vi) Play Areas – the further development of play areas and the possible introduction of picnic area nearby.
 - vii) A4119 Dualling – to keep informed of developments and any positive or negative impacts.
 - viii) Christmas Lights – to reconsider options for a Christmas Tree and additional Christmas Lighting within Tonyrefail & District
 - ix) Telephone box – to bring the red telephone box back into a good state of repair and to accommodate a defibrillator
 - x) Fly tipping – to consider ways in which issues such as fly tipping and the poor upkeep of certain areas of Tonyrefail can be addressed.
 - xi) Branding – to improve the branding of Community Council assets
12. **Urgent Items** – There were no urgent items.

Meeting finished 8:08pm

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Date: _____