

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council held at the Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Gilfach Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8HL on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Mrs: L. Michel (Chair), Mrs. K. Webb, Mrs. D. James, Mrs. M. Balestrazzi, Mrs. M. Davies, Messrs: D. Owen-Jones, G. Evans, D. Grehan, A. Davies, G. Powell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1) Apologies Submitted

With everyone present there were no apologies to be declared.

1.2 Apologies not submitted:

Everyone was present.

2 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor D. Owen-Jones declared an interest in Minute No. 8.2

3. MINUTES:

Councillor D. Owen Jones referred to the Minute No. 12.1 of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Thursday 29th September and expressed concern that the date for the Awards night had been reverted back to its original date. The Clerk advised that as it was unsure as to whether or not the Club would be available for the change of date and in view of a conversation the following morning with a member of one of the organisations who applied stated that the date of the Awards Night was written in the Grant Application Pack. The Clerk spoke to the Chair and whilst ensuring that the ballot could be undertaken in time and that the 'Scrolls' would reach us by that date it was felt that in the best interest of everyone to revert back to the original date. In view of what was stated It was moved to **RESOLVE:** To accept the minutes as presented.

It was also **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the minutes of the Remembrance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th October together the Minutes of the Allotment Committee site meeting held at Penrhiwfer Allotments on Saturday 8th October 2022.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

4.1. Accounts Paid September 2022

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the Accounts Paid as presented

4.2. Accounts for Payment October 2022

It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the Accounts for Payment as presented.

4.3. Quarterly Income & Expenditure Accounts

A copy of the Bank Reconciliation for all bank accounts, together with a Trial Balance Sheet, Detailed Balance Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet by Budget Heading and a copy of the Council Detail Report as at 30th September was presented to Council. It was **RESOLVED:** To accept and approve the same.

Signed:

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5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Having considered the planning matters placed on this month's agenda. It was **RESOLVED**:

5.1 Application No: 22/1138/15

That this council is in favour of the application but only subject to the land being used for 'Retail' use only.

5.2 Application No: 21/1336/210

That there is no objection nor observation raised in relation to the above planning application.

5.3 Application No: 22/0385/10

That this Council together with local residents are extremely concerned in respect of: Highway Safety in view of the increase in traffic accessing and egressing the Housing Estate onto Capel Hill, particularly with the entrance to the housing estate being so close to the brow of the hill.

5.4 Notice of Publicity and Consultation Before Applying for Planning Permission Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012:- Newydd Housing Association

That this council has no objection to the planning development but would like to raise concern that the removal of Japanese knotweed from the site has allegedly been removed unprofessionally.

5.5 Statutory Pre-Application Notice and Consultation and Pre-Application Notice for a Proposed 9.9MW Solar Farm on Land North of Ynysmaerdy with intention to submit a pre-planning application - Sirius Planning Ltd.

That there is no objection nor observation raised in relation to the above pre-planning application.

6. EVENTS:**6.1 Awards Night**

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED**: That Councillor D. Owen-Jones would arrange 'scrolls' for the 'Runners Up' in the category of 'Citizen's' Award

It was further **RESOLVED**: That a 'Scroll' would be ordered for a new category of 'Community Business Award' which will be presented to Judy Gardner of Judies Florist

It was confirmed that Alexandra Davies Jones MP would be attending.

6.2 Firework Event (To receive and discuss Clerks Report)

It was **RESOLVED**: To note the Clerks report. Several Councillors volunteered to Marshall at the event.

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6.3 Remembrance Day Parade and Service

The Clerk advised a further meeting is to be held on Wednesday 26th October at 6.00 pm to finalise the 'Order of Service' and arrangements for the Parade.

6.4 Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner

The Clerk confirmed that the tickets for the event will be on sale from Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November between the hours of 10.30am and 1.00pm and will be available to collect from the Council office. Councillors were also asked if they would provide a 'raffle' prize for the event.

6.5 Annual Christmas Event

Councillor D. Owen Jones again expressed concern that having had a recent conversation with members from Tonyrefail Chamber of Trade that the event in the school was not going to be over 2 days. That a proposed parade, the switching on of the Christmas Lights, Christmas Carols and Santa handing out presents to the children was to be held on the Saturday and the main event at the School on Sunday.

The Clerk advised that following a meeting she had attended at the school she was also taken aback to find that the main event was not over 2 days in the school, but was advised that the Parade on the Saturday and the event at the school on the Sunday was what had been discussed with Councillor Dan Owen Jones, and that he in turn was seeking approval from RCTCBC in respect of a 'rolling road' for the Saturday.

It was **RESOLVED**: That Councillor Dan Owen Jones would speak to the Business Manager at the School to clarify the situation with the parade.

It was also **RESOLVED**: That in view of the limited timescale that the Christmas Event on the Sunday would be sponsored by Tonyrefail & District Community Council up to the sum of £10,000 on the proviso that all entertainment would be free of charge to those children attending, and that a further meeting will be held to discuss the same.

6.6 Christmas Trees

The Clerk advised Council that she had spoken with Centregreat and that it would not be possible to place a Christmas tree on the roundabout near to the Ely Valley Miners Club. In view of the this and the cost of the tree and erecting of the tree by Centregreat it was **RESOLVED**: Not to proceed with a Christmas tree for Christmas 2022 from Centregreat, nor any additional Christmas features.

It was also **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk would liaise with local retail business and arrange the purchase and erecting of the Christmas trees.

It was also **RESOLVED**: That a Christmas tree would be erected on Tonyrefail Square should it be possible.

7. CORRESPONDENCE**7.1 Keep Wales Tidy Package – Local Places for Nature**

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the email from One Voice Wales in respect of the Keep Wales Tidy Package dated 6th October 2022

7.2 One Voice Wales/SLCC – Invitation to a Remote Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC Event 9th November 2022

It was **RESOLVED:** To note the email from One Voice Wales dated 4th October in relation to the abovementioned remote event.

7.3 IRPW Draft Annual Report – February 2023

It was **RESOLVED:** To Note the 'draft' IRPW Annual Report for February 2023

7.4 Rhondda Cynon Taff Local Access Forum – Recruitment

Councillor Debbie James advised Council that she had applied for membership of the RCT Local Access Forum on behalf of the Community Council.

8. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**8.1 Tonyrefail Play Partnership**

It was **RESOLVED:** That a grant of £500 is awarded to this organisation.

8.2 Capel Community Management Committee

It was **RESOLVED:** That a grant of £450 is awarded to this organisation.

8.3 Tonyrefail & Gilfach Goch First Responder Group

It was **RESOLVED:** That a grant of £450 is awarded to this organisation.

9. ALLOTMENTS**9.1 Issues raised by the Site Meeting held on Saturday 8th October 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED:** That a meeting is called with Members of the Allotment Committee as soon as possible.

9.2 Repair of road at Penrhiwfer Allotments (deferred from September 2022)

Following the site meeting it was **RESOLVED:** That would be held in abeyance until such time as the current 'water' problem has been resolved.

10. TRANE CEMETERY

- Clerk Report following Cemetery inspection on 23/09/2022**

Council discussed the contents of the report and it was **RESOLVED:** To note the report.

The Clerk reported that it had been brought to her attention that the toilets are left unlocked at night and that the pedestrian access gate was also left unlocked to which she raised concern. It was **RESOLVED:** That all the toilets and gates must be shut nightly.

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- **Tree work and the sourcing of a tree report**

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk obtains a Full tree survey report from an outside contractor, and subject to the findings of the report that any work that is required will be sent out for quotations.

11. COUNCIL VEHICLE

The Clerk advised that there was a problem with engaging 3rd gear on the council vehicle and that verbal quotes had been received ranging from approximately £3000 for a new gearbox and £1500 for a reconditioned gearbox. It was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk is given delegated powers to arrange the replacement of a re-conditioned gearbox.

12. DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT

Councillor D. James and Councillor Karen Webb advised that several paths have been identified. It was **RESOLVED**: That Councillor D. James would proceed with an application 'To modify the definitive map and statement' for those paths which have been identified on behalf of the Community Council.

13. 'CASUAL' VACANCY' FOR TYN-Y-BRYN WARD

The Clerk advised that should the election not be called by no later than Thursday 20th October, the vacancy would need to go for Co-option and that she would arrange the relevant notices etc.

14. STAFFING

A verbal report was given to Council in view of a recent events.

15. REPORTS/UPDATES

15.1 PACT meetings

It was reported that the recent PACT meeting was very well attended and one subject of concern raised was in relation to mixed aged groups being accommodated in the same housing complexes which is having a detrimental effect on our elderly residents. The Clerk was asked to write to RCT County Borough Council asking that consideration is given to all our elderly citizens to be protected.

Council noted that the next PACT meeting would take place at Capel Farm on 16th November at 6.30 pm.

15.2 Brynna, Taff Ely Bridleways RCT

Councillor D. James reported on the recent event which was held in respect of road safety and as a result have been contacted by an Officer from RCT County Borough Council to provide speed signage.

Councillor D. James advised that the committee are at this time looking to re-naming the group and will keep council up-dated.

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15.3 CCTV Tonyrefail

It was reported that the funding application had failed and in view of this the possibility of sponsorship would have to be looked at. The Clerk was asked to write to ask on what grounds the funding had been objected.

16. RCTCBC Councillor Reports: For information only

Councillor Dan Owen Jones gave his report and updated members on various issues.

Councillor D. Grehan referred to an earlier meeting whereby the subject of dropped kerbs and had been discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Pritchard from RCTCBC to ask for an update.

17. To Consider Urgent Items:

A letter received from Gilfach Goch Community Council dated 13th October advised that their Councillors are willing to rotate the Minor Authority Governor representation of YGG Tonyrefail between each of our Community Councils as per our request. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would inform RCTCBC accordingly.

Signed:

Date: