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# TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

Council Meeting held at the Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Chair. Cllr. D.P. Harrison

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, Mrs. E. M. Evans, C. Powell, S. Radford, S. Roberts and M. Rowlands

2356 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs. C. Harper, M. Hughes and W.D. Walters

2357 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2358 Community Police Matters

The Clerk said that there would be no police attendance at tonight's meeting due to Purdah.

2359 County Borough Councillors Report

As C.B Cllr. Cari Morgans was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, there was no C.B. Councillors Report.

2360 The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

2361 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2362 Delegates Reports

Cllr. Simon Radford reported that he and the Clerk had attended the most recent meeting of the Governing Body at Tonna Primary Community School. He was pleased to report that financially the School was in a good place and were thinking of employing an additional teacher for next year.

2363 Elections

The Clerk was able to advise that all of the nomination papers for the Community Council had been delivered to the Election office by the due date and had been checked and accepted. He said that it was his sad duty to report that Cllr. Bill Walters had decided not to stand this time. He also said that Mr. Carl Williams of Hunters Ridge, Tonna had entered his name for consideration which made up the election list to the required 11. This would mean that no election would be held and that all of the nominees for Tonna would be selected.

He then informed the Council of the list for County Borough Councillor for the area. He said that Cllr. Cari Morgans had decided not to stand this time and that there were four candidates for the Tonna position. These were Lee Michael Bromham-Nicols (Plaid Cymru) from Aberdulais, Leanne Claire Jones (Welsh Labour) from Primrose Road, Melyn, Kathryn Elizabeth Ann Minshull (Welsh Conservative) from Mill Race, Neath and Nick Williams (Independent) from Dan Y. Bryn, Tonna.

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2364 Canals

The Clerk told the Council that he had been unable to contact the Neath Canal and Navigation Company as their advertised contact numbers were incorrect. Councillors Mrs Enfys Evans and Colin Powell were however able to report that certain works had been carried out since the last meeting, which improved the situation.

2365 Playgrounds

The Clerk reported that since the previous meeting, Cllr. Mrs. Harper had been quite ill. He suggested that this item on the agenda be left until the next meeting in the hope that Cllr. Harper would be well enough to report by then.

2366 Wish List

The Clerk went through a list of items which were currently receiving attention. These included,

**Notice Boards** The Clerk told the members that he had provided Noddfa Newydd and the School with copies of the proposed Notice Boards. First reactions were favourable and would be confirmed by the next meeting. This was with the proviso that they would be included in the decision regarding the positioning of the finished items.

**Bus Shelters** Cllr. Johanne Barnes told the meeting that the shelter situated at Noddfa Newydd Church had been taken down. It was therefore assumed that the work was now underway.

**Welcome to Tonna** The Clerk said that he had visited site with the original contractor who in fact suggested that the lower plinth had, in his opinion received a significant strike from a mini-digger probably whilst the trench was being dug for the electricity supply to the new lamp posts. He said that he had spoken to the new Lighting Supervisor at NPTCBC who had visited site and suggested a meeting on site together with Centregreat. This to be arranged asap. The Chair reminded the Clerk that the top coping stones had also been damaged and asked that these be looked at also.

**Refuse and Recycling** Following the complaint from Cllr. Mrs Enfys Evan the Clerk confirmed that he had contacted NPT Homes regarding the left over rubbish at Cwrt Yr Ysgol. Coincidentally he was told that the site was to be cleared on the following day.

**Website** The Clerk said that he was still chasing Jonathan Smithers who was still working in Amsterdam. He said that he had not pressed Mr. Smithers due to possible uncertainties of the forthcoming elections but as there would now be no Community Councillor election, he would chase for an answer.

**Tyn Yr Heol House** The Council discussed the unsafe condition of this property and the Clerk was asked to write to NPTCBC.

**Land in Neath Road** Cllr Mrs Enfys Evans stated her concern over the fact that the land adjacent to Smiths Garage was up for sale. Her concern was mainly regarding the two Community Council seats positioned at the entrance gate and wanted to ensure that they were not removed or damaged should there be a sale. The Clerk will monitor.

**Recycling Boxes** Cllr. Mrs. Enfys Evans also asked that the Clerk contact NPTCBC Recycling Department in order to get lighter recycling equipment for Cwrt Yr Ysgol, as the ones that were there were too heavy for the occupants.

**Yellow Lines** The Meeting generally discussed the state of the roads through Tonna and how the parking was generally dangerous. It was felt that strategic yellow lines should be considered right through the village. It was decided to enter this, together with any other significant problems and present them to the newly appointed County Borough Councillor at the first opportunity after the election. It was then felt that a meeting with the highways department should be requested in order to try to get some agreement to resolve the position.

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Bluebell Woods Footpath Cllr. Ms. Johanne Barnes again complained that the so-called bluebell Woods footpath was badly in need of cleaning and weeding. She said that she had personally contacted Jon Griffiths at NPT Countryside Department who had continually promised to give it his attention but to date nothing had been done. The Clerk was asked to lend his weight to the situation.

2367 Correspondence

One Voice Wales	Corporate Improvement Plan	Noted
One Voice Wales	Welsh Government News	Noted
Zurich Insurance	Information Bulletin	Noted
One Voice Wales	One Voice Wales responses to Consultation	Noted
One Voice Wales	One Day Workshop	Noted
IICSA	Child Sexual Abuse	Noted
South Wales Police	No meetings during the Purdah period	Noted
Teenage Cancer Trust	Thank you letter	Noted
One Voice Wales	Satisfaction with services	The Clerk had already responded
One Voice Wales	E-petition against cuts to funding (Children's Play Areas)	The Clerk will circularise all Councillors with a view to all Councillors supporting the petition
Tonna RFC	Various Requests	
	Request to hold Annual Carnival and Music Event	Approved
	Request for sponsorship - £75.00 – Proposed by Cllr Huw Bradley	
	Seconded by Cllr. Stephen Roberts and carried by the meeting.	
	Request to purchase and install some children's play equipment –	
	Proposed by Cllr Huw Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Ms. Johanne Barnes and carried by the meeting.	
	The Clerk was asked to write to the club with this information with the proviso's regarding insurance etc., and whilst writing to remind the club that their rent is due.	

2368 Planning

There were no planning applications

2369 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk presented the Council with final details of the Budget for 2016 – 2017. It was shown that some items had been underspent. The Annual spend was accepted by the Council

2370 Financial Matters

The following payments were approved by the Council

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	Removal of Henfaes trees
Clive Willis	Trim trees Memorial Park
Clive Willis	Memorial Park clean up
Clive Willis	First grass cut
Diane Malley	Payroll services

2371 The Chair then advised the members that the Annual General Meeting of the Council, would be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 6.30 pm and would be immediately followed by the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Chairman.....

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