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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, 12th September, 2017.

Chair. Cllr. S.L. Roberts

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, Mrs. E. M. Evans, Mrs. C. Harper, D.P. Harrison, M. Hughes, C. Powell and C. Williams.

2416 Apologies

Cllr's. S. Radford and C. Williams.

2417 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2418 Community Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk reminded everyone present that there was due to be a Pact meeting at the School, tomorrow night, Wednesday, 13th September, commencing at 6.30 pm.

2419 County Borough Councillors Report

C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones confirmed that she had completed and delivered throughout the village her first Newsletter which included a section from Tonna Community Council. She asked the opinion of the members and said that it would be her intention to produce a similar circular on a bi-monthly basis. She asked that any news regarding the village be sent to her as it arises. She then proceeded to go through the various items that had been included in the Newsletter. She made mention of requests by residents that the Pumpkin Show be resurrected. The Clerk explained that this had been an event organised by the regulars when the Whittington Arms had been more of a pub and that the reason for its demise had been due to several of the members of the Whittington Bar Society either becoming ill or being deceased. The meeting also drew her attention to the fact that the grass was not being cut on the lawn in front of the St. Anne's Terrace ornamental wall. It had become such an eyesore that a local resident had cut it during the week. She said that she would look into this and report back.

2420 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

2421 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2422 Delegates Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Enfys Evans said that she had delivered a Lovespoon to Mrs. Joan Bunston on behalf of the Chair who had been unavailable on the day. She said that Mrs. Bunston had been suitably impressed.

2423 Playgrounds

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the possible up-grading of the playgrounds. At the end of the

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discussion it was decided that a meeting should be sought with Linda Whittaker of Tai Tarian in order to seek financial aid and possible monitoring by the local Rangers when the project was complete. Also that a defined plan would be drawn up and the Clerk said that he would meet with Paul Hinder at NPTCBC in order to progress this matter. It was realised that this scheme was likely to take some time before it reached a successful end and it was decided that in the meantime, a price would be obtained to provide a pair of goal posts for the grass area at Dan Y Bryn playground and that the various potholes would be filled in with compacted clay or similar, as a temporary measure. It was proposed by Cllr. Darren Harrison and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Christine Harper that a budget figure of £1,250.00 would be set aside for this work to enable it to go ahead as soon as possible. This was carried by the meeting.

2424 Wish List

Cllr. Ms. Johanne Barnes raised the issue of the recent water main burst in Wenallt Road. She said that due to this incident, there was no vehicular access to Wenallt Road, St Anne's Drive, Dolcoed or Mount Pleasant. She enquired as to the possibility of emergency access either through the Memorial area or via either of two bridleways, namely Quarry Road and the Whittington. It was decided that in the case of the Memorial Park there was in fact no possible way through and with regard to both bridleways they were in no way suitable for vehicular access. The meeting decided that the Bridleways should be placed on the Wish List and that NPTCBC Countryside Department should be pressed regularly to keep these in a reasonable state.

2425 Correspondence

Joan Bunston	Thank you for Love spoon	Noted
Community Health Council	Services fit for future Health & Social Care	Noted
One Voice Wales	Notice of NPT Area Committee	Noted
WAG	Training Schedule for September	Noted
One Voice Wales	Ombudsman's Casebook	Noted
WAG	Water Consumer Council Annual Review	Noted
One Voice Wales	Gaps Gates and Stiles	Noted
One Voice Wales	Annual Conference	Noted
One Voice Wales	July Bulletin	Noted
Older People Wales	Newsletter	Noted
One Voice Wales	Consultation to ban micro-beads	Noted
One Voice Wales	South Wales Training Schedule (Sept. to Dec.)	Noted
One Voice Wales	Talk Valleys	Noted
One Voice Wales	IIME E-briefing	Noted
WAG	Access to Information (Community and Town Councils)	Noted
WAG	Board Members – Careers Wales	Noted
One Voice Wales	Digital Potential Research	Noted
One Voice Wales	Cymraeg 2050 Grant Scheme	Noted
One Voice Wales	Heritage Impact Statement	Noted
Macmillan Support	New Regional Fund Manager	Noted
One Voice Wales	Protection of Planet and People	Noted
WAG	National Advisor for Violence Against Women	Noted
WAG	Vice-chair to NHS Health Board	Noted
One Voice Wales	Tree Charter Legacy	Noted
One Voice Wales	National Development Framework Wales	Noted
NALC	General Data Protection	Noted
One Voice Wales	Event Opportunities in Wales	Noted
One Voice Wales	Seminar – Public Services	Noted
One Voice Wales	Sustain Wales Awards	Noted
One Voice Wales	President – National Museum of Wales	Noted
One Voice Wales	Chair of Flood and Coastal Erosion	Noted
One Voice Wales	Becoming an AM	Noted
One Voice Wales	Senior Research Officer vacancy	Noted
One Voice Wales	Health & Safety Training	Noted

2426 Planning

P2017 / 0827	Barratt Homes	Change of house types	No objection
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2427 Annual Return

The Clerk presented the completed the Annual Return to the meeting. He said that although there had been no issue with the accounts, the Return had been qualified due to the fact that the Web Site was

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not up to standard. He reported that he had discussed this with Cllr. Carl Williams who was absent from tonight's meeting due to holidays, and had suggested that given his Computer background and expertise, it could be of benefit to the Council if he took over the job of Web Master for the Council. He said that Cllr. Williams would be able to improve the website and bring it up to standard very quickly which would then satisfy the qualification of BDO. Cllr. Williams had confirmed that he would be pleased to do this job provided the Council agreed. The Clerk reassured Cllr. Mrs. Harper that her input would still be required with regard to village news and postings etc. It was proposed by Cllr. Colin Powell that the Clerk meet with Cllr. Williams upon his return from holidays and set up this new system as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr. Huw Bradley and passed by the meeting.

The Annual Return was then approved by the Council.

2428 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk informed that the items included for monitoring this month were; Clerks salary. This was approved.

2429 Financial Matters

Cllr. Huw Bradley confirmed that he had received a quotation for 3 Notice Boards for the price of £1,200.00. Cllr. Mrs. Harper said that she felt that this was a very good price and she proposed that the price be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Bradley and carried by the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor and place an order.

Cllr Michael Hughes reported that he had met with Mr Gibbon regarding the fence at Dan Y Bryn playground which had been badly damaged during the Spring gales and was the responsibility of the Council. Mr. Gibbon would like to erect a more substantial and better looking fence but felt that the Council should contribute. In the meantime the Clerk had arranged for the removal of the damaged fence and had obtained a price for a new, like for like fence at a cost of £700.00. It was proposed that the Council would either build a like for like fence or contribute this sum to Mr Gibbons costs for building a more substantial wall. This was agreed by the Council and the Clerk was asked to convey this to Mr. Gibbon with a proviso that a legal document be drawn up stating that the upkeep of the wall / fence be the responsibility of Mr. Gibbon

The following payments were approved by the Council

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	6 th and 7 th Grass cuts
Clive Willis	8 th Grass cut
Tonna Primary School	Community Centre costs
NPTCBC	Uncontested election costs
P.L. White	Clerks salary (3mths)
P.L. White	Office rental (3mths)
P.L. White	Clerks expenses (3mths)
Post Office	Clerks tax & N.I.
Rospa	Playground Inspections
W.E. Williams	Lovespoon (Joan Bunston)

2430 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 10th October commencing at 7.00 pm at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman.....

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