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# TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The next Ordinary Meeting of Tonna Community Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at the Royal British Legion, Aberdulais, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Your attendance is kindly requested. The Agenda appears below.

Yours faithfully,

*Peter L White*

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Clerk to the Council.

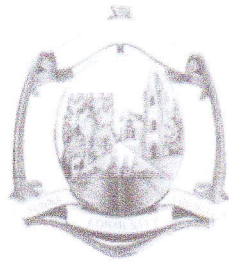
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## AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declaration of interests
- 3) Community Police Matters
- 4) County Borough Councillors Report
- 5) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Report
- 8) Notice of Motion
- 9) Playgrounds
- 10) Services
- 11) Wish List
- 12) Correspondence
- 13) Planning
- 14) Accounts Monitoring
- 15) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

Please notify the Clerk by 5<sup>th</sup> January if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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Council Meeting held at the Branch Meeting Room of the Aberdulais Branch of the Royal British Legion, commencing at 6.30 pm, on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

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Due to the absence through sickness of the Chair, Cllr. Stephen Roberts, the Vice-chair, Cllr. Colin Powell signed the acceptance of office and took the Chair.

Chair, Cllr. Colin Powell

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

2460 Apologies

Cllr's Mrs. E.M. Evans and S. Roberts.

2461 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2463 Community Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk also informed that as far as he was aware, there had been no official notice of a replacement officer to cover Tonna.

2464 County Borough Councillors Report

The Clerk said that he had received an apology from C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

2465 The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

2466 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2467 Delegates Reports

Cllr. Carl Williams informed that he and Cllr. M. Rowlands had attended the most recent One Voice Wales meeting, which was held at Resolven on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. He said that the main topic of conversation had been the conditions that all Councils would have to comply with regarding the Data Protection Act which comes into force in May 2018. He gave a comprehensive report to the members and stressed that several conditions were compulsory. These included the requirement of a stand-alone computer for the Clerk which would only be used for Community Council purposes. Other details included the appointment of a Data Protection Officer. This must be an employee so in the case of Tonna, would be the Clerk; Privacy Agreements for Members; The selection of a small sub-committee to review the information being held by the Council. He also said that there would be training provided in due course and that there would be no funding for the set-up of the new arrangements. He also explained some requirements that would need to be observed by the Council in connection with the Annual Audit. Cllr. Williams said that he had done a written report of the meeting and this would be circulated to all members of the Council for information.

During the ensuing discussion the Clerk was asked to investigate prices of a new laptop and also what possibilities were there for leasing a computer / laptop.

2468 Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion, that minute 2440 stating that expenses not be paid for attendees at the One Voice Wales Seminar on potential Cyber Attacks held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, be rescinded. This was proposed by Cllr. Colin Powell and seconded by Cllr. Darren Harrison and was carried by the meeting. The Clerk was asked to submit his expenses by the next meeting.

2469 Playgrounds

The Clerk said that, as promised during the previous meeting, he had attended a meeting with Paul Hinder at the Port Talbot Civic Centre in order to discuss the possibilities of grants etc., towards the playgrounds project. He said that this had only been a fact finding meeting in order to get to know what was available. The meeting had thrown up several pointers, some negative but quite a lot of positives. Paul Hinder said that given our ability to provide some finance he thought that our project was possible but that it would be a long slog and would need our contribution via a sub-committee to organise letters, of support from villagers, open days, negotiations with Play Companies and site visits etc. He said that he was more than willing to meet with our sub-committee in the New Year by which time the recent grant funding changes proposed by the Welsh Assembly Government would be fully known.

Cllr. Darren Harrison said that the Council should take up the invitation to meet with Paul Hinder and take things further. The Clerk was asked to request a couple of dates for which the first meeting could be arranged and report back to the Council. Cllr. Mrs. Harper said that she would like to get another member to join the sub-committee which would ensure that at least three would be able to attend future meetings at any time. Cllr. Mike Rowlands agreed to join the sub-committee.

Cllr. Darren Harrison also said that he recently met with Linda Whitaker, CEO of Tai Tarian, who promised to forward the name of her officer who deals with grants etc., who would be willing to help.

Cllr. Darren Harrison also said that there was some misunderstanding regarding the proposals for the 'football pitch' at Dan Y Bryn. Following discussion the meeting agreed that under the circumstances, two goalposts installed and the filling in of the pot-holes would be quick and inexpensive and would satisfy the needs for the time being.

2470 Services

The Clerk said that this item had been added on the request of Cllr. Mrs. Enfys Evans who had been unable to attend tonight's meeting. She had two complaints. The first regarded the possibility of bus timetable changes for Tonna. He said that he had contacted both Fist Cymru in Swansea and Traveline Cymru in North Wales, both of whom said that they had not new timetable as yet. Both had said that when the new Timetable was produced, Tonna Community Council would be informed.

The second was a complaint regarding an accident outside Noddfa Newydd Church at 3.45 pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December when Mrs. Joan Osborn had fallen and broken her hip. The ambulance was called but didn't arrive until 7.00 pm. During this time Mrs. Osborn was left lying on the damp pavement. Cllr. Mrs. Evans said that she wanted the Council to write a letter of complaint to the Ambulance Service. The meeting agreed and the Clerk was asked to send off a letter.

2471 Wish List

Notice Boards. Cllr Huw Bradley reported that the Notice Boards would be ready in January. Cllr. Mrs. Christine Harper asked all of the members to see if they had any notices which could be posted when the Notice Boards were erected.

Welcome To Tonna Sign. The Clerk reported that there was no progress.

Website. Cllr. Carl Williams said that he still needed information regarding Privacy.

2 Seats Near AJ's. The Clerk said that our local grass cutter had not been able to carry out any hedge cutting as the contractors had been in the way.

Bridleways. Waiting for a report from the C.B. Councillor.

Grit Bins. Cllr Huw Bradley asked if NPTCBC could be contacted to service the Grit Bins in Tonna.

Dan Y Bryn Fence. The Clerk reported that the wood had been received and that the contractor was liaising with the householder to arrange a suitable date for erection.

Cllr. Ms Johanne Barnes raised another complaint regarding the state of the road and the pavements at the Barratt's site opposite the cemetery. She said that she had complained yet again and despite receiving promises very little was being done.

Dedication Plaque Cllr. Michael Hughes declared an interest. The Clerk told the Council that he had received a request from Mrs Hughes who asked that consideration be given to allowing her to place a dedication plaque be mounted on one of the seats at Tonna RFC in memory of her husband, John who had worked as steward of the club for many years. After a brief discussion the Council gave permission and the Clerk was asked to convey this decision to Mrs. Hughes.

2472 Correspondence

SLCC	Annual subscription	Noted
ALCC	Annual subscription	Noted
NPTCBC	Request for precept	Noted

Regarding the correspondence from Mr. Rob Thomas who was considering purchasing the Little Oak Bungalow at Mount Pleasant, Tonna, Cllr. Colin Powell said that he had viewed the offending tree as directed and had found that the roots were in fact encroaching on the foundations of the garden walls and the drains of the house. A discussion ensued as to whether there was likely to be a preservation order on this tree as it was an oak.

It was recommended that the Council obtain prices for the tree removal but firstly to ensure that there is no order preventing the removal of such a tree.

2473 Planning

There were no planning applications

2474 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk presented the Councillors with the proposed budget for the coming year. He said that allowing for all of the potential for the coming year. He said that the Council was holding a reserve of £20,000.00 which had been earmarked for the Playground development. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Darren Harrison and seconded by Cllr. Mike Rowlands that the Council should request a precept of £29,000.00 for the coming year.

2475 Financial Matters

The Clerk said that during his recent budget preparations, it had come to light that his pay rise and increase of one spinal point had not been taken for the year 2017 – 2018. It was proposed by Cllr. Carl Williams that this be amended in the next quarters pay run. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mike Hughes and approved by the Council.

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	10 <sup>th</sup> Grass cut	Approved
Clive Willis	Repairs to Quarry Road Bridge	Approved
Clive Willis	Supply, install and removal of Christmas tree	Approved
Clive Willis	Clean-up of both playgrounds	Approved
NPTCBC	Community Centre costs	Approved
SLCC	Annual membership	Approved
ALCC	Annual membership	Approved
Saimol Trading	Replacement lights for large Christmas tree	Approved
TLC (Swansea)	Replacement lights for small Christmas tree	Approved
Peter White	Clerks salary (3months) plus ROF	Approved
Peter White	Office rental (3months)	Approved
Peter White	Clerks expenses (3months)	Approved
Post Office	Clerks tax and N.I. (3months)	Approved

2476 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 7.00 pm at Tonna Primary School, School Road, Tonna

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....