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TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

Council Meeting held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 10th April, 2018.

Chair. Cllr. S. Roberts

Before opening the meeting the Chair said that he would like to thank everyone who had been able to attend his Civic Service on Sunday last.

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

2522 Apologies

Cllr. S. Radford

2523 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2524 Community Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

2525 County Borough Councillors Report

C. B. Cll'r. Leanne Jones addressed the meeting with a comprehensive report on recent events which included the following; She gave an update on the events at the Cysgodfa "Rights of Way" issue and informed that the residents had sufficient evidence to warrant taking on Tai Tarrion. This was on-going; She said that she had again chased up the clearing of the restrictions in the bridleway at the side of the Whittington Arms; She said that she had instigated more patrols watching dog fouling; She said that due to continual chasing she felt that the state of the road at Cwm Celyn was now in a reasonable state. She will continue to monitor this; She said that NPTCBC would be installing a new dog-bin in the vicinity of the Memorial Park and near Tonna RFC; Amongst other things in progress were a Pot-hole near the Spar, a pavement problem in Hunters Ridge, issues on the Neath Canal tow-path. She referred to the footpath behind the Whittington Arms which had once upon a time connected with the Whittington Street back lane. This was now overgrown and inaccessible. She confirmed that although used over the years by several people, it had never been a registered footpath. She said that she would be publishing her next Newsletter in about three weeks and requested information to go into the Tonna Community Council section of the letter. Various Councillors declined to write anything for this issue and so the Clerk was asked to try to submit something. The Clerk referred to some information which he had very recently passed on to the C.B. Cllr. regarding street signs, the Tonna bus service and the bad access to Wenallt Road from Henfaes Road. She promised that she would look into both of these issues. There was also extensive discussion regarding the need for yellow lines through the village and the need to re-introduce the walking of the designated footpaths through the village hillsides. Finally C.B Cllr. Leanne referred to the decision by Tonna RFC to change the colour of their kit to purple, the identifying colour for the Pancreatic Cancer campaign in honour of their ex-coach, Paul Davies who recently and tragically passed away with the disease. Cllr. Jones then thanked the Community Council for her invite to last Sunday's Civic Service which she said she thoroughly enjoyed.

2526 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018 were accepted as a correct record.

2527 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

2528 Delegates Reports

The Clerk reported that as agreed in the previous meeting he had been able to convene a sub-committee meeting consisting of himself, the Vice-chair and Cllr. Carl Williams, in order to complete the Welsh Audit Office survey. This had now been completed and submitted.

The Chair was also asked if he could make himself available for Saturday next for the delivery of a lovespoon to Mrs. Nan Jones at Cysgodfa. He said that he would.

2529 Playgrounds

The Clerk read out an email from Paul Hinder of NPTCBC up-dating the position with regards to grant availability. The position is still not clear and he suggested that through no fault of his own, it may be a little longer than anticipated before he could offer any support or advice.

2530 Wish List

Notice Boards. The Clerk said that he had received no further contact from the contractor who was making the boards.

Welcome To Tonna Sign. The Clerk said that he had received no further information on this matter. He asked the C.B. Cllr. if she could call in on Phil Frowein in Lighting to see if he could chase up Centregreat again.

Website. The Clerk said that he felt that the Web-site was now up to date and should be in compliance.

Civic Service. The Clerk said that during the Civic Service a collection had been made to be donated to the Chairs chosen charity which this year would be Ty Hafan Children's Hospice. He said that £136.00 had been collected and would be sent off to Ty Hafan tomorrow.

Bridleways The Clerk said that he had spoken to Jon Griffiths of NPT Countryside Department regarding the Bluebell Woods footpath. Jon Griffiths said that he would meet with a contractor tomorrow in order to obtain a quotation for the recovering of the path with a new type of tarmac which had proved successful in another area. He had also said that when the quotation becomes available he would put it forward to see if money was available to carry out the work.

Oak Tree – Memorial Park. The Clerk explained that in spite of promises to take down the tree as directed on an urgent basis, SW Trees had let him down and the proprietor had gone on holiday. After discussion the Clerk was asked to see if our resident Countryside contractor could do the job on an urgent basis. It was proposed by Cllr. Christine Harper that the Clerk negotiate with the Councils Countryside contractor to see if he could provide a reduction in his previously quoted price. An acceptable price was suggested. This was seconded by Cllr Johanne Barnes. If these conditions could be achieved the Clerk was given permission to go ahead.

Tommy's. The Clerk confirmed that letters had now gone out to Calor Gas, St Anne's Church, Noddfa Newydd Baptist Church, Tonna RFC, Tonna Community Primary School, Royal British Legion, Tonna OAP, Marie Hopkins, Tonna Male Voice Choir, CV.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones. He said that he had already received some responses including a cheque from Noddfa Newydd and positive responses from five others.

2531 Correspondence

Royal British Legion	Confirmation of support for the Tommy but suggesting an alternative location. The Clerk was asked to respond to the RBL explaining the reasons why the School location had been chosen
Tonna RFC	Support for the Defibrillator Cllr's S. Roberts and C. Powell declared an interest After discussion the Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with Tonna RFC to talk about the availability etc. Tonna Community Council would be represented by Cllr's Mrs. C. Harper and Ms. J. Barnes. C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones also said that she would like to attend

2532 GDPR

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to Paul Egan of One Voice Wales earlier today. He had confirmed that Swansea City Council had declined to offer a helping hand to their local Councils with regard to the GDPR. He had also said that we should hold off on the appointment of a Data Protection Officer until their meeting with WAG in June. In the meantime however, when advised of the offer from our Payroll Officer, he said that if we had to engage the services of such a Company, the terms and conditions offered by Diane Malley appeared to be quite favourable. He also informed that the Sub-committee that met to complete the WAO Survey had viewed the GDPR Toolkit and had agreed to complete the necessary details at a further meeting but prior to the May deadline date.

A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding the requirement for individuals to either opt in or opt out of the £150.00 Councillors payment. There were several suggestions and questions which could not be answered so it was decided to minute this topic for further discussion at the next meeting.

2533 Planning

P2018/0255 Adrian Bamford, 6, School Road, Tonna
Single storey front and rear extensions plus conversion of
garage to living accommodation and a detached outbuilding No objection

2534 Accounts Monitoring

Budget Monitoring The Clerk informed that the expenditure for the year was within budget with some items ordered but not completed and paid for. This was confirmed by Cllr. Colin Powell.

2535 Financial Matters

PAYMENTS

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice	Civic Service collection	Approved
W.E. Williams	Lovespoon (Johnson)	Approved

RECEIPTS

Noddfa Newydd Baptist Chapel	Civic Service Collection
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2536 The Chair then advised the members that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday 8th May commencing at 6.30 pm to be immediately followed by the next ordinary meeting.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that it was protocol to appoint the current vice chair to the position of chair for the coming year but they would need to nominate a member to be vice-chair. He was asked to provide a list of previous chairs and the qualifying periods of the current members.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman.....

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