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TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The next Ordinary Meeting of Tonna Community Council will be held on Tuesday 13th March, 2018 at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Your attendance is kindly requested. The Agenda appears below.

Yours faithfully,

Peter L White

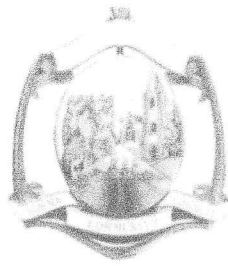
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Clerk to the Council.

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 13th February, 2018.
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Report
- 8) Playgrounds
- 9) Wish List
- 10) Correspondence
- 11) GDPR
- 12) Planning
- 13) Accounts Monitoring
- 14) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 10th, April, 2018, commencing at 7.00 pm

Please notify the Clerk by 9th March if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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Council Meeting held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 13th March, 2018.

In the absence of the Chair the Vice-chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

Chair, Cllr. C. Powell

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

2507 Apologies

Cll's D.P. Harrison, S. Roberts and C. Williams.

2508 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2509 Community Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting that the next PACT Meeting would be on Wednesday, 14th March at Tonna School, commencing at 6.30 pm.

2510 County Borough Councillors Report

The Clerk said that he had received an apology for absence due to illness, from C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones who had also sent a brief report of events during the last month. The Clerk then read out the report which included; the pavement at Cwm Celyn, now resolved; dog-bins; her newsletter and a request for Tonna information; refuse collections; the bridge near the Brunel footpath; bridleways; the next Pact meeting; Spring Fete at Tonna RFC. The C.B. Cllr. also included correspondence regarding the steps between Cysgodfa and Tai Bank which Tai Tarian had summarily closed off without any consultation. Cllr. Leanne had sent emails to Tai Tarian with a series of reasons as to why proper consultation should have taken place and was hoping to discuss matters further in order to resolve the position .

Cllr Mrs Enfys Evans brought up the issue with the buses in Tonna stating that they were still either going through full or on some occasions not even turning up. Cllr Huw Bradley made mention of the fact that due to parking at the lower part of Wenallt Road, it was extremely difficult to gain access or exit if more than one vehicle was at this point at the same time. He felt that the double yellow lines should extend further to prevent blockages. The Clerk was asked to convey both of these points to the C.B. Councillor.

2511 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2018 were accepted as a correct record.

2512 Matters Arising

2513 Delegates Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Enfys Evans said that she had delivered a lovespoon to Mrs. Esmé Daniels on her 90th birthday. She said that Mrs. Daniels had been delighted to receive the gift and thanked the Council. The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr. Carl Williams who had attended the recent One Voice Wales

meeting at Resolven. He then read out a report from Cllr. Williams which included the following items;

A large review of Town and Community Councils was expected which was likely to result in the reduction of Councils from 735 to 100. He said that Tonna would almost certainly be swallowed up. Decision was expected in October.

Mention was made of the massive task for small community councils in relation to GDPR. Paul Egan of 1VW asked Mr Williams if he would attend the next NPT Liaison Committee meeting to raise the issue as it had already been raised in Swansea. Regarding the Data Protection Officer, Cllr. Williams had reported that due to pressure on MP's, this matter had been raised in Parliament stating that it was too much for a small organisation to provide. It was minuted that nothing should be done until the 1VW June meeting by which time clarification should be available

GDPR Toolkit – Item 1 to 9 of this toolkit should be answered, probably by a sub-committee.

Councillors payments of £150 – The Council will either have to opt in or opt out.

2514 Playgrounds

Cllr. Mrs Christine Harper said that there was nothing to report until their next meeting with Paul Hinder of NPT when it was hoped that information regarding the availability of grants would be better known.

Regarding the temporary repairing of the football pitch at Dan Y Bryn, the Clerk said that our ground contractor would like to point out that he thought that the existing should be dug up. He did however provide a price of £850.00 for the supply and erection of the goalposts and the filling in of the potholes, and rolling in. He stressed that he could not guarantee the life of this partial measure. The Council accepted his comments and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Christine Harper that the job be done. This was seconded by Cllr. Mike Rowlands

2515 Wish List

Notice Boards. The Clerk said that he had received a telephone call from the contractor who explained that he had been bogged down by another contract but was now in a position to complete the contract soon after Easter.

Welcome To Tonna Sign. The Clerk read out an email from Phil Frohwein of NPTCBC chasing Centregreat to complete the repair.

Website. The Clerk read out an email from BDO who acted on behalf of the Welsh Audit Office stating that it was only necessary for Councillors names to be on the website. A central telephone contact number would then suffice.

Civic Service. The Clerk handed out invitations to the members for the Civic Service which would be on Sunday 8th April at Noddfa Newydd Baptist Church commencing at 3.00 pm. He was able to say that the Mayor and Mayoress had accepted an invitation to attend. He said that he was waiting for a few details from the Chair and would then be able to complete the Order of Service. Finally he asked all members to do their best to try to make an appearance as this technically was the prime occasion of the year. Cllr. Mrs Enfys Evans stated that she wished it to be known that the Civic Service should be held towards the beginning of the Chairs year of office. She said that this should be the practice for all future years and strictly adhered to.

Bridleways The Clerk said that he had managed to have a meeting with Jonathan Griffiths of NPT Countryside Department regarding our footpaths and bridleways. Mr Griffiths had informed of an underground blockage at the bottom end of the bridleway near the Whittington Arms. He also said that if there was moss on the Bluebell Woods footpath he would try to arrange to get it resurfaced with a special coating.

Other Items. Cllr Mrs Enfys Evans drew the Councils attention to a recent Royal British Legion idea to celebrate the ending of WWI by introducing "Tommy's". These were metal effigies of a soldier which she thought could be erected in the School Grounds. A discussion followed and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries and provided they could be purchased for under £750.00, he should try to obtain one.

Cllr. Mrs Enfys Evans also asked the Clerk to try to get NPT to service the grit bins through the village.

Cllr. Christine Harper wanted to know what the Council could do regarding the collapsed cemetery wall. It was pointed out that this was the responsibility of the Neath Diocese and the Church in Wales.

Cllr. Simon Radcliffe said that he had spoken to Bill Walters son regarding a suitable gift for his long service on the Council. Tom Walters had promised to come back to him in due course.

2516 Correspondence

1VW

Payments to Councillors

Noted

RAFA	It was decided to discuss this further at a future meeting Commemorative Concert	Noted
WAG	The Chair-elect said that he would be available to attend Survey	Noted
Geoff Spight	The Clerk said that he would prefer that this survey should be addressed by a small sub-committee of the Council. He said that he would recommend the Chair or Vice-chair and probably Carl Williams. The meeting agreed and the Clerk will organise.	
	Oak Tree in Memorial Park – The Clerk reminded the meeting that this matter had previously been agreed in principle by the Council. He had now received three prices and the Council asked the Clerk to place an order with the best priced contractor.	
NPTCBC	Mayors acceptance to attend Civic Service	Noted
Welsh Hearts	CPR and Defibrillators	Noted
1VW	Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony	Noted
Tonna Hospital	Acknowledgement and Thank You for donation	Noted
	Cllr. Mrs. Evans asked that the Clerk send a copy of this letter to Mrs. Jean Hughes the original donee	

2517 GDPR

The Clerk informed the meeting that a new laptop had now been purchased for use solely for Community Council business, complete with 3 years Office and McAfee and 5 years Cloud. 1VW have asked the WAG to reconsider the implications and costs of GDPR on smaller councils such as Tonna. It has been minuted in the recent 1VW meeting that nothing be done regarding a Data Protection Officer until further information has been received.

2518 Planning

P2018/0127	Aspect Eco Homes	1 – 3, The Nook (Rear of 84 – 90, Henfaes Road)	
	Variation of Driveway Materials and Retaining Structures		No objection

2519 Accounts Monitoring

Clerks salary review	No change
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2520 Financial Matters

PAYMENTS		
Curry's PC World	Purchase of Laptop	Approved
East Side Printers	Civic Service Invitations	Approved
Office Outlet	Stationery	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks salary (3mths)	Approved
P.L. White	Office rental (3mths)	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks Expenses (3mths)	Approved
HMRC	Clerks Tax & N.I (3mths)	Approved
Tonna Primary School	Community Centre costs	Approved
W.E. Williams	Lovespoon (Mrs E. Daniels)	Approved
Friend of St. Anne's	Civic Service refreshments	Approved

RECEIPTS

Western Power	Wayleave
M. Rowlands	Allotment rental

2521 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 10th April commencing at 7.00 pm at Tonna Primary School, School Road, Tonna

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....