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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, 13th November, 2018.

Chair, Cllr. C. Powell

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, S. Radford, M. Rowlands, M. Hughes, and C. Williams

Before opening the meeting, the Chair thanked those members that had attended the dedication of the Tommy on Wednesday last. He said that there had been good representation from all of the organisations who had sponsored the project which had included a plaque which referred generally to all of the supporting local organisations.

2621 Apologies

Cllr. Mrs. C Harper and D. Harrison

2622 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Huw Bradley declared an interest in the Notice Boards.

2623 Community Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk then produced the agreed dates and times for the PACT meetings for 2019.

2624 County Borough Councillors Report

The Clerk offered C.B Cllr. Leanne Jones apologies for her non-attendance at tonight's meeting. He said that this was due to the need for her to attend another meeting at the same time. However, he was able to inform the meeting that Cllr Jones had sent a report to be read out at the meeting which referred to the following;

Cllr Jones said that she had now received the artwork for the Tonna Walks maps and was willing to provide copies.

Regarding the Affordable Houses location at Cwm Celyn, she said that the percentages were correct. The Council will discuss this further with her at the next opportunity.

Regarding the trees at Cwm Celyn she said that Estates had advised her that the roots of the trees were on the developers land and as there were no TPO's the removal had been legally acceptable. The meeting felt that this too would require further discussion at the next opportunity.

Cllr Jones requested information from the Council regarding defibrillators and the latest position

Regarding Bridleways she hoped to be able to get some further information on 15th November when she has a Members Surgery. She will report back in due course.

Regarding the Members Fund she said that she now had further information and guidance which she would share with the Council..

2625 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October, 2018 were accepted as a correct record.

2626 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2627 Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk said that since the previous meeting he had now received a report from the Election Office to advise that there had been no request for an election. They then gave their permission for the Council to advertise locally for a replacement and to fill the vacancy by adoption. The Clerk said that the notices would be posted this week and any applicants could then be discussed at the next meeting.

2628 Delegates Reports

The Chair reported that he had delivered a lovespoon to Mrs Mair Hargest on the occasion of her 90th birthday. He also made further mention of the dedication of the Tommy which had been attended by a good representation from the village and the Remembrance Service at St Anne's Church on Sunday last. He said that this had been the best attended Remembrance Service for many years and hoped that it would continue. He thanked the Councillors who had been able to attend.

2629 Playgrounds

In the absence of Cllr. Darren Harrison and Cllr. Mrs. Christine Harper the Clerk read out a report from Cllr. Harrison of their recent sub-committee meeting. Cllr. Harrison had requested that someone should arrange site visits by various Play Equipment Companies towards the drawing up of a final project. He also requested that someone contact Tracy Jones of the Finance department at NPTCBC to discuss the method that should be used towards obtaining the Minor Project Grant.

2630 Wish List

Notice Boards. The Clerk reported that following the disappointing performance by the chosen contractor he had been able to contact another Company who was able to meet our requirements. The new contractor offered a price of £1,550.00 and was able to complete by early December. The meeting discussed this offer and it was proposed by Cllr Carl Williams that we cancel the original order and place an order with the new Contractor, Clive Willis. This was seconded by Cllr. Mike Rowlands and agreed by the meeting.

Welcome To Tonna Sign. The Clerk reported no further progress to date.

Dan Y Bryn Fence. The Clerk confirmed that this job had now been completed.

Tonna Walks. Awaiting further news from C.B. Cllr. Leanne

Tonna RFC "Sink Hole" The Chair and Cllr. Mike Hughes declared an interest. No further news as yet from Tonna RFC.

Defibrillators. The Clerk confirmed that the Council was "on the waiting list" for 2 redundant defibrillators from the Ambulance Service. Cllr. Mike Rowlands did explain that it was possible that some of the items would be out of compliance with regards to maintenance and spares. In view of this it was decided to tell the County Borough Councillor that the Council would welcome her involvement towards using some of her Community Grant towards a new defibrillator. The Clerk will advise her of the request.

Christmas Tree. The Clerk said that he had ordered the tree which would be installed in St. Anne's Church grounds on 22nd / 23rd November in time for Centregreat to erect the lights on 26th November. He said that the baubles and other dressings were now very much in a bad state and actually looked very shabby indeed. After a short discussion it was decided not to replace the decorations and just go with the lights. He also said that the Chair would then switch on the lights at 6.00 pm on Friday 30th November at the commencement of the Advent Market. At this point the Chair said that he hoped that as many Councillors as possible would attend the lighting up.

2631 Correspondence

St Anne's Church	Thank you for donation following Civic Service	Noted
St Anne's Church	Acceptance to dedication of "Tommy" service	Noted

2632 Review Panel Findings – Community and Town Councils

Cllr. Carl Williams said that he had studied this document on behalf of the Council. He said that there were several recommendations which may or may not be taken up by the Welsh Assembly Government. Amongst the main recommendations he highlighted six which he briefly went through with the meeting. He asked the Clerk to forward a report to the members via email for their information.

2633 Policies

The Clerk referred to the various policies that had been circularised to the members and said that these needed to be formally adopted by the meeting. These policies were Privacy Notice, Data Protection Policy, Consent Notice, Councillors Privacy Notice and Planning. Cllr. Michael Hughes proposed that the policies be adopted by the Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Simon Radford and approved by the members.

2634 GDPR

The Clerk said that progress was being made towards full compliance.

2635 Planning

There were no planning applications

2636 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk presented the meeting with the draft budget for 2019 / 2020. This was discussed by the meeting and provisionally approved. He said that the Precept for the coming year would be based upon this budget which suggested at this time that the Precept would not change.

2637 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the Notice of conclusion of audit had been posted as required from 26th September to the 10th October. He said that he had still not received an invoice from BDO but would expect to receive that in the very near future.

PAYMENTS

One Voice Wales	Training (Cllr. Carl Williams) Code of Conduct	Approved
W.E Williams	Lovespoon (Mrs Mair Hargest)	Approved
Clive Willis	Dan Y Bryn fence	Approved
Clive Willis	8 th Grass cut	Approved
Clive Willis	Tree removal (Quarry lane brook)	Approved
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	Approved

2638 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 11th December at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....