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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, 11th June, 2019.

Chair, Cllr. H. Bradley

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, Mrs. C. Harper, D. Harrison, M. Hughes, C. Powell, S. Radford, S. Roberts, M. Rowlands, W. Walters and C. Williams

Before opening the meeting, the Chair welcomed back Cllr Carl Williams following his recent hospitalisation in Greece and in this country.

2730 Apologies

None

2731 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2732 Community Police Matters

The meeting was attended by Police Sergeant John McCumesky of the Neighbourhood Policing Team who gave a short presentation of the current status of policing in Neath in general and Tonna in particular. When dealing with the figures relating to crimes he said that it was important that people rang 999 for serious crime and 101 for lesser incidents which would then draw police attention to matters quickly. He said that people generally were either not reporting what could be important information or reporting it in the wrong manner i.e., not via 101. He referred to the PACT Meetings which were poorly attended by the people of Tonna. It was decided to publish as much information as possible on the Website and via the Notice Boards and in any other possible way. C.B. Cllr Leanne Jones said that she would enter information regarding these meeting in her Newsletters.

Cllr Colin Powell raised the issue of the parking near Tonna Hospital where he felt that there was an accident waiting to happen. Sergeant McCumesky said that he would look into this.

The Chair thanked the Sergeant for his attendance and his very enlightening presentation and he left the meeting.

2733 County Borough Councillors Report

The County Borough Councillor opened by telling the members that there was still money available for acceptable worthy causes in the village. The meeting decided that they would make an application for a contribution towards the Playground Project. Leanne will get the Application off to the Clerk.

She said that Dulais Fach Road was on the list to be done but as yet there was no date for this to be done. She said that she would chase up the temporary job near the canal to get this done as soon as possible. Regarding Fairyland Road it had been discovered that there was a drainage problem which had to be done before the resurfacing work could be carried out.

She said that she was happy to see that the traffic lights had now been removed and the village roads were back to normal.

The Chair once again raised the issue of the road at the junction of Wenallt Road and Henfaes Road. He said that he would like to see Yellow Lines at that part of Wenallt Road which should then solve the traffic problems in that area.

Cllr Stephen Roberts asked if something could be done about the various street signs which were in a bad state of repair throughout the village. He said that he would tour the village and make a complete list and pass on to the County Borough Councillor who would then take it forward.

Cllr Colin Powell referred to the Welcome to Tonna sign at the top of Llantwit Hill which had been damaged by the Centregreat contractors and had still not been repaired. CB Cllr Jones said that she would again take this up with NPT.

2734 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May, 2019 were accepted as a correct record.

2735 Matters Arising

Cllr Colin Powell asked what had been done about the requested litter bin near A.J. Motors. The Clerk said that the request had been withdrawn.

2736 Delegates Reports

The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had delivered a belated Lovespoon to Malcolm Davies. Malcolm was 90 on 28th April but this had not been reported to the Council. Both Malcolm and his family were very pleased with the gift.

2737 Playgrounds

There was no report at this meeting other than to say that proposals were still being sought.

2738 Wish List

Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes said that the new Doggie bin in the Memorial Park was now being well used but she felt that a second bin would be a good idea which would then provide double the capacity. She proposed that a second bin be purchased and installed as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Christine Harper and approved by the Council.

Cllr Stephen Roberts said that the Rope Bridge in the Dan Y Bryn Playground was broken. He asked that our Open Spaces contractor be instructed to look at the problem as soon as possible.

The Clerk said that he had been asked if there was possibility that water could be provided on the Heol Y Glo Allotments. Cllr's Colin Powell and Michael Rowlands declared an interest. Cllr Darren Harrison said that he would provide the Clerk with information regarding underground water sources which could provide a suitable, natural answer.

Cllr Michael Hughes reported that there were groups of people gathering at the seats on the canal towpath. He said that they were continually leaving litter and a mess in the area and were also possibly using drugs. The Clerk explained that the towpath was the responsibility of Neath Canal Company but if there was any suspicion of wrong doing it should be reported to the Police.

Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes again complained at the state of the footpath in Bluebell Woods. She said that the local postman had recently had an accident through being tripped by the brambles which were overgrown there. C.B. Cllr Leanne said that she would take this up with Jon Griffiths at NPT Countryside Dept.

Finally Cllr Stephen Roberts asked if the Memorial Park Playground could have a complete clean up including jet-washing.

2739 Correspondence

Bethan Sayed AM	Dan Y Bryn Playground	Clerk to respond
Royal Airforce Assoc	Invite to Battle of Britain Parade	Chair will attend
		Clerk to respond
Ridgewood Associates	Availability to carry out next year's Internal Audit	Noted
Tonna RFC	Request for sponsorship	
	Cllr's Mike Hughes, Colin Powell and Stephen Roberts declared an interest	
	A donation of £75.00 was proposed by Cllr Darren Harrison and seconded by Cllr Bill Walters and approved by the Council	

Cllr Christine Harper proposed that the Council give some kind of permanent trophy to be awarded on an annual basis. This was seconded by Cllr Ms J Barnes and approved by the Council. The Chair will investigate availability of a suitable trophy.

Tonna RFC

Request for judges for events

Cllr's Mike Hughes, Colin Powell and Stephen Roberts declared an interest
Cllr's Ms Johanne Barnes and Mrs Christine Harper agreed to act as judges
Clerk to write to Tonna RFC

2740 GDPR

No report

2741 Planning

There were no planning applications

2742 Accounts Monitoring

Payment of the Clerks salary was approved

2743 Financial Matters

The Clerk was able to report that the two outstanding signatories had now visited the Bank and signed the mandate. This was in the process of being forwarded to the Business section of HSBC in Swansea who would the notify the Clerk when implemented.

The Clerk presented the Council with copies of the Annual Return complete with the Internal Auditors Report. After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bill Walters and seconded by Cllr Carl Williams that the Return be approved by the Council. The Council agreed and the Return was signed by the Chair and the RFO on behalf of the Council

PAYMENTS

Ridgewood Associates	Internal Audit	Approved
Clive Willis	2 nd Grass cut	Approved
NPTCBC	Community Centre costs	Approved
W.E. Williams	Lovespoons (Davies, John, Nixey)	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks salary (3 mths)	Approved
P.L. White	Office rental (3 mths)	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks expenses (3 mths)	Approved
HMRC	Clerks Tax and N.I. (3 mths)	Approved

2744 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 9th July at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....