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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 10th December, 2019 at The Royal British Legion Club, Aberdulais, commencing at 6.30. pm

Your attendance is kindly requested. The Agenda appears below.

Yours faithfully,

Peter L White

P. L. White, 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 12th November, 2019.
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Report
- 8) Playgrounds
- 9) Civic Service
- 10) Wish List
- 11) Correspondence
- 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 14th, January, 2020, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 6th December if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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Council Meeting held at Royal British Legion Club, Aberdulais, commencing at 6.30 pm, on Tuesday, 10th December, 2019.

Chair, Cllr. H. Bradley

<u>Present</u> Clir's. Ms. J. Barnes, Mrs. C Harper, D. Harrison, C. Powell, M. Rowlands and W. D. Walters.

2806 Apologies

Cllr's. M. Hughes, S. Radford, S. Roberts and C. Williams.

2807 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

There were no declarations of Interest.

2808 Community Police Matters

The Clerk told the meeting that although we were still in Purdah Claire Rogers had been in touch to arrange the PACT meeting dates for 2020. Copies of the dates were issued to those members who requested them.

2809 County Borough Councillors Report

The County Borough Councillor went through a series of issues that had been dealt with during the past period. These included dropped kerbs throughout the village, the Welcome to Tonna sign at Llantwit Hill, Street Signs, Green Bags for the allotments, new trees at the Barratts site, grass cutting at the Barratts site, light deflector where the new site meets Hunters Ridge, parking outside Tonna Hospital and a sunken manhole in New Street. Regarding Bluebell Woods she reported that there was not enough money left in the kitty to do this work at this time but it would be dealt with if and when sufficient funds become available.

The Chair raised an issue regarding car parking where Wenallt Road joined the main road at Noddfa Newyddd Chapel and Clir Colin Powell said that the St Anne's Drive road surface was in an awful condition and there was evidence of the road sinking in the Paddocks. The County Borough Councillor said that she would look further into these matters. Finally she reported that the Doggie bin situated at the Dolcoed entrance to the Memorial Park had been moved due to complaints and evidence of misuse.

2810 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2019 were accepted as a correct record.

2811 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

2812 <u>Delegates Reports</u>

The Clerk reported that the due to a family illness the Chair had not been able to attend the switching on of the Christmas Lights. Unfortunately the Vice chair was also delayed due to bad traffic conditions on his way to the Church. As a result the lights were switched on by Cllr. Mrs Christine Harper.

The Clerk also reported that Cllr Carl Williams had attended to most recent meeting of One Voice Wales and in his absence had sent in a report. He then read out Cllr. Williams report which covered the Boundary Commission Draft Report suggesting that Tonna be joined with Resolven. Apparently it was reported that NPTCBC was not in agreement with this suggestion; Police presentation on Cyber Crime, next year's possible audit requirements including payments being in line with the Community Council financial regulations and standing orders; The Community Councils need to produce a biodiversity report. Councillor Colin Powell stated that as he read the recommendations, it only required a report if something had been done. He said that as we had done nothing, no report would be required. The Clerk will check; It was also suggested that all Community Council Clerks should aim to get C.I.L.C.A. qualification. It was reported that Cllr. Williams had been nominated, along with a Glynneath Councillor to represent One Voice Wales Community Councils on the NPT Standards Committee. Finally Paul Egan of One Voice Wales had congratulated Cllr Williams on his passing of I.L.C.A. qualification and urged other Councillors to undertake the study and examinations in order to increase their knowledge.

The Clerk said he would circulate the report to the members.

2813 Playgrounds

The Clerk reported that he had completed the NPTCBC Grant Application form and had been informed that this would be discussed by the application Committee on Monday 9th December, yesterday. However he said that it was unlikely that we would hear anything until the end of the week at the earliest.

2814 Civic Service

The Clerk said that there had been many problems trying to tie down a date which was suitable to the Chapel and the Chair but that a date had now been fixed for 16th February, 2020. He said that he had already contacted the Mayor who had accepted the invitation to attend with the Mayoress. Further invites would be sent out during January.

2815 Wish List

The Clerk told the meeting that the weather had proved to be a difficulty with regards to the improvements to the Notice Boards but he hoped that the work would be completed very soon. As had already been reported by the C.B. Cllr., the street signs were now in hand at NPT and the Bluebell Woods footpath work was held up due to lack of funds at NPT; the contractor had agreed to carry out the edging work at the Memorial Playground using sleepers and at the same quoted price, so as instructed he had placed an order with them; The Clerk said that he had attended meetings with Lloyds Band and Santander, both of whom would not be able to provide the signatory arrangements which we now have with HSBC, so reluctantly he felt that he should have another meeting with HSBC to try and finally resolve the position. Regarding our land registration issue above Dan Y Bryn Playground he said that he had been advised to contact Chris James of Jenifer Melly Law to try and arrange to have it sorted out.

Finally the Clerk said that the Chair would be presenting three Lovespoons in the next couple of weeks including Mrs. Betty Hopkins, Mrs Una Gwyther and Mrs Annie "Nan" Johnston. There was also a lovespoon which had been missed due to lack of information for Mrs Dorothy Harris and this would be purchased as soon as her actual birthdate was obtained.

2816 Correspondence

There was no correspondence other than that which had already been dealt with through the agenda.

2817 Planning

There were no planning applications.

2818 Accounts Monitoring

The two items listed for this month were the Clerks salary and the Budget for 2020 / 2021. The Clerk reminded the meeting that it had been decided to approve the Budget in the November meeting so this

had already been attended to and he would send off the letter to NPTCBC to confirm a precept requirement of £38,000 for the coming year. The Clerks salary was approved.

2819 Financial Matters

Cllr Mrs Christine Harper stated that she was considering accepting the £150.00 Councillors payment. The Clerk said that this was her prerogative but that every Councillor would have to claim or decline this money in writing to him. He also said that the Council had decided that anyone who does decide to claim the money would receive payment during the last month of the financial year thereby ensuring that a Councillor had served a full term.

PAYMENTS

SLCC	Renewal of membership	Approved	
ALCC	Renewal of membership	Approved	
W.E. Williams	3 Lovespoons (Hopkins, Gwyther,		
	Johnson)	Approved	
NPTCBC	Community Centre costs	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 and N.I. (3mths)	Approved	

2820 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 14th January, 2020 at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman	 	
Date	 	