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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 8th December, 2020 via Zoom, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Your virtual attendance is kindly requested. The Agenda appears below.

Yours faithfully,

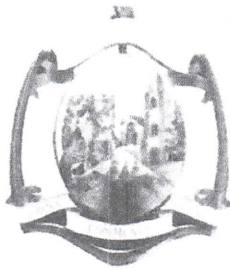
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AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declaration of interests
- 3) County Borough Councillors Report
- 4) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November, 2020
- 5) Matters arising
- 6) Delegates Reports
- 7) Playgrounds
- 8) Wish List
- 9) Correspondence
- 10) Planning
- 11) Budget 2021 / 2022
- 12) Accounts monitoring
- 13) Financial Matters

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Council Meeting held via Zoom commencing at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 8th December, 2020.

Before opening the meeting, the Chair wished it to be noted that the sympathies of the Council were with Cllr. Mrs Harper following the recent sad loss of her husband. This was supported unanimously by the Council.

Chair. Cllr. S Radford

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, D. Harrison, C. Powell, M. Rowlands and Bill Walters.

2950 Apologies

Cllr's Mrs. C. Harper, M. Hughes and S. Roberts.

2951 Declarations of Interest

Cllr's C. Powell and M. Rowlands declared an interest in Allotments.

2952 County Borough Councillors Report

C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones reported that she was due to have a meeting with the County Borough Council regarding the requirements for the village for the coming year. She said that the road markings in Wenallt Road were included in the requirements. She also said that she had posted on her Facebook page asking for suggestions from the village. She said that the recently reported pothole in Park Street had been attended to. Amongst the other items included the speed checks in Dulais Fach Road, what will be happening with the Section 106 monies due from the Cwm Celyn development, and the pathway from Cwm Celyn to Hunters Ridge. She said that the drainage to the site had now been fixed and there were questions regarding the playground in the area. She referred to the repairs to the elevated roundabout at Aberdulais were currently on stop and awaiting further information. She referred to outstanding dropped kerbs trees in Henfaes Road, which were currently awaiting treatment and trimming. She said that the canal towpath between Zoars Ark and Tonna was in line to be repaired soon and she had raised £200 from her turkey raffle. She was currently looking for people who were likely to be having Christmas dinner alone so that she could use these funds towards that. Cllr Colin Powell said that he thought that the resurfacing of St Anne's Drive had already been approved but as yet nothing done. Cllr Leanne will look into this. Cllr Mike Rowlands asked if the footpath behind the Dan Y Bryn Playground could receive some attention as it was badly overgrown. Cllr. Huw Bradley complained about the water problem in Wenallt Road caused by the disruption of the culvert at the rear of no. 38 and asked the C.B. Cllr if she would look into the report from the Environment Dept., who had apparently already visited the site. He said that water was now spilling out on to Wenallt Road and was likely to be a hazard especially during cold weather. C.B. Cllr Leanne said that she would look into this.

The Chair thanked Leanne for her Report.

2953 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2020 were accepted as a correct record.

2954 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2955 Delegates Reports

The Cllr Simon Radford reported that in his capacity as Chair, he had delivered a belated Lovespoon to Mrs. Joan Evans in respect of her 90th birthday and also to Mr. Gareth Jarvis Powell on his birthday. Mrs Evans was too ill to respond personally but her family was suitably impressed and Mr Powell was also very pleased with the gift.

2956 Playgrounds

The Clerk reported that the new benches were likely to be collected and installed this week.

The Clerk said that the trees had been attended to at the Dan Y Bryn Playground and everything was now in a safe condition with rotten branches and in some cases trees removed together with the trimming of the other trees and the hedgerow surrounding the park. He said that he had asked Cllr Stephen Roberts to visit the site in order to offer his approval.

The Clerk said that the team would now be going straight to the Memorial site to carry out the similar safety work there.

2957 Wish List

Local Places for Nature - The Clerk reported on the Local Places for Nature. He said that the photograph had now been taken and sent to the Local Places for Nature team. The siting of the proposed bench was discussed and it was decided that this could be placed on the tarmac thereby not affecting the French drain in the area.

Notice Boards – There was no further progress on the Notice Boards.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised that a Mrs. Rosser was shortly to celebrate her 100th birthday. The Clerk said that he was still trying to confirm the date. It was proposed by Cllr. Ms. Johanne Barnes that the Council should send her a nice bouquet of flowers at the appropriate time.

Regarding the Best Dressed House competition, the Clerk said that he had obtained the voucher which he would endeavour to get to Cllr. Ms Barnes in time for the judging on Saturday next. Cllr Barnes and C. B. Cllr. Leanne Jones confirmed that they would be available as arranged for the judging. They would also check on the availability of Cllr. Mrs. Christine Harper. In the event that Cllr. Harper was not available, the Chair said that he would stand in.

2958 Correspondence

Local Foodbanks	Request for funds and various food items	Noted
Senior Citizens Services	Offer of services to the over 65's	Noted

2959 Planning

P2020 /0899	Mr. Lyn Jones, 2, The Nook, Henfaes Road Work to trees (TPO)	No objection
P2020/0966	Miss Emma Jones, 14, Brynawelon Two storey side extension	No objection

PLW

2960 Budget ~~2021~~ 2022

The Clerk briefly ran through the budget proposals for the coming year and the recommendations of the Finance sub-committee. He said that these figure should be used to determine the Precept for the coming year. It was proposed by Cllr. Darren Harrison that the Budget be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Huw Bradley and approved by the meeting.

2961 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk informed the Council that the Clerks salary, paid quarterly would be paid this month. This was approved by the meeting. He said that the payment for RFO was due now also and if agreeable, would be added to the salary. This was also approved by the meeting. He said that the Annual Return had been completed on time and sent to the Auditors who, due to Covid and home working, were having difficulties in completing their appraisal. However, he was expecting the completion very soon.

2962 Financial Matters

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for HSBC to finally approve the Safeguarding. He said that it had been agreed with a bank representative following a telephone meeting but now had to be approved by a senior colleague.

The Clerk also reported that he had completed the telephone banking form and was also waiting for confirmation by the bank.

The Clerk also confirmed that the annual Christmas tree had been erected and the lights installed. These had been switched on by the Chair as arranged on the Friday before Advent but with no members of the Public present. He said that since the fatalities experienced by NPTCBC a couple of years ago, the Council had been forced to use Centregreat to dress the tree but this year they were so busy that they were unable to carry out the work by anywhere near the proposed time. He said that the Tonna's groundwork contractor had offered to erect the lights for us and did a brilliant job at less than a third of the price of Centregreat.

PAYMENTS

Second Life Products	2 Recycled plastic benches	Approved
W. F James & Son	Dividing fence – Dan Y Bryn	Approved
Clive Willis	Servicing of Doggie / Litter bins (1 visit)	Approved
Clive Willis	Memorial Park clean-up (Gulley's etc)	Approved
Clive Willis	Supply and erect Christmas tree	Approved
Clive Willis	Install Christmas lights	Approved
Clive Willis	Emergency safety tree work (Dan Y Bryn)	Approved
Clive Willis	Collect and install 2 benches (Dan Y Bryn)	Approved
SLCC	Annual Membership	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks salary (3mths) plus RFO	Approved
P.L. White	Office Rental (3mths)	Approved
P.L. White	Clerks expenses (3mths)	Approved
HMRC	Clerks tax and N.I. (3mths)	Approved
Clive Willis	Emergency safety tree work (Memorial Park)	Approved

RECEIPTS

Various Allotment rentals

2963 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 12th January, 2021. Given the present circumstances, this was still likely to be via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....