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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 November, 2020 via Zoom, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Your virtual 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) County Borough Councillors Report
- 4) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November, 2020
- 5) Matters arising
- 6) Delegates Reports
- 7) Allotments
- 8) Playgrounds
- 9) Wish List
- 10) Correspondence
- 11) Planning
- 12) Accounts monitoring
- 13) Financial Matters

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Council Meeting held via Zoom commencing at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 10th November, 2020.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Chair, Cllr Simon Radford was unavoidably delayed by another meeting concerning Covid 19. He said that the Chair had offered his apologies and would join the meeting as soon as possible. He then asked that the Vice chair, Cllr Michael Rowlands, to take the Chair in his stead. The Vice chair then took the Chair.

Chair Cllr. M. Rowlands

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, D. Harrison, C. Powell, S. Radford and S. Roberts.

2936 Apologies

Cllr's Mrs. C. Harper, M. Hughes and Bill Walters.

2937 Declarations of Interest

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

2938 County Borough Councillors Report

C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones reported on the recent Best Dressed House competition for Halloween. She said that it had been a great success. She said that the judging panel toured the village separately and discussed the results via telephone. There were two houses which stood out and the panel decided to award joint first place between the two. Both received vouchers for £25.00. She said that she would like to donate another £25 voucher towards the Best Dressed House competition at Christmas. She said that there were on-going roadworks in the village and that unfortunately she was unable to discover exactly when they were likely to be completed. She said that there were still issues with traffic speeding in the vicinity of Tonna Hospital and Dulais Fach Road. And the police were operating spot checks. Finally she apologised for the lack of hedgerow maintenance through the village. This had been due to the Covid Pandemic but that it was hoped that the team would catch up soon.

The Chair joined the meeting but asked the Vice-chair to continue chairing the meeting.

2939 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2020 were accepted as a correct record.

2940 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2941 Delegates Reports

The Cllr Simon Radford reported that in his capacity as Chair, he had delivered a belated Lovespoon to Mrs. Heather Hopkins in respect of her 90th birthday. Mrs Hopkins was suitably pleased with the gift. He also had attended the Remembrance Service at St Anne's Church on Sunday 8th November and laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Tonna Community Council. He said that both occasions left him feeling quite emotional.

Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes added her thoughts on the recent Halloween Best Dressed House competition for which she joined C. B. Cllr Leanne Jones and Cllr Mrs C. Harper as judges. She said that the entry had been very good and she was very pleased with the outcome. As previously reported there were two prizes of £25 vouchers. One of which was given by Tonna Community Council and the other donated by C.B. Cllr. Leanne Jones. The chair thanked Cllr Leanne for her support and contribution which he said was much appreciated.

2942 Allotments

The Clerk reported that the pipe feeding the wishing well had now been installed and the water was now flowing freely.

2943 Playgrounds

The Clerk reported that the new benches were on order but there was a bit of a delay due to the latest lock-down. He said that the dividing fence at Dan Y Bryn had been completed up to the bank. He said that the final section had been held back in case the disabled access ramp was required. The Clerk then provided the meeting with a budget price for the ramp which was in the region of £10,000.00 and was at present outside of the Councils financial capability. The Clerk said that he would inform the Contractor accordingly and instruct him to install a final section up to the outer fencing.

The Clerk advised the members that Cllr. Mrs. Harper wanted to discuss picnic benches for the Dan Y Bryn Park but as she was not available for tonight's meeting, the subject could be discussed at the next opportunity.

Regarding tree cropping the Clerk said that he had asked for prices for the both parks following a site visit with Cllr. Stephen Roberts. The prices received from the Councils Countryside contractor were as follows.

Memorial Park – The trimming and cropping of overhanging branches, and the removal of various trees which were deemed to be in a dangerous state - £1,000.00.

Dan Y Bryn Playground – Trimming and cropping of various trees and the removal of trees which were deemed to be in a dangerous state - £1,000.00

Cllr. Stephen Roberts told the meeting that the tree work was urgently required and that in many of the cases constituted a safety hazard. He said that an order should be placed immediately before there was an unfortunate accident. Cllr Darren Harrison proposed that the work should be carried out straight away and that an order should be placed for the Memorial Park and also a separate order for the Dan Y Bryn Playground. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Stephen Roberts and carried by the members.

2944 Wish List

Local Places for Nature - The Clerk reported on the Local Places for Nature. He said that the job was complete apart from a photograph which was delayed through the lock-down but would now be carried out at the earliest opportunity.

Notice Boards – The Clerk advised the Members that he was still waiting for drawings and dimensions. These would be forthcoming very soon. The Clerk was asked to purchase materials for a new notice board and upon receipt get a local carpenter to build the final item and install in the region of the Telephone Box opposite the Whittington Arms.

The Clerk said that he had now received the lovespoons for Mrs. Joan Evans and Mr. Gareth Powell. The Chair will arrange to deliver at his first opportunity.

Cllr. Stephen Roberts asked the members to consider the siting of a bench opposite the new Wildlife Garden in the Memorial Park. This was left in abeyance until the next meeting.

Best Dressed House Competition – C.B Cllr. said that she would like to donate a £25.00 voucher to be used as a prize for this year's Best Dressed House competition. The Clerk was asked to obtain two vouchers, one for the C.B. Councillor and one for Tonna. Cllr. Leanne said that she would post notice of the competition on her website. It was decided that the judging would take place on Saturday 12th December.

2945 Correspondence

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| Cerebral Palsy | Request for funds | It was proposed by Cllr. D. Harrison that an amount of £50 be donated . This was seconded by Cllr. Colin Powell and approved by the meeting. | |
| Mrs. Enfys Evans | List of people reaching 90 years | | Noted |
| Tonna RFC | Approvall for the erection of a Pagoda / Gazebo | The Clerk was asked to write to the club and advise them that the Council had no objection provided that they observe all of the guidelines and regulations. | |

- 2946 Planning
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| P2020 /0886 | Mr & Mrs Owen 18, Whittington St | |
| | Front and rear extension | No objection |
| P2020/0996 | Mr Ian Ellis 20, Wenallt Rd. | |
| | Trees covered by TPO T226/W1 | No objection |

2947 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk informed the Council that he and the Finance sub-committee had completed a draft budget for the coming year. He went through it verbally with the meeting and said that he would be forwarding copies to everyone following the meeting. He advised that the final budget would formalise the Councils requirements for the coming year and the final figure would be used to advise NPTCBC of the precept for 2021 / 2022.

2948 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 waiting for confirmation by the bank.

The Clerk also confirmed that he had ordered the annual Christmas Tree and was awaiting contact from the Company who would dress the tree for us. He said that the lighting up would take place on 27th November but that due to Covid would be a small, private affair.

He also informed that there were three cheques which were not presented at the end of last year and were now out of date. As a result they were destroyed and he asked if the Council would approved replacement cheques. These were two payments of £70 to two local charities paid for by a collection during the previous Chairs Civic Service and a cheque for £20 to the Friends of St Anne's Church, as a thank you for the loan of crockery for the Civic Service. This was approved by the meeting

PAYMENTS

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| Ty Olwen | Donation (Last Civic Service collection) | Approved |
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| Friend of St Anne's | Donation for loan of crockery for Civic Service | Approved |
| Advancedscape | Doggie bin | Approved |
| Clive Willis | Servicing of Doggie / Litter bins (2 visits) | Approved |
| Clive Willis | Install new Doggie bin (Lock Hill) | Approved |
| Clive Willis | Clear fallen tree – Brunel | Approved |
| W. E Williams | Love spoons – Mrs Evans Mr Powell | Approved |
| Cerebral Palsy | Donation | Approved |
| Post Office | £25.00 Voucher | |
| | (Halloween Best Dressed House) | Approved |
| Post Office | £25.00 Voucher | |
| | (Christmas Best Dressed House) | Approved |
| NPTCBC | Copier paper | Approved |
| Royal British Legion | Poppy wreath | Approved |

RECEIPTS

Various Allotment rentals

- 2949 The Chair then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 8th December. Given the present circumstances, this was still likely to be via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Chairman.....

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