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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 February, 2022 at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna commencing at 7.00. pm

Your attendance is kindly requested. The Agenda appears below.

Yours faithfully,

Peter L White

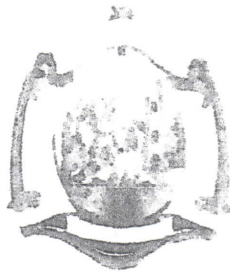
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Clerk to the Council.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declaration of interests
- 3) County Borough Councillors Report
- 4) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January, 2022
- 5) Matters arising
- 6) Delegates Report
- 7) Playgrounds
- 8) Notice Board
- 9) Calor Gas
- 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 8th, March, 2022, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 4th February if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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Council Meeting held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 8th February, 2022.

Due to the absence of the Chair Cllr. W.D. Walters signed the Declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

Chair, Cllr. W.D. Walters

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, D. Harrison, Mrs. L. Jones, M. Lyddon, C. Powell and S. Radford.

3133 Apologies

Cllr's. M. Rowlands and S. Roberts.

3134 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3135 County Borough Councillors Report

The County Borough Councillor reported that NPTCBC have confirmed that the forthcoming S106 monies could not be used for refurbishing the playgrounds. The other possible options were then discussed and she said that she would be issuing a circular throughout the village to see the possible preferences of the residents. She also said that the litter pick had been restarted and was now on-going. There was some discussion regarding the maintenance of the canal. Cllr Colin Powell referred to a long-standing legal agreement between the Canal Company and NPTCBC in which the Council were obliged to keep the area tidy and navigable. C.B. Cllr Leanne said that she would investigate this further in order to see if the agreement was still in place.

Cllr Powell asked the County Borough Councillor if she had heard anything regarding the bollards at the entrance to Tai Banc opposite the Whittington. She said that there had been no progress but that she would chase this up.

Cllr Simon Radford asked if the road conditions in Tonna were being given any attention. The C.B. Cllr said that St. Anne's Drive and Neath Road were on the list for attention during the coming year.

The C.B. Councillor was asked for information regarding the latest PACT Meeting that had been called for Tonna. She explained that this had been discussed with Inspector Lindsey Sweeny and was arranged for Thursday next at Tonna RFC. She said that it was more of a Neighbourhood Watch meeting than a Pact meeting. The Clerk said that he had recently spoken to Inspector Sweeney who had confirmed her opinion that "Police" should be reintroduced on the Community Council, agenda. She also said that she would be pleased to attend one of our forthcoming meetings to introduce herself and answer any possible questions. The Clerk will invite her to attend the next meeting.

3136 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January, 2022 were accepted as a correct record.

3137 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3138 Delegates Reports

The Clerk read out a report of the last finance sub-committee meeting held on 27th January. He said that he had been contacted by the Welsh Audit Office who informed that our Annual Return had been mislaid. He said that he had confirmed that we held a copy which could be sent off to them should it be needed. He went on to say that the main purpose of the meeting had been to check on how much money would be available if the S106 money was not forthcoming. He said that the committee had calculated that approximately £44,000.00 could be available in 2022 / 2023. He said that the meeting also considered the possibility of the S106 money not being allowed for Playgrounds and what other possibilities it could be used for. He said that there was a possibility that it could be used for work on the Henfaes and Heol Y Glo allotments should the Council wish.

3139 Playgrounds

As there was a negative result on the S106 money it was decided to go back to the drawing board and reconsider the possibilities.

3140 Notice Board

No progress as there was still a problem obtaining the oak materials. The C.B. Cllr. said that she would contact a local company that she knew at their new premises located in the old Metal Box building who were currently amenable to offering work for local organisations and she thought may be able to offer a Notice Board free of charge.

3141 Calor Gas

Cllr Martyn Lyddon stated his concern regarding the Safety Procedures in operation at Calor Gas. He said that it should be investigated as to whether their procedures had been up-dated in line with the expansion works at the Aberdulais Plant.

3142 Wish List

The Clerk updated the Council on a number of items as follows,

Tonna RFC Lease	Our solicitor had now completed his work and the document had been returned to the Welsh RFU solicitor for his completion. The Tonna RFC secretary had been informed.
Accident at the Canal Bridge	There was no further information regarding any repairs or safety work at the bridge so the Count Borough Councillor will chase this up with NPTCBC
Daffodils	The Clerk reported that he had been offered a gift of approximately 150 daffodil bulbs which were starting to sprout. He said that he had circulated the Council with this information and received approval to take them and instruct our Open Spaces contractor to plant them. He said that this had now been done with the plants installed in and around the Memorial Park, Dan Y Bryn Playground and the entrance to the Brunel Woods walk. He said that the plants had been gifted by David Bevan of Toms Nursery in memory of his brother Tom who died tragically a couple of years ago.
Land at Dan Y Bryn	The Clerk reported that he had met with Stephen Williams of T. Llewellyn Jones Solicitors to discuss the possibilities of registering the land reportedly gifted to the Parish Council in or about 1965. He said that Stephen Williams had raised several issues with regard of proof of the intention to gift this land to the Council such as investigation of any Wills left by individuals who had since died. He also said that should we decide to go ahead we would need to take on board the responsibility for any accidents etc and may be also have to fence off the land. He had suggested that the legal costs would probably be in the region of £1,000.00 which should also be considered. Finally, it was realised that he may be acting for another company who could have an interest and that his firm acted for them therefore creating a possible conflict of interest. He then said that if we intended to go forward, he would recommend Martin Probert of Victoria Gardens to act for us and carry out the required investigations. It was proposed by Cllr Darren Harrison that the Clerk contact Martin Probert with a view to going forward. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Powell and approved by the members.

Allotments Cllr Colin Powell suggested that in the event that no S106 money is available for allotments, perhaps it should be investigated if there was any Tidy Wales money on offer.

Henfaes allotments Cllr. Ms. Johanne Barnes said that the hedge and trees around the Henfaes allotments had still not been dealt with. The Clerk was asked to get the Open Spaces contractor to meet with Cllr Johanne for an up-dated cost for further consideration.

Christmas Lights The Clerk was reminded to put additional Christmas Lights on the wish list for future consideration.

Welcome to Tonna Sign The Clerk said that the sign has been vandalised again, He said that he had instructed the original builder to repair as soon as possible.

3143 Correspondence

Air Ambulance Wales Request for funds – A donation of £50.00 was proposed by Cllr. Colin Powell. This was seconded by Cllr Simon Radford and approved by the meeting.

3144 Planning

There were no planning applications this month, however a letter had been received relating to the Councils objection to the traffic calming measures proposed for Dulais Fach Road. The Councils request to install chicanes instead of cushions was overruled

3145 Accounts Monitoring

There were no requirements for this month

3146 Financial Matters

PAYMENTS

W. E. Williams	Lovespoon for Mrs Norma Buckley	Approved
Clive Willis	Servicing Doggie and Litter bins	Approved
Clive Willis	Planting of gifted daffodils	Approved
Air Ambulance Wales	Donation	Approved

3147 The Clerk then advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, on Tuesday, 8th March 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....