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# TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The next Ordinary Meeting of Tonna Community Council will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 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.

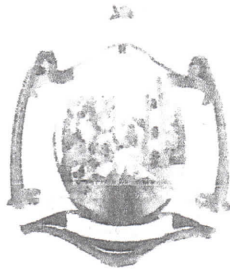
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## AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declaration of interests
- 3) Police
- 4) County Borough Councillors Report
- 5) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Report
- 8) Playgrounds
- 9) Notice Board
- 10) Calor Gas
- 11) Wish List
- 12) Correspondence
- 13) Planning
- 14) Accounts monitoring
- 15) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on April, 2022, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 4<sup>th</sup> March 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, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

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Chair, Cllr. M. Rowlands

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

3148 Apologies

Cllr's. S. Radford and W. D. Walters.

3149 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. H. Bradley – Notice Board

3150 Police

The meeting was attended by Police Inspector Lindsey Sweeney whose main aim was to introduce herself to the Council. She gave a brief report of her history with the Police and then went on to explain the coverage of the policing of Neath and Tonna in particular. She explained that Tonna was comparatively quiet by comparison with other areas throughout the County Borough. She took various questions from the members which mainly concerned some incidences of youths on bicycles and possible drug taking. Inspector Sweeney assured the Council of her best attention at all times. The Chair thanked her for her attendance and she left the meeting.

3151 County Borough Councillors Report

The County Borough Councillor reported on a variety of items and issues including the position with regards to the canal maintenance; she said that the Council was looking into the position with regards to the bollards at Tai Banc; She said that she was waiting for a response with regards to the Notice Boards and therefore it was decided to leave making a decision until the next meeting; with regard to the maintenance of the canal bridge at Brunel Woods she said that the Council had agreed to look at this but she had not received a report back yet; she also confirmed that St Anne's drive resurfacing was included in the work agreed for 2022. Also discussed was the difficult access to and from Wenallt Road due to parking problems. Also, the traffic calming conditions were questioned by the members as it was felt that they had been poorly installed.

3152 The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 were accepted as a correct record.

3153 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3154 Delegates Reports

The Chair gave a short report on the recent meeting of One Voice Wales which included preparations for the forthcoming elections and notice that One Voice Wales were bringing out a Good Councillors Handbook. He said that it had also been his privilege to deliver another lovespoon to Mr Elwyn Joseph on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Cllr Colin Powell reported on the recent meeting of the Finance sub-committee. He referred to Payments to Councillors and attendance allowances which would be dealt with at the AGM. He also referred to the NALC salary awards agreed by the NJC. It had been recommended that these be agreed including the back pay so that they would be free of the levy being introduced on April 1<sup>st</sup> and he proposed that this be carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Darren Harrison and approved by the members. Finally, he referred to the new Election Nomination Packs which allowed self nomination. If anyone had any difficulties, they should contact the Clerk who would obtain the necessary help. Upon completion it was recommended that they be given to the Clerk who would deliver to the Election Office at Port Talbot

3155 Playgrounds

The Clerk informed the members that since the previous meeting he had discovered that the Community Grant was now available and could be added to the reserve figure which would then realise sufficient funding for a good project at the Memorial Playground in spite of the fact that the S106 money could not be used for the purpose.

3156 Notice Board

It was agreed that there would be further discussion on this subject at the next meeting.

3157 Calor Gas

C.B. Cllr Leanne Jones said that she had received confirmation that the plant at Aberdulais had not increased in size or capacity and therefore she had been assured that the current Safety Procedures were satisfactory. Cllr Martyn Lyddon wished it to be recorded that he was not happy with that answer because he walked past the plant on a daily basis and had witnessed a definite increase in activity and equipment. The C. B Cllr was asked to seek written assurances not only for Cllr Lyddon himself but for the many other residents of Tonna that lived within the circle of nearest potential damage.

3158 Wish List

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

Land at Dan Y Bryn	The Clerk said that he was still in the process of arranging a meeting with Mr Martin Probert of Probert & XXXX
Henfaes allotments	The Clerk said that he was awaiting a price for the hedge and tree work
Christmas Lights	No progress
Welcome to Tonna Sign	Cllr Darren Harrison suggested that the sign be repaired using brick on brick. He said that without the slab on the top it should prove to be less attractive to would be vandals.
Lovespoons	The Clerk reported that he had received information that two members of the Community were shortly going to reach the age of 90. He said that he had noted the dates and would obtain the Lovespoons in due time.

3159 Correspondence

One Voice Wales	Operation London Bridge	Noted
One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	Noted
WAG	Payments to members	Noted
Remuneration Panel	Attendance allowance	Noted
NALC	NJC salary awards	Noted

The Clerk reported that Mrs Maureen Jones, an 89-year-old resident of St Anne's Terrace had recently fallen outside her house. It was suspected at the time that she had damaged her hip and should not be moved until the ambulance arrived. The accident happened at 12.15 pm and the ambulance eventually arrived at 7.30 pm leaving Mrs Jones laying on the pavement for over seven hours. He said that he had written to the Minister for Health and Social Services with a complaint on behalf of Mrs Jones and her family.

3160 Planning

There were no planning applications this month.

3161 Accounts Monitoring

Cllr Colin Powell reported on the Payments to Councillors and Attendance allowance.

Cllr Powell proposed that the renewal of the One Voice Wales membership be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes and carried by the members

Cllr Powell also proposed that the new pay awards be accepted and the Clerks salary be amended within the approved guidelines. This was seconded by Cllr S. Roberts and approved by the members.

3162 Financial Matters

PAYMENTS

W. E. Williams	Lovespoon for Mr Elwyn Joseph	Approved
Clive Willis	Storm damage to trees at Brunel Woods (2 visits)	Approved
Clive Willis	Storm damage to trees at Memorial; Park (2 visits)	Approved
Clive Willis	Servicing Doggie and Litter bins	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

3163 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, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....