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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 14th November, 2023 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) Police
- 4) County Borough Councillors Report
- 5) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 10th October, 2023
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Reports
- 8) Water - Memorial Park
- 9) Councillor vacancy
- 10) Community Council Surgeries
- 11) Allotments
- 12) Christmas lights
- 13) Wish List
- 14) Training
- 15) Land East of Heol Y Glo
- 16) Correspondence
- 17) Planning
- 18) Accounts monitoring
- 19) Budget for 2024 / 2025
- 20) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 12th December, 2023, at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 10th November 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, 14th November, 2023.

Chair, Cllr. D. Harrison

Present Cllr's. Ms. J. Barnes, M. Lyddon, C. Powell, S. Radford, P. Sambrook and W. D. Walters.

3435 Apologies

Cllr's H. Bradley, S. Roberts and M. Rowlands

3436 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3437 Police

There was no Police presence at tonight's meeting.

3438 County Borough Councillors Report

There was no County Borough Councillors report.

The Clerk said that he had received a verbal complaint regarding a lorry which was parking on the grass verge at Neath Road. It had been reported that the verge had been badly churned up and should be reported to the County Borough Councillor to take forward to the proper department. There was also a complaint about the access to the new playground at Hunters Ridge. The Clerk will pass on both of these matters to the County Borough Councillor

3439 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th October, 2023 were accepted as a correct record.

3440 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3441 Delegates Reports

The Chair reported that he, together with a few other members of the Council, had attended the Royal British Legion Remembrance Service on Sunday last at St Anne's Church, Tonna. He said that he had laid the Community Council, Wreath at the wall of remembrance at the end of the service.

The Clerk then read out a report from Cllr Mike Rowlands following his attendance at a Webinar dealing with Biodiversity Grants in which the Council may be interested. It was agreed that a separate meeting be held to take this forward with a view to completing an application by the due date at the end of the month.

3442 Water Memorial Park

The meeting was informed that there were still some jobs to be completed but the very bad weather had prevented this. It was hoped that these additional works could be completed by the next meeting.

3443 Councillor vacancy

Cllr. Bill Walters reported that Mr James Yeoman had declared an interest in joining the Council as a Community Councillor. Due to a family illness, Mr. Yeoman would not be available to take up any position until January. Following discussion, the meeting felt that this would be perfectly satisfactory. Given this information, Cllr Bill Walters proposed that Mr James Yeoman be selected as a coopted Community Councillor for Tonna. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Paul Sambrook and approved by the members. The Clerk will write in due course to Mr Yeomans and invite him to attend the January meeting.

3444 Community Council Surgeries

Following discussion, the meeting decided that the proposed Council Surgeries should take place on a quarterly basis with the first taking place on the last Saturday in January from 11.00 am to midday. The Clerk will liaise with the Headteacher.

3445 Allotments

The Clerk reported that he would be posting the new Allotment Rules during the next month together with the request for payment.

3446 Christmas Lights

The meeting discussed whether or not to carry out a tour of the village to select the best dressed Christmas house. A sub-committee was elected comprising the Chair, Cllr. Darren Harrison and Cllr's. Ms. Johanne Barnes and Mike Rowlands. It was decided that they will, at a date to be decided, tour the village to check the decorations and decide if there is one that could be considered as the best dressed house. If so, the Council will provide a gift voucher prize of £25.

Regarding the street decorations for next year, it was decided that a sub-committee will be elected to progress this matter for next year and beyond

3447 Wish List

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

Tonna Maps	Still waiting for prices to include defibrillators etc.
Daffodils	Cllr. Martyn Lyddon and the open spaces contractor had now planted all of the daffodils at various locations around the village.
Brunel Woodland Walk	James Davies at NPTCBC has advised that Neath were unable to help but that the Community Council could erect a sign if they wished. The Clerk said that he had asked the open spaces contractor to provide a price for consideration. Cllr Paul Sambrook requested that any sign should be bi-lingual. The Clerk will comply.
Memorial Park Lease	No further progress
Tonna RFC	Tonna RFC had requested a meeting to discuss various points. They had suggested Thursday 23 rd November at 7.00. This was agreed and the Clerk will confirm.
Fence opposite St Anne's	Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes asked if something could be done regarding the damaged fence opposite St Anne's Church. After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the C.B Cllr. and/or the relevant department at NPTCBC.
Remembrance Wall	The Chair drew attention to the Remembrance Wall at St. Anne's Church. He said that it was in a sad state and that the Council should consider bringing it up to a suitable standard. There was complete agreement and support from the members and it was decided that

proposals should be drawn up for consideration.

Lovespoons

The Clerk had been advised of the 90th birthday of Mrs Iris Williams, of 29, Brunel Close on 10th January, 2024. He will organise the lovespoon

New Wall

The Clerk said that the open spaces contractor had reported some growth of ivy etc. in the new wall opposite St. Anne's Terrace. If left untreated this would only weaken the wall and cause further damage later on. It was agreed to get this seen to.

3448 Training

The Clerk reminded the members that it had been agreed to hold a group training session before the end of the current financial year. He said he would circulate the various training topics in order that a decision could be made at the next meeting.

3449 Land East of Heol Y Glo

Cllr. Colin Powell said that the land east of Heol Y Glo was still in the LDP. He proposed that the Council should again notify NPTCBC of their observations and objections.

3450 Correspondence

NALC
Tonna RFC
Teenage Cancer Trust

NJC – Government pay agreement
Request for meeting
Request for funds

Noted and agreed
Agreed

Wales Air Ambulance

Donation of £50 proposed by Cllr. Colin Powell
and seconded by Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes
Donation of £50 proposed by Cllr Simon Radford
And seconded by Cllr Bill Walters

3451 Planning

P2023/0736	Coal Authority	Screening Plant (Mine Water) Adjacent Neath Rd., Resolven	No comment
P2023/0737	Coal Authority	As above	No comment
P2023/0762	Warren Hicks	Hunters Ridge, Tonna Rear ground bedroom extension	No comment
P2023/0778	Mark Lee	Bryn Terrace, Clyne Single rear extension	No comment
P2023/0803	Forestry Comm'n	Upgrade Forestry Road	No comment
P2023/0832	Lockspot Storage	Storage container site	No comment

3452 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk presented the following documents for approval

Budget Monitoring	Approved
Bank Reconciliation	Approved

It was also noted that the latest NJC pay awards were approved by the Council and would be put into operation from the December payment date and duly back dated to April as per the agreement

3453 Budget for 2024/2025

The Clerk presented the meeting with the latest proposals of the Finance Sub-committee for the budget for the coming year. If no further requests are made it will be used at the December meeting to finalise the Precept for the coming year.

3454 Financial Matters

The Clerk informed the Council that a cheque for £60 made payable to Clive Willis for Dog / Litter bins service had been damaged and therefore declined by the bank. He had now cancelled that cheque and was issuing a replacement with this cheque run

The Clerk said that he had contacted One Voice Wales regarding Payments to Councillors. This had been discussed in last week's Conference and it has now been confirmed that the payments would not be

taxable. He was also able to confirm that if any Councillor decided that he did not want to receive the payment he could decline in writing to the Clerk. It was agreed that any payments would be made in March of each completed year which would then save the possibility of having to recover any payments due to Councillors resignation etc.

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	Litter / doggie bins (Replacement cheque)	Approved
Clive Willis	Litter / doggie bins	Approved
Clive Willis	Drop dangerous tree (Memorial Park)	Approved
Clive Willis	Repairs to Quarry Rd., bridge	Approved
Clive Willis	Plant daffodils through village	Approved
TLC	Christmas tree lights	Approved
SLCC	Annual membership	Approved
Air Ambulance Wales	Donation	Approved
Teenage Cancer Trust	Donation	Approved

3455 The Clerk advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held at The Royal British Legion, Aberdulais, on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 commencing at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....