

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The next Ordinary Meeting of Tonna Community Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 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***

P. L. White,  
Clerk to the Council.

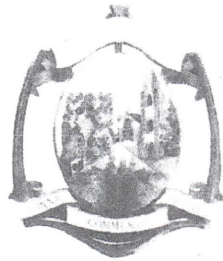
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AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declaration of interests
- 3) Police
- 4) County Borough Councillors Report
- 5) To confirm the Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023
- 6) Matters arising
- 7) Delegates Reports
- 8) Training
- 9) Water - Memorial Park
- 10) Councillor vacancy
- 11) Community Council Surgeries
- 12) Allotments
- 13) Wish List
- 14) Correspondence
- 15) Planning
- 16) Accounts monitoring
- 17) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 5<sup>th</sup> January if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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# TONNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TONNAU

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Council Meeting held at Royal British Legion, Aberdulais commencing at 6.30 pm, on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

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Chair. Cllr. D. Harrison

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

3456 Apologies

Cllr's M. Lyddon and S. Roberts.

3457 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3458 Police

There was no Police presence at tonight's meeting.

3459 County Borough Councillors Report

There was no County Borough Councillors report.

The Clerk said that the County Borough Councillor was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a clash with her sons School Concert

He said that he had already forwarded a complaint to her regarding a lorry parking on the grass verge at Neath Road and a couple of other issues and would forward these to her again via email.

3460 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 were accepted as a correct record.

3461 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3462 Delegates Reports

The Chair reported that he, Cllr's Colin Powell and Michael Rowlands and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Tonna RFC to discuss the new lease. He said that the meeting appeared to be successful and would be sorted as soon as the solicitor could complete the registration of the land, however we were now in receipt of a letter from the club in which they were requesting over and above what had been discussed. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with One Voice Wales in order to validate our position with regards to providing the lease and charges etc.

Cllr Michael Rowlands confirmed that he had completed the recent Biodiversity Grant application and it had been sent off by the due date. It was now just a case of waiting for approval or otherwise.

3463 Water Memorial Park

The Clerk informed the meeting that the contractor had been quite ill over the past couple of weeks and that coupled with the inclement weather meant that the last couple of jobs had not yet been completed. He did however expect them to be completed very soon. Cllr Colin Powell reported that on a recent visit to the site he found the Neath end of the playground to be flooded which suggested that our proposed scheme was not as successful as was first thought. A lengthy discussion ensued during which it was felt that a new strategy should be examined. It was agreed that the water sub-committee should discuss this in depth and come back with their findings to the full Council.

3464 Councillor vacancy

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. James Yeomans inviting him to attend the January meeting as a Coopted Community Councillor.

3465 Community Council Surgeries

The Clerk confirmed that the last Saturday in January would be the 27<sup>th</sup>. He said that if it was still the wish of the Council, he would contact the Headteacher with a view to arranging a surgery on that date. The members agreed with that date.

3466 Allotments

The Clerk reported that the new Allotment Rules had now been delivered and some responses and payments received. He wished to thank Cllr. Johanne Barnes for her very kind assistance. He also said that he had only received one comment regarding the new rules and regulations so far and that this had been easily sorted. He said that there should be an allotment sub-committee to deal with and address any future complaints or issues. It was proposed that Cllr's Johanne Barnes, Huw Bradley, Colin Powell and Michael Rowlands be selected. This was agreed by the members.

3467 Christmas Lights

The selected sub-committee will tour the village during the next week to see if there was a house good enough to be classified as this year's Best Dressed House. It was also clarified that the Christmas Lights sub-committee would meet in January to start forming proposals for next year which would include the lights and also any functions that may be possible to hold.

3468 Wish List

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

Tonna Maps	The Clerk reported that the printer had been unable to provide assurances for the preplacement maps due to the fact that the computerised copy provided was not good enough as it was not square. Cllr. Paul Sambrook said that if the clerk sends him a copy, he will have a look at it and see if anything could be done.
Brunel Woodland Walk	The Open Spaces contractor was waiting for a price for lettering on the sign to include for English (Woodland Walk) and in Welsh (Llwybr Y Goedwig).
Memorial Park Lease	No further progress
Tonna RFC	Tonna RFC had requested a meeting to discuss various points. They had suggested Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00. This was agreed and the Clerk will confirm.
Fence opposite St Anne's	Awaiting comment from County Borough Councillor
Remembrance Wall	Sub-committee meeting to be arranged.
Lovespoons	Problem regarding the correct details. Awaiting confirmation.

New Wall Some work done but not completed.

Memorial Gates Cllr. Colin Powell requested that the Council employ a stone mason to sharpen up the inscription on the Memorial Gates. The Clerk will investigate costs.

3469 Training

The proposals for a group training session were Modules 1, (The Council), 2, (The Councillor), 7. (Health & Safety), 16, (The use of IT, Websites and Social Media) and 17, (Effective grant applications)

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would forward details to the members for their consideration and a decision would be made at the January meeting in order that the session could be held within this financial year.

3470 Land East of Heol Y Glo

The Clerk said that he had been told by NPTCBC that our original objection would suffice.

3471 Correspondence

NPTCBC	Council tax base	Noted
Tonna RFC	Response to meeting	Noted
Teenage Cancer Trust	Letter of thanks	Noted
Wales Air Ambulance	Letter of thanks	Noted
CISS	Request for funds	Noted
Urdd	Request for funds	Noted

3472 Planning

P2023/0638	PEDW	Wind Farm details Fforch Dwm Farm	No comment
P2023/0848	Forestry Comm'n	Upgrade Forestry Road	No comment

3473 Accounts Monitoring

Approval of Clerks salary

3474 Budget for 2024/2025

The Budget for 2024 / 2025 was agreed with no further alterations and the Clerk was asked to confirm the Precept based on these figures.

3475 Financial Matters

The Clerk informed the Council that the Quarry Road bridges were in a very sad state of repair. In fact, they were now in a dangerous state. The Open Spaces contractor had provided a price to replace both bridges. The price offered was £1,250.00. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Powell that the price be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Johanne Barnes and approved by the meeting.

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	Renew glass in Notice Board (Church)	Approved
Clive Willis	Supply erection and disposal of Xmas Tree	Approved
Clive Willis	Clean-up both parks	Approved
Clive Willis	Litter / doggie bins	Approved
Pages DIY	2 No. Combination padlocks	Approved
NPTCBC	Community Centre costs	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 & N.I. (3mths)	Approved

3476 The Clerk advised the members that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....