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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 December, 2024 at Neath Athletic RFC, 5, Bridge Street, Neath, commencing at 6.30. 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) Playground Project
- 5) County Borough Councillors Report
- 6) To confirm the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12th November, 2024
- 7) Matters arising
- 8) Delegates Reports
- 9) Water Memorial Park
- 10) Allotments
- 11) Wish List
- 12) Christmas Lights
- 13) Training
- 14) Correspondence
- 15) Planning
- 16) Approve policies
- 17) Budget proposals
- 18) Accounts monitoring
- 19) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 14th January 2025, at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 6th December if there is any item that you may wish to be added to the Agenda.



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Council Meeting held at Neath Athletic RFC, Bridge Street, Neath, commencing at 6.30 pm, on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Vice-chair signed the Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

Chair, Cllr. C. Powell

Present Cllr's. H. Bradley, D. Harrison, M. Lyddon and M. Rowlands.

3656 Apologies

Cllr's S. Roberts, Ms. J. Barnes, S. Radford, W. Walters and J. Yeomans

3657 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3658 Police

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

3659 Playground Project

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Grant application for the Playground Project had now been accepted and the various forms completed with Hags. He expected that the Project would now commence in the New Year.

3660 County Borough Councillors Report

County Borough Councillor Leanne Jones was not in attendance but had contacted the Clerk regarding the litter bins near the ornamental wall opposite St Anne's Terrace. She said that due to cut-backs, NPTCBC would no longer be emptying these bins. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr D. Harrison that these bins be added to the existing bins already being serviced by the Open Spaces Contractor at an overall charge of £50.00per visit. This was seconded by Cllr. Martyn Lyddon and approved by the members.

3661 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th November, 2024 were accepted as a correct record.

3662 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3663 Delegates Reports

Cllr Martyn Lyddon reported that he had attended a meeting at the Riverside Golf Club regarding possible proposals for the Neath Canal.

The Clerk also referred to the cancelation of the tractor run and also the proposed function at St Anne's Church due to Storm Darragh. He said that in the event he had switched on the Christmas tree Lights and set the timer.

3664 Water Memorial Park

There was no further progress

3665 Allotments

The Clerk said that annual rental letter had now gone out and fees were slowly coming in.

3666 Wish List

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

Memorial Park Lease	The Clerk said that the solicitor was ready to proceed with the new lease with Tonna RFC. Following a brief discussion the Clerk was instructed to proceed.
Remembrance Wall	The Clerk reported that the new Memorial wall was now complete inclusive of the approach slabbing and an inset name slab. He said that there had been several favourable comments
Quarterly Surgery	The Clerk reported that he had attended the Quarterly Surgery at Tonna School. One couple had visited and were concerned mainly about traffic conditions in Tonna. The Clerk will forward their complaints to the County Borough Councillor and to the highways department at NPTCBC.
Daffodils	Cllr Martyn Lyddon said that the Open Spaces Contractor had not contacted him as agreed prior to planting the latest bulbs. The Clerk will tell the Contractor to meet with Cllr Lyddon to confirm where these had been planted.
Best Dressed House	Following a short discussion it was decided to hold the "Best Dressed Christmas House" competition again this year. The County Borough Councillor had agreed to provide a £25 voucher and the Council will provide another. Cllr Ms Johanne Barnes will organise the judging.
Tree Safety	Cllr Colin Powell raised the issue of tree safety. He referred to a recent tragedy involving a fallen branch which ended with a fatality. He proposed that the Council should instruct the NPTCBC Tree Officer to carry out a survey of our trees in the Memorial Park and our allotments in order to keep us in compliance. This was seconded by Cllr Huw Bradley and approved by the meeting.

3667 Christmas Lights

The Clerk confirmed that the street lights and the Christmas Tree were now operational.

3668 Training

The Clerk again reported that One Voice Wales were happy to provide a remote training session on a date to be agreed in February / March 2025.

3669 Correspondence

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3670 Planning

There were no planning applications

3671 Policies

The Clerk apologised to the members for the fact that he had not been able to circulate the Policies for approval, due to illness. He said that he would however be circulating everything prior to the next meeting for approval. He said that this would then be done on an annual basis at the AGM

3672 Budget Proposals

The Clerk presented the meeting with a draft proposal for the coming year and asked the members to ensure that they were happy with the content. Following a discussion and based upon the draft, Cllr Colin Powell proposed that the precept for the coming year should be £50,000.00. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Rowlands and approved by the meeting.

3673 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerks salary was approved by the meeting.

The Budget for 2025 / 2026 was approved at £50,000 .00

3674 Financial Matters

The Clerk said that NPTCBC had been in contact via the County Borough Councillor to say that in future they would not be servicing the litter bins opposite St Anne's Terrace. The Open Spaces Contractor has agreed to add these to his task but there will be an obvious cost implication. Cllr. Darren Harrison proposed that the service charge should be increased from £30 to £50. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Rowlands and approved by the members.

PAYMENTS

Clive Willis	Christmas Tree	Approved
NPTCBC	Community Centre Costs	Approved
Clive Willis	Litter / doggie 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

3675 The next meeting will be held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, on Tuesday 14th January, 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....