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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 January, 2025 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

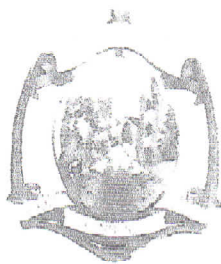
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AGENDA

- 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 10th December, 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) Accounts monitoring
- 18) Financial Matters

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 11th February 2025, at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Please notify the Clerk by 10th January 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 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 14th January, 2025.

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 Ms. J. Barnes, H. Bradley, M. Rowlands, W. Walters and J. Yeomans.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair invited the members to stand for a minutes silence in memory of two past Community Councillors who had recently passed away, namely Mrs. Christine Harper and Mr. John Miles.

3676 Apologies

Cllr's S. Roberts, D. Harrison, M. Lyddon, S Radford and P Sambrook.

3677 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3678 Police

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

3679 Playground Project

The Clerk reported that HAGS had now appointed a Project Manager who was currently trying to organise start dates etc. He was expecting to be able to commence work mid to late February and was hoping to confirm later this week.

The Clerk also presented the Council with the annual quotation for Playground inspections for Dragon Play. The Chair explained that full inspection would be required for Dan Y Bryn, i.e., 3 quarterly and 1 annual but that due to the new project at the Memorial Ground only 1 annual would be required there at the end of 2025.

3680 County Borough Councillors Report

There was no County Borough Councillor report

3681 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December, 2024 were accepted as a correct record.

3682 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3683 Delegates Reports

The Chair reported that he, together with the Clerk and Cllr's M. Rowlands and Bill Walters, had attended a meeting at Tonna Rugby Club to finalise the conditions of the new lease for the Rugby field. These will now be conveyed to the Solicitor in order that the lease can be drawn up.

3684 Water Memorial Park

There was no further progress

3685 Allotments

The Clerk said that the majority of the rents had now been collected and the vacant plots allocated.

3686 Wish List

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

Memorial Park Lease The Clerk has arranged to meet with the solicitor later this week to finalise the lease for presentation to Tonna RFC Limited.

Quarterly Surgery The Clerk reported that the date for the March Quarterly Surgery at Tonna School would provisionally be Saturday, 22nd March. This date to be confirmed at the February meeting.

Best Dressed House Cllr Ms. Johanne Barnes reported on the Best Dressed House competition. She reported that there had been some very impressive decorations and the two winners were, 15, Cecil Griffiths Close and 14, Dolcoed Terrace. Vouchers for £25, donated by County Borough Councillor Leanne Jones and Tonna Community Council have been delivered to the successful families.

Telephone Box Cllr. Ms Johanne Barnes stated that since the recent vandalization of the Phone Box / Library, she had managed to temporarily fill the broken panes but said that the glass really needed to be repaired permanently. She was asked to obtain prices for the repairs and report back to the next meeting.

Tree Safety Cllr Colin Powell raised the issue of tree safety. He referred to a recent tragedy in another area 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.

80th Anniversary of World War II The Chair raised the issue of the recognition of the anniversary of the end of World War II. He said that he had obtained prices for metal "Tommie's" which could be welded on the Memorial Gates to the Memorial Park. The cost would be £200.00 plus VAT plus a small cost for welding on to the existing gates. It was proposed by Cllr Huw Bradley that the Tommie's price be accepted and the "Tommies" be installed in time for the National celebrations. This was seconded by Cllr Bill Walters and approved by the members.

3687 Christmas Lights

The Clerk referred to the vandalism of the lights on the Christmas Tree and said that thanks was given to the Open Spaces contractor for the repairs carried out. These were completed by Christmas Eve.

Other than that, he said that there had been several favourable comments regarding the new Street Lights that had been installed this year. He also suggested that the Lights sub-committee should think about meeting early in order that prices and availability could be confirmed well in time for Christmas 2025.

3688 Training

The Clerk offered the Council various dates for a training session for the full Council. The preferred date was Tuesday, 4th March and the Clerk will endeavour to complete with One Voice Wales.

3689 Correspondence

There was no correspondence

3690 Planning

P2024/0817 Mrs Emily Byrne 1, Henfaes Road, Tonna
Demolition of building
P2024/0818 Mrs Emily Byrne 1, Henfaes Road, Tonna
Erection of 8 no. dwellings

The members were concerned over various issues regarding this project and it was proposed by Cllr H Bradley that an objection be lodged. This was seconded by Cllr M Rowlands and approved by the members. The Vice-chair and the Clerk will draw up the objection.

3691 Policies

No further progress

3692 Accounts Monitoring

The Clerk presented the members with the quarterly Bank Reconciliation. This was approved. The Clerk also presented the quarterly Budget monitoring statement. This showed that there were some ups and downs but that the Council remained within the general budget. This was accepted by the members

3693 Financial Matters

The Clerk referred to the recent vandalism of the Christmas Tree and the Telephone Box, and the relating costs which thankfully were not too great.

The Clerk also reported that the cheque for the Christmas lights had not been received by Lite. He therefore requested the Council to authorise a replacement cheque. This was approved by the members on condition that the original cheque would be cancelled at the Bank first.

PAYMENTS

Lite	Christmas lights (Replacement cheque)	Approved
Clive Willis	Litter / doggie bins	Approved
Clive Willis	Removal of dangerous tree limbs	Approved
Clive Willis	Repair vandalised Christmas tree lights	Approved
Seaside Office Supplies	Photocopy paper	Approved

3694 The next meeting will be held at Tonna Primary Community School, School Road, Tonna, on Tuesday 11th February, 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....