



Dear Councillor,

1/2/2022

A meeting of the Full Council is to be held at **7.00 pm at White Rose Resource Centre on 8th February** and your presence is hereby requested.

If you are unable to attend in person but have the means to attend virtually please attend via the Zoom link below.

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Yours Sincerely

Mrs D E Gronow
Clerk to the Council

**Agenda
Full Council**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest
Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council’s Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.
3. Chairperson’s Report
4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the following meetings: -

- Meeting held on 30/11/2020**
- Meeting held on 19/10/2021**
- Meeting held on 30/11/2021**
- Meeting held on 11/1/2022**

Matters arising from the minutes

- 8 To receive urgent correspondence
- 9 Any Other Business/ Public matters

NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD

Meeting of Full Council held on the at White Rose Resource Centre on the 30/11/2020

Present:

Councillor E Stenner (Chair), L Roderick, M Roberts, M Evans, E White, A White B Gingell

3857 Apologies for absence

None noted

3858 Declarations of interest

None noted

3859 Chairman's Report.

No events had been attended due to restrictions

3860 Confirmation of minutes.

Meeting of Full Council held on 11.2.2020

Special meeting held 29.6.2020

No meetings had been held in the interval due to the lockdown.

The minutes were approved as a true record

3861 Matters arising

None

3862 Reports of members on external organisations

None

3863 Correspondence

Various items presented.

Letter received requesting assistance with a tree in Tirphil from a Mr S Robson. Approximate costs as follows Tree £120. Lights £17 so it was agreed to issue a donation of £150

3864 AOB

Phillipstown school xmas lights. The contractors had visited as the lights had not functioned since 2016. There was a failed connection that was repaired. It was suggested that the message be changed to read Merry Xmas rather than the year as this would avoid the need to change it every year. Cost of this £1520 which was approved.

Discussions took place about hybrid meetings and online meetings and it was agreed to trial this. Proposed dates for meetings were discussed subject to restrictions as 12.1.21, 9.2.21, 3.9.21.

The precept was discussed and no change agreed.

The following payments were required

Festive lighting electricity, Poppy wreaths, a donation towards selection boxes for the 2 schools, Phillipstown primary had booked an online Panto so the donation to them would also include a payment of £125 towards that also.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____

Date _____

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Meeting of Full Council held on the at White Rose Resource Centre on the 19/10/2021

Present:

Councillors E Stenner (Chair), M Roberts, P Jones, L Roderick, M Evans, D Phillips

3865 Apologies for absence

Councilors S Mills and B Gingell

Consent for absence granted

3866 Declarations of interest

None noted

3867 Correspondence

Letter from MP G Jones asking Council to fund a summer play/sports scheme. Council agreed in principle. Other community councils had done something similar and it was agreed that it would be more straightforward to ask the CCBC sports development service to run one from a location and for the Community council to fund rather than run the scheme itself. It was and that the Councils sports development officer be asked to provide further details.

A letter was received from the Residents association asking for a donation towards some plants for outside the school and the resource centre – agreed

3868 AOB

No formal meetings had taken place since November 2020 due to the continued restrictions and the difficulty of on line meetings and the preferences of some members for face to face meetings.

There was an update on the COVID fund. 40 payments had been made and 34 claimed back and 6 were left to reclaim.

The Fireworks display was going ahead. Covid passed would not be needed as it was anticipated that less than 500 people would be in attendance. A number of other arrangements needed to be made before the event namely hire of rugby ground and flood lights, arrangements for stewarding- the event would be free like prior years so there would be no need to collect entrance money, posters would be needed, a ESAG form was needed and a COVID risk assessment was required by Caerphilly Council, and the importance of strict social distancing needs to be emphasized.

The issue of the local children having missed out on the normal Xmas activities was discussed. One councilor had located a local Santa sleigh who could tour the area for a fee. Due to the nature of the vehicle and its size access would be restricted and it wouldn't be able to drive through every street but it was hoped that even if it was restricted to the main roads it would still be enjoyable. Councilors would scrutinize the proposed route to see if there were any possible stopping points. A route and a poster with times will be published in the community. Police also to be informed. It was anticipated that there may be difficulty giving sweets due to COVID.

NT residents are doing a grotto on 19th December and have asked to borrow the Councils sleigh (not the sleigh above). This is in storage and a councilor will facilitate this.

St Dingats have asked if the Council will pay for a tree for them – approved

The usual festive lighting will be going ahead with a switch on date of the first Saturday in December.

The Dynevor Arms had requested a donation towards a tree and it was discussed whether this could also be extended to the Tredegar Arms. In both these cases the establishment would be responsible for erection of the tree and all other aspects.

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It was reported that there had sadly been a death on the Bowls green and the issue of a defibrillator had been raised. A discussion took place as to where the best place for one and how access could be facilitated if needed. A number of locations were suggested such as the leisure centre and the community centres.

A suggested meeting cycle for the remainder of this year was discussed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be in November and the in January and then would continue until the election on a monthly basis unless there were further restrictions.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairperson

NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD
Meeting of Full Council held on the at White Rose Resource Centre on the 30/11/2021

Present:

Councillors L Roderick, M Evans (Chair), M Roberts, E White, B Gingell

3869 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors E Stenner, and A White
Consent for absence granted

3870 Declarations of interest

None noted

3871 Correspondence

Various items presented.

A donation was requested by both the schools as a contribution for Christmas celebrations– a sum of £250 was approved.

A payment of £68 was required for the poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

It was agreed the precept would remain unchanged for 2022/23

A request was received from the New Tredegar Dementia group asking for some financial support. This was discussed and it was agreed the Community Council would fund the meeting room hire charges for the group which were held in the resource centre. This was estimated at around £25 per week at around 48 weeks as the group does not always meet every week.

St Dingats had obtained a tree and the cost was £250 plus VAT

The Tredegar Arms had obtained a tree but the receipt had not been submitted as yet and the donation would only be released once the cost was known.

A similar situation had arisen in relation to the Dynevor arms as the bill had not been passed on.

3872 AOB

Meetings were discussed and it was agreed that the meetings would remain on a Tuesday and follow the same cycle ie the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings would be the 11th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th March 12th April and 10th May for the AGM, all at 7.00 pm. Efforts would be made to trial a Hybrid on line meeting facility where members were unable to attend in person.

Membership of One Voice Wales was discussed, it was agreed that further information was needed.

One councilor raised a question to ask if it was possible to fund a a rail on the memorial – as this is owned by the British Legion further enquiries will be needed.

A councilor raised a question regarding the park in Brithdir, there are a small number of items needing a repair, also concerns had been noted about the paths to the allotments as they also needed some repairs / renovation. Some discussions took place in relation to who actually owned these paths and who would be responsible for their upkeep.

A councilor raised an issued in relation to Tirphil Community centre as there isn't a constituted committee and as a result it has been difficult to access money in the bank account to pay some of the bills. This was discussed further and some steps suggested to enable additional signatories to be added to the account with the bank.

Once Councilor raised an issue with the Santa Sleigh. A cost of £600 had been quoted when this had been booked but since that time the contractor had been back in contact to say that they were not fully aware of the size of the community area, and he had since revised the bill upwards to a total of £1200. Some discussions took place and it was agreed that this was disappointing but under the current circumstances of being the second Christmas under lockdown it was decided to pay the additional amount in order not to disappoint the local community.

A cheque was also required for the clerks salary

Meeting Closed

Signed _____

Date _____

NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD
Meeting of Full Council held on the at White Rose Resource Centre on the 11/1/2022

Present in person

Councillors L Roderick, E Stenner (Chair), A White, E White, B Gingell, D Philips

Attending remotely

Councillors P Jones and M Evans

3873 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Mills
Consent for absence granted

3874 Declarations of interest

None noted

3875 Update on Events

Some issues with non functioning lights were noted – it was difficult to get through to them and these were reported to the contractor on the 21st Dec and they advised that they were working through a list and were currently in Deri but would be in New Tredegar when this was finished. It was confirmed that they did turn up but one of the lights is still not working so it's not known at this stage if the motif is faulty or broken or if it is a fault on the lighting column. At the time of the meeting the lights were still up so one councillor advised that they would note which design it was and report it so it can be checked and repaired etc. before next year.

Some correspondence had been received in relation to the Santa Sleigh which indicated that the sleigh departed on the tour earlier than advertised thus causing a number of children to miss him. One councillor provided an update as they had been present during the tour. It was reported that the sleigh had to go on the main road due to its size so it couldn't access many of the side streets. Also due to residents parking their cars there was very few places if any at all to stop so the vehicle had to remain moving. The posters stated that Santa would start at 4.15 – he actually started a few minutes early at 4.08 and when he passed by the bus stop and the streets there were families and children waiting and others came out of their homes as he passed by. He then arrived in Tirphil at 4.19 where there were a lot of people out to see him. He then went to Phillipstown again some feedback had been received that he didn't tour all the streets but this would have been impossible due to the size of the vehicle and trailer. He then went into White Rose nursing home and up to the school and then down Queens road. It appears that there was also some misunderstanding in the community as there was an expectation that he would be giving out selection boxes but that was never agreed. It appears that some neighbouring community councils were doing that which had led to that expectation. Councillors expressed a disappointment that despite putting on this Santa visit some members of the community were expressing these sentiments. It was agreed that despite the Santa and his sleigh being very colourful and effective alternative provision would be considered for next year in order to avoid these issues and to get better value for money. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the resident who had been in contact with the clerk and an apology offered.

An update was provided on the Fireworks display in November. The display was as usual excellent, however there was a large amount of anti-social behaviour after it which was really disappointing. Councillors suggested that the police be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss this and general anti-social behaviour issues. One councillor advised that they were aware that community councillors were receiving abuse from residents in relation to the Fireworks and the Santa visit. Councillors noted that a great deal of anti-social behaviour had been experienced from Halloween so it wasn't just isolated to the evening of the Fireworks. It was suggested that the MP would be contacted to add weight to the issue. The plan for a 22 display was agreed to be deferred to a future meeting.

One Voice Wales – a member advised that they had looked on the website and there was extensive information on there but it may be more efficient to try to get a brief presentation or a briefing.

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Correspondence

Various items presented.

A letter was received from 2 residents who were setting up a boxing club in the Tirphil Community Centre and they were asking for financial support to buy some equipment. This was discussed and £500 was agreed as a donation.

3872 AOB

A councilor reported that it was hoped to run a number of events in the community for the Queens platinum jubilee. The local organizations, residents, the church etc. would be responsible for setting up and running these and these organizations had requested if the Council could supply a letter of support as they were submitting bids for some external funding for the events. This was agreed. In addition the funding would not support fireworks so a further request had been received that some funding be allocated to support a display as part of the celebrations. This was also agreed.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____ Date _____