

**TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 10 March 2026
MINUTES**

1.	Questions to the Community Council – None
2.	In Attendance Cllr's Edmunds , Lamford , Probert , Edwards , Jones , Komduur Clerk Apologies Cllr's Bonetto , Lintern
3.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Edmunds - Community Hub , Friends of Taff's Well Park , History Group , Soup Dragons , Nature by the Taff Cllr Lamford – Nature by the Taff & Taff's Well , Nantgarw & Gwaelod y Garth Flood Group Cllr Edwards – Taff's Well RFC Cllr Komduur – Allotments Association , Nantgarw & Gwaelod y Garth Flood Group
4.	Minutes
4.1	Approved the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17.02.26 .
4.2	No Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings , 17.02.26
5.	Co-option Applications The 3 applications were discussed & it was agreed to invite the applicants to the April meeting .

<p>6.</p>	<p>Member Reports</p> <p>Cllr Komduur – gas leak at the allotments</p> <p>Cllr Lamford – following a scam e-mail requested a TWNCC e-mail address</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>Financial Reports and Statements</p> <p>Approved March Payments & Employee Costs</p> <p>Noted Income & Expenditure , year to date</p> <p><u>Note</u></p> <p>At the end of each quarter Council will be provided with :</p> <p>(a) an analysis of actual income & expenditure compared to budget with an explanation of material variances</p> <p>(b) revised budget proposals</p> <p>(c) confirmation the bank reconciliations match the bank balances</p> <p>Audit of Accounts 24-25</p> <p>The report of the external auditor was discussed together with the comments of the Clerk.</p> <p>The differing views of the internal auditor & external auditor were noted</p> <p>As a new internal auditor will shortly be undertaking the 25/26 audit Council agreed to await his report .</p> <p>Payment Arrangements</p> <p>Currently , the council makes its payments by cheque & it was recognised many organisations have moved to on-line fund transfers</p> <p>It was agreed to introduce on-line banking to make payments with the Clerk creating the transaction & either Cllr's Edmunds and Probert authorising .</p>

8.	<p>Appointment of Community Engagement Officer</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update on the appointment & explained :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The person appointed will receive a TWN e-mail address & intends to use their personal laptop- The person appointed will use their own mobile phone & a second sim <p>As the council will not be required to purchase a laptop or phone it was agreed that an additional payment be made of £20 per month.</p> <p>The Clerk is to draft a work plan .</p>
9.	<p>Policy – Awarding of Donations</p> <p>At the February meeting of Council a policy was agreed for the awarding of Grants & Donations</p> <p>Following this there was discussion about the need for grant recipients to publicise the grant .</p> <p>It was agreed the highlighted text below be included in the policy .</p> <p>“ The Community Council allocates annual funds to support local charities and not-for-profit organisations that benefit the community. The policy ensures that grants are awarded fairly, transparently, and within budget constraints.</p> <p>Key Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants are based on need, merit, and community impact.• Applications must demonstrate benefit to Taff’s Well & Nantgarw residents or the local environment.• Grants may be monitored and evaluated post-award.• Requests from organisations outside Taff’s Well & Nantgarw are considered based on resident benefit.

- **Funding is not guaranteed** year to year.
- Grants are only awarded when the Council has the **legal authority** to do so.

Policy Aims:

- Encourage **voluntary participation** in local activities.
- Support the **sustainability** of community services.
- Address **resident needs**.
- Promote **equal access and opportunity**.
- Enhance the **local environment**.
- Ensure **value for money**.

The Community Council usually awards grants of up to £300 & in exceptional circumstances will consider larger awards .

Grant recipients are required to publicise the receipt of funding from the community council & provide a photograph of the outcome achieved .

In addition to the awarding of grants the Council may wish to make a donation to a local group who has not made a grant application .

10. Update on Projects :

The delayed projects listed below have again been discussed with RCT officers and the response received on the 25th Feb was previously circulated .

As there has been no further progress the Clerk will seek an explanation from RCT .

- Two picnic tables with seating for Taff's Well Park , one by the basketball court & the other one by tennis court / play park (RCT contacted 14/11/24, reminded 18/02/25 Further attempt sent 11/09/25)

In view of the quote from a local contractors there has been further discussions with RCT & Cllr Bonetto will pursue this matter .

- Highway signage

With TfW works coming to an end RCT are to be requested to undertake a review of the signage in Taff's Well.

In addition , RCT are to be requested to consider including on the signage at each end of the Village images explaining that Taff's Well is the home of the only Thermal Spring in Wales .

(RCT contacted 14/11/24 , reminded 18/02/25)

20.06.25 RCT Response

Apologies for the delay in responding. I have spoken to the Principal Traffic Officer this morning and he advised that it will be possible to undertake a review, however, this would require agreement from the local Councillor.

The Traffic Management section will be able to undertake the design work for any new signing, but please note that the costs of making and installing any new signs would have to be funded by the Community Council

Cllr Bonetto advised RCT that she is in agreement with the request

- Bench on Taff trail proposed by Cllr Edwards
(RCT contacted 19/02/25)

- Community Noticeboard - Cllr Lamford

It was agreed to ask RCT for permission to install a community noticeboard on the corner by Taffs Well school and the Hub.

RCT require sight of proposal & Cllr Lamford to discuss with local company

14.10.25 – Cllr Lamford advised the local company could not assist

14.10.25 – Example noticeboard sent to RCT

- Signage to the Community Hub – Cllr Lamford (Cllr Bonetto to pursue)
- 17.02.26 , Grass cutting on highway verges on the Industrial Estate leading to the station

11. Grant Applications

- Taff's Well & District Bowls Club , a grant of £300 was agreed
- Community Hub – Insurance Renewal , a grant of £480.96 was agreed
- Nature by the Taff , a grant of £300 was agreed

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2026 commencing 6.00pm

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