
CYNGOR CYMUNED
TONGWYNLAIS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Tongwynlais Community Council has no political affiliation and has the best interests of the Community in mind.

The Community Council has nine seats for Community Councillors. During 2021-22 all nine seats were filled as followed: -

Brian Griffiths – Chair
Caryn Hill – Vice Chair
Mike Jones- Pritchard
Linda Morgan
Ceri Lane
Graham Walters
Chris Morgan
Mike Griffiths
Peeter Tiidt

During the year Cllr Graham Walters stood down from his role.

The Community Council has no committees and no working party.

Representatives are in place as follows: -

Caryn Hill – Health and Safety Representative
Ceri Lane – One Voice Wales Representative,
Pear Tree Primary School Federation Community Council Governor
Graham Walters – One Voice Wales Representative
Peeter Tiidt – Allotments Manager

During the year Cllr Ceri Lane stood down from her role as Pear Tree Primary School Federation Community Council Governor, and Cllr Graham Walters stood down from his role as One Voice Wales Representative.

During the financial year, the Community Council had three different employees in the role of Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer as follows: -
April 2021-September 2021 – Mrs Nadine Dunseath
October 2021 – December 2021 – Mr Jordan Powell
January 2021 – March 2021 – Ms Allyson Richards

The Community Council also employs a litter picker, groundsperson and waterer for summer flower planters.

The Community Council works closely with County Councillors Mike Jones-Pritchard and Linda Morgan who are also Community Councillors and attend most meetings.

The Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales who provide advice and guidance on statutory requirements expected of a Community Council.

Cardiff City Council has entered into a charter agreement with all Community Councils in the County and the Clerk regularly attends meetings with neighbouring Clerks and the Cardiff City Council Monitoring Officer.

ASSETS

The Community Council owns and manages the Tanyard Hall. This is rented by various local groups and residents and is used as a meeting place and location for birthday parties. The hall has a small area to the rear used by Cardiff Libraries and is open to the public every Friday afternoon.

The Community Council owns allotments situated on Castle Road. Cllr Peeter Tiidt oversees the management of this site.

The Community Council also owns the “kickabout area” situated to the rear of Castle Road, although the area and lane is maintained by Cardiff City Council.

The Community Council owns the grass area by the bus stop on Merthyr Road and has a long-term lease agreement with Cardiff City Council for the adjacent Merthyr Road Gardens.

MEETINGS

During the pandemic the Community Council has been holding virtual meetings on a monthly basis in compliance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. During the 2021-22 meetings returned to the Tanyard Hall.

Meetings took place on the following dates: -

April 26th, 2021

May 24th, 2021

June 28th, 2021

July 26th, 2021

No meeting in August

Sept 13th, 2021 – ExtraOrdinary Meeting

Sept 27th, 2021

Oct 25th, 2021

Nov 29th, 2021

No meeting in December

January 31st, 2022

February 28th, 2022

March 29th, 2022

Meetings will usually be held on the last Monday of the month.

FINANCES

The Community Council receives an annual Precept from Cardiff City Council which is a Council Tax levy charged to each household within the ward. The Annual Precept for 2021 -

22 was £23,000. Other income is received from Tanyard Hall Lettings, Allotment Fees and annual rental of land used for an occasional overflow car park.

Main expenditure for the Community Council is for staff salaries, with other costs for Tanyard Hall maintenance and Utilities, Annual memberships of external bodies, Website Hosting, Council Insurance, and the Annual Festive Lights.

A full breakdown of the Community Council accounts can be viewed on the Community Council website.

AUDIT

The Community Council received a satisfactory report from the Wales Audit Office for 2020-21 and is currently awaiting feedback from the Wales Audit Office for the 2021-22 financial year.

ACHIEVEMENTS

As in previous years, the Community Council has financed the village hanging baskets that are placed along Merthyr Road each Summer. The baskets are created by members of Tongwynlais Primary School Gardening Club.

During the financial year, the Community Council has worked with an external provider and created a new website and email addresses for Councillors.

A new noticeboard has been installed on the corner of Mill Road and Merthyr Road to replace the old noticeboard which had fallen into disrepair.

AIMS FOR 2022-23

With the Community Council elections taking place in May 2022 and all terms of office to cease at this date, it is hard to set any long-term plans as there will be a new Council in place early in the financial year. Four Community Councillors are standing for re-election.

The Community Council hopes to arrange commemorative gifts for the Primary School Children to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and a tea-party for the Children.

Building works are required for the Tanyard Hall which are hoped to be completed early in the new financial year.

The Community Council website

www.tongwynlaiscommunitycouncil.gov.wales

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