T&A CA Minutes May 5th 2021

Present: Claudette Evans; Anne Wilkes (Clerk YCC); G. Letman YCC; Cllr J. Radcliffe NHCC; Geoff and Carol Bushell; Andy Wilkins; Lin Masters; Christine Shaw; Philip Jagger; Katrina Randall; Angela ?; Adam Davis (NHCC Clerk) and Paul Malone.

2) Apologies: Cllr Tim Thomas; Cynthia Viant; Graham and Linda Murray; Graham Thomas; Ian Gulliford.

8) on agenda taken first due to presence of Jeff Murray of Tondu Rugby Football club regarding Community Asset Transfer of Pandy Park.

Business plan is being finalised and Aug 21st possible date for taking over management of the field, BCBC will retain care of Pavilion until CAT complete. Pandy Park is an integral part of the community with good public presence and TRFC have plans to develop park further with fencing, and extension to the existing car park and look at possible future use of land presently left to rough grass. Tondu Wheelers cycling club are considering possible future development of this rough land into Skate /BMX or velodrome. Funding will be required for grass cutting. TRFC has undergone change of structure now has a board of executive and non-executive directors.

G. Bushell questioned if other clubs had completed CAT.

J. Murray replied yes, but due to covid restrictions less than would have been normally possible.

G. Bushell asked if the Club could see any obstacles to stop the process.

J. Murray replied some things still need addressing. Would require grant funding to improve car park, enlarging it to allow buses access and to stop visitors and players parking in nearby residential area.

C. Evans commented on recent NHCC meeting - the Association had proposed setting up a steering group, comprising of all interested community councils and community associations. Jeff Murray thanked Association for giving him the opportunity and would keep all interesting parties informed of progress. Members thank him for attending, assuring him of the Association's full support.

Meeting restarted:

3) Minutes of General Meeting 3rd February 2021 approved.

4) Secretary's report - member Jill Hobbs had emailed regarding problem with rats invading houses opposite Kier Waste Transfer Station, letters to BCBC unhelpful and our email to Gareth Barnes unanswered. Lin Master will speak to Gareth ASAP. Councillor Radcliffe reported Kier contract ends in three to four years' time!

Received email from (12) Llanmoor regarding land to West of Maesteg Rd now known as Parc Tondu. Work will commence on groundwork on 10th May and they're looking to put in place a management company to which residents and possibly community councils will contribute to upkeep of green spaces. Adam Davis reported that grass cutting can cost 13,000 per annum and residents often pay £200 each per annum and are locked in so much tech knowledge fact when selling house. Cllr Radcliffe to make NHCC aware and Adam Davies requested email be forwarded, so this can be discussed at the next meeting.

5) Cllr Radcliffe reported BCBC planning recently had two development proposals refused by the Planning Committee.

6) Cllr Thomas emailed to report he's busy with various community ventures.

7) Maesteg Road – Geoff Bushell reported on email from BCBC regarding possible funding for resurfacing and installing a safe crossing near the Play Park on Maesteg Road within the calendar year.

9) A lively debate followed regarding replacing hanging baskets by planting blossoming trees, which could then be used to deck with photocell powered lights – more cost effective in the long term and better for the environment. It was also suggested members look for suitable areas for planting wildflowers and Carole Bushell said there had been a positive reaction on social media to the planter and pots on Maesteg Road and the planter and pots on Bryn Road, which volunteers from the YCC had repainted. Members were reminded this was a long-term plan as YCC were committed for the coming year.

11) Secretary was pleased to report a box of red bags had now been delivered – a further meeting is to be scheduled to decided where these are best placed, other than Bakers, Aberkenfig.

13) Secretary was please to announce Clerk of NHCC had phoned to say Defibrillator was ready and he would sort out as site visit asap between interested parties.

Next meeting, via Zoom Wednesday, August 4th 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting ended

Signed……..

4) Since the meeting our Chairman contacted the site manager of Kier who have promised to be more vigilant regarding the 'rat' problem around the WTS.