

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 6:30pm**

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Vice Chair
Margaret Abraham	Vice Chair
Colette Harris	Secretary
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Liz Maliphant	Resident
Ann Thompson	Resident
Esther Robson	Resident
P Zaidia	Resident
Kevin Skivington	Resident
V B Marsh	Resident
M H Jones	Resident
C Whitley	Resident
R Phillips	Resident
M Freeman	Resident
Selwyn Richards	Resident
D E Jenkins	Resident
A Evans	Resident
D Evans	Resident
K Ashton	Resident
M Davies	Resident
Ivy Thomas	Resident
Peggy Edwards	Resident
Susie John	Resident
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Martin Morris	County Councillor
Keri Thomas	County Councillor
John Collard	Foothold
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Linda Kemp, PCSO John Hill, Paul Morris, Mal Heath, and Mrs Freeman.

2. Welcome and Introduction

In the absence of the chairperson, Rhiannon Griffiths chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record, except that Peter Griffiths had attended, E Whitley should be C Whitley (list of attendees), and Karen Chetcuti had sent her apologies.

4. Matters Arising

Traffic issues

As a result of residents' concerns, a public meeting about traffic issues in Tyisha had been called by Cllrs Thomas and Morris, and was held on 11th October 2007. It was well attended and John McEvoy, from the council traffic management department, had been present. Keri Thomas reported that as a result of this there will be traffic calming measures in Lakefield Rd, High Street and Pemberton Street. Similar measures for Tyisha will be considered next year.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that we had received a grant from the Communities First Trust Fund, totalling £3,640.85. This was awarded to fund the Builth Wells trip, a follow up social event, and some stationery costs for the residents group. There had been an underspend on the trip, and permission had been given by the funding body to re-allocate funds for a second trip, to St Fagan's. This will take place on February 12th.

The social evening is being planned for immediately after the next residents' meeting, on March 26th. There will be cawl, Welsh cakes and bara brith etc. Residents wishing to volunteer to help with catering etc, were asked to contact members of the committee.

Grant money has also been used to purchase a printer, stationery and stamps to enable minutes etc to be produced and sent.

6. AGM update

The secretary reported that at the Annual General Meeting, Nov 28th 2007, the following officers and committee members had been elected:

Linda Kemp – chair; Margaret Abraham – vice chair; Rhiannon Griffiths – vice chair, Peter Griffiths – treasurer; Colette Harris – secretary.

Committee members: Pat Zaidia, Kevin Skivington, Vanessa Marsh, Mike Freeman, Jean Freeman, and Terry Davies.

The executive committee will meet once a month. Residents meetings will be once every two months.

It was also reported that the junior Christmas disco had been successful and enjoyable, with 25 children attending.

7. Future Events and Trips

St Fagan's trip on February 12th. Posters were distributed at the meeting.

Dates have been set for this year's children's Halloween and Christmas Discos – 31st October and 12th December. These will be at St Barnabas Hall.

8. Any Other Business

Fly tipping

There is a continuing problem with fly tipping in the lane to the rear of Emma Street. A suggestion was made for CCTV cameras on St Barnabas Hall, which is within view of the lane. Residents were encouraged to phone the council to report such problems, and any type of anti-social behaviour – reporting helps the council to identify areas with particular problems and appropriately direct resources to tackle them. **Phone no: 0845 6580445**
Cllr Morris informed us that the council has employed extra enforcement officers and administrative support, which should improve coverage of the area.

Karen Chetcuti also informed residents of the Trolleywatch scheme: specific phone no's for each supermarket to inform them of abandoned trolleys, which they will then collect. She will pass on these numbers to the secretary to be distributed to residents.

Residents also mentioned fly tipping etc at:

- Outside club on Caersalem Terrace, including a piano which has been there since Sept 07
- Marsh Street
- Rear of Melbourne
- Window business on Caersalem Terrace

Residents were again encouraged to phone the council on the above no so that problems could be logged and problem areas identified. Cllr Morris said he would contact the Melbourne.

Alley Gating

Cllr Roberts reported that the Communities First Safer Communities Action Group is planning a trip to Barry and/or Port Talbot to view successful gate schemes. Anyone wishing to go on the trip should contact Communities First office.

Suggestions were made for gates to be on Emma Street and Craddock Street lanes. Cllr Thomas stated that the council are currently putting together procedures for deciding where gates will be placed. He also informed us that a fence is going to be built near RT Electrics

Kerbside Recycling Collections

Residents again raised the issue of the absence of this service in the Tyisha area. Cllr Morris informed us that the whole county will have kerbside collections within 18 months. He also stated that there will be weekly collections of food waste, and recycling and general rubbish will be collected on alternate weeks.

No direct bus services to Trostre

Residents mentioned that to get to Trostre they had to get a bus into town and then change to a different bus. This makes it very difficult for those without a car to get to Trostre, especially for the elderly and people with mobility problems. It was suggested that the secretary write on behalf of the group to the bus companies to suggest a direct bus route from Tyisha to Trostre. It is especially important in view of the number of businesses moving from the town centre to Trostre.

Town centre

There was a discussion regarding concerns about how many businesses are re-locating from the town centre to Trostre, and the number of businesses simply closing down - which can be due to high rental prices. Some residents feel that the town centre is dying. Cllr Morris said that the council is aware of these problems, and is in discussion with companies about possibly reducing rents, but that it can't stop private businesses moving. He said that the council is looking at ways of attracting businesses into the town, including discussions on rental prices.

Concerns were raised at the development of Upper Park Street, and the future for the cinema on Station Rd. Cllr Morris stated that there will a multi-screen cinema on Upper Park St, and the present cinema will remain an entertainment centre.

A question was raised as to the future of the old Kwik Save shop on Station Rd. Some residents have heard there is to be a furniture store there.

Time of meetings

It was explained that the times of the meetings have had to be made slightly later due to the availability of the room for booking.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be: 26th March, St Barnabas Hall – at 6:45pm

The meeting closed at 7:35pm