

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 19th November 2008 at 6:45pm**

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Acting Chair
Colette Harris	Secretary
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Margaret Hartnell	Vice Chair
Jean Freeman	Exec Member
Mike Freeman	Exec Member
Vanessa Marsh	Exec Member
Pat Zaidia	Exec Member
Kevin Skivington	Exec Member
Esther Robson	Member
Liz Maliphant	Member
Ann Thompson	Member
Allan Marsh	Member
M H Jones	Member
Keith Thomas	Member
Janis Thomas	Member
Olive Preece	Member
Mair Davies	Member
Megan Kubit	Member
Betty Myhill	Member
Elaine Reynolds	Member
Selwyn Richards	Member
Wyn Evans	Member
Peggy Sampson	Member
Susie John	Member
Phyllis Hobbs	Member
Peggy Edwards	Member
Carl Lucas	Town Councillor
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Roger Price	County Councillor
Keri Thomas	County Councillor
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First
Paul Harries	Llanelli Town Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lilian Evans, Margaret Skinner, Margaret Evans, Christine Whitley, Terry Davies, Alan Randell, Cllr Ray Neill, PCSO John Hill, PC Tony Thomas, Helen Mary Jones AM, and Nia Griffith MP.

2. Welcome and Introduction

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.

4. Matters Arising

Bigyn School

Cllr Keri Thomas reported that Carmarthenshire County Council had informed him that there was to be no development at Bigyn School in the near future, not till at least 2014-15.

Youth Activities

Karen Chetcuti and Cllr Carl Lucas reported that the Town Council were to give a £200 donation towards the cost of the youth activities held at St Barnabas Hall during the autumn half term.

Halloween Party

Rhiannon Griffiths reported that the children's Halloween party was very successful - 71 children attended; there was a disco, games, prizes, and food. All thoroughly enjoyed. Cllr Thomas thanked all those who organised the event.

Cllr Thomas also reported:

- There has been anti-social behaviour reported near Waddles Court. The seats nearby have now been moved in order to curb this.
- Alan Randell will be meeting shortly with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the seats on Bigyn hill.
- There will be more litter bins for Tyisha area, which will be emptied regularly on Friday mornings.

Back Lanes

There was a complaint about the back lanes not being cleaned. Cllr Thomas stated that this will be done in January.

Drainage

Rhiannon stated that the drains locally should be regularly cleared. A resident reported blocked drains near Highfield Court. Cllr Thomas said that as that is Bigyn ward, the resident should speak to her local councillor for that area.

5. Presentation from Llesol Therapy Centre

Unfortunately Llesol had double booked themselves for tonight and were unable to attend. They send their apologies, and we hope to invite them again in the near future.

6. Feedback from Traffic Issues Public Meeting

This meeting took place on 13th November. John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council Traffic Management Operation Manager, attended this meeting, along with various Tyisha executive committee members, other residents, and Cllr Thomas. He listened to the issues we raised, and was made aware of the traffic problems in the area. He is looking into the situation, and we hope to see some changes in the next few months. Some of the executive members will be meeting with PCSO John Hill to discuss these issues, and come up with plans to improve them. One suggestion is a one-way system for Bigyn Park Terrace, and also for Marsh St and Caersalem Terrace. We will keep the residents informed.

7. Public Meeting About Proposed New Primary School on Crown Park

This meeting is to be held at the Antioch Centre, 26th November, at 7pm. Residents were invited to come along, and invite others to come also. It would be helpful for as many people as possible to make their views heard. Robert Sully, Director of Special Projects with Carmarthenshire County Council, will be attending.

Paul Harries had suggested we write to Carmarthenshire County Council to ask them to bring their proposed plans to the meeting. The secretary informed the meeting she is awaiting reply from her letter to Rob Sully about this.

8. Future Events

- Armchair Aerobics at St Barnabas Hall, 11am-12pm, Thursdays. Starts soon. Leaflets available.
- Christmas Dinner, 17th December, 7pm for 7:30pm, Lliedi Suite at Selwyn Samuel Centre. There will be entertainment. Please pay by tonight. There will be a raffle on the night, one prize to include a Christmas cake made by Rhiannon.

Raffle prize tonight is a free place for the Christmas dinner.

9. Annual General Meeting

It was confirmed that this will take place on 28th January 2009, 6:45pm, at St Barnabas Hall. Nomination papers will be sent out in advance.

10. Any Other Business

Morfa Carnival 6th December

1-6pm, in Wesleyan Hall and Havelock Park. Concert in evening, £2, Morfa Social Club.

Kevin Skivington asked if the group wanted a table at the carnival, to advertise ourselves and raise money. Cost is £10 per table.

Noticeboard

Peter Griffiths reported that this is now up outside Home Bargains, Station Road, and in use for our group, and other Tyisha events/groups at our discretion. Grateful thanks were expressed to Home Bargains.

Lost Skills Found Friends Christmas Fair 6th December, Trinity Chapel

There is a poster on the noticeboard.

Communities First Update

Karen Chetcuti reported:

- There was a Tidy Towns Seminar in Carmarthen last night. Karen handed out questionnaires to those present tonight, for feedback on environmental issues in Tyisha. Funds are available for environmental improvements within Carmarthenshire, and local groups can put forward ideas.
- Fathers' Group, 2nd December. For fathers and father figures. Morfa Family Centre. Leaflets available.
- Lessons in Basic Skills and Information Technology. Starting January, at Communities First. Leaflets available.
- Communities First Partnership Meeting, December 11th, 5:30pm, Antioch Centre.
- Lakefield Residents and Tenants Association meet on the first Thursday of every month, 6pm, Lakefield Hall.

Lost Skills Found Friends

There will be a free trip to Royal Welsh Winter Show, Builth Wells, 2nd December. Give names to Pat Zaidia or Lis Maliphant.

Ystradgynlais

There was a trip to Ystradgynlais last week, organised by Communities First. Colette Harris, Kevin Skivington and Diane Melville attended, amongst many others from Glanymor, Tyisha and Felinfoel. It was good to see how another Communities First area, and other residents associations, work. The Chair of a local residents association was interested in exchanging ideas and experiences, and advised that change can take time, but to keep working and things happen.

Voices For Change

Colette Harris had attended a seminar in Cardiff on how voluntary and community groups can make their views heard at Assembly level. This could be helpful for our group and others in the area.

Licensing 29 Station Rd

Cllr Thomas reported that these premises are going ahead with their appeal to the recent licensing decision. Inspector Dyfed Bolton will be sending a statement to the licensing authorities stating that the local police are opposed to the proposed 4am license.

Mike Freeman thanked local councillors who had visited his home and street during a recent flood.

A resident informed us that a local chip shop, Michael's Fish Bar, is applying for a license for a restaurant. He wondered if the group wanted to object to this? Cllr Thomas stated that if it is a similar application to other licenses already approved nearby, then it may not be necessary or advisable to object. The committee said they would investigate the situation.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:35pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 28th January 2009 at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall.**
This will be the Annual General Meeting.