

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 24th September 2008 at 6:45pm**

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Acting Chair
Margaret Hartnell	Vice Chair
Colette Harris	Secretary
Vanessa Marsh	Exec Member
Kevin Skivington	Exec Member
Jean Freeman	Exec Member
Mike Freeman	Exec Member
Terry Davies	Exec Member
Liz Maliphant	Member
Ann Thompson	Member
Esther Robson	Member
Keith Thomas	Member
Diane Melville	Member
Allan Marsh	Member
Brian Medway	Member
Selwyn Richards	Member
Janis Thomas	Member
Olive Preece	Member
P Jones	Member
Betty Myhill	Member
M H Jones	Member
Christine Whitley	Seaside Resident
K Ashton	Member
M S Thomas	Member
Wyn Evans	Member
Peggy Sampson	Member
Margaret Skinner	Member
M Howells	Member
Lilian Evans	Member
Elaine Reynolds	Member
Helen Bridgewater	Member
Megan Kubit	Member
Phyllis Hobbs	Member
M Morgan	Member
M Rees	Member
Susie John	Member
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Keri Thomas	County Councillor
Roger Price	County Councillor

Phil Watts	Communities First
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First
Stuart Andrews	Manager, Home Bargains
Charles Watson	Environment & Regeneration Action Group
Mal Heath	Community Safety Partnership
Paul Harries	Llanelli Town Council
PC Tony Thomas	Dyfed Powys Police

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Griffiths, Pat Zaidia, Cllr Carl Lucas, Cllr R Neill, John Collard, Marusia Evans, Dan Snaith, and PCSO John Hill.

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

Buses

A letter has been written to First Cymru with dates and times of meetings. As they are not present today once again, it was proposed to send a letter to Carmarthenshire County Council to request their help in obtaining a direct bus route from Tyisha to Trostre. **Action: Secretary to send this.**

Community noticeboards/Home Bargains

The chair introduced Stuart Andrews, joint manager of Llanelli Home Bargains. He informed us that it is planned for the noticeboard, on their Station Road premises, for the sole use of Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association, to be going up next week. The meeting thanked him profusely.

Paul Harries reported that the town council is working with Communities First to obtain funding for noticeboards on town council-owned halls. He informed us that Paddock St Hall will shortly become council offices. He will report to us in the next meeting.

Hearing Loop

Cllr Thomas has written to the town council asking for all their buildings to have hearing loops. It was proposed that Cllr Roberts and Cllr Price take this up on our behalf also, and report back to us at the next group meeting.

Tenby Trip

This trip went well. Nearly 20 people enjoyed a lovely **DRY** day in Tenby!! Some also visited Caldey Island. Carmarthenshire Connect came along and supplied cameras for everyone who wished to use one. Photos can be seen on their website at: [www.carmsconnect.org.uk/labels/Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association.html](http://www.carmsconnect.org.uk/labels/Tyisha%20Residents%20and%20Tenants%20Association.html), (OR go to www.carmsconnect.org.uk, find 'categories' list on home page, and click on Tyisha Residents and Tenants Assoc), and shortly on our website: www.tyisharesidents.org.uk

Christmas Dinner

This will take place December 17th at Selwyn Samuel Centre. Cost: £13.50. £11.50 for those 60 and over. There will be entertainment on the day.

Please sign up, or contact Peter Griffiths, tel: 754043 Please also give your choice of courses from the menu.

Bigyn School

Cllr Thomas reported that he has made enquiries and he is informed that there are no plans for Bigyn School to move or extend its building.

Licensing Application for 29 Station Road (previously 'The Roof')

A letter of objection has been written, on behalf of the group, to the proposed licence for alcohol/music/dancing till 2am in the week and 4am at weekends. There will be a hearing in Llanelli Town Hall at 10:45am on Friday 26th September, to decide on the application. Rhiannon Griffiths, Colette Harris and Vanessa Marsh will be attending and speaking to explain the objection.

Members of the association were invited to attend the hearing, and a site visit at 10am by the licensing committee, to 29 Station Road, to show their support for the objection.

Multi-Ball Park

Cllr John Roberts stated that he understands that tenants of 5 Ty's do not want a ball court in their vicinity. He also mentioned that he would not object to a ball court on the site of the old Paragon Laundry.

Heating in Waddles Court

The secretary has written to CCC about the problems with the heating in Waddles Court. Cllr Roberts reported that he has also spoken to the Housing Officer and something is now being done to remedy the problem.

Sports Activities – half term in St Barnabas

Karen Chetcuti reported that funding has been obtained to put on some sports sessions for youth, in St Barnabas Hall during half term. Details will be advertised shortly.

5. Public Meeting about Lakefield/Copperworks Schools

Vanessa Marsh reported that Rob Sulley, from Carms County Council (CCC), has agreed to come to a public meeting to discuss this issue. This has been arranged for **26th November, 7pm at Antioch Centre, Copperworks Road**. All in Glanymor and Tyisha will be invited to attend. Leaflets and posters will be distributed in the near future.

6. Annual General Meeting

It was proposed to move the Annual General Meeting of the group, which had been scheduled for 26th November, to 28th January 2009. This is due to the public meeting being on that date. (Mr Sulley was limited in the dates he could attend a public meeting, and the clash was unavoidable).

BETTY PALMER R.I.P.

At this point in the meeting sympathy was expressed about the recent death of Betty Palmer, one of our members. A minute's silence was held in her memory.

7. Any Other Business

Green Consumer Day

This is to be held on Saturday 27th September, at 11am-2pm at Antioch Centre, Copperworks Road. Organised by the Environment and Regeneration Action Group, there will be various stalls and workshops with information on recycling and other environmental issues. Also free refreshments and buffet. All welcome.

Computer Workshops

Run by CVC Circuit Riders, and open to all members of the association, to be held at Communities First in October and November. Details available, see Colette Harris.

Matters raised by Councillor John Roberts

Cllr John Roberts raised the fact that he had been invited to attend a special executive committee meeting of the association to discuss particular issues. He had not attended and he wished to raise some of these matters in the meeting tonight. The committee felt that this was not an appropriate topic for the meeting tonight, as it concerned matters of a sensitive nature to do with another member, and they did not wish to hurt or embarrass this person. The secretary read out a statement from the committee to this effect, and invited Cllr Roberts to discuss this further at a special executive meeting on Monday 29th September.

A discussion took place as to whether these matters should be allowed to be discussed in the meeting. The secretary was prepared to read to the meeting letters written from the executive committee to Cllr Roberts and Kevin Skivington. However, it was proposed by Cllr Keri Thomas to close the discussion and move on. The committee agreed to report back to the next association meeting about the outcome of the proposed executive committee meeting with Cllr Roberts.

Neighbourhood Policing Update

PC Tony Thomas mentioned:

- A scam going round locally, where a letter is received stating the recipient has won the Euro Lottery. It asks for bank details. **DO NOT REPLY**. If you have not bought a ticket you cannot win. **Never give bank details to any person or organisation you do not know**. If in any doubt about any such request, speak to someone you trust first.
- Bobby boxes These can be used to pass on complaints, comments, incidents, to the police. They are in Ann St Post Office, and Dillwyn St Newsagents.

- Beat surgeries. These are to be held rather than the surgery at Clos St Paul for the timebeing. Next one will be at Home Bargains car park on 7th October, 6-8pm.
- Tyisha policing priorities: This month's priorities include: anti-social behaviour in Paddock Street and Dillwyn Street, especially back lanes.

Anti social behaviour – public meeting

Cllr Thomas informed us of a public meeting to discuss this issue with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Nia Griffith MP, and local councillors. To be held on 10th October, 6pm at St Barnabas Hall. All welcome.

Suggestion box for group members

Vanessa Marsh stated that from the next meeting there will be a box for members to put any suggestions, problems etc into. The committee are aware that not everybody is comfortable/confident to speak in the meeting, and wish to offer a way for all members to contribute. The box could also be used for matters to be brought to the police if any member is uneasy about using the Bobby Boxes. These will be passed on to the police with due regard to confidentiality.

Traffic issues

Mike Freeman mentioned ongoing problems in Marsh Street. Cllr Thomas informed us he will be meeting with John McEvoy, on 1st October, to discuss traffic problems in the Tyisha area.

Communities First Update

Karen Chetcuti told the group about:

- Launch of the book: 'A People's History: Glanymor & Tyisha, Number 5'
To be held at Trinity Chapel, Friday 26th September, 12pm
- Youth Day, Saturday 4th October, at Mynydd Mawr. Posters will be distributed.
- Scams – Mal Heath has a DVD about scams, from Trading Standards. He is willing to show it to the group at some point in the near future. **Action: This to be arranged.**
- Road safety – The Safer Community Action Group are linking with John McEvoy and Mal Heath to form a sub-group to look at road safety, problems and solutions. They would like a representative from Tyisha to be on the group.

Halloween Party

To take place on 31st October, 5:30-8:30pm, at St Barnabas Hall. Posters will be out shortly.

Sports Champion

Lian Rusher introduced herself as the Glanymor and Tyisha Sports Champion for adults. She can organise and help fund activities, eg sport, dancing, for adults, which could be held at St Barnabas Hall. She asked for suggestions from the group. Most popular idea was armchair based exercise, preferably in the afternoon. Any further suggestions to be passed on to the committee who can liaise with Lian. **Action: Lian will look into organising this.**

Tyisha Events Committee

The secretary proposed that a 'Tyisha Events Committee' be set up, either as a sub group of the executive committee, or in addition to, to help organise events, trips, etc. It could also possibly have input from other local residents and tenants groups, eg 5 Ty's, Lakefield, Old Lodge, etc. Volunteers were asked to speak to any member of the committee, and the matter will also be considered for the Annual General Meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 22nd October at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall.**