

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 6:45pm**

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Vice Chair
Margaret Hartnell (nee Abraham)	Vice Chair
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Colette Harris	Secretary
Kevin Skivington	Exec Member
V B Marsh	Exec Member
P Zaidia	Exec Member
J Freeman	Exec Member
M Freeman	Exec Member
Esther Robson	Member
Ann Thompson	Member
Liz Maliphant	Member
Peggy Edwards	Member
A Randell	Member
Brian Medway	Member
Selwyn Richards	Member
Janis Thomas	Member
Ivy Thomas	Member
P Jones	Member
M S Thomas	Member
Susie John	Member
Diane Melville	Member
Betty Davies	Member
Betty Myhill	Member
Keith Thomas	Member
K Ashton	Member
Roger Price	Member / County Councillor
Keri Thomas	Member/ County Councillor
John Roberts	Member / Town Councillor
Lilian Evans	Member
May Howells	Member
Olive Preece	Member
Betty Palmer	Member
Elaine Reynolds	Member
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First
PCSO John Hill	Dyfed Powys Police
Daniel Snaith	Keep Wales Tidy

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christine Whitley, Eira Davies, Marusia Evans, Joanne Yeo, Margaret Jones, Nia Griffith MP, Ann Reynolds, John Collard, and Mal Heath.

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

No representative from First Cymru Buses here tonight. **Action: Secretary to write another letter inviting them to next meeting.**

Cllr Keri Thomas informed us that the small buses will be back on the Bws Bach service in October this year.

Mr Freeman has copies of the Bws Bach timetable. **Action: These will be passed on to put on our website, www.tyisharesidents.org.uk, and also sent out to members with the next set of minutes.**

Lakefield and Copperworks Schools

The secretary had been informed that the council consultation would be carried out at the end of this year. Cllr Thomas reported that although Crown Park was the first choice site for a new school, another site in Seaside was now being considered, also that he would report back to the chair regarding outcomes of council meetings on the matter.

Community noticeboards

Rhiannon informed the meeting that she had asked Karen Chetcuti to enquire about community noticeboards on St Barnabas and other town council-owned halls. Karen has been in touch with Paul Harries, Community Development Officer for the Town Council. He is now looking into costings and suitability of sites.

Cllr John Roberts mentioned that he would like to have been consulted on this process. He was reminded that he was present at the residents' meeting where this was first discussed, and that Karen had been asked by the executive committee to look into this on their behalf. The committee are happy to have the assistance of their town councillors and will bear this in mind, but also are aware they are at liberty to pursue a matter via any route of assistance available to them, eg town council and other community development officers.

Other possible sites for noticeboards: Maes y Gors, and outside Home Bargains. **Action: Committee to look into this. Town and county councillors invited to advise on procedure.**

Communities First Partnership AGM

This took place on June 26th. Colette Harris, Cllr Roberts and Cllr Thomas were elected as community representatives onto the executive committee, along with Joanne Yeo from Seaside.

Karen Chetcuti explained that

- The partnership is an umbrella organisation for all community groups and service providers in Glanymor and Tyisha.
- All residents and tenants are eligible to attend partnership meetings, and can vote at an AGM if they are over 16 and register at least 48 hrs beforehand.
- The executive committee consists of a chair, vice chair, 4 representatives from the community, 2 from voluntary organisations, and 2 from statutory organisations
- This committee works with the Communities First staff to look at targets, finance etc of Communities First, and assists in working in partnership with the community and service providers.

5. Position of Chairperson

The secretary has received a letter from Linda Kemp informing of her resignation from the position of chairperson, and in which she thanks all members of the group and service providers for their hard work. The letter was read to the meeting. Cllr Thomas suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Linda on behalf of the group. **Action: Secretary to write letter to Linda.**

Vanessa Marsh nominated Rhiannon Griffiths to be Acting Chair until the AGM. The meeting accepted the nomination, and Rhiannon was elected Acting Chair.

6. Report on Home Bargains Licence Application

Colette Harris, Vanessa Marsh and Terry Davies attended the licensing sub committee hearing in Carmarthen on 10th June regarding this application. Views and concerns of residents were put across at the hearing, however the licence was granted as Home Bargains have fulfilled the criteria put forward by the police and the council regarding procedures. **This decision can be reviewed at any time if any individual and/or group has evidence of problems associated with the sale of alcohol at Home Bargains.**

Various members of the group, and local police and community safety officers, met with Home Bargains area and store managers on 3rd June in their store to discuss their procedures, and concerns residents had about the proposed licence. It was an informative and productive meeting. Representatives from Home Bargains offered their assistance to the Residents and Tenants Group, and offered to attend our monthly meetings.

PCSO John Hill explained that Home Bargains have zero tolerance approach to selling alcohol to under age, and to youths congregating outside the store. They intend to work closely with Neighbourhood Policing and the Residents Group about any potential/actual problems.

7. Trips/Events

Tenby Trip

There will be a coach trip to Tenby on August 15th.

Cost: £5 adults, £3 children.

Leaving Llanelli 9am. Leaving Tenby 6pm.

Please sign up, or contact Peter Griffiths, tel: 754043

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

8. Any Other Business

Hearing Loop

It was requested to have one in use at future meetings, but there was uncertainty as to whether there was one in the hall. **Action: Cllr John Roberts was asked to look into whether the town council will provide one. The committee will also speak to the caretaker about it.**

Debt and Benefit Advice

Karen Chetcuti explained that Communities First are providing free and confidential debt and benefit advice in Glanymor and Tyisha. Tel: 01554 777850 to arrange an appointment. Comm 1st are also planning a money saving advice/information day later in the year.

Action: KC to arrange an adviser to talk about the advice service at a future meeting.

Pensions Advice

Mike Freeman informed us that the Pensions Service has drop-in advice sessions at Ty Elwyn every Tues and Thurs, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Website

The secretary explained that this is up and running. It will be possible to update it regularly when the group is able to obtain software to do so, in the near future.

www.tyisharesidents.org.uk

Traffic issues

- Residents asked when there will be speed restrictions in Marsh St. Cllr Thomas understands this may be in next financial year.
- Residents also wanted to know why Lakefield is having traffic calming this year, and why Tyisha area appears to be lower on the priority list. Cllr Thomas explained that the county council determines policy with respect to numbers of accidents and 'zoning'.
- It was suggested that some areas appear to be low priority even though they are apparently dangerous. It was suggested to write to Trevor Sage to enquire about how areas are assessed, and perhaps a Freedom of Information enquiry to be made about the details of how areas are assessed. **Action: Secretary to write to Trevor Sage**

- John McEvoy to be invited to a future meeting and to be informed/shown traffic hotspots. **Action: Secretary to write to him.**
- Cllr Thomas suggested that if planning permission is given for houses to be built near Cottage Garages, Section 106 money could possibly be made available for traffic calming
- A zebra crossing is needed near Bigyn School – there is no warning for drivers that they are approaching a school.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday July 30th at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall.**