

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association  
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 6:45pm**

**Attendees**

Rhiannon Griffiths	Acting Chair
Margaret Hartnell	Vice Chair
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Colette Harris	Secretary
Kevin Skivington	Exec Member
Vanessa Marsh	Exec Member
Esther Robson	Member
Ann Thompson	Member
Liz Maliphant	Member
Christine Whitley	Seaside Resident
Keith Thomas	Member
K Ashton	Member
Peggy Edwards	Member
A Randell	Member
Brian Medway	Member
Selwyn Richards	Member
Janis Thomas	Member
Ivy Thomas	Member
P Jones	Member
Betty Myhill	Member
M H Jones	Member
Ellen Haworth	Member
Helen Elliott	Member
Eurona Morgan	Member
Wyn Evans	Member
Peggy Sampson	Member
M Evans	Member
Margaret Skinner	Member
Olive Preece	Member
Betty Palmer	Member
Betty Davies	Member
Megan Kubit	Member
Phyllis Hobbs	Member
Debbie Pearce	5 Ty's Tenants Assoc
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Carl Lucas	Town Councillor
Roger Price	County Councillor
Paul Taylor	Manager, Home Bargains
Marusia Evans	Foothold

Felicity Wilkins	Foothold
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Eira Davies, Elaine Reynolds, John Collard, Dan Snaith, Cllr Keri Thomas, PCSO John Hill and PC Tony Thomas.

## 2. Welcome and Introduction

Rhiannon Griffiths chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, and explained that the loop system for the hard of hearing was on.

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The secretary explained that on the list of attendees, 'member' had been used instead of 'resident', for 2 reasons:

- So as not to discriminate between residents and tenants
- And because everyone living in the community of Tyisha is a member of Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association.

The meeting agreed for this to be done in future minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

## 4. Matters Arising

### Buses

Peter Griffiths has spoken to First Cymru; they are unable to attend tonight and have requested a list of dates and times of future meetings. **Action: Secretary to send this.**

### Lakefield and Copperworks Schools

Cllr John Roberts reported his understanding that Crown Park is the county council's (CCC) preferred site for the proposed new school, and that the scrap yard site is contaminated. Residents/tenants said it is not *their* preferred site.

Cllr Carl Lucas suggested it is important we make representation to CCC about the group's feelings, and that we suggest alternative sites/proposals. He said the town council would be consulted, that it has limited powers of itself, but it is another voice for the community. Alternative sites suggested by the meeting:

- Scrap yard
- Engine shed
- Extend the present Copperworks School site

**Action: Secretary /chair to write to CCC about this issue and invite a representative to come to a meeting of the group in the near future.**

### Community noticeboards/Home Bargains

Peter Griffiths introduced Paul Taylor, manager of Llanelli Home Bargains, who informed us that Joe Morris, the owner of Home Bargains, has agreed to supply, fit and maintain a **noticeboard**, on their Station Road premises, **for the sole use of Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association**. The meeting thanked him profusely.

Cllr Lucas reported that the town council is concerned that a noticeboard on the outside wall of their halls may be vandalised. Paul Harries is investigating on their behalf the possibility of a hinged noticeboard just inside a window at St Barnabas Hall. If successful they will use this in other town council-owned halls.

### Hearing Loop

The hearing loop was switched on, but there was no microphone. Cllr Roberts had been asked in the previous meeting to look into this for us. He reported that the town council do not routinely supply microphones, due to concern they might be stolen. **Action: Cllr Roberts will ask if the group can borrow a microphone from the town council**

The treasurer said the group would be willing to pay the town council a deposit in order to borrow a microphone. Cllr Lucas suggested the possibility of applying for a grant for a microphone, possibly via the town council.

## **5. Future Events/Trips**

### Tenby Trip

Members were reminded to sign up for the coach trip to Tenby on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: £5 adults, £3 children.

Leaving Llanelli 9am. Leaving Tenby 6pm.

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

Dry weather is promised for the day!!!

### Christmas Dinner

This will take place December 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## **6. Any Other Business**

### Bigyn School

Alan Randell reported that he has written to AM Helen Mary Jones about his concern of the possibility of Bigyn School moving/extending its building, which would spoil the panoramic view residents have of Llanelli from Bigyn Hill.

### Kerbside Recycling

Karen Chetcuti had been asked by Cllr Thomas to pass on the news that there will be a staged introduction of kerbside recycling collections in the area:

- Lakefield, September 2008
- Tyisha, March 2009

Members were unhappy that Tyisha appears to be last on the list again

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

It was brought to the group's attention that this recent application is for live and recorded music, and alcohol, 7 days a week:

- Sun-Thurs 10pm-2am
- Fri & Sat 9pm-4am

Several members living in the immediate area asked the group's support in opposing this licence application. Some live in Inkerman Street, which is very close to this property, and already suffer anti-social behaviour due to drunkenness till the early hours, and are very stressed because of it. **They experience: drunken behaviour, urinating, banging on windows and doors, noise, fighting, threatening behaviour to residents, broken glass, damage to property and to cars, etc etc.** They are extremely concerned that this behaviour will increase and go on for longer. Some elderly residents of the street have had their health adversely affected by continuing anti social behaviour and are very frightened.

It was agreed that the group support this objection. Karen Chetcuti suggested we write as a group and as individuals, as many objections as possible. A compromise could be proposed that the licence be granted to 1am. **Action: Secretary and Chair to write on behalf of the group. Individuals to write on their own behalf.**

Cllr Carl Lucas recommended that individuals report every occasion of anti social behaviour to the police. This will enable the police to see a proper representation of the problem, and help to build evidence.

### Felicity Wilkins, Foothold

Felicity introduced herself as working in Foothold's Community Computing Department. She informed us that she helps groups and individuals put together '**digital stories**', comprising photos and a voiceover, and suggested this could be helpful in providing evidence to the council regarding the anti social behaviour problems just mentioned.

Such stories could also be useful for our group in showing what we've achieved through the year, which could be helpful for funding applications.

Foothold can also help groups and individuals to set up **web blogs**. Their courses are free. Contact Felicity via the Tyisha group secretary, tel: 776289, or Foothold directly on: 779910.

A member said she had heard that Foothold would be closing. Felicity reassured her that although some projects were coming to an end, the organisation itself was continuing and developing.

### Multi-Ball Park

Cllr John Roberts stated he felt Tyisha area needed a small ball court for the youth, and suggested the grassy area near 5 Ty's; Maes y Gors.

He was reminded that the tenants of 5 Ty's had been consulted through the Council's Environmental Works Programme, in conjunction with 5 Ty's Tenants Association, Communities First, and the local PCSO. The results showed they did not want such a court on that site, but that they would like a play area for younger children, possibly at the rear of 5 Ty's.

Karen Chetcuti suggested that in order for a ball park to be considered, consultation would need to be carried out in Tyisha, to see if there was a demand for it, and on what site. Also, who would maintain the site?

An alternative site suggested was the grassy area near Waddles Court.

#### Heating in Waddles Court

Cllr John Roberts informed us that since the heating system at Waddles Court was altered 2 years ago, tenants could not alter the temperature in their rooms, and heating pipes run through cupboards, making them too hot to store anything. The county council runs Waddles Court. He requested that the group write to CCC asking for something to be done to rectify the problems.

Karen Chetcuti suggested that a town and/or county councillor speak directly to Mark Westcott, Housing Officer, about the situation. **Action: The secretary will write to CCC about the problem, as will Cllr Roger Price.**

#### Communities First Update

Karen Chetcuti told the group about:

- **Safer Communities Action Group** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2pm at Trinity Chapel. The police give updates at these meetings and also take their local priorities from points raised in the meetings.
- **Communities First Debt and Benefits Advice** available. Free and confidential. Flyers handed out. Phone: 777850 for an appointment.
- Funding is available for youth activities in St Barnabas Hall, via the Communities First Sports Champion.
- International Youth Day. Posters were given out
- Glanymor and Tyisha Communities First will be moving offices to 26-28 Inkerman Street (previously Jobforce Wales premises), on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Same tel no: 777850

#### Environment and Regeneration Action Group

Colette Harris told the group about this action group, which meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, at 3:30pm at Emmanuel Chapel.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall.**  
**No meeting in August.**