



Minutes of the annual grants meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 August, 2004.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C Davies, P Griffiths, Ms S Jenkins, A R Lane, R G Norman, M Rea and Ms P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillors V A Cale and D Henderson.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were sought from Members in accordance with the Code of Practice.

RESOLVED: That any disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Crime figures**

P C Keddle apologised for not being able to provide the Council with the latest crime figures for the area. He agreed to forward them to the Council.

(b) **CCTV**

P C Keddle stated that the re-opening of the Bute Arms, Pontyclun, had been accompanied by disorder. Although there were a number of licensed premises in the vicinity of

the Bute Arms, and it was not always possible to pinpoint the source of problems.

It was disappointing to note that while a fight was taking place opposite one of the newly installed CCTV cameras the incident had not been recorded. Many were of the view that the camera in question had not moved for several days.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

(c) **Road Traffic Accident, Talygarn**

Councillor Norman asked P C Keddle if he had any information on the road traffic accident which had occurred in Talygarn on the previous weekend.

P C Keddle responded that he had no information on the incident.

(d) **Burnt-out vehicle, Bute Quarry access road**

P C Keddle's attention was drawn to the burnt-out vehicle on the access road to the Bute Quarry. P C Keddle was asked if he had any information on the incident.

P C Keddle replied that he was aware of the position and the vehicle had not been stolen. It had caught fire due to an electrical fault.

(e) **Removal of abandoned vehicles**

Councillor Norman asked P C Keddle why there was usually a long delay before abandoned vehicles were removed.

P C Keddle responded that the circumstances in which abandoned vehicle were found varied considerably. If a vehicle was on a public highway and considered to be dangerous by the police it could be removed within an hour.

In other cases of vehicles being abandoned on a public highway it was necessary for ownership of the vehicle to be traced. Often, abandoned vehicles would have their registration plates removed, thus making the task considerably more difficult. It was usually necessary, too,

to place a notice on the vehicle stating that if it was not moved within a specified period it would be towed away.

In other cases, where vehicles were abandoned on private land, removal was difficult.

(f) **Acting Inspector at Talbot Green Police Station**

Councillor Rea noted that there was a new acting inspector at Talbot Green Police Station.

On behalf of the Council Councillor Rea extended an invitation to the new acting inspector to pay a visit to a meeting of the Community Council.

P C Keddle agreed to pass on the invitation to the new acting inspector.

(g) **Request for traffic mirror, High Street, Brynsadler**

P C Keddle acknowledged receipt of the letter from the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council stating that the junction of High Street with Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, did not fulfil the criteria for the erection of a traffic mirror.

Several Members expressed their disappointment at the stance of the Borough Council and drew attention to traffic mirrors elsewhere which were considered not to be as dangerous as the junction in Brynsadler. The possibility of getting the Borough Council to erect a "Traffic emerging" sign on the up side of Brynsadler hill was discussed.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk establish the criteria to qualify for the erection of a traffic mirror

(ii) That the Borough Council be asked to erect a "Traffic emerging" sign on the south bound carriageway of Brynsadler hill.

4. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that

it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information namely, applicants for a service provided by the Council.

(b) **Allocation of grants for the 2004/2005 financial year**

In deciding whether to make a grant, the Council took into account the advice previously given by the District Auditor about changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Housing Act, 1989, where it is necessary for councils to document factors taken into account prior to a decision being taken. In particular, the Community Council took into account:

- (a) whether payment was of direct benefit
- (b) whether benefit is in proportion to the payment made
- (c) whether the organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils'
- (d) whether the money was being used to circumvent any limitation on specific powers
- (e) whether the award of grants would result in a precedent leading to applications from other groups

In response to a question from the Council about balances shown in applicants' accounts the Clerk stated that he was of the view that none of the applicants had large balances rendering an application to the Community Council as unnecessary. Nevertheless, all applications and supporting financial information were available for examination by the Council

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

	£	p
Pontyclun Athletic Bowls Club	75	00
Pontyclun Women's Institute	100	00
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	250	00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	100	00
Pontyclun & District Allotments Association – Maesyfelin Site	100	00
Pontyclun Institute & Athletic Ladies' Bowling Club	75	00
1 st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	75	00
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales	100	00



Miskin & Mwyndy W.I.	100	00	
Cantorian Pontyclun	100	00	
1 st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	75	00	
Taff Ely Drug Support	200	00	
Pontyclun & Rugby Sports Club Short Green Bowls	75	00	
Merched Y Wawr	75	00	
Llantrisant & District Local History Society	150	00	*
St. David's Church, Miskin	100	00	
St Paul's Sunday School	100	00	
Young at Heart Monday Group	75	00	
Pontyclun Football Club (application deferred)			\$
St. Paul's Church Nursery	75	00	*
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	200	00	
Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee	500	00	&
Hope Presbyterian Church	100	00	
Pontyclun Mothers' Union	75	00	
DIAL Llantrisant	75	00	
Young at Heart Tuesday Club	75	00	
Babell Calvinistic Methodist Church	200	00	
Shelter Cymru	75	00	
Bethel Baptist Church Citizens' Advice Bureau	200	00	
Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Centre & Pit Pony Sanctuary (application deferred)			+
The Wales Air Ambulance	200	00	

Note:

- * The Clerk declared an interest in these applications
- \$ This application was deferred pending further discussions with the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, the Pontyclun Football Club, the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club on how the Community Council can help the Clubs to maintain and improve the railings around the football and rugby fields, which are felt to be an asset to the Community. The Community Council's understanding is that the cost of maintenance is prohibitive and it anxious to work with the both Clubs to help to maintain and improve the asset.
- & Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application
- + This application was deferred pending the receipt of supporting financial information from the organisation

5. **Standards Sub Committee**

The Council noted that the date for making a nomination to the Borough Council's Standards Sub Committee had passed.

RESOLVED: That no nomination be made.

6. **Induction Training for New Councillors and Clerks**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Chairperson attend the course being held at Newtown, Powys, on 18 September, 2004
- (ii) That the Clerk attend the course being held at Cwmbran on 23 October, 2004.
- (iii) That any other Member of the Council wishing to attend a training course notify the Clerk within a fortnight.

7. **Matters reported for information since the despatch of agendas**

(a) **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Clerk reported that he had taken advice on the position of County Borough Councillor Huish following the non completion of a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The advice received was that where a councillor failed to make the appropriate declaration it would cause the office to become vacant unless the council at the annual meeting resolved to permit the declaration to be made before or at a later meeting fixed by the council. Any such permission should be specifically recorded in the minutes.

In the circumstances, the Council would now need to declare a vacancy and arrange for the Borough Council to advertise the vacancy.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council declare a vacancy in the Miskin Ward and that the Clerk take the appropriate action to notify the Borough Council.
- (ii) That the Clerk notify County Borough Councillor Huish of the position.

Note: Councillor Rea wished to have recorded his dissatisfaction with the way the matter had been handled by the Community Council.



(b) **One Voice Wales**

The Chairperson, Councillor Jenkins, provided a written report on her attendance at the first meeting of One Voice Wales' Area Committee to cover community councils in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Councillor Jenkins reported that representation on the Area Committee was limited to one member per community council and clerks were ineligible to attend.

Councillor Jenkins informed the Council that the Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales would be held in Llandrindod Wells on 23 October, 2004.

The report was noted.

(c) **Pontyclun Community Council Allotments Competition**

Councillor Norman reported on the very successful local horticultural show. The results of the show were tabled for Members' information.

In relation to the Pontyclun Community Council's Allotments Competition, Councillor Norman said that he would provide the Clerk with a complete list of prize-winners in order that individual cheques could be drawn.

The report was noted.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Request for the erection of a traffic mirror**

No discussion took place under the heading as it had earlier been discussed under Police Matters.

(b) **Former cinema, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Council noted the letter from Drive in which the organisation's Chief Executive confirmed Drive's interest in the premises.

The Chief Executive also stated that Drive was in discussion with a number of parties and that he was hopeful that discussions could be expedited. If Drive was successful in acquiring the premises the building would be immediately demolished.



The letter was noted.

9. The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James L. ...".