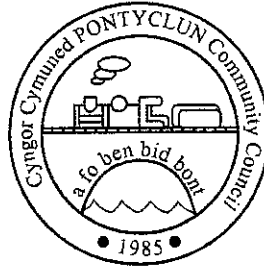


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Minutes of the Annual Grants Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 July, 2007.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Ms V A Cale, D Clayton Jones, Ms D Hayes, Ms S R Jenkins, R G Norman and M Rea

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors C Davies and Ms P Thomas

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were sought from Members in accordance with the Code of Practice. Councillor Rea stated that as a member of the Borough Council's Planning Committee he would be declaring an interest in any planning matters which would be discussed by the Community Council

RESOLVED: There were no declarations at this time.

3. **Deferred planning applications from the Community Council's meeting of 4 July, 2007**

(Councillor Rea declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

(a) **Application No. 06/2203/10**

Consideration of this application at the meeting of 4 July was deferred because it was unclear where the erection

of the building was proposed. Clarification had been received that the proposed building would be erected near the stand entrance to the football field.

RESOLVED: That no comments be offered to the Planning Authority on the application.

(b) **Application No. 07/0898/13**

Consideration of this application at the Council's meeting on 4 July, 2007, had been deferred pending receipt of a site plan from the Planning Authority.

While the site plan had not yet been received, the Clerk had been told that access to the proposed development would be gained by the demolition of an existing outbuilding adjacent to No.33 Danybryn, Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the Council express concern to the Planning Authority that the proposed development may be at an increased risk of flooding since, in recent years, the riverbank on the Clos Brenin side of the river Ely had been significantly heightened.

(c) **Application No. 07/0423/10**

Councillor Norman drew this application to the Council's attention. He stated that other commitments had prevented him from attending the Council's meeting on 4 July, 2007 when the Council's comments were formed. Had Councillor Norman been in a position to attend the meeting of 4 July, he would have brought to the Council's attention a former reservoir which had existed at the site which it was now planned to reclaim for equestrian purposes. Councillor Norman also queried whether any of the trees on site were covered by tree preservation orders.

RESOLVED: That in addition to the comments on this application agreed at the Council's meeting of 4 July, 2007, the Council also comment to the Planning Authority that:

- (i) reclamation of the land for equestrian purposes is considered to be inappropriate because of the hazards posed by the former reservoir.



- (ii) reclamation of the site for equestrian purposes might mean felling trees covered by tree preservation orders.

- 4. Councillor Rea rejoined the Council's meeting.
- 5. Allocation of grants for 2007

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

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting 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) **Advice of the District Auditor**

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.

(c) **Proposal for the allocation of grants for 2007**

Councillor Rea suggested to the Council that in allocating grants for 2007, those local organisations which had received a grant in 2006 should be given a percentage increase which corresponded to the increase in the Community Council's precept in 2007. This process would allow the Council more time to decide new

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applications for grant. A discussion on the proposal took place.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to award grants to organisations after consideration on an individual basis.

(d) **Allocation of grants**

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

Organisation	Amount
	£
Merched Y Wawr	75.00
1 st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	75.00
Bethel Baptist Church 11- 14s	100.00
Bethel Baptist Church	200.00
Cantorion Ladies' Choir	100.00
Pontyclun with Talygarn Parish	200.00
Llantrisant First Responders	200.00
Llantrisant & District Local History Soc.	100.00
Pontyclun Women's Institute	100.00
Pontyclun & District Allotments Association	100.00
\$ 1 st Miskin Mill Scout Group	200.00
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	150.00
P'clun Instit. & Athletic Ladies Bowling Club	100.00
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales	100.00
Young at Heart (Monday) Club	75.00
Young at Heart (Tuesday) Club	75.00
# St Paul's Church Nursery	150.00
Hope/Penuel Presbyterian Church, Pontyclun	150.00
DIAL Llantrisant	100.00
Groesfaen Community Group	200.00
Babell C M Church, Groesfaen	200.00
1 st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	100.00
Childline Cymru/Wales	100.00
British Red Cross	100.00
& Ty Gwyn Primary Education Centre	100.00
The Minnesingers	100.00
Pontyclun Football Club	500.00
Shelter Cymru	100.00
Miskin & Mwyndy W. I.	100.00

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Note:

\$ Councillor Jenkins declared an interest in the application

and vacated the Council chamber during discussion of the application.

- # The Clerk declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council chamber during discussion of the application.
- & Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council chamber during discussion of the application.

6. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Freedom of Information Act, 2000**

The Clerk reported receipt of an application under the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, for disclosure of all information and correspondence, including reports, minutes, e-mails and notes of site meetings in relation to the Council's purchase and plans for development of land at Brynsadler Mill. The request had been made by Davies, Pritchard and Weatherill, solicitors, acting on behalf of their clients Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Barrington Williams of Groesfaen.

The Clerk advised the Council that while there would normally be no difficulty in meeting the 20 day period for the disclosure of information, he was concerned that he had pre-booked annual leave for half the 20 day period and no extension of the period was available in recognition of employees who were employed part time.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk's comments be noted.
 - (ii) That, based on previous experience of a request for disclosure under the Act, an amount of £75.00 be charged provision of the disclosure information.

(b) **Refusal of planning consent**

The Clerk reported that the Planning Authority had refused planning consent for infill work at the site of the former Otters' Brook Trout Farm, Brynsadler.

The report was noted.

(c) **Application for planning consent –**

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The "Tesco" application

(Councillor Rea declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

The Clerk advised the Council that he had been told earlier that day that Beckerly Holdings had submitted a second application to develop the site of the former Park Hall cinema, Pontyclun, for retail development.

The report was noted.

(d) **Application for planning consent –
The "Mwyndy" application**

The Clerk reminded the Council that although the Planning Authority had refused an application from the former Welsh Development Agency to develop large areas of land in the Mwyndy area, the applicant had appealed against the refusal to the Planning Inspectorate at the Welsh Assembly Government.. Since the refusal of planning consent, the former Welsh Development Agency had been absorbed into the Welsh Development Agency.

The appeal against the Planning Authority's decision was still outstanding. The Clerk had been informed earlier that day that several large documents had been received by the Planning Authority in support of the applicant's appeal. It was understood that a date for a public inquiry to hear the appeal would be fixed within a six month period.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk's report be noted.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the Planning Authority to gain as much further information as possible with a view to publishing a newsletter for the information of Community residents.

7. The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

