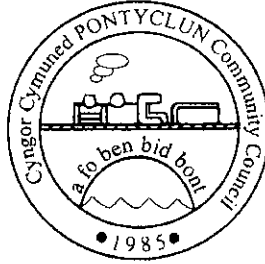


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Minutes of the annual grants meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 July, 2006.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, C Davies, P Griffiths, D Clayton Jones, A R Lane, M Rea and Ms P Thomas

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors S R Jenkins and R G Norman.

2. **Declarations of interest**

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

RESOLVED: There were no declarations.

3. **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.

M. Jones

(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) **Councillor Lane**

Councillor Lane asked why the Council had not been presented with a statement of accounts prior to the Council's allocation of grants. He claimed that it had been the practice in previous years to receive a statement of accounts before allocating grants.

The Clerk advised that when the Community Council drew up its budget for 2006/2007 an amount of £4,800 had been specifically provided for the allocation of grants. It was not necessary to carry out a review the Council's expenditure to date before deciding whether to allocate any grants. Neither had it been practice in previous years to review expenditure before deciding to allocate grants.

Councillor Lane left the meeting.

4. **Allocation of grants for the 2006/07 financial year**

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- 14 Youth Group	100.00
Pontyclun Youth Bowls Team	100.00
Bethel Baptist Church	200.00
Pontyclun Girls' Club	100.00
Cantorion Ladies' Choir	100.00
Pontyclun with Talygarn Parish	200.00
Llantrisant First Responders	150.00
Llantrisant & District Local History Society	100.00
Pontyclun Women's Institute	100.00
Pontyclun & District Allotments Association	100.00
Simply the Best (Out of School Club)	100.00
1 st Miskin Mill Scout Group	200.00
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	100.00
TEDS	200.00
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	100.00
Pontyclun Institute & Athletic Ladies' Bowling Club	75.00
Pontyclun Rugby & Sports Club Short Green Bowls	75.00
St David's Church, Miskin	200.00
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre	100.00
Young at Heart (Monday) Club	75.00
Young at Heart (Tuesday) Club	75.00
St Paul's Church Nursery	100.00 *
Hope –Penuel Presbyterian Church	150.00
DIAL Llantrisant	75.00
St Paul's & St Anne's Sunday School	100.00
Groesfaen Community Group (Ladies' Meeting)	200.00
Babell C M Church, Groesfaen	200.00
1 st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	75.00
Childline Cymru/Wales	100.00

* The Clerk declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council Chamber during discussion of the application

5. **Electoral Arrangements in Wales**

The Council considered the Discussion Document on Electoral Arrangements in Wales which had been deferred for consideration from the Council's meetings of 12 June and 5 July, 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to make any comment on the Discussion Document.

6. **Matters for decision since the despatch of agendas**

Third Annual Conference of One Voice Wales

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The Clerk gave details of the Third Annual Conference of One Voice Wales to be held in Llandrindod Wells on 14 October, 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Chairperson, Councillor Jenkins, be nominated to attend the Conference.

7. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Ivor Woods**

The Council discussed the report of the Handyman about his concerns, and those of walkers using the Ivor Woods, about the quantity of litter and broken bottles left in the Woods by congregating youths. Considerable resources had been devoted on a regular basis to clearing up the rubbish and burying broken glass, where this was possible.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact PCSO Martin to find out if it would be possible for him to visit the Woods from time to time to encourage the youths to be more responsible in the disposal of their litter.

(b) **The late Viv James**

The Council received a copy of the letter of condolences sent on behalf of the Council by the Clerk to the widow of former Councillor Viv James. The Council also received a letter of thanks from Mrs Brenda James, the widow.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

(c) **Review of community council boundaries**

The Chairperson and Clerk gave a joint presentation on the information given to them at the meeting with the Borough Council's Principal Electoral Officer on the forthcoming review of community councils' boundaries.

Within the Borough it appeared that some community council boundaries would be relatively unaffected by the review. Other community councils, of which Pontyclun is one, is likely to have changes to boundaries to reflect recent residential development.

Any changes proposed by the Borough Council would be the subject of prior consultation. The consultation process is scheduled to commence in September, 2006, and

views would be sought widely before the Borough Council drafted its preliminary views.

When proposals for the review were first announced it was understood that changes to community council boundaries would be in place for the community council elections in 2008. The latest information indicated that the changes would not be in place for the 2008 elections. It appeared that elections based on revised community boundaries would be in place for the 2012 elections.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council note the joint report and emphasise the Council's support for changes to community boundaries based on consultation.

8. The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.