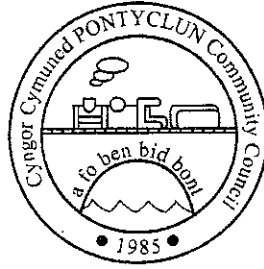


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the vestry of the Babel Chapel, Groesfaen, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 May, 2012.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Len Arthur, Ken Forsdyke, Gwyn Griffith, Margaret Griffiths, Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones, Tony Lane, Brendan O'Reilly and Huw Rees

**Also in attendance:** Two members of the public. ✍

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ann Bennett and Gordon Norman.

2. **Declarations of interests**

None were made for the Annual Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make enquiries about publishing on the Community Council's website a record of Members' permanent standing interests.

3. **Election of Chairperson for 2012/2013**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Ken Forsdyke be elected as Chairperson. He completed a declaration of acceptance of office.

4. **Election of Vice Chairperson for 2012/2013**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Margaret Griffiths be elected as Vice Chairperson.

5. **Retiring Chairperson's report**

There was no retiring Chairperson's report.

The Clerk advised that he had received an e-mail from Councillor Willis, the out-going Chair, to say that she would not be present that evening but that she sent her best wishes to the new Council.

6. **Chairperson's Allowance for 2012/2013**

(The Chairperson, Councillor Ken Forsdyke, vacated the Chair and left the Council chamber while this item of business was being discussed. In his absence the Chair was occupied by the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Griffiths)

**RESOLVED:** That there be no provision for a Chairperson's Allowance in 2012/13. Instead, the amount provided for a Chairperson's Allowance in the budget for 2012/13 be re-designated for members' expenses.

7. **Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2012/2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the existing Internal Auditor, Ms Helen Embling, be reappointed.

8. **Appointment of members and representatives to the following committees and bodies**

**RESOLVED:** That the following appointment be made:

(a) **Area Committee of One Voice Wales**

The Chairperson.

(b) **County Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee**

That as this Committee had not met for some considerable time Councillor M Griffiths agreed to seek clarification on the position with the Borough Council

(c) **Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee**

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(d) **Proposed Forest Wood Quarry Liaison Committee**

That nominally the Chair be appointed but given that this Committee had never sat, Councillor M Griffiths agreed to seek clarification on the position with the Borough Council.

(e) **Minor Authority representative to the Board of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg, Llantrisant, Miskin, Pontyclun.**

That Councillor Huw Rees be appointed to the vacancy.

9. **Bank Mandate arrangements**

The Clerk explained that it would be necessary for new bank mandate arrangements to be made. While only two members' signatures were required on cheques it was desirable that as many Members as possible were included on the new mandate to allow flexibility in the event of Members being unavailable to sign cheques.

Most Members were able to provide details for the new mandate.

10. **Political parties in the work of the Council**

A general discussion took place on the role of political parties in the work of the Council.

While Members agreed to differ on the roles of parties there was agreement that in its work the Council needed to be proactive rather than reactive.

**RESOLVED:**

That to promote its proactive role Members were invited to submit a list to the Chair of the proactive areas they believed the Council could promote to enhance the quality of life for residents of the Community. Members were asked to prioritise their lists.

11. **Calendar of meetings for 2012/13**

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed calendar of meetings for 2012/13 be approved for the first six months. After the expiry of six months the matter be again discussed.

12. The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

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