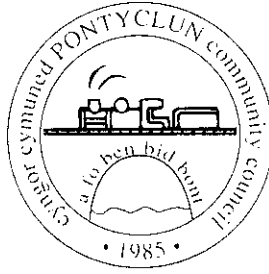


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 March, 2000

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, R G Norman, M Rea, S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** P C Allison Hughes and colleague, for part of the meeting, and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Councillors J R Dilworth, and J V Huish.

2. **Chairperson**

In the absence of the Chairperson, Councillor Huish, the Chair was occupied by the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Rea.

3. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairperson's business

4. **Police matters**

(a) **Late night violence**

Several Members drew attention to an incident of late night violence at licensed premises in Pontyclun where a local youth, in an unprovoked attack, had been kicked unconscious. Members were glad that there was a rapid and in strength response from the police although they were saddened to learn that two police officers had subsequently been injured.

The police officers in attendance at the meeting reassured the Council that in such incidents there would always be a strong response from the police and, where necessary, reinforcements would be drafted in from surrounding areas. The youths responsible for the incident at the licensed premises in Pontyclun were not from the area, had been arrested, and several cases were now on-going. The police officers emphasised that Pontyclun received considerable police attention at weekends.

The reports were noted.

(b) **Smashed windows**

Councillor Mrs V A Cale advised the police representatives of a recent incident on a Saturday night when windows to the front of her home in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun had been smashed.

Councillor Cale provided details of the incident to the police.

(c) **Threatening behaviour**

Councillor Chris Davies advised the police representatives that he had been told of a youth on the Hendy estate who had bullied other youths and children by threatening to spray them with paint and fuel. Unfortunately, Councillor Davies was unable to provide the police with the name or a description of the individual.

The police officers noted the report.

(d) **Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea enquired of the police representatives whether they had any information about the illegal practice of the sale of cars from Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen.

The officers indicated that they were unaware of the latest position.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 January, 2000**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 January, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Proposed boundary review**

The Clerk referred to the outline objections provided by the Council in opposition to the proposed realignment of the boundary between the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. At Appendix 2 to the agenda the Clerk provided the detailed response to the Boundary Commission.

The Clerk also advised the Council that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, who had initially seemed indifferent to the proposal, had firmly opposed the proposal in comments sent to the Boundary Commission.

- RESOLVED:**(i) That the letter written by the Clerk opposing the proposal be approved.
- (ii) That the position of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be noted.

(b) **Proposed hard surface play area**

Councillor Norman tabled two plans for the provision of children's play areas on the Cefn yr Hendy estate.

One play area was planned for a site on the existing play area at Brynamlwg while the other was located at the new residential development.

Both sites would include a comprehensive range of modern children's play equipment. Both proposals were subject to revision and no firm date had been received when the facilities would be completed.

It was emphasised that both play areas would be available for use by all children of the Borough and were not to be regarded as facilities only for children living on Cefn yr Hendy.

(c) **Training opportunities for Councillors and Clerks**

The Clerk reminded Members that two of the three training courses were scheduled to be held in Bridgend with the third course to be held in Pontypridd.

The Council had been advised that all three courses would now be held in Bridgend on Saturday mornings and that the dates would be 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April and 6 May, 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That the changes be noted.

(d) **Mobile hot food vendor**

The Council received details of the controls which the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council would normally require of hot food vendors operating within the Rhondda Cynon Taff.

The Director of Environmental Services had attempted to find the two hot food mobile vendor referred to in the Community Council's earlier correspondence but without any success. He invited the Council to provide details of the vehicles used if the vendors returned to their sites in the Community.

**RESOLVED:** That in the event of the hot food vendors returning to their sites Members be requested to take details of the vehicles in use in order that the Clerk can take the matter up with the Director of Environmental Services.

6. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Community Council precept for 2000/2001**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had contacted the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about the Community Council's precept for 2000/2001. He had asked whether he could notify the Community Council's precept on 2 March, 2000, the day after the Community Council's next meeting. He had been advised that 2 March would be too late.

The Clerk had made enquires about whether the existing precept could be increased by 3%. However, the Borough Council was insistent that a precept could only be fixed by the Council and that the matter could not be delegated.

As a result, the Community Council's precept for 2000/2001 would remain at its 1999/2000 level.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's report be noted.

(b) **European funding for Objectives 1, 2 and 3**

The Council received a letter from Mrs Pauline Jarman, A. M. requesting the Community Council's support for a national campaign to ensure justice for Wales in relation to European funding for Objectives 1, 2 and 3.

The letter requested that the Community Council write to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging them to declare unequivocally and urgently:

- (a) that European monies for Objective 1

should be added to the Welsh Assembly's budget and

- (b) that the U K Treasury provide sufficient match funding so that the European monies can be spent effectively.

Additionally, that the same principles apply in the case of Objectives 2 and 3.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for the appropriate letters to be sent to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer and that copies of the letters be forwarded to Mrs Jarman for her information.

(c) **Talbot Green to Bridgend Bus Priority**

The Council discussed the letter of 25 January, 2000 from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering in which it was stated that as part of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's commitment to public transport, measures to improve the bus stop facilities between Talbot Green and Bridgend were being investigated with the intention of commencing work during the current financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That in view of the enormous backlog of urgent work on highway matters waiting to be attended to within the Community of Pontyclun the Council express its surprise that the Borough Council is in a position to fund improvements to bus stop facilities.

(d) **Continued tipping at Castell y Mwnws**

The Council received a further letter from Mr R C Kennard about continued illegal tipping at the site of the former sewage works at Castell y Mwnws, Brynsadler. Mr Kennard asked that the Council support him in his continuing requests to the Planning Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to regularise the unauthorised development.

The Clerk advised the Council that since the receipt of Mr Kennard's letter there had been two developments in the matter. The first was that the developer had now submitted a planning application; the application was to be discussed later on the Council's agenda. The second was that the developer was present at the Council's meeting and wished to have an opportunity to address the Council.

The Council agreed to hear the developer's case.

**RESOLVED:** That the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be advised that while the Community Council is not opposed to the development it believes that certain conditions be imposed on any consent, namely:

1. The development should incorporate slurry pits to cater for foul water and surface water drainage. The condition would ensure that there is no pollution of the nearby Nant Felin Fach.
2. There should be sufficient space within the proposed development to allow for the turning, parking and storage of vehicles with trailers and horseboxes. The six car parking places shown on the plan would not appear to be adequate to meet the requirements.
3. There is need for an adequate vision splay at the entrance to the proposed development from Llanharry Road. The entrance to the site, when travelling from Llanharry towards Brynsadler, is concealed. Two major accidents have occurred at this point in the last two years, one of which resulted in a fatality.
4. The applicant should be required to protect the existing public right of way giving access to the site and restore the stile and handrails which assisted members of the public using the footpath.
5. The applicant should be required to landscape the development ensuring that retaining walls are erected adjacent to the stream side of the site and that site levels are not so high as to make the development visually obtrusive.

(e) **Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr Paul Griffiths of Lake View, Talygarn, to Ms Jane Davidson, A.M..

Mr Griffiths proposed that, following transfer of the rehabilitation facilities from Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, certain land around the Centre should be retained in public ownership and transferred into the ownership of the Pontyclun Community Council with a condition that long term leases be granted to local sporting organisations. Mr Griffiths' detailed proposals were highlighted in a map enclosed with his letter.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council wholeheartedly endorse the proposals put forward by Mr Griffiths for keeping the land in question in public ownership. Further, that the Clerk write to Mrs Davidson conveying the Community Council's enthusiastic support for the proposals made by Mr Griffiths.

(f) **Targeted community development for the arts**

The Community Council received a letter from The Arts Council of Wales in which it was stated that it had been advised that community councils across Wales would like to have the opportunity to contribute to the proposal for targeted community development for the arts.

The Community Council was advised that if it wished to contribute to the assessment of which areas should be targeted then contact should be made with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a request that the Community Council's views be incorporated in the Borough Council's response to The Arts Council of Wales.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

(g) **Applications for financial support**

The Council considered applications for financial assistance from the Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod and Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru.

**RESOLVED:** That consideration of both applications be deferred to the Community Council's annual grants meeting in July, 2000.

(h) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 31 December, 1999, 7, 14, 21, and 28 January and 4, 11, 18 and 25 February, 2000**

The Council discussed the planning applications contained in the above Weekly Notifications.

**RESOLVED:** That the following comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council:

**Application No. 56/99/2820**

That the Council is opposed to the application since it is of the view that it should be treated as an application for a brand new development and treated in accordance with the Planning Guidance (Wales) Planning Policy issued by the Welsh Office in May, 1996.

**Application No. 56/00/2063**

That while the Council is not opposed to the development it queries whether the development should be treated as a brand new development in accordance with the Planning Guidance (Wales) Planning Policy issued by the Welsh Office in 1996.

In the event that the Policy referred to above is not applicable to the proposed development, whether listed building consent is required.

**Application No. T/00/2086/23**

That while the Council is not opposed to the proposed development, it questions the need to "re-locate" the barn since the premises is no longer a working farm.

**Application No. T/00/2024/13**

That the Community Council is opposed to the development since:

- (i) It would constitute an over development of residential property in the area.
- (ii) It would set an unwelcomed precedent and would result in further residential applications for residential development on the narrow strip of land.
- (iii) It would adversely affect the privacy enjoyed by the residents of No.1 Talygarn Close.

**Application No. T/00/2120/10**

The Community Council welcomes the application for a credit union shop. To avoid exacerbating existing traffic congestion in Pontyclun the Council would suggest that the applicant be



required to display a sign on the premises encouraging its clients to use the public car park adjacent to the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(i) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed at Appendices 10 & 11 to the Council's agenda.

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

(a) **Crown Brewery, Brynsadler**

The Council received an amended copy of the proposed residential development at the site of the Crown Brewery, Brynsadler. An opportunity existed for the Council to amend or vary its earlier comments on the application for planning consent for residential consent.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council's original comments remain as submitted except that, in view of the amendments to the site access from Cowbridge Road, the Council express its concern about possible effects on the proprietors of the two garages adjacent to the Ivor Park car park.

(b) **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council - Access Forum**

The Clerk read out a letter from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering informing the Council of the next meeting of the Rhondda Cynon Taff Access Forum.

The Director stated that he was in the process of compiling an agenda for the meeting and asked whether the Community Council wished include any items on the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council suggest that the following items be included on the Forum's agenda:

- (i) The blocked footpath in Talygarn
- (ii) The blocked footpath at Llwynmilwas
- (iii) The weight of goods vehicles using the bailey bridge near Pontyclun Joinery
- (iv) Access to Groesfaen Landfill Site
- (v) The clearance of pavements of weeds

(c) **Pontyclun Youth Forum**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this matter and vacated the Council Chamber)

The Clerk read out a letter from the Pontyclun Youth Partnership in which it was stated that the Partnership was pursuing the possibility of erecting a temporary Drop-In Centre, in addition to identifying a permanent site, for the youth of the Community.

The Partnership asked whether the Community Council would be prepared to entertain the possibility of acquiring the disused former cinema on its behalf. It was suggested that if the Community Council was agreeable to the proposal it may be possible to progress the matter by way of a compulsory purchase order.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the District Auditor and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(d) **Small grants celebrating the Millennium Festival in Wales**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had been informed that the both applications submitted by the Council had been unsuccessful. It remained to be decided whether the Council wished to fund both schemes out of its own funds.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) The proposal to produce a map of the Community be abandoned.
- (ii) The proposal to create an access for disabled persons into the Ivor Woods be deferred.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Community Council's Meeting of 3 May, 2000**

The Council discussed the letter of 12 January, 2000 from Chief Inspector Kinrade of the South Wales Police and noted that Chief Inspector Tucker had agreed to attend the Community Council's meeting of 3 May, 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk give advance notice to Chief Inspector Tucker that the Council would wish to discuss the following items at its meeting of 3 May, 2000:

Police under manning in the Community

General policing the in Community

CCTV grant aid for crime prevention

Misuse of drugs in the Community

Under age consumption of alcohol in the Community

(b) **Proposal to erect a bus shelter in Groesfaen**

The Council discussed a letter from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering in which he stated that in order to introduce a bus shelter in the vicinity of Babel Chapel similar to the shelter erected by Cardiff C B C to the eastern end of the village, the footway would need to be widened by 0.5 metres to allow clearance for pedestrians to pass the shelter.

The Director concluded that it may be possible to widen the footway under the Tonypany to Groesfaen Bus Priority Scheme and that further discussions would take place with the Project Engineer.

As part of the consultation process the Director enclosed a copy of a further letter he had written to residents in the vicinity of the proposed works, outlining his proposals and giving residents an opportunity to submit comments by 28 February, 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That the two letters be noted.

(c) **Highway matters in Groesfaen**

The Council discussed a letter from the Director of Highways, Transportation & Engineering in which two undertakings were given; that he would continue to monitor the situation at the entrance to the Groesfaen landfill site at the junction with the A4222 and that an order had been issued for the clearance of detritus material affecting the footway from the junction of the landfill site and the A4222 to Groesfaen.

**RESOLVED:** That the correspondence be noted.

9. **Items for discussion at the Council's meeting of 5 April, 2000**

(a) To discuss the virement of funds to enable the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Community Council.

(b) To discuss the installation of CCTV in the Community

10. The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.