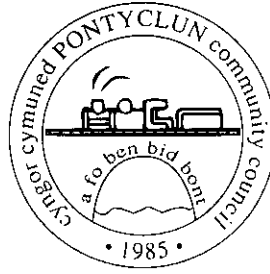


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 1 May, 2002.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were sought from Members.

Councillors Dilworth, Norman and Rea indicated that they would be declaring an interest in the following matters and for the reasons indicated:

Member	Item	Reason
Councillor Dilworth	7(c) Wales Assoc. of Community & Town Councils	Employee of Assoc.
Councillor Norman	7(b) Planning	Member of Borough Council Planning Committee
Councillor Rea	7(b) Planning	Application by neighbour

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the appropriate entry in the Register of Disclosures of Personal Interests under

Section 81 of the Local Government Act, 2000, at the appropriate time.

3. **Chairperson's/Leader's business**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, reported on his attendance at a seminar organised by the Borough Council on regeneration. The seminar was well attended by a good cross section of the community and was facilitated by chief officers of the Borough Council.

The Leader, Councillor Huish, added that the Borough Council had created twelve Area Regeneration Committees with the aim of guiding the Cabinet towards making public decisions. The creation of Area Regeneration Committees was an important step forward.

The seminar had been addressed by Professor Kevin Morgan and it was pleasing to see a large number of people in attendance. A significant number of ideas were forthcoming from the seminar and would considerably assist the Council in its decision processes.

Councillor Huish also reported that a bid for capital money had been submitted to the National Assembly to enable the provision of an astro turf pitch and changing rooms at Y Pant Comprehensive School.

The reports were noted.

4. **Police matters**

(i) **Police report**

In the absence of P C Keddle there was no police report.

(ii) **Possibility of the contraction of disease**

Councillor Dilworth reported an incident where a racing pigeon, which had alighted in School Street, Pontyclun, had been killed and the carcass thrown against a wall. The incident was unpleasant and had caused distress to residents in the Street.

It was believed that children were responsible for the incident and the police had been informed. The Pigeon Racing Society had also been informed of the event..

Councillor Dilworth advised Members that, apart from the distasteful event, some pigeons were known to carry disease which could be passed on to human beings. Councillor Dilworth believed that the dangers should be brought to the attention of children in local schools.



RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact local schools to advise of the possible dangers in handling pigeons.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 April, 2002**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 April, 2002 be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

Members' Code of Conduct

The Council considered the letter of 19 April from the County Borough Legal and Democratic Services Officer and a copy of a report to the Borough Council's Standards Committee on 1 March, 2002 with respect to Dispensations. The Appendix to the report set out the circumstances when dispensations may be granted and paragraph (a) appeared to cover the circumstances raised in a query by a neighbouring community council.

The Community Council was reminded that if any of its members wished to apply for dispensations they should comply with the requests of paragraph 3.6 of the Report. The Community Council Sub Committee of the Standards Committee would consider any applications for dispensations.

RESOLVED: That the guidance offered by the Borough Council be noted.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Work undertaken by Groundwork at the Ivor Woods**

The Council received the letter of 2 April, 2002, from Groundwork Merthyr & Rhondda Cynon Taff in which the Council was asked to arrange for the signature of the project brief and whether it wished to explore the possibility of engaging Groundwork on future projects.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk carry out an inspection of work undertaken by Groundwork and report back to the Council.

(ii) That the Council express its interest in principle to carrying out further work with Groundwork.

(b) **Planning Notifications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 22 & 29 March, 5, and 12 April, 2002.**



(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and left the Council Chamber. The Chairperson declared an interest in application No. 02/0423/10 and left the Council Chamber while this application was under discussion)

RESOLVED: That no comments be offered to the Borough Council on any of the applications considered.

(c) **Mr Terry Dunn**

Councillor Huish drew the Council's attention to the recent unexpected death of Mr Terry Dunn, the senior planning officer of the Borough Council. Mr Dunn had given expert and sound planning advice to the Borough Council and its predecessor authority over many years. His untimely death would be deeply felt by his family and have a significant effect on the work of the former planning department in the short term.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Community Council's condolences to Mrs Lynne Dunn.

(d) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 4 to the Council's agenda.

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

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had earlier agreed to the Clerk's attendance at the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Councils in Plymouth on 6 April, 2002.

The Conference had been postponed at short notice since there had been a major fire in the hotel hosting the Conference. Alternative arrangements had been made to hold the Conference in Harrogate in the Autumn.

RESOLVED: That approval be given for the Clerk's attendance at the re-arranged Autumn Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Planning appeal**

The Council received the report of the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Assembly to determine a planning appeal against the refusal of the Planning Authority to award planning consent for residential development at the Elms Farm, Castell y Mwnws, Pontyclun. The Inspector had found in favour of the appellant.

