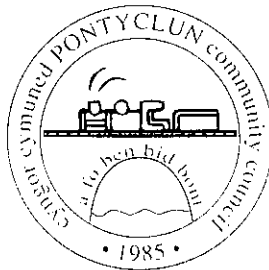


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 2 April, 2003.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle and R G Norman

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members. There were no declarations

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

(a) **Regeneration Steering Committee**

It was reported that the first meeting of the local Regeneration Steering Committee for the area had taken place in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

The meeting was attended by a wide range of voluntary groups in addition to the Headteacher of Y Pant Comprehensive School. Some concern was expressed that not all active voluntary groups had been identified and further research was proposed. It was likely that a further meeting of the Steering Committee would be held in June.

M Rea

The report was noted.

(b) **Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen**

The Leader, Councillor Huish, advised that the National Assembly had been carrying out investigations at sites where it was believed chemicals may have been tipped some years earlier.

One of the sites was at the former Brofiscin Quarry in Groesfaen. The results of the investigation showed that the site was contaminated as the result of tipping activities in the 1960s when tipping controls were considerably less stringent. Action was necessary to prevent any chemicals entering water courses and the responsibility for arranging the work had been passed to the Borough Council. Fences would shortly be erected preventing access to the site although ownership of the quarry had yet to be clarified.

Councillor Rea commented that while the Borough Council had been handed a difficult job, residents of Groesfaen were pleased with the way in which the issue was being handled particularly with the staging of a public exhibition.

Councillor Dilworth welcomed the action to clear the site but reminded the Council that there were other sites in the Borough which were also deserving of action. Councillor Dilworth mentioned the Coed Ely and Purolite sites. He also asked what action the Borough Council proposed to control airborne pollution.

Councillor Huish responded that the Coed Ely site had been cleared of polluted land as the result of action by the WDA and the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. The site would shortly become available for commercial purposes. Action on other sites would follow as funding was made available. On the matter of airborne pollution, the Borough Council was currently investing in equipment for the detection of pollution.

The report was noted.

(c) **Free swimming lessons**

Councillor Huish informed the Council that the Borough Council had approved the provision of free swimming lessons in the Borough during the school holidays.

The report was noted.



(d) **Parking problems in Groesfaen**

It was reported that as a result of parking difficulties in Groesfaen a petition had been organised by residents requesting more parking facilities for the residents.

The report was noted.

(e) **Parking problems – Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun**

It was reported that the long awaited parking restrictions for Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, had come to fruition with the painting of double yellow lines at strategic points. It was hoped that motorists seeking to park their vehicles would in future make more use of the adjacent Community Centre Car Park.

The report was noted.

(f) **Free bus travel**

It was reported that free bus travel for males over 60 years of age had been officially launched earlier in the day at the Talbot Green Bus Station.

The report was noted.

(g) **Cefn yr Hendy development - Phase 4– Street naming**

It was reported that a street on the new Cefn yr Hendy development had been named “Delfryn”. Translated, the name is “pretty hill”.

The report was noted.

(g) **Annual Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, advised the Council that he was aware that some Members would not be in a position to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council planned for Wednesday, 7 May, 2003. He sought Members views on postponing the meeting to a later date.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Annual meeting to be postponed to a date later in May and to advise Members of the date.

4. **Police matters**

(a) **Burglaries**



P C Keddle reported that the period since the last Community Council meeting had been a relatively quiet period. However, there had been two burglaries in The Hollies and a garage had been broken into in High Street, Brynsadler.

P C Keddle advised vigilance and the need to secure premises at all times.

The report was noted.

(b) **Cars parked in lane to the west of Stuart Street, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle stated that he had received complaints about the parking of two vehicles in the lane immediately to the west of Stuart Street, Pontyclun. P C Keddle had been told that the lane may be in private ownership, possibly in the ownership of the BP Pensions Trust. P C Keddle asked whether the Community Council had any information in the matter.

No Member had any positive information they could offer but the view was expressed that if the lane had been made up it was very likely that it had been adopted by the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and was in public ownership.

The matter was noted.

(c) **Motorised scooters**

Reports were made about the nuisance experienced by some residents as the result of the riding of motorised scooters on footways in the Community, although it appeared that the problem had not been experienced in Pontyclun.

It was confirmed that this practice was illegal.

It was also confirmed that it was legal for certain vehicles designed for disabled people to use public roads.

(d) **Speeding vehicles in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea advised P C Keddle that while the speed camera in Groesfaen had been successful in controlling the speed of vehicles at that location, there remained the significant problem of drivers speeding before, and after their vehicles had passed the speed camera. Councillor Rea called for the police to undertake further random checks in Groesfaen to deter speeding motorists.

P C Keddle agreed to make a request for further speed monitoring in Groesfaen.

5. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 March, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 March, 2003 be approved as an accurate record subject to the reference to "South Wales" in minute 3 (i) being amended to read "South East Wales"

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Area Regeneration Partnership**

RESOLVED: That as a discussion on this issue had already taken place there be no further discussion.

(b) **Various Highways issues in the Community**

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the possibility of a delegation of Members meeting the Divisional Director with responsibility for highways in the Environmental Services Group of the Borough Council.

The Divisional Director, Mr Dave Sherrard, had readily agreed to a meeting and asked if the Council could provide him with a list of the issues the delegation wished to discuss in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Members who had outstanding highways issues they wanted discussed by the delegation, advise the Clerk in order that a comprehensive list may be provided to the Divisional Director in advance of the meeting.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Internal Auditor's Interim Report for 2002/2003**

The Council discussed the Internal Auditor's Interim Report for 2002/2003.

The Council believed that its reserves were at a satisfactory level and expressed its satisfaction that the internal auditor had concluded that the accounts were properly kept and that internal controls were operating effectively

RESOLVED: That the Clerk thank the auditor for producing a clear and concise report of the Council's finances.

(b) **Revision of Standing Orders**

The Council considered the revision of its Standing Orders using the Model Standing Orders produced by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils as a guide.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council adopt the Model Standing Orders produced by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.
 - (ii) That the Clerk arrange for every Member of the Council to be issued with a copy of the revised Standing Orders.

(c) **Revision of Financial Regulations**

The Council considered the revision of its Financial Regulations using a set of Financial Regulations suitable for community councils suggested by the Council's Internal Auditor.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council adopt the Financial Regulations suggested by the Council's Internal Auditor.
 - (iii) That the Clerk arrange for every Member of the Council to be issued with a copy of the revised Financial Regulations.

(d) **Risk Management**

The Council discussed the Clerk's Report on Risk Management.

Given the increased emphasis placed on risk management, a report would be presented to the Council annually and Members would have the opportunity to identify other potential risks facing the Council and review measures to meet those risks.

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

(e) **Draft Local Authority Bus Strategy**

The Council discussed the Borough Council's Draft Bus Strategy.

While the Council agreed in principle with the strategy concern was expressed at the standard of driving displayed by some of the bus drivers.

- RESOLVED:** That an invitation be sent to Mr Andrew Carter, Head of Transportation in the Environmental Services Group of the Rhondda Cynon Taf



County Borough Council inviting him to address the Council.

(f) **Beating of the Bounds Ceremony, 2003**

The Chairperson received an invitation to attend the Beating of the Bounds Ceremony, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the decision whether or nor to accept the invitation be left to the Council's in-coming Chairperson following the Annual Meeting.

(g) **Reviving Rural Communities in Wales**

The Council discussed an invitation to attend a rally organised by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to highlight the plight of rural communities in Wales "in respect of housing, economy and the standard of life"

RESOLVED: That Council approval be given for any Member of the Council wishing to attend the rally.

(h) **Samaritans**

The Council discussed an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bridgend Branch of the Samaritans.

RESOLVED: That approval be given for the Chairperson, or substitute Member to attend the meeting.

(i) **Planning**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 21 & 28 February and 7 and 14 March, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Borough Council:

Application No. 03/0252/10

That the Council is opposed to the application since the area is a defined industrial area. The proposal to open a children's nursery in this area would subject the children to unacceptable safety risks and pollution.

Application No. 03/0404/10

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That the Council is opposed to the proposal since it would result in an over development of the plot of land.

(j) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 the Council's agenda. It was noted that the payment to the Inland Revenue should read £671.64 and not £673.74.

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

(a) **Adoption of Local Plan**

The Clerk distributed a letter which had been received from the Borough Council after the despatch of agendas.

The letter stated that the Welsh Assembly Government had directed the Borough Council not to adopt the Taff Ely Local Plan until a certain policy had been deleted. The policy was for the provision of houses for senior managers in the countryside.

Following receipt of the directive the Borough Council intended to delete the policy and then to adopt the Local Plan after 9 May, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the policy be noted.

(b) **Ivor Park car park**

The Council received a letter from a resident asking whether the lease for the land authorised the lessee to allow the land to be used by a travelling fairground. The resident pointed out that in the course of use by the travelling fairground many heavy vehicles used the car park and repairs to the surface were subsequently carried out at public expense by the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain clarification on the terms of the lease from the Borough Council.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **National Action Plan for a Bilingual Wales**

The Council received details of the National Action Plan for a Bilingual Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Action Plan be noted.



(b) **Occasional Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for the Grant of an Occasional Entertainment Licence at The Barn, Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(c) **Talgarn Forum**

The Council received details of the next meeting of the Talgarn Forum. It was likely that a proposal that the Forum be disbanded would be discussed and the distribution of the Forum's remaining assets. Members discussed the recent donations made to the Forum.

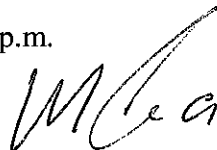
RESOLVED: That as the Community Council had made two substantial donations to the Forum in recent years and as those donations had not been used in furtherance of the Forum's objectives, the Clerk be instructed to obtain legal advice on the possibility of recovering the donations from the Forum.

(d) **Planning appeal**

The Council received details of an appeal to the National Assembly against the decision of the Borough Council not to award planning consent for development at 1 Nant Rhydhalog, Cowbridge Road, Talgarn.

The matter was noted.

10. The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

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