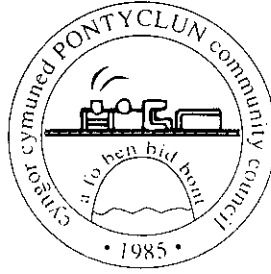


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 3 April, 2002.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Kettle

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle and S Rogers

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were sought from Members.

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

Member	Item	Reason
Councillor Dilworth	Ramblers Assoc.	Member of Assoc.
Councillor Dilworth	Wales Assoc. of Community & Town Councils	Employee of Assoc.
Councillor Huish	Planning	Family connection
Councillor Norman	Licensing	Member of Borough Council Licensing Committee

Councillor Norman Planning Member of Borough
Council Planning
Committee

Councillor Thomas Planning Family connection

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, expressed his disquiet that issues raised at the previous meeting were recorded in the minutes as items emanating from specific members. He believed that in future it would be better to refer to issues as raised by the Council rather than as named members.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the Chairperson's suggestion and that the Clerk take the appropriate action.

4. **Police matters**

(i) **Speed cameras**

P C Keddle advised that he had not been able to research figures for demonstration to the Council on the effectiveness of the recently installed speed cameras in the Community. He would continue to make enquiries.

(ii) **Proposed traffic regulations, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun Community Council**

P C Keddle advised that he had been consulted for his views by the Highway Authority over the objection submitted by a member of the public about the proposed traffic regulations for Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.

The objector had given the Highway Authority the impression that the car park opposite the Community Centre was often unavailable for public parking as the result of being cordoned-off in connection with a children's playscheme. It was pointed out that the playscheme took place on only 3 weeks out of 52 in a year and that it was only in exceptional cases during the 3 weeks was the car park unavailable for public parking.



This view was supported by the Council. It was felt that the objector had grossly exaggerated his case for opposing the introduction of traffic regulations in Heol yr Orsaf.

The report was noted.

(iii) **Break-in, Impressions, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle reported that there had been a break-in at Impressions, printers over the Easter Holiday. Police enquiries were continuing into the incident. There was a feeling that perhaps the incident would not have occurred if the CCTV system in the village was operational.

The report was noted.

(iv) **License, Pontyclun Fish Bar, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle advised that the proprietor of the Pontyclun Fish Bar had applied for a variation in the hours which he was allowed to remain open in the evenings. The application was being handled by the Police Licensing Officer.

The report was noted.

(v) **Abandoned Ford Escort car**

P C Keddle was pleased to be able to report the removal of the abandoned Ford Escort in Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(vi) **Abandoned car, Brynamlwg, Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman congratulated P C Keddle on the removal of the car under the earlier item but pointed out that the previous evening another vehicle was abandoned off Brynamlwg, Pontyclun.

P C Keddle responded that he would investigate the matter.

(vi) **Drugs in the Community**

P C Keddle reported that since the last meeting of the Community Council a house in the Community, where it was suspected drug dealing had been taking place, had been raided by the police.

The matter was noted.



(vii) **Speed cameras**

Councillor Dilworth reported that the speed cameras located in Groesfaen and near Y Pant Comprehensive School had been vandalised.

RESOLVED: That the incidents be reported to the Borough Council.

(viii) **Public statement on drug abuse**

The Council welcomed the recent public statement by the Chief Constable of the South Wales Police in which he stated that his police force would continue to take a firm line in tackling drug abuse.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 6 March, 2002**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 6 March, 2002 be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

The New Ethical Framework

The Clerk reported that he had attended a recent seminar arranged by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils at which five monitoring officers from principal councils were present together with Kate Cassidy of the Local Government Modernisation Division at the Welsh Assembly.

Kate Cassidy gave a presentation on the New Ethical Framework and answered a series of questions from representatives of local councils.

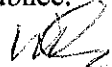
A copy of Kate Cassidy's presentation was included with Members' agendas at Appendix 2.

RESOLVED: That the information provided by Kate Cassidy, and enclosed at Appendix 2 to the Council's agenda, be noted.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Queen's Jubilee celebrations**

The Council reconsidered its earlier decision not to participate in the celebrations to mark the Queen's Jubilee.



The Council was of the view that while it would not be appropriate to spend a large sum on celebrations, there was scope for marking the Jubilee in a prudent and lasting way. It was suggested that the Council could place a wayside seat at a prominent site in the Community, plant an ornamental tree in an open space or create a flower bed in an eye-catching location.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk draw up a poster for display in the Council's noticeboards inviting suggestions from the public for marking the Jubilee.

(b) **Railings at the Maesyfelin playing fields**

A lengthy discussion took place on the dilapidated and occasionally dangerous condition of the railings surrounding the playing fields at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun.

The Clerk advised that while the playing fields were in the ownership of the Borough Council, leases had been granted to the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club and the Pontyclun Football Club where each organisation was responsible for maintaining their respective sections of railings. It appeared that little maintenance work had been carried out to the railings in recent years.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council asking that the terms in the respective leases, requiring maintenance of the railings, be enforced. Additionally, that the Borough Council be asked to re-erect the gates to the car park adjacent to the football field subject to the gates remaining open.

(c) **Miskin Green**

The Clerk reported that the Council's Handyman had visited the Green with a view to offering advice on the erection of posts and a chain around the Green.

The Council was in favour of the idea of erecting posts and a chain and asked for a sample of the type of post available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring a sample of a suitable post to a future meeting of the Community Council.

(d) **The Samaritans**

The Council discussed an invitation from The Samaritans to send a representative to the organisations Annual General Meeting in Bridgend on 8 April, 2002.



RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the Samaritans' Annual General Meeting by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Councillor M Rea and Councillor Mrs M Thomas, respectively.

(e) **Planning**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 22 February, 1,8,15 and 22 March, 2002.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Planning Authority:

Application No. 02/0311/13

The Council is not opposed to the application but is deeply concerned that the two mature trees on the site should be protected. The Council also concerned about the proposed access to the site from the busy, and often congested, B4264.

Application No. 02/0344/10

(Councillor Mrs Peggy Thomas declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council Chamber)

That the Council offer no comment on the application to the Planning Authority.

Application No. 02/0347/13

The Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (i) The development conflicts with the Local Plan
- (ii) The proposed development would result in the felling of trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.
- (iii) The access road to the site from the B4264 is unsatisfactory.
- (iv) The proposed development would lead to the loss of valuable flora and fauna and loss of habitat for wild animals.

Application No. 02/0363/10

(Councillor Huish declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council chamber)



RESOLVED: That the Council offer no comments to the Planning Authority on the application.

(f) **Payment of creditors**

(Councillor Dilworth declared interests in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Council's agenda.

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

Water supply in Groesfaen

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter dated 2 April, 2002, from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water in response to the Community Council's earlier concerns about low water pressures in Groesfaen.

The letter confirmed that investigations into reports of low water pressure were completed and information was enclosed showing minimum and maximum water pressures, at the highest point in Groesfaen, over a week.

The findings indicated that the minimum pressure recorded during the week was double Welsh Water's guaranteed standard. There did not appear to be any problem with water pressure in the village. Welsh Water indicated that they would be pleased to investigate any properties claimed to be affected by low water pressure.

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson, Councillor Rea, pursue the matter of low water pressure in Groesfaen direct with Welsh Water.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(I) **Pedestrian crossing, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Council was pleased to receive the reply of the Highway Authority to the effect that an order had been issued to upgrade the lanterns adjacent to the pedestrian crossing to a more powerful type of unit providing better illumination within the area of the crossing.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(ii) **Freedom and Responsibility in Local Government**

The Clerk reported receipt of a policy statement from the Welsh Assembly Government.



The document was the first document in which the Welsh Assembly Government had set out fully its policies for local government in Wales and its vision for the future of local government.

RESOLVED: That the Council note the document.

(iii) **New audit regime**

The Clerk reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils when a presentation was given by the District Auditor for the Newport area on the proposals for a new audit regime.

A summary of the presentation was produced for Members' information at Appendix 7 to the Council's agenda.

RESOLVED: That the proposals for altering the current audit arrangements be noted.

(iv) **Complimentary letter**

The Council was pleased to receive a complimentary letter about the work of its Handyman in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted and that the Council's congratulations be passed on to the Handyman together with a copy of the complimentary letter.

(v) **Application for the renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

The Council received details of an application for the renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence at Myllards Restaurant, Miskin Manor Health and Fitness Centre, Miskin.

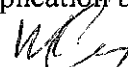
RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(vi) **Application for the Grant of an Occasional Public Entertainment Licence**

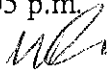
(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

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

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.



10. The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

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