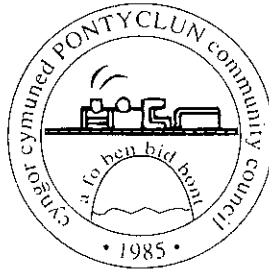


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 3 March, 2004.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and Mr Garry Kiss of the Education and Children's Services Group of the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, both for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth, S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

RESOLVED: That the disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures

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

There were no items of business for report.

4. **Police matters**

(a) **Crime figures for February, 2004**

P C Keddle reported that for the month of February, 2004, twenty six crimes were reported to the police affecting the Community of Pontyclun. P C Keddle gave a breakdown of the crimes into categories.

The report was noted.

(b) **The Bute Arms, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle asked if the Community Council had any information in relation to the Bute Arms, Pontyclun, which had been closed for several months.

The Council advised that planning consent had been awarded for the development of a licensed premises on the ground floor with health facilities on the first floor. Renovation work was believed to be imminent.

(c) **New pedestrian crossing, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle asked if the Council had any information about when the new pedestrian crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, would become operational.

The Council advised that it had no information on the matter, since this was a Highways function of the Borough Council, but would wish the crossing to become operational as soon as possible.

(d) **CCTV cameras in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle and a number of Members of the Council queried whether the new CCTV cameras in Pontyclun were functional. There had been a number of reports that several of the cameras had not moved for several weeks casting doubt on whether they were working.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Huish follow up the matter with the Borough Council.

(e) **Speeding traffic in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea drew P C Keddle's attention to the commitment given by Inspector Mence to monitor the speed of traffic entering Groesfaen from the west by the use of a mobile camera. Councillor Rea asked whether the monitoring had taken place.

RESOLVED: That P C Keddle make enquiries on the matter and report back to the Community Council's April meeting.

(f) **Speeding car in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun**



Councillor Graham Davies reported that a yellow car with a flame motif on its side had often been noted speeding in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to ascertain the registration number of the vehicle.

Councillor Davies suggested that, to control the speed of traffic and in the interests of child safety, it might be possible to place a speed restriction on traffic using Palalwyf Avenue in the vicinity of the Primary School.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the possibility of a speed restrictions for traffic in the vicinity of the Primary School in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, with the Highways Authority.

(g) **Inspector Mence**

P C Keddle advised the Council that Inspector Mence of the Talbot Green Police Station planned to attend the next monthly meeting of the Community Council.

The report was noted.

(h) **New Cefn yr Hendy School**

The Council received a presentation from Mr Garry Kiss, a senior officer in the Education and Children's Services of the Borough Council on the construction of the new bi-lingual Community School at Cefn yr Hendy, Pontyclun.

Mr Kiss told the Council that the origins of the new school lay in the Section 106 Agreement which the Borough Council had inherited following the award of planning consent for residential development at Cefn yr Hendy. The school was originally proposed for 210 pupils but following the decision to vacate the Llantrisant Welsh medium school and move pupils to Pontyclun, provision for pupils had increased to 360.

Mr Kiss informed the Council that preliminary procedures were completed fairly quickly and easily with the result that the contractors, Cowlins, were able to start work at the site on 12 January, 2004, with a 58 week contract. Completion date was projected to be 21 February, 2005.

The school had always been planned as a "community school" and would be available, in addition to educational purposes during the day for its pupils, for community use during the day and evening. The building would be a two storey structure and would have a range of modern facilities which would not be found in more traditionally built schools. There would be multi



play areas and the developer had agreed to provide a playing field as close to the school as possible. Security would be provided by a perimeter fence with CCTV cameras erected in strategic positions.

Following his presentation Mr Kiss answered a number of questions from Members.

At the conclusion of questions, the Chairman, Councillor Rea, thanked Mr Kiss for taking the time to come along and talk to the Community Council about a highly prestigious project in the heart of the Community of Pontyclun.

Mr Kiss agreed that he would keep the Council aware of progress at the site.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 February, 2004**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 February, 2004, be approved as an accurate record subject to the substitution of the words "identifying essential infrastructure" for the words "progressing , evaluating or identifying a site in connection with the application" in paragraph 3 of item 5.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Dangerous railings, Maesyfelin**

Reports were received about the dangerous condition of a section of railings parallel with the footway adjacent to the Maesyfelin playing fields.

RESOLVED: That immediate action be taken to draw the matter to the attention of the Borough Council.

(b) **Adoption of private sewers, Miskin**

Councillor Chris Davies advised the Council that action was now being taken by a group of Miskin residents to get the sewer on Manor Hill formally adopted. The Action Group was being led by Mr Glen Evans, a local solicitor.

(c) **Traffic congestion in Miskin**

Councillor Chris Davies drew attention to the number of heavy lorries and coaches attempting to negotiate the narrow and difficult bridges across the railway line and adjacent to the Scouts' Hall in Miskin. Several incidents of severe congestion had been caused as a result of heavy vehicles attempting to negotiate narrow lanes.



RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Highway Authority to identify what control measures could be put into place.

(d) **Highway reinstatement works, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea reported a very poor highway reinstatement at the entrance to Y Parc following work by contractors.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk follow the matter up with the Highway Authority.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Minutes of the Council's Special meeting of 25 February, 2004**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special meeting of 25 February, 2004, be approved as an accurate record.

(b) **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

(c) **Invitation to join One Voice Wales**

The Council discussed at length the invitation to join One Voice Wales, the successor body to the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

The Council had deep reservations about joining the new association especially as the annual membership fee had increased by 106%. However, given the Community Council's support for one association together with the fact that the Council had been in membership of the Wales Association for 19 years, the Council believed that it was appropriate to join One Voice Wales for the first year, subject to review.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Community Council joins One Voice Wales for the 2004/05 year only.
- (ii) That at after a year's membership the performance of One Voice Wales be reviewed to establish whether the Community Council had received value for money. Among the factors which would be taken into account in deciding whether the Council had received value for money would be :



- (a) whether One Voice Wales had established three separate offices
- (b) whether a clear, accountable and transparent system for the appointment of all staff to the new association had been adopted based on a competency framework
- (c) whether there is clear strategy for raising the serious shortfall in income when the two year grant from the Welsh Assembly Government comes to an end without resorting to raising membership fees again
- (d) whether One Voice Wales succeeds in communicating with its membership by way of regular newsletters
- (e) whether there is a local, vibrant branch of the new association to serve the needs of community and town councils in Glamorgan and Gwent.

(d) **Inaugural Meeting of One Voice Wales**

The Council discussed whether it wished to send any representatives to the inaugural meeting of One Voice Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Councillor Rea, and the Clerk be nominated to attend the meeting.

(e) **Campaign to oppose the proposal to award tax relief on the purchase of second homes in connection with pension provision**

The Council discussed the information circulated to all community councils in Wales by Hywel Williams, MP, on the government's proposals to change the tax regulations with regards to the purchase of residential property as private pension investments.

The proposal would result in tax relief of up to 40% for people who purchase a second or third homes as a private pension investment. It was claimed that the proposed new system would give a huge advantage to investors in competition with local young people seeking to buy a home for the first time.

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RESOLVED: That the Community Council lend support to the campaign since it was believed that young people and the Welsh language would be adversely affected by the proposals.

(f) **Transfer of Licence – The Bute Arms, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the application for a transfer of the Licence at The Bute Arms, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that there is no provision for car parking at the premises. Patrons of the premises will park their vehicles in nearby side streets, adding to congestion and adversely affecting the facilities for local residents to park their cars.

(g) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 16,23,30 January and 6 & 13 February, 2004**

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

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain further details of application No. 0206/13.

(h) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Council's agenda.

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

There were no matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas to Members.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Brofiscin Community Liaison Group**

The Council received a copy of the minutes of the Group's meeting which took place on 21 October, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.

(b) **Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy**

The Council received a copy of the Borough Council's Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.



RESOLVED: That the document be noted.

(c) **Public Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence at the Miskin Scout Hall.

While Members were fully supportive of the fund raising activities of the Miskin Scouts' Group, it was observed that functions at the premises sometimes lead to traffic congestion in nearby Hensol Road.

(d) **Public Entertainment Licence**

The Council received information on the application for the renewal and variation of a Public Entertainment Licence at the Miskin Manor Hotel & Health Club.

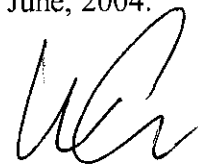
The information was noted.

(e) **Council's 2004 Annual Meeting**

The Clerk reported that elections to the Community Council would be held on 10 June, 2004, together with European elections and Borough Council elections. The Community Council would need to hold its Annual meeting within 14 days of the day of the elections.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the availability of the Community Centre for holding the Community Council's Annual Meeting on the evening of 23 June, 2004.

10. The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

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