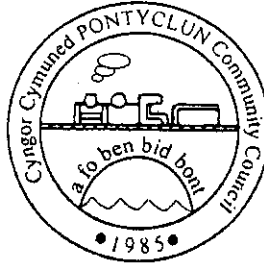


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APPENDIX No. 2 Pontyclun Community Council

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 3 May, 2006, at 7.12 p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors V A Cale, D Clayton-Jones, P Griffiths, Ms S Jenkins, A R Lane, and Ms P Thomas

Also in attendance: Police Community Support Officers Chris Martin and Matthew Tame, for part of the meeting, and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C Davies, D Henderson, R G Norman and M Rea.

2. **Declarations of interest**

RESOLVED: No disclosures were made.

3. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 2006**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 2006, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

(a) **Land at Brynsadler Mill**

(i) **Execution of Transfer Deed and draft Newsletter**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council note that the duplicate Transfer Deed had been executed. In addition, that it be also noted in reference to the Council's draft newsletter, that the Council's

solicitor had advised that he did not think there is anything under either the "New Riverside Walk" or "Community under Legal challenge" which could be used adversely against the Community Council in any future legal proceedings i.e. judicial review or defamation.

- (ii) That the Council record its appreciation of the legal advice in (i) above being given without any charge to the Council

(ii) **Concerns of residents of Millfield, Pontyclun**

Residents of Millfield present at the meeting addressed the Council and spoke of their concerns about the removal of undergrowth and vegetation adjacent to the newly erected fence marking the boundary between Community Council land and the land of the adjacent landowner. The undergrowth had been removed to a point at right angles with the existing fence in Millfield separating the pavement from the former Welsh Development Agency land.

As the undergrowth had been removed, residents predicted that members of the public would climb over the existing fence to gain access to the newly cleared path. If this were to happen residents believed that walkers would park their cars in Millfield and that this would result in traffic congestion to the detriment of residents.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk liaise with Mr Ken Penhallurick, a representative of the residents, to arrange a site meeting between residents and Members.
- (ii) That the Clerk provide a map to Mr Penhallurick and Members indicating the boundaries of the Community Council owned land.

(b) **Green Pontyclun**

(i) **Planters**

The Council discussed a letter from Mrs Eve Edwards, director of Relax in Comfort, of 20 Cowbridge Road,



Pontyclun. Mrs Edwards expressed her concern, and that of her neighbour, over the size of the recently sited Community Council planters sited outside their premises in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The concerns had already been acknowledged by Members and a number of possible alternative sites had been identified. These alternative sites were subject to the agreement of the respective landowners and the Highway Authority. The Clerk informed the Council that a meeting with an engineer of the Highway Authority was due to be held on 5 May, 2006 to establish the suitability of the alternative sites.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That Mrs Edwards be advised of the intention of the Community Council to re-site the planters.
 - (ii) That the Council also plan to re-site the planters located outside No.s 18 & 16 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

(ii) **Hanging baskets**

The Clerk read out a letter from the Council's Handyman suggesting ways for improving watering arrangements for the Council's hanging baskets.

The proposed arrangements centred on the desirability to carry out watering at quiet periods without causing traffic congestion and ensure that the Council's van was available to the Handyman at all times to carry out his normal duties. The proposed arrangements would also result in a significant saving of money for the Council.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council adopt the revised working arrangements proposed by Mr Oram for watering bedding plants.
 - (ii) That enquiries be made about the possibility of purchasing winter flowering plants for hanging baskets.

(c) **One Voice Wales**

The Chairperson, Councillor Sarah Jenkins, reported on her attendance at the last Area Committee meeting of One Voice Wales. Councillor told the Council that progress in getting the



new organisation running smoothly had been slower than expected and that the organisation had been faced with the departure of its Chief Executive. The vacancy for a new Chief Executive would be advertised shortly. There was an overwhelming view that the organisation should concentrate on providing a good basic service to its members as a priority.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the Clerk pursue with One Voice Wales the outstanding legal advice which had been sought by the Council.

(d) **Photography Competition**

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's photography competition had been very well received by members of the public. The exhibition of entries now on display at the Pontyclun library had generated considerable interest and enthusiasm. A date was awaited from the competition judge when he would be available to visit the library to view the entries. In the meantime, the librarian, Mrs Saunders, had asked if the exhibition could remain in place. Mrs Saunders had also offered the use of the library as a venue for presentations to winning entrants.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council record its pleasure at the success of the event.
 - (ii) That, is possible, a date for the judging of entries be arranged within the next 10 days.
 - (iii) That a suitable article be written for inclusion in the Llantrisant Observer.
 - (iv) That entry forms be produced for the 2006 competition.

(e) **Community Council Newsletter**

The Council was advised that the next edition of the Community Council's newsletter had been printed and supplies had been passed to the distributors. Delivery to every house in the Community was imminent.

- RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

(f) **Traffic calming in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed an article in the latest edition of The Diary, written by County Borough Councillor Huish, in which it was stated that the Borough Council no longer had any provision in its budget for road calming measures in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. The article appeared to contradict a recent letter from the Borough Council, reported to the last meeting of the Community Council, in which it was stated that traffic calming measures for Cowbridge Road were still under development. Additionally, that Borough Council staff were looking at the possibility of incorporating improved arrangements at the existing pedestrian crossing into the plans.

RESOLVED:

(i) That clarification on the apparent contradiction be sought from the Borough Council.

(ii) That the Community Council re-affirm to the Borough Council that the resolution of highway problems in Station Terrace, Pontyclun, remained a top priority.

(iii) That, if possible, a note of the issues and the reply of the Borough Council be circulated to Members in time for the next Community Council meeting.

(g) **Parking restrictions in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr Donald Sweeney of 77 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, complaining about the enforcement of parking restrictions outside his home. Mr Sweeney sought the introduction of a Residents Only Parking facility for certain residents living in Cowbridge Road. Mr Sweeney's letter was accompanied by a petition from local residents. Copies of the petition had been sent to the Borough Council and to both County Borough Councillors for Pontyclun.

PCSO Martin advised that parking restrictions at the location referred to by Mr Sweeney had been in place for some time. However, the restrictions had been technically deficient and, for this reason, had not been enforced. The deficiency had now been rectified and any motorist infringing the restrictions now ran the risk of being issued with a parking ticket. The parking restrictions had been placed by the Highway Authority, that is the Borough Council. Only the Borough Council could vary or remove the restrictions.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Sweeney be advised that the Community Council had no jurisdiction in the matter and that his request for a



variation to the restrictions be best pursued with the Borough Council.

5. **Police matters**

(a) **Police and Communities Together (PACT)**

PCSO Martin reported that the first PACT meetings had been held with members of the public. He was encouraged that the first Pontyclun PACT meeting had been attended by youths as well as members of the public.

Several topics of concern were discussed at the Pontyclun meeting covering the congregation and activities of youths on the platforms of Pontyclun railway station, damage to the shelters at Pontyclun railway station, the playing of rugby in Station Terrace and the possibility of the erection of a youth shelter. It was clear from feedback from the youths that if a youth shelter were to be erected it should be at a central position. PCSO Martin had also been asked to explain the "sudden enforcement of parking restrictions in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

PCSO Martin told the Council that he was optimistic that he could achieve closer cooperation with the British Transport Police in resolving some of the problems at the railway station. He also intended making enquiries about whether the CCTV installation in Pontyclun could be used more effectively.

PCSO Martin also advised that the format of future PACT meetings was being adjusted. The next meeting in Pontyclun would be held between 6.00 p.m. and 7 .00 p.m. in the Pontyclun Community Centre and would precede the Community Council's monthly meeting. He would welcome the presence at the PACT meeting of at least two Members of the Community Council.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That PCSO Martin's report be noted.
 - (ii) That a letter be sent to the inspector at Talbot Green police station complimenting the diligent and industrious ways in which PCSO Martin was carrying out his duties in the Community.

6. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Wales Air Ambulance**



The Council discussed a request for a financial donation towards the cost of running the Wales Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £100.00.

(b) **Weekly Planning Notifications**

The Council discussed the latest Weekly Planning Notifications from the Planning Authority.

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

Application No. 06/0400/10

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that the proposal represents residential development in the countryside and is outside the Local Plan. The Council is also concerned that development has already taken place and that the developer is only now seeking planning consent.

Application No. 06/0589/15

(i) That the Council is concerned that the applicant is seeking to remove a condition on his earlier consent which had been properly required by the Planning Authority

(ii) That the Council believe that the removal of the condition may result in increased traffic using the bailey bridge and Station Terrace to access Pontyclun.

(iii) That an invitation be extended to the planning officer dealing with the application to address the Community Council on the proposal.

(c) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 7 to the Council's agenda.

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

(a) **Sale of land in Miskin**

The Clerk referred to the earlier decision of the Council to sell a small plot of land in Miskin to Mr Alan Penman of The Lodge, Miskin.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Deed of Transfer had been forwarded to him by the Council's solicitors and now needed to be executed.

RESOLVED: That the Deed of Transfer be executed and that the document be returned to the Council's solicitors.

(b) **Sale of the former Park Hall cinema, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that despite the disappearance of the "For Sale by Auction" sign outside the former Park Hall cinema in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, enquiries with auctioneers Watts & Morgan had shown that plans to sell the premises were advanced. A sale by auction was scheduled to be held at 7.00 p.m. on 7 June, 2006, in the Bridgend Rugby Club.

The Clerk read out the sales particulars drawn up by Watts & Morgan for the information of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(c) **Tree felling**

The Clerk reported that he had followed up recent cases of tree felling in, and on the border of the Community with the Borough Council's Arboricultural Officer.

The Clerk had been told that even though the felled trees were not covered by tree preservation orders, the felling was in breach of Forestry Commission licensing conditions. As a result, the Borough Council had placed Emergency Tree Preservation Orders on the remaining adjacent woodlands at both sites.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Society of Local Council Clerks**

The Clerk reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks where the main item of business had been an address by a representative of the Welsh

Assembly Government on the review of local government currently being undertaken Sir Jeremy Beecham.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) **Area Committee of One Voice Wales**

No discussion took place under this item as the Chairperson had made a full report on her attendance earlier in the meeting under item 4 (c).

(c) **Members' Code of Conduct**

The Council received details of the Borough Council's plans to update all community councils within its area on changes to the Members' Code of Conduct. The Borough Council had arranged for three "roadshows" within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk attend the roadshow scheduled to be held in Pontypridd on the evening of 9 June.

(d) **Ombudsman service in Wales**

The Council received details of the new Ombudsman service in Wales whose remit will cover the great majority of Welsh public services. Copies of the leaflet "How to Complain about a Public Body" had been provided to Members. Details were also given on how further copies of the leaflet could be obtained.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

9. The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

