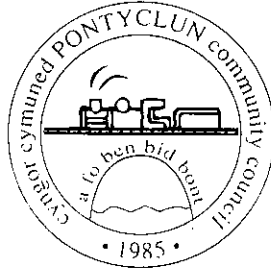


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 3 October, 2001.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, J V Huish and R G Norman

2. **Chairperson's/Leader's Business**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, informed the meeting that Councillor Mrs Peggy Thomas had, reluctantly, been forced to hand in her resignation as the Community Council nominated governor to the Governing Body of Pontyclun Primary School due to pressure of work. Councillor Thomas had already advised the Head teacher, Mr Keith Davies, of her resignation.

**RESOLVED:** That the question of an alternative nomination to the Governing Body be deferred to the Community Council's November meeting.

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Police attendance at Community Council meetings**

P C Keddle referred to the fact that he had been absent from some of the Community Councils recent meetings. He reminded the Council that, of necessity, his commitments to police work would

always have priority over attending Council meetings. Nevertheless, P C Keddle assured Members that he would attend Community Council meetings whenever his duties would allow him to do so.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Broken glass on the footway outside licensed premises in Pontyclun**

Councillor Dilworth drew the Council's attention to a recent incident, on a Saturday evening, when there was a considerable quantity of broken glass on the footway outside a public house in Pontyclun. Councillor Dilworth had contacted the Pontypridd police station and was referred to the Ton Pentre police station. Councillor Dilworth asked P C Keddle what level of police cover was available for Pontyclun after 9.30 p.m.

P C Keddle responded that the last reorganisation of the police in Rhondda Cynon Taff had provided for an east/west split in the administration of the force. Pontyclun no longer came under Pontypridd. Instead, it now comes under Ton Pentre.

The normal resources at the disposal of the police force to cover Pontyclun and numerous other villages in the locality remained substantially the same. P C Keddle reminded the Council that whenever it became necessary to take a prisoner to the Ton Pentre police station the local police resources were temporarily depleted to allow the police officers to discharge their duties with the prisoner.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That P C Keddle refer Councillor Dilworth's concerns about broken glass outside licensed premises to the licensing officer for the police force.
  - (ii) That the Clerk contact the licensees of the Windsor Hotel, The Bute, The Brunel and the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club asking for their cooperation in preventing patrons from breaking glasses in areas adjacent to their premises used by the public.

(c) **Confidence tricksters**

Councillor Mrs Pegi Thomas advised P C Keddle that she had received a report that a member of the public had been "conned" in the area. It was unclear whether the incident had been reported to the police.

The matter was noted.

(d) **Self defence**

Councillor Chris Davies enquired of P C Keddle whether it was lawful for a member of the public to carry a spray as a deterrent against potential attackers.

P C Keddle responded that it was illegal for a member of the public to intentionally carry a debilitating spray to ward off potential attackers. However, there were innocuous substances in spray form on the market which could prove very effective in the event of an assault.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Reports of prowlers in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea advised that there had been reports of prowlers in Groesfaen in the last month. The incidents had been reported to the police and they had attended but Councillor Rea was unaware of any further developments.

The report was noted.

(f) **Proposed parking restrictions**

P C Keddle referred to the proposals of the highway authority to introduce parking restrictions near the junction of Heol yr Orsaf and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. P C Keddle asked if the Council had any information on when the restrictions were likely to be introduced.

The Clerk responded that the Community Council had welcomed the proposed restrictions and had responded supportively to the Highway Authority some weeks earlier. Nothing further had been heard.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority to establish when the proposed restrictions were likely to be introduced.

(g) **Speed Cameras**

Councillor Rea advised the Council that it was likely that speed cameras would be installed in Groesfaen and at another site in the vicinity of Y Pant Comprehensive School/Leeke's superstore in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(h) **Speed warning repeater signs**

Councillor Mrs Pegi Thomas asked if there was any possibility of a change in legislation to allow the erection of speed warning repeater signs at several locations in the Community.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk raise the matter with the Highway Authority.

(i) **Speed restrictions in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea referred to the recently installed speed restrictions in Groesfaen. He pointed out that there was very little warning of the restrictions for drivers approaching Groesfaen from the direction of the Castell y Mynach public house.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of the Highway Authority.

(j) **Clun Avenue, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle referred to the earlier plans for the creation of parking bays between the trees in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. P C Keddle stated that he continued to receive complaints from residents in Clun Avenue about parking congestion. P C Keddle asked for the current position on the plans to create parking bays.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make enquiries of the Highway Authority to establish whether the plans of the former Taff Ely Borough Council to create parking bays in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun had been adopted by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(k) **Parking in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun**

Councillor Mrs Thomas expressed her concerns about parking congestion in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, on Sunday mornings when worshippers at St. Paul's Church and Bethel Baptist Church parked their vehicles near the churches.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to both churches asking for the cooperation of worshippers on Sunday mornings in limiting parking to one side of Heol Miskin.

(l) **Speeding in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea reported that despite the introduction of comprehensive speed restrictions on the A4119 in Groesfaen some motorists continued to flout the speed restrictions. In particular, a motorcyclist travelling in the direction of Talbot Green regularly sped through Groesfaen at speeds estimated to be up to 100 m.p.h. Due to the speed of the motorcycle it had not been possible to read the vehicle's registration number.

**RESOLVED:** That in the event of the motorcyclist's registration being established, the information be passed to the police.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 September, 2001**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 September, 2001 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Proposed installation of CCTV in Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that he had passed the Council's wish for a presentation from a Borough Council officer on CCTV, and its implications for the Community Council, to the Borough Council's Director of Environmental Services.

The Borough Council's officer with responsibility for CCTV systems in the Borough had agreed to attend a future meeting of the Community Council. The Clerk suggested that in advance of the visit it would be a good idea to give the CCTV officer an indication of the questions which the Council would like answered at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk give notice to the Borough Council's CCTV officer that it would wish to have clarification on the following issues:

- (i) when the installation would be completed
- (ii) an indication of any revenue costs to be met by the Community Council
- (iii) whether the cameras would be capable of a 360 degree coverage
- (iv) whether the quality of filming during darkness would be good enough to make positive identifications
- (v) an indication of the life of the system
- (vi) whether there would be any charge to the Community Council for the installation

- of telephone lines to the CCTV control centre
- (vii) the arrangements for repair and maintenance of the system
  - (viii) whether video footage from the system will have sufficient definition to allow identification of individuals at known trouble spots in Pontyclun.

(b) **Countryside Council – Roadshow Timetable**

The Council received a revised Roadshow Timetable from the Countryside Council giving details of arrangements where the public could gain access to information on common land and rights of way.

The original timetable had not given details of the Roadshow to be held in Cardiff.

**RESOLVED:** That the Revised Timetable be noted.

(b) **Grant applications**

(i) **Pontyclun Juniors AFC**

The Council received further details from the Pontyclun Juniors AFC in support of the Club's application for financial assistance.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk obtain clarification from the Club on whether the price quoted for goal posts referred to one set or two sets.

(ii) **St Paul's Thursday Group**

The Council received a late application for grant from the St Paul's Thursday Group.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That a grant of £50.00 be made.
- (ii) That the Group be reminded that any further applications for financial assistance must be received within the Council's prescribed timescale.

6. **Minutes of the Community Council's Special Meeting of 19 September, 2001**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's Special Meeting of 19 September, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **The New Ethical Framework under the Local Government Act, 2000**

The Council discussed the letter dated 14 September, 2001, from the National Assembly about the implications for community and town councils in Wales of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, 2000.

The new ethical framework requires each community and town council to adopt a code of conduct within 6 months of the Act coming into force. It also requires all members of community and town councils to give a written undertaking, within 2 months of the code being adopted, that they will be bound by the provisions of the code.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted and that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to bring the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Code of Conduct to the Community Council for adoption. Further, that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the receipt of declarations from individual members.

(b) **Talgarn Cricket Club**

The Council discussed a letter from the Talgarn Cricket Club about the level of the Council's grant to the Club for 2001/2002.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

(c) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 24 and 31 August, 7 and 14 September, 2001.**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 24 and 31 August and 7 and 14 September, 2001.

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

**Application No. 01/2745/10**

- (i) That the Community Council is supportive of the application provided that provision is made for residents' vehicles and
- (ii) that suitable provisions are made to safeguard the public footpath adjacent to the site.

(d) **Application for the Grant Of An Occasional Public Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for the Grant Of An Occasional Public Entertainment Licence at the Miskin Mill Scout Village, Miskin, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council not make any comment on the application.

(e) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 9 to the Council's agenda.

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

**Disabled persons' access to the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

The Clerk advised the Council that work to provide a disabled persons' access to the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler, was well advanced and only a small amount of work remained to be completed.

A problem had arisen about the best route for the access to follow and Groundwork has asked for a site meeting between the Council, Groundwork, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and the Pontyclun Football Club. The meeting had been arranged, on site, for 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11 October, 2001.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Pontyclun Park and Ride (Westbound)**

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council note that discussions with Railtrack had been protracted and that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council



hope that work to complete the project would start soon.

- (ii) That a copy of the Borough Council's correspondence be forwarded to Mr Bailey of Station Terrace, Pontyclun.

(b) **National Assembly's South East Wales Regional Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note that the next meeting of the South East Wales Regional Committee of the National Assembly would be held in Bridgend on 2 November, 2001. \*

(c) **Children's playground, Groesfaen**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note the steps taken by the Borough Council to remove offensive graffiti and to carry out routine maintenance at the children's playground in Groesfaen.

(d) **Overhanging shrubs**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note the steps taken by the Borough Council to remove the danger to pedestrians as a result of shrubs overhanging the footway in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

11. The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.