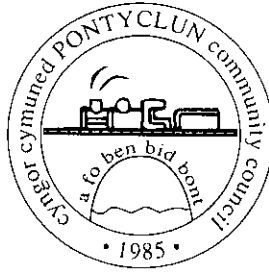


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 3 September, 2003.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth and J V Huish

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

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

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

The Chairperson reported that a meeting of the Brofiscin Quarry Liaison Committee had recently taken place.

The Committee had been updated on the testing which had taken place and an assurance had been given that local residents would be kept fully informed about the removal of material from site.

The report was noted.

4. **Police matters**

In the absence of a representative from the police it was agreed that this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Council.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 2 July, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 2 July, 2003 , be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 16 July, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 16 July, 2003 , be approved as an accurate record.

8. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

9. **Minutes of the Council's Finance Committee of 16 July, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Finance Committee meeting of 16 July, 2003 , be approved as an accurate record.

10. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

11. **Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations**

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted by the Community Council.

12. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Borough Council's Draft Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy**

The Council received and discussed the Borough Council's Draft Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. The Council noted that there was an opportunity to comment on the document by 4 September, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council decline to comment on the document and that the Clerk highlight to the Borough Council the unrealistic timetable for comment.

(b) **Occupational Health Physician**



The Council discussed the letter of 6 August, 2003, from the Borough Council's Human Resources Officer about the availability of an occupational health service and associated costs.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council avail itself of the services provided by the Borough Council's Occupational Health Physician for its three employees in the sum of £250.00 per annum.

(c) **Public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that the caretaker, Mr Ray Davies, had suffered a stroke and had submitted notice of resignation on ill health grounds. Mr Davies' resignation would become effective from 12 October, 2003.

During Mr Davies' absence a casual employee had been engaged to act as caretaker. The arrangement had not been successful and the services of the casual employee had been terminated due to sub standard work. Councillor Norman and the Clerk's son, Jonathan, had carried out significant work to restore the conveniences to an acceptable standard.

Jonathan Lewis had continued to act as relief caretaker and was prepared to continue to do so until the Council decided at this meeting whether it wished to appoint a replacement caretaker.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk make arrangements to recruit two part time caretakers, on a temporary basis, until 31 March, 2004, and that each employee be required to work 3 days and 4 days per week on alternating weeks.
 - (ii) That consideration be given at the January Finance Committee meeting to appointing a full time assistant to the Council's Handyman in the financial year 2004/5 and that part of the assistant's duties be cleaning and maintenance at the public conveniences.
 - (iii) That the Council's gratitude be expressed to Councillor Norman for his efforts in bringing the public conveniences back to an acceptable standard



- (iii) That the Clerk's actions in arranging for Jonathan Lewis to carry out caretaking duties at short notice be approved.

(d) **Rhondda and Taff Ely Crossroads**

The Community Council discussed an invitation to send a representative to the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Rhondda & Taff Ely Crossroads on 18 September, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the Council nominate the Chairperson or Clerk to represent the Council at the meeting.

(e) **Genetically Modified Free Areas**

The Council discussed a letter from Friends of the Earth urging the Council to lend its support to a campaign to create Genetically Modified Free Areas.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council not support the campaign since it believed that the issue of a genetically modified free area was not appropriate for the Community.

(f) **New political management structures in local government**

The Council discussed the letter dated 18 July, 2003, from the Clerk to the Local Government and Public Services Committee at the National Assembly for Wales. The letter sought views from a wide range of public bodies on how new political management structures introduced by the Local Government Act, 2000, had been successful in delivering more transparent, efficient and accountable decision-making in local government.

The Council discussed the letter at some length but came to the conclusion that only in a small minority of instances had the changes introduced at principal council level been noticed at community council level.

RESOLVED: That the Council's views be passed to the National Assembly for Wales.

(g) **Planning applications**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 20 June, 4, 11, 18 and 25 July, 1st, 8th and 15th August, 2003.

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

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

Application No. 03/1119/10

That the Council oppose on the application on the grounds that:

- (i) the applicant was attempting to circumvent planning legislation
- (ii) the proposal represented an over development of the plot of land
- (iii) inhabitants of Bryn Terrace, Brynsadler would be suffer a loss of privacy since residents would be overlooked from windows in the new development
- (iv) visitors to the property would be forced to park their vehicles in Llanharry Road, Brynsadler, thus causing highway congestion

Application No. 03/1253/10

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:

- (i) that the proposal represented an over development of the plot.
- (ii) that access to the development would be from a very busy sub standard lane used by commercial vehicle
- (iii) that the proposal would result in the felling of mature trees

Application No. 03/1376/10

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:

- (i) that the proposal represented an over development of the plot.
- (ii) that the proposal would be out of scale with adjacent properties



- (iii) that the proposal would be incongruous with neighbouring properties.

(h) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 9 to the Agenda.

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

The Noah's Ark appeal

The Council received an invitation to assist in the Noah's Ark Appeal. The appeal is designed to raise funds for the Children's Hospital in Wales and its main participant, Ian Botham, is planning to walk through the valleys of south east Wales from Chepstow to Pontyclun and back to Chepstow. The sponsored walk is due to take place in October, 2003.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Community Council donate £250.00 to the appeal.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the organisers of the walk to find out what assistance individual Members of the Council could offer.

14. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Once Voice Wales**

The Council received a progress report on the proposals to create a single voice to represent community and town councils throughout Wales.

The Council also received a consultation document on the future shape and functions of One Voice Wales. Councils were asked to comment on the document and that the comments be returned by 31 October, 2003.

RESOLVED: That a special meeting of the Council be convened to formulate comments.

(b) **Variations to refuse collection arrangements at Bank Holidays**

The Clerk reported that during the month he had contacted the Borough Council about the lack of information to local residents of the variation to refuse collection arrangements at Bank Holidays. A copy of the letter written by the Clerk was attached as Appendix 11 to the Agenda.



RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(c) **Radio Transmitters**

The Council received correspondence from O2 Airwave Service about the new police communications system which had been attracting some concern in some sections of the local community and media.

The company pointed out that the new radio systems were vital for the police force to carry out its work effectively. The new systems had potential to be extended for use by the fire and ambulance services.

The Council was told that the overwhelming scientific consensus of opinion showed that the new base station transmitters carried "no proven risk" to health. Wherever possible, O2 attempted to site its transmitters sensitively given the rugged hills, valleys and coastline in Wales.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

(d) **Disposal of land at less than best price**

The Council received a draft of regulations proposed by the National Assembly for Wales to enable local authorities in Wales to dispose of their land at less than best consideration.

RESOLVED: That the draft proposals be noted.

(e) **Partnership Council**

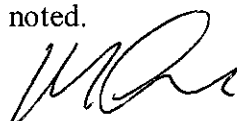
The Community Council was notified of the new composition of the Partnership Council for Wales by the National Assembly of Wales.

RESOLVED: That the new composition be noted.

(f) **Town & Country Planning Act, 1990**

The Community Council received notification that a person who, without planning consent, had changed the use of land affected to agriculture and use for the stationing of a caravan for residential purposes and the storage of a camper van, had appealed against the Planning Authority taking enforcement action against him. Details of the appeal arrangements were given.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.



(g) **Implications of the Model Code of Conduct for Planning Committee members**

The Council received the letter of 3 June, 2003, from the Welsh Assembly Government where clarification was given on the possible conflict of interest where a member of a community council was party to consideration of a planning matter at community level and again at principal council level.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(h) **Finance Committee meeting of 16 July, 2003**

The Council received copies of the supporting papers which members of the Finance Committee received at the Committee's meeting on 16 July, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(i) **Vale of Glamorgan Show**

The Clerk read out a letter which had recently been received from Dr Wynne Davies, Ceulan Farm, Miskin, enclosing the result of the Woodland Classes at the recent Vale of Glamorgan Show and, also, the comments of the judge, Mrs Celia Thomas of Coed Cymru.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

15. The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

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