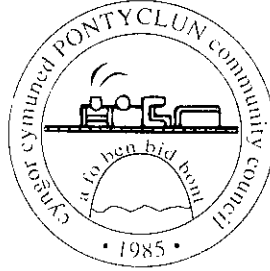


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 December, 2002.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, J R Dilworth, J V Huish, R G Norman and M Rea

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle, C Davies, S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make the appropriate entries 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**

(i) **Remembrance Day**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Service in Pontyclun on Sunday 10 November, 2002. He reported that despite indifferent weather the service was well attended by members of the public.

The report was noted.

(ii) **Llantrisant and District History Society**

The Chairperson reminded the Council that earlier in the year it had made a grant to the Llantrisant and District History Society as a contribution to the book the Society intended publishing on the history of Talygarn and Pontyclun.

The book had been published and a formal launch of the publication was to be held in the Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on 18 December, 2002. The Chairperson urged as many Members as possible to attend the launch.

The report was noted.

(iii) **Ynysddu Estate**

The Leader, Councillor Huish, reported that an appeal against the refusal of the Planning Authority to grant planning consent for residential development for an extension to the Ynysddu Estate had been allowed on appeal to the Welsh Assembly.

The residents of the estate had fought a tremendous battle in opposing the application and were disappointed with the outcome of the appeal. Nevertheless, certain Section 106 planning gains had been secured from the planning applicant, one of which would result in the creation of a "puffin" crossing in Llantrisant Road which would allow for the safe crossing of Llantrisant Road for pupils attending Y Pant Comprehensive school.

The report was noted.

(iv) **Proposed film studios and ancillary residential and highway development**

Councillor Huish reported that a major planning application, seeking consent for film studios, residential and highways development was due to be decided by the Planning Authority on the following day. The recommendation was that the Authority should approve the application.

While the land subject of the application lay within the area of an adjacent community council, it was likely that any development would have an impact on the Community of Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

4. **Police matters**

**RESOLVED:** That in the absence of P C Keddle this item of business be deferred to the Council's next meeting.



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

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

6. **Matters arising**

**Proposed Christmas 2002 celebrations**

The Clerk gave a summary of the arrangements for the Christmas 2002 celebrations, namely:

- (a) that Christmas trees had been purchased for commercial premises in the Community
- (b) that a Christmas card design competition had been arranged at Y Pant Comprehensive School and that book tokens had been purchased for the winners.
- (c) that a painting competition had been arranged for Pontyclun Primary School and that book tokens had been purchased for the winners.
- (d) that posters had been displayed in all Community Council noticeboards advertising a Best Illuminated House Competition for each of the Community Council's four wards
- (e) that considerable research had been carried out into the feasibility of erecting Christmas lights on the tree on Miskin green

In relation to (d) above, the Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs P Thomas had nominated 18 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, for consideration for a prize for the Cefn yr Hendy Ward.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the arrangements be noted.
  - (ii) That the Clerk arrange to provide three Christmas trees for the Dynevor Arms, Groesfaen.
  - (iii) That, in subsequent years, the Clerk arrange for each public house in the Community to be provided with three Christmas trees.
  - (iv) That Councillor Huish make appropriate arrangements for the competitions to be judged.
  - (v) That in view of the very considerable cost involved in erecting Christmas lights on the tree on Miskin green, the project be abandoned.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

- (a) **Pontyclun Youth Club**



(Councillor J R Dilworth declared an interest in the matter and vacated the Council chamber. Councillor R G Norman declared a pecuniary interest in the matter and exercised his right to remain in the chamber but not to partake in any vote)

The Council discussed a letter from Bill Carey of 47 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun. Bill stated that he and other young people of the Pontyclun Youth Club had been meeting at the Pontyclun Fire Station for 18 months while attempts were made to seek alternative premises for a youth club. Unfortunately all efforts to find premises for the club had failed. The Community Council was asked whether it would help to find a home for the youth club.

A lengthy discussion took place on the considerable efforts made to date to secure permanent premises for the youth club. Reference was also made to the investigations which had been conducted by officers of the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council into youth provision in the area.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That a sub committee be formed comprising the Chairperson together with Councillors C Davies, J G Davies and J V Huish to discuss what assistance the Community Council may be able to offer the Pontyclun Youth Partnership in securing permanent premises in the Community.
  - (ii) That the Clerk reply to Bill Carey thanking him for his letter and advising him of the formation of the sub committee to investigate ways of progressing the matter.

(b) **Planning applications**

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

The Council discussed details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks ended 25 October, 1, 8, and 15 November, 2002.

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

**Application No. 02/1728/10**

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds:



- (i) that the proposal is an over development of the plot.
- (ii) the applicant is attempting to circumvent planning regulations in that if he made an application for residential development that application would be refused.
- (iii) there is insufficient space for adequate car parking

(c) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 3 to the Agenda

(d) **Possible development of land in Miskin**

The Council received a presentation from Mr Russell Howell of Pentyrch about the possibility of developing land he had recently purchased alongside the river Ely in Miskin.

Mr Howell stressed that he had not submitted an application for planning consent but was hopeful of gaining the support of the Community Council in advance of any formal application to the Planning Authority.

In outline, Mr Howell proposed raising the level of the river bank on the Miskin side of the river Ely by approximately 8 feet by the tipping of inert material. After tipping work had ended he proposed converting the area into a park.

The Chairperson advised Mr Howell that it would be inappropriate for the Community Council to commit itself to supporting any scheme in advance of a formal application for planning consent being submitted to the Planning Authority. If an application is submitted to the Planning Authority the Community Council would be contacted and asked to provide comments on the application. Any comments would need to be provided on the basis that the Community Council had considered the matter with an open mind and taken into account all factors. Clearly, the Community Council would not be able to do this if it had already pledged its support for an application.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Howell for addressing the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note Mr Howells' presentation.

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



### **South Wales Police Authority**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the South Wales Police Authority stating that the Authority would be holding a series of public Meetings during January, 2003 on its Budget Strategy and Council Tax Precept for the forthcoming year.

The stated purpose of the meeting will be to explain the reasons why the Police Authority council tax precept is set at the level it is and also, more importantly, to consult with members of the public on how much they are prepared to pay for their police service.

The meeting for the Rhondda Cynon Taff Division is scheduled to be held in the Michael Sobell Sports Centre, Aberdare at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, 20 January, 2003.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council defer making a decision on attendance until its January meeting.

### 9. **Matters reported for information**

#### (a) **Footbridge across the Nant Dyfrgi**

The Clerk reported that following vandalism at the bridge the Council's Handyman carried out an inspection of the bridge's structural timbers.

It was found that a number of the timbers were suffering from significant rot and required replacement. The bridge was immediately closed to walkers and new timbers were ordered. The Council's Handyman dismantled the existing timbers, strengthened the structure and re-constructed the bridge with the new timbers. In total the work took around a month to complete and all the work was completed to a very high standard. A considerable amount of money had been saved by using the Council's Handyman to carry out the work.

Since the re-opening of the bridge many walkers had commented on the excellent work undertaken by Mr Derek Oram, the Council's Handyman.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk convey the Council's appreciation of the first class work to Mr Oram.

#### (b) **The Ramblers' Association**

The Council received details of the "Victory over 'Van Hoogstraten' Path" in which the Ramblers' Association had taken the East Sussex County Council to court over the County Council's



failure to consider removing the obstruction on a path over the Van Hoogstraten Estate.

It was held in the Court of Appeal that diverting the footpath was a failure of the East Sussex County Council's statutory duty to "protect public footpaths and bridleways in the face of flagrant and provocative obstruction of such paths by landowners"

The Ramblers' Association wished to thank all community and parish councils throughout the U.K. for their support in bringing the case to court.

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the Ramblers' Association be noted.

(c) **Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

The Council received details of an appeal against the refusal of the Planning Authority to award planning consent for the retention of a caravan for residential purposes in connection with agricultural activities on land opposite Elms Farm, Llanharry Road, Pontyclun.

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

(d) **The Brunel Arms, Pontyclun**

The Council received details of an application for the Renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence at the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun.

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

(e) **All Hallows Hall, School Road, Miskin**

The Council received details of an application for the Renewal & Variation of a Community Premises Entertainment Licence at the All Hallows Hall, School Road, Miskin.

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

(f) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

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

The Council received a notification from the Director of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to the effect that John R Dilworth was until lately a part-time paid officer of the Association. He had resigned his post.



The Association requested the Community Council, as a member council, accept the Association's notice as a disclaimer that the Association will not be responsible for any action or statement done, or being given by a newsletter under the heading of "ADVICE BOX" produced by John R Dilworth.

The Clerk circulated a letter written by Councillor John R Dilworth in reply to the letter from the Director of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

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

10. The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

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