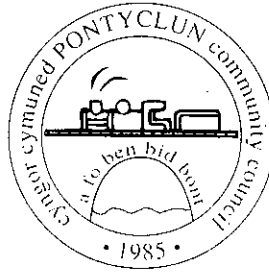


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 July, 2001.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea and Mrs P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle and J R Dilworth.

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

There were no items of Chairperson's/Leader's Business

3. **Police matters**

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Community Policeman, P C Keddle, discussion under this item of business be deferred to the Council's next monthly meeting.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's Meeting of 6 June, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's Meeting of 6 June, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

Audit of Accounts, 2000/2001

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor completed his audit of the Community Council's accounts on Wednesday, 20 June, 2001.

The stated that the Auditor had questioned him on a wide range of issues arising during the year of audit. A number of the questions were connected with the letters written to the District Auditor by Councillor Dilworth. The Auditor intended holding a meeting with Councillor Dilworth but had been unsuccessful to date in arranging that meeting.

6. **Minutes of the Council's Finance Committee meeting of 20 June, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Finance Committee meeting of 20 June, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Adoption of recommendations**

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

8. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that as a result of the considerable increase in the Council's spending during the 2000/2001 financial year it would be necessary to draw upon Community Council funds which were on deposit and subject to a month's notice. The Clerk would be seeking the signature of two Members in the next few days for the withdrawal of funds on deposit.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

9. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Proposed traffic restrictions in Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the proposal of the Borough Council to introduce parking restrictions near the junction of Heol yr Orsaf with Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council wholeheartedly support the introduction of parking restrictions near the junction.

(ii) That the Community Council ask the Borough Council to erect more prominent car park directional signs from Cowbridge Road to the car park off Heol yr Orsaf.

(iii) That, due to the number of vehicles taking shortcuts, the Community Council ask the Borough

Council to give consideration to the introduction of traffic control measures in the back lane parallel with Cowbridge Road and joining Heol yr Orsaf.

(b) **Draft Guidance on Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social and Environmental Well Being**

The Community Council considered the draft guidance produced by the National Assembly.

The Council accepted that the new powers would have little or no direct affect on community councils since the powers would be exercised only by principal councils. However, it was envisaged that there may be some indirect benefit where a principal council decides to set up local regeneration forums. In these circumstances it is possible that local forums would receive delegated powers from principal councils.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council declines to make any comment on the draft guidance.

(c) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 8, 15 and 22 June, 2001**

(Councillors Huish and Norman declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the detail of all the applications be noted.
 - (ii) That in the case of application T/01/2519/10 details be sought as a matter of urgency and circulated to all Members.
 - (iii) That any Member having any comments on the application be asked to forward the comments to the Clerk.
 - (iv) That the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairperson, be authorised to submit the Community Council's comments to the Planning Authority.

(d) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Council's agenda.

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

Playground adjacent to Station Terrace, Pontyclun

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from a worried parent who had asked to remain anonymous. The parent was concerned about the state of the recently constructed children's playground at the western end of Station Terrace, Pontyclun.

The worried parent complained of overflowing litter bins, the presence on the ground of syringes and bricks and the apparent lack of any maintenance to equipment. The complainant had also commented upon the practice of teenagers of congregating at the site and inhibiting younger children from using the playground.

The parent was uncertain of who to complain to, and wondered whether it was the Community Council, the Borough Council or the Pontypridd and District Housing Association who had responsibility for the management of the playground.

The writer of the letter also expressed concern at the risk posed to young children from the delay in the completion of work to improve access to the west bound platform of Pontyclun Station.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That in the first instance, the Clerk obtain clarification on which body is responsible for the proper upkeep of the playground.
 - (ii) That the Clerk report the presence of used syringes and possible drug abuse to the police.
 - (iii) that, if necessary, the Clerk make contact with the Pontypridd and District Housing Association to seek clarification of maintenance responsibilities.
 - (iv) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to establish the timetable for completion of the outstanding work on the access to the westbound platform of the Pontyclun Station.

11. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Grant application forms**



The Clerk reminded the Council that its annual grants distribution meeting was due to be held on 16 July, 2001.

To date, only a small number of grant application forms had been completed and returned to the Community Council with a copy of the respective organisation's accounts for the previous year. The Clerk sought Members' assistance in urging those organisations who had not returned their applications to do so as soon as possible.

The matter was noted.

(b) Erection of bus shelter in Groesfaen

The Council discussed two fax messages received from Mr Richard Fairlamb of Groesfaen about the erection of the proposed new bus shelter in Groesfaen.

From the second fax message it was clear that Mt Fairlamb was now aware that the bus shelter had been erected and that the Community Council had fulfilled its commitment to Groesfaen residents.

The fax messages were noted.

(c) South East Wales Regional Committee of the National Assembly

The Council received details of the next meeting of the South Wales Regional Committee of the National Assembly.

The information was noted.

(d) Local Government Salary Award, 2001

The Clerk reported details of the local government salary award, effective from 1 April, 2001.

That the information be noted and that the Clerk arrange for the implementation of the award to all the Community Council's employees.

12. The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.