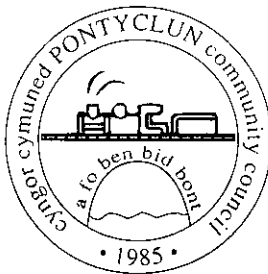


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 October, 2000

PRESENT: Community Councillors C Davies, J G Davies, J R Dilworth (for items 10 (c) and 10 (d) only), J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea and S Rogers

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, V A Cale, and P Thomas

2. **Chairperson**

In the absence of the Chairperson, Councillor Dilworth, the Chair was occupied by the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Norman.

3. **Chairperson's Business**

There were no items of Chairperson's Business.

4. **Police Matters**

(a) **Rowdyism in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle advised the Council that there had been rowdyism problems in Pontyclun during the weekend of 22/23 September. The police had responded to the incident and there had been no recurrence of the problems on the following weekend.

The report was noted.

(b) **Operation Goldfinch**

the Talbot Green police station. An officer had recently returned from the operation but within a few weeks another officer had been seconded from the Talbot Green police station. P C Keddle was hopeful that he would be able to spend time in the police office at the Pontyclun Community Centre in November.

The report was noted.

(c) **Restructuring of the police service**

P C Keddle informed the Council that as a result of a restructuring within the police service the Talbot Green station now came under the Ton Pentre police station. While members of the public were unlikely to notice any difference in the level of service, greater flexibility would be afforded to the police since prisoners could now be taken to the Pontypridd or Ton Pentre police stations.

The report was noted.

5. **Minutes of the Council's Extraordinary Meeting of 24 August, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Extraordinary Meeting of 24 August, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

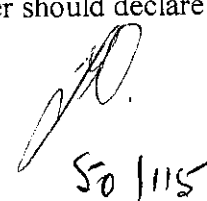
6. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Minutes of the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 24 August, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 24 August, 2000, be approved as an accurate record subject to:

- (a) an amendment to minute 9 to reflect that Councillor Norman declared an interest in that item of business and took no part in the Council's discussions.
- (b) an amendment to minute 10 (a)(iii) to reflect that the two Miskin Ward members were also invited to attend the War Memorial to be photographed..
- (c) an amendment to minute 8 (c) where, in addition to declaring an interest in that item of business, Councillor Huish wished it recorded that both the Legal Officer of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and the District Auditor had advised that where a member held dual membership of a principal council and a community council that member should declare



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an interest at either council when a planning matter was being discussed.

8. **Matters arising**

(a) **CCTV installation in Pontyclun**

The Council discussed two letters from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about the possible installation of CCTV in Pontyclun.

The first, dated 21 August, stated that the Borough Council was looking into the possibility of combining the Community Council's proposals with coverage for other parts of Pontyclun and Talbot Green. To do this it was necessary to consider the means of transmission between the telephone exchange in Talbot Green and the control room in Pontypridd.

If the Pontyclun scheme was included as part of a larger scheme covering Pontyclun and Talbot Green it would be more viable to use fibre optic links or BT's newer RS3000. Information was awaited from BT. As soon as the information was available the Borough Council would contact the Community Council again.

The second letter, dated 8 September, thanked the Community Council for showing an interest in the government's CCTV bidding process and advised that all bids were to be received via the Partnership for Crime and Disorder with the closing date being the end of 2001. Early applications stood a better chance of success since there were limited funds.

The Clerk advised that some of the contents of the letter of 8 September appeared to conflict with the earlier letter of 21 August. The Clerk sought the guidance from those members of the Council who had been pursuing the CCTV initiative on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council disregard the Borough Council's letter of 8 September, 2000.

(b) **Miskin War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that since the Council received notification that the Miskin War Memorial had been included in the statutory lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, he had discovered that several other nearby buildings had also been included in the statutory lists. The Clerk had been unable to generate any interest by the press to take a photograph of the Memorial.



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RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to approach a local photographer to take a photograph of the Memorial and that the Clerk draft a short accompanying article to be forwarded to the press.

(c) **Planning Appeal to the National Assembly**

The Council received the result of a planning appeal by Mr G L Sharkey to the National Assembly in respect of an application for planning consent to develop a nursery industrial unit at the Junction Works, Pontyclun. The application had previously been refused by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. The appeal was decided in favour of the appellant.

RESOLVED: That the decision be noted.

(d) **Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 2000**

The Council received a letter from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which it was stated that a certificate to mark the Community Council's success in the Competition, together with a cheque, would be handed to the Council's representative at a presentation evening currently being organised.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the presentation evening by the Chairperson, Councillor Dilworth.

9. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) and (b) **Late applications for grant**

RESOLVED: That consideration of the 8 applications for grant aid be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee.

(c) **Complaint about condition of pavements**

The Council discussed a copy of a letter which had been sent to Councillor Huish by Mr Graham Croad of 52 Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun.

Mr Croad asked whether it would be possible for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to treat and remove the increasing quantities of weeds growing in the pavements and gutters in the streets surrounding the Pontyclun Athletic Club, Fairview Close and Rhyd y Nant.

Mr Croad also drew attention to the poor condition of the footpath leading from the ramp from the Cardiff-bound platform of the station to the main road directly alongside the veterinary surgeon's premises. Mr Croad pointed out that if the footpath was not repaired an injury to a member of the public was likely to occur. It was suggested that in addition to repairing the footpath the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council give consideration to widening the pavement and imposing parking restrictions on the road.

Councillor Huish advised that he had already written to Railtrack about Mr Croad's complaints, in as much as they related to Railtrack responsibilities, and was pleased to be able to announce that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was in the process of setting up special weed spraying gangs within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk thank Mr Croad for his letter and inform him of the steps taken to address his complaints.

(d) **Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod**

The Council received the thanks of the Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod for the Council's donation of £100.00 towards the cost of staging the 2001 Eisteddfod. In recognition of the Council's support, the Eisteddfod organisers extended an invitation for two Community Council representatives to attend the 2001 event.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline the invitation to attend the Eisteddfod but that the Clerk ask for a complimentary copy of the Eisteddfod programme.

(e) **"Why the Census Forms Must Change"**

The Council received a letter from Mr Simon Thomas, MP, requesting the Council's support for a campaign for amendments to the 2001 Census forms.

Mr Thomas pointed out that the Census forms, which will be distributed to every home in the U.K. in 2001, will not include a space for people to describe themselves as Welsh, whereas people in Scotland will be able to describe themselves as Scottish. Additionally, people living outside Wales are not being asked whether they can speak Welsh. It is known that there are large Welsh speaking communities in cities such as London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham. The numbers of Welsh speakers identified by the Census will not be correct if people outside Wales are not asked if they can speak Welsh.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forward a letter in support of the campaign for amendments to the 2001 Census form to Mr Simon Thomas, MP.

(f) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 11, 18 and 25 August and 1, 8, 15 and 22 September, 2000**

(Councillor Huish declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's discussions. Councillor Huish reminded Councillor Norman of the legal advice given to all members of the Borough Council that they should declare an interest when planning applications were being discussed at community council meetings)

RESOLVED: That the following comment be made about planning application No. T/00/2680/15:

That provided the requirements which led to the Planning Authority imposing the condition for the provision and implementation of a surface water regulation system had not changed, the Community Council is opposed to the application for the removal or variation of condition.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 14 to the Council's agenda.


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

(a) **Application for grant aid by the Pontyclun Youth Partnership**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's discussions. In Councillor Norman's absence the Chair was occupied by Councillor Rea)

The Clerk distributed a letter the Council had received from Mrs Margaret Griffiths, Chairwoman of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership. A discussion took place on the letter.

The Council strongly supported the initiative of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership in addressing a major need in the Community. The Council appreciated the wholehearted effort made by each member of the Partnership in contributing to the sum of £2,800 already raised.



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The Council also recognised that it had a duty to the Council tax payers of Pontyclun to ensure that any grant aid provided to the Partnership was wisely spent. At this stage, the Community Council was not certain that all potential costs had been taken into account by the Partnership in attempting to provide a youth club in the Talygarn Pavilion. To enable the Community Council to give proper consideration to the request for a grant the Council believed it was important to identify all potential costs.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the application for financial assistance be deferred to the Council's Finance Committee
 - (ii) That the Clerk seek guidance from the District Auditor in its consideration of the application.
 - (iii) That the Pontyclun Youth Partnership be asked to provide details of the proposed capital and revenue costs together with a business plan.

(b) **Best Value – Customer Survey – Improving Services**

The Clerk reported receipt of a customer survey under Best Value from the Environmental Services Directorate in connection with the service review of Highways Maintenance, Street Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance.

- RESOLVED:** That the Clerk complete the survey on behalf of the Community Council.

(c) **Local Biodiversity Action Plan**

The Clerk reported receipt of an invitation from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to attend the launch of "Action for Nature" on 17 October, 2000, at 12 noon at the Rhondda Heritage Park, Porth, on behalf of the Steering Group which had produced the new Biodiversity Action Plan.

- RESOLVED:** That approval be given for any Member of the Council to attend the launch.

11. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Temporary speed limit**

The Council received details of a temporary speed limit, of 30 mph, on that length of the A4119 Mwyndy Cross, Llantrisant, from a point 100 metres north of its junction with Cefn y Parc Cemetery

Road south westwards to a point approximately 560 metres north of its junction with the roundabout at the M4 motorway, at the boundary of the 50 mph and derestricted speed limits.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(b) **Footpath Diversion Order**

The Council received details of the diversion of Footpath No. 314 (Llantrisant) at Penybryn Hendy, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(c) **Tree and bulb planting in the vicinity of Pontyclun War Memorial**

The Council received details of the tree and bulb planting scheme planned by the Pontyclun Women's Institute in the vicinity of the Pontyclun War Memorial.

RESOLVED: That the Women's Institute be congratulated for its imagination in promoting a scheme which would be welcomed by all Community residents and maintain the long association between the local branch of the Women's Institute and the ground in the vicinity of the Pontyclun War Memorial.

(d) **Llantrisant and District Local History Society**

The Council received details of the winter programme of the Llantrisant and District Local History Society.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Community Council was a corporate member of the Society and that all Members were entitled to attend any of the Society's lectures.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the programme be noted.

12. The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

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