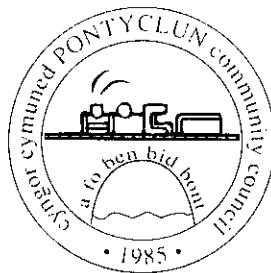


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 September, 2002.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle and J V Huish. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were received from Members.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the appropriate entry 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) **Chairperson**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, advised the Council that he had nothing to report.

M Thomas

(ii) **Leader**

In the absence of the Leader, Councillor Huish, there was no discussion under this heading

4. **Police matters**

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

5. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 July, 2002**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 July, 2002, be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Re-location of bus shelter**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, reported that several Members had attended the site on Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, to discuss the proposed erection of the replacement bus shelter. The meeting was also attended by representatives of Redrow, the developers at the site of the former brewery in Brynsadler.

The Chairperson regretted to report that representatives from the Highway Authority failed to attend the meeting, despite all on site remaining present for 20 minutes beyond the scheduled time for the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Highway Authority and had been told that members and officers from the Highway Authority had been delayed at an earlier meeting and as a result were 40 minutes late arriving at Pontyclun. Members and officers of the Highway Authority had asked the Clerk to convey their apologies for any inconvenience caused to those who had attended the site meeting punctually. The Clerk also reported that a further meeting would be held at a date to be agreed.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council press the Highway Authority for an early date to re-convene the Heol Miskin site meeting.
 - (ii) That in the event of the site in Heol Miskin being unsuitable, the Council pursue the possibility of the erection, by Redrow, of a gazebo type building on Community Council land in Brynsadler
 - (iii) That in the event of both possibilities above not being feasible, the Council *MT*

press Redrow for financial recompense for the demolition of its bus shelter in Brynsadler.

(b) **New Audit Regulations**

The Clerk reminded Members of the recent changes to the audit arrangements for community and town councils. In particular he emphasised that it was now necessary to carry out an internal audit by a "competent and independent" person prior to an external audit by the District Auditor.

He reported that he had made enquiries with the Borough Council to establish whether that authority would be prepared to undertake the role of internal auditor. Initially, the response from the Borough Council was positive. Later, on enquiry by the Clerk, it was found that while the Borough Council was still interested in carrying out the work at some point in the future, it would not be in a position to carry out an internal audit for the Community Council's 2001/2002 accounts.

Subsequent enquiries by the Clerk with the Society of Local Council Clerks had established that a retired senior accountant of the Borough Council would be prepared to undertake the audit of the Community Council's accounts for 2001/2002. The accountant's fee for carrying out the audit was considered to be modest in relation to the fees charged in previous years by District Audit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to engage the retired accountant for the internal audit of the Community Council's accounts for 2001/2002.

(c) **Draft guidance on the new ethical framework**

Members discussed the Draft Guidance on the Ethical Framework introduced under Part III of the Local Government Act, 2000. Copies of the Ethical Framework had been delivered to Members in July, 2002.

RESOLVED: That the draft guidance be noted.

(d) **Proposed Christmas lights in Miskin**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting with a street lighting engineer from the Borough Council was due to take place on 11 September, 2002, to discuss the proposal for the erection of Christmas lights on the mature tree on Miskin Green. *u7*

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that an invitation to attend the site meeting be extended to Councillor C Davies.

(e) **Former Pontyclun to Beddau railway line**

Councillor Norman stated that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Community Council when the proposal to re-open the Pontyclun to Beddau railway line was discussed.

While respecting the Council's decision in the matter, Councillor Norman wished to place on record his disappointment that the Council had decided not to support the proposal without having the benefit of a presentation from the supporters of the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the comments be noted.

(f) **Old School Surgery, Pontyclun**

Reference was made to the decision of the Borough Council to refuse planning consent for a palisade fence on the boundaries of the Old School Surgery, School Street, Pontyclun.

There was agreement by the Council that some preventative measures were essential to deter the regular vandalism occurring at the surgery and disappointment was expressed that the Borough Council had seen fit to refuse the recent planning application.

A further application for planning consent was submitted and it was hoped that the proposals would find favour with the Borough Council.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the clerk write to the police asking for regular patrols in the vicinity of the surgery to deter vandalism.
 - (iii) That a copy of the letter to the police be sent to the practice manager.

7. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 17 July, 2002**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 17 July, 2002, be approved as an accurate record. *MT*

8 **Matters arising**

- (a) **Consultation document on the future of specialised health care for children of Wales**

The Council discussed the consultation document. Copies had previously been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the document be noted.

(b) **Applications for financial assistance**

(i) **Pontyclun Girls' Club**

An application was received from the Pontyclun Girls' Club.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £200.00 be made

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

The Clerk declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's deliberations

The Council was reminded that earlier in the year the Llantrisant and District History Society had written to the Council requesting consideration for a grant.

The Society intended publishing a book in the winter of 2002 entitled "PONTYCLUN & TALYGARN: A Topographical History". The Society asked if it would be possible to receive a grant towards the publication of the book.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £250.00 be made towards the publication costs of the book plus a further £150.00 as a donation to the general costs of the of the Society for the current year.

9. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Plans for Hensol Hospital**

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

The Council discussed a letter from the Managing Director of Leekes, Mr G L Leeke, seeking the Community Council's support in opposing the proposals for the establishment of an asylum accommodation unit at Hensol Hospital.

The Council acknowledged that while Hensol Hospital fell outside the boundaries of the Pontyclun Community Council it was *MT*

inevitable that there would be an impact on the Community in terms of increased demand for the doctors' surgery, school places, roads and the library.

The Council felt hampered by the lack of any firm details on the proposals. Without detailed proposals it was impossible to formulate meaningful comments.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk contact the Planning Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council to establish what proposals, if any, had been submitted for the conversion of the former Hensol Hospital into an asylum accommodation unit.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the Clerk to the Community Council in which the Hensol Hospital is situated to gauge the level of feeling to the proposal from local residents.
 - (iii) That the Clerk write to the Managing Director of Leekes to advise him that the Community Council was undertaking further enquiries in the matter.

(b) **Rhondda Cynon Taf Waste Forum**

The Council discussed the letter from the Group Director, Environmental Services, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, in which it was stated that one place existed on the Rhondda Cynon Taf Waste Forum for a representative from the community sector. While the Community Council had previously nominated two members to sit on the Forum the Council was now required to make only one nomination.

- RESOLVED:** That the Council's nominee to the Forum be the Chairman, Councillor M Rea.

(c) **Short course on the new audit regulations**

The Council received details of a short course organised by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils on the new audit regulations.

- RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be nominated to attend the short course. *MC*

(d) **Planning applications**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 12 July, 9 and 23 August, 2002.

RESOLVED: That the following comment be made to the Planning Authority.

Application No. 02/1260/16

That it is unclear from the detail provided to the Community Council what safeguards are being taken to protect the public right of way which runs through the site.

(e) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Council's agenda.

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

There were no matters for decision which had been received since the despatch of agendas to Members.

11. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Final Report of the Commission on Electoral Arrangements in Wales**

The Council received the Final Report on Electoral Arrangements in Wales. The Council was pleased to note that an Executive Summary of the report had been provided for the benefit of Members.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) **Application for a Public Entertainment Licence**

A discussion took place on the application for the grant of an Entertainment Licence at the Miskin Manor Health Club, Miskin. The discussion embraced the increasing tendency for "entertainment" to include a late night fireworks display. A number of complaints had been received from residents who were concerned about regular disturbance caused by loud bangs .

RESOLVED: (i) That while the Community Council has no objections to the grant of an entertainment licence for activities such as music and dancing, the Community Council has deep reservations about the increasing tendency for "entertainment" to include *ent*

the late night fireworks displays with their consequent disturbance to local residents.

(ii) That the Borough Council be asked what regulations exist to preserve the right to quiet enjoyment of local residents.

(c) **Additional radio transmitters**

The Council received a letter from O2, a company proposing to introduce a service called Airwave over the next year or so for the South Wales Police.

The company stated that to deliver radio coverage specified by the police forces of Wales it would be necessary to build a significant radio infrastructure of 400 base radio stations or transmitters across Wales. Two of these would be based in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The company sought to allay public fears about siting of radio masts, possible health and safety risks and environmental protection. The company was happy to undertake briefings and presentations to local communities especially where the siting of a transmitter could be a sensitive issue.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(d) **Disabled access to the Ivor Woods**

The Council received the latest information on the proposed meeting with representatives of the Pontyclun Football Club to discuss the disabled access to the Ivor Woods.

It was noted that the Secretary of the Club proposed contacting the Clerk about a further meeting after his return from holiday.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

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12. The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m. .