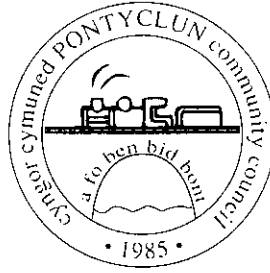


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APPENDIX No. 1
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 April, 2000

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle, for part of the meeting, and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Councillors Mrs V A Cale, and S Rogers

2. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairperson's business

3. **Police matters**

P C Keddle reported that there had been a number of cases of break-ins into cars in recent weeks. He advised that the public should be vigilant at all times and avoid leaving items of value visible in parked cars.

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the 23% increase in the police precept for 2000/2001. He asked whether the residents of the Community of Pontyclun were getting value for money bearing in mind that Pontyclun was the highest rated ward within Rhondda Cynon Taff. Councillor Norman pointed out that from the public's perception the level of service from the police appeared to be decreasing. He quoted the undermining of the Talbot Green Police Station and the failure of the police to use the office provided at the Pontyclun Community Centre.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 1 March, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 1 March, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Proposal to erect a bus shelter in Groesfaen**

The Council discussed the letter of the 2 March, 2000 from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering in which he informed the Council that, having consulted with local residents about the detailed proposals for a bus shelter in Llantrisant Road, Groesfaen, he had received an objection from a Mr P Brunt and others. A copy of Mr Brunt's letter was attached together with a copy of the signatures of the others who were objecting to the proposal.

A lengthy discussion took place on Mr Brunt's letter and the accompanying signatures. It was noted that while Mr Brunt lived in close proximity to the existing bus stop, a significant number of the signatories did not live in the vicinity of the bus shelter. The Council did not feel that it was appropriate to take account of the views of those who would not be affected by the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and point out that the need for a bus shelter in Groesfaen was well established over several years. Further, the Council was of the view that only comments of those residents living in the vicinity of the proposed bus shelter should be taken into account in deciding whether to proceed with the scheme.

(b) **Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Council discussed the letter of 9 March, 2000, from Mrs Jane Hutt A M in which she said that she was satisfied that transferring the service at Talygarn to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital would lead to an overall improvement in the effectiveness and quality of the service. The transfer of the rehabilitation service would ensure that a fully multi-disciplinary service was delivered from purpose built accommodation.

Mrs Hutt also stated that health authorities and NHS trusts in Wales had a duty to seek to dispose of land and property declared surplus to requirements in accordance with the public interest.

Bro Taf Health Authority had formed a team to discharge the responsibility of the surplus assets at Talygarn comprising representatives of Bro Taf, Pontypridd and Rhondda NHS Trust and the National Assembly. Cooke and Arkwright had been appointed agents.

Mr Paul Griffiths, a resident of Talygarn, addressed the Council and underlined what he had said previously to the Council, namely that he believed that it would be in the wider interests of the Community for ownership of the grounds at Talygarn to be transferred to the Community Council with long leases to local sporting organisations.

RESOLVED:(i) That Jane Hutt's letter of 9 March be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk write to Jane Hutt regarding the grounds at Talygarn House and confirming the Community Council's interest in protecting the grounds for the public subject to the granting of long term leases for local organisations.

(c) **Replacement Community Council vehicle**

Discussion took place about the need to purchase a replacement Community Council vehicle. The existing vehicle, which was 12 years old, had given good service but was unlikely to last much longer.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring a report to a future meeting of the Council on the options available.

(d) **CCTV in the Community**

Council Rea reported that his enquiries into the installation of CCTV continued. Councillor Rea had spoken to staff of the Highways, Transportation and Engineering Department in Pontypridd who would be examining the specification which had been produced.

Councillor Rea hoped to have further information for the Council at its next meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rea's report be noted.

6. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Preparation of the next Local Transport Plan**

The Council received the letter of the 24 March, 2000, and enclosed questionnaire, from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering on consultation on local transportation plans. The Community Council was invited to make comments on a whole range of matters connected with the preparation of local transport plans.

RESOLVED: That in view of the wide range of matters to be consulted upon, the Clerk be requested to convene a special meeting of the Council solely for the purpose of considering a response to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(b) **Welsh Language Act -
Scheme of the Pontypridd Town Council**

The Community Council received a copy of the Pontypridd Town Council's draft Welsh Language Scheme. An opportunity was available to the Council to comment on the proposed Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to comment of the proposed Scheme.

(c) **Application for financial assistance**

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from Mrs Janis F Jones, Coordinator of the Pontyclun Playscheme. Mrs Jones pointed out that during 2000 it was intended to run a one week scheme at Easter in addition to the two week scheme during August.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £500.00 be awarded to the Pontyclun Playscheme and that the amount be regarded as Section 137 expenditure.

(d) **Proposed Community litter pick**

The Clerk advised the Community Council that he had received a telephone call from Mr Wells of the local Air Training Corps about the possibility of organising a litter pick in the

Community during the current year. During the last year the Corps had organised a litter pick within the Community of Llantrisant.

Mr Wells had told the Clerk that if the Community Council looked favourably on the suggestion, the Corps would be looking to the Community Council to give an indication of the area of the Community which would best benefit.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the idea of a litter pick in the Community and that the details of the proposal be finalised between the Clerk and Mr Wells.

(e) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 3, 10, 17 and 24 March, 2000**

The Chairperson, Councillor Huish, declared an interest in the issue of planning applications and vacated the Council Chamber. The Vice Chairperson, Councillor Rea, occupied the Chair during the Chairperson's absence.

The Council discussed the planning applications contained in the Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 3, 10, 17 and 24 March, 2000.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in respect of any of the applications.

(f) **Payment of creditors**

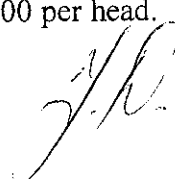
RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 7 to the Council's agenda.

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

(a) **Training Courses for Councillors and Clerks**

The Clerk referred to the three forthcoming training events organised by the University of Wales in Bridgend. He advised members that the fee for attendance at the training session was exclusive of lunch. The University of Wales had since been in touch with councils who had booked places on the course to say that lunch could be made available for delegates subject to an additional fee of £4.00 per head.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for each of the Community Council's representatives on the three courses to receive lunch at £4.00 per head.



(b) **Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks**

The Clerk advised the Council that the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks is due to be held in Nottingham from 28 to 30 April, 2000. In previous years the Council had authorised his attendance at the Conference. The Clerk sought the Council's decision on whether he should attend the 2000 Conference.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the 2000 Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerk in Nottingham from 28 to 30 April, 2000.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Encroachments on to the Maesyfelin playing fields**

The Council received the letter of 9 March, 2000, from the Director of Property Services and noted that he had written to the Pontyclun Rugby Club to arrange a meeting to discuss the terms of a new lease, the possibility of providing a hard surface play area and the encroachments which had been brought to his attention by the Pontyclun Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the issues referred to above also be taken up personally by the Council's Chairperson, Councillor Huish, with the Director of Property Services.

(b) **Strip of land at Maelog Close, Pontyclun**

The Council received the Director of Property Services letter of 22 March, 2000, in which it was stated that according to the authority's property information records, land adjacent to Maelog Close, Pontyclun, was not in the ownership of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the person responsible for the erection of the fence on the land asking that the fence be painted in green paint.

(c) **The Owain Glyndwr Charity Ball**

The Council discussed the letter dated 20 March, 2000, from the Chairman of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Councillor Graeme Beard, in which he advised of the holding of the Owain Glyndwr Ball in aid of his charity appeal. Any member of the Community Council wishing to attend the function would need to make his or her own arrangements for attendance.



RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

9. The meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Dilworth".