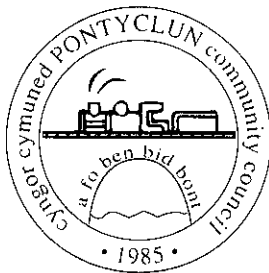


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APPENDIX No. 1
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 5 February, 2003.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, J G Davies, C Davies
J R Dilworth, J V Huish, R G Norman, and M Rea (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**

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

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Members.

RESOLVED: That the disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures

3. **Chairperson's/Leader's business**

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

4. **Police matters**

(i) **Police response**

P C Keddle referred to the query raised by Councillor Peggy Thomas at the Council's previous meeting about the response of the police to a reported incident at Ynysddu, Pontyclun.

Pc Keddle stated that he had checked the records of the call and found that it had been made by an anonymous caller. In the circumstances it had not been given an immediate response status

by the police. Nevertheless, police were in attendance twenty minutes after the report was received.

The report was noted.

(ii) **Parking problems, School Street, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle reported that the police had received a from Councillor Dilworth about parking problems in School Street, Pontyclun. P C Keddle stated that the parking position in School Street would be monitored.

The report was noted.

(iii) **Parking problems, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.**

P C Keddle again asked if the Community Council had any information on when the proposed parking restrictions for Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, would become operational.

The Clerk responded and stated that the Community Council continued to press the Highway Authority for a date for the introduction of the agreed restrictions. He had been given a commitment that the restrictions would become operational before 31 March, 2003.

The report was noted.

(iv) **Police Radar Team**

P C Keddle reported that the police radar team had been active in the Community in the last month checking the speeds of vehicles. He stated that the radar team had carried out checks at Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun and at Mwyndy Cross. P C Keddle gave details of the number of motorists who had been reported following the checks.

The report was noted.

(v) **Police radar checks, Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, stated that he was aware that speed checks on vehicles by the police radar team were occasionally carried out in Groesfaen. He was of the view that the checks were likely to be more effective if they were carried out from a site nearer the Castell y Mynach end of the A4119.

The information was noted by P C Keddle.

(vi) **Changes in senior police personnel**



P C Keddle reported on changes in senior personnel in the Rhondda Cynon Taf division of the South Wales Police. He reported that the new Chief Superintendent is Brian Greaves. There had also been a change at Superintendent level.

RESOLVED: That P C Keddle pass invitations to both senior officers to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 8 January, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 8 January, 2003, be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Christmas celebration competitions**

The Clerk referred to the decision of the Council at its previous meeting to send congratulatory letter to each resident in Heol Glan Elai, Pontyclun, for the exceptional effort made by residents to illuminate the houses in the street.

It had subsequently been brought to the Clerk's attention that a residents' association existed in Heol Glan Elai and it had been proposed that the £25.00 prize payable to the winners of the competition in other areas should be payable to the residents' association in Heol Glan Elai.

RESOLVED: That the Council rescind its earlier decision and that the Clerk make arrangements to pay a £25 prize to the residents' association in Heol Glan Elai.

(b) **Proposed parking restrictions, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun**

RESOLVED: That as a full discussion had taken place under this heading earlier in the meeting, no further discussion take place.

(c) **Bus shelter, Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen**

The Clerk advised the Council that the seat in the bus shelter at Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen, had been removed in accordance with the Council's wishes.

The report was noted.

(d) **Post box, Groesfaen**



The Council discussed a letter from the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council in which it was stated that no application had been made by the Royal Mail to re-locate the post box in Groesfaen. This information was contrary to the verbal information given to the Community Council by the Royal Mail.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk clarify with the Royal Mail whether a site for the re-location of the post box had been identified, or not. If a site has not been identified, the Community Council suggests that a site near to the Community Council's bus shelter at Llwynypennau Cottages be chosen.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Council's precept for 2003/2004**

The Council discussed its expenditure to 31 January, 2003, its projected expenditure to 31 March, 2003, and compared the expenditure against its budget for the 2002/2003 financial year. The Council also considered the pressures on its budget for the 2003/2004 financial year.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council set a precept of £67,410 for the 2003/2004 financial year representing an increase of 5% over the current financial year.

(ii) That the Clerk establish from the Borough Council whether there is any possibility of a contribution to the considerable expenditure incurred in maintaining the footbridge across the Nant Dyfrgi during the current financial year.

(iii) That the Clerk establish whether the Community Council qualifies for a discount on the Council Tax payable for the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

(iv) That the Clerk arrange a meeting of the Council's Finance Committee to refine some of the Council's expenditure proposals for 2003/2004.

(b) **Minutes of the Sub Committee's meeting of 22 January, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Sub Committee's meeting of 22 January, 2003, be approved as an accurate record subject to the inclusion of the



words “in principle” after the word “initiative” and before the word “of” in the first of the Sub Committee’s recommendations.

(c) **Adoption of the Sub Committee’s recommendations**

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Sub Committee’s recommendations be adopted.
 - (ii) That the Council place on record its appreciation of the assistance of the South Wales Fire Service in providing a temporary venue for the Pontyclun Youth Partnership.

(d) **Proposed replacement bus shelter**

The Clerk reported that a member of the public had drawn attention to the lack of a bus shelter at the new bus stop at the junction of the former B4264 and the access road to the new Cefn yr Hendy housing development at Mwyndy.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the developers of the new housing site on the former brewery site in Brynsadler had given a commitment to re-erect the bus shelter which was located outside the former brewery. The Clerk sought the Council’s views on the possibility of re-erecting the bus shelter at the Mwyndy site.

A lengthy discussion took place.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council pursue the possibility of erecting a pagoda type building on the green at the entrance to The Hollies, Brynsadler.
 - (ii) That the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huish, pursue the possibility of the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council erecting a bus shelter at the site in Mwyndy identified by a member of the public.

(e) **The Future of Town and Community Councils**

The Clerk reported that on 18 January, 2003, he had received notification from the Welsh Assembly of a series of meetings throughout Wales to discuss the future of town and community councils. The meeting to serve community and town councils in South Wales was to be held on 22 January, 2003.

The Clerk immediately contacted the Welsh Assembly, the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and the Society of



Local Council Clerks to complain at the inadequate notice on a very important matter to local councils in Wales. A request was made for the South Wales seminar to be re-arranged for a later date. A response was received from the Welsh Assembly stating that it was not prepared to re-arrange the meeting.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That a strong letter be sent to the Welsh Assembly expressing the Community Council's dismay that such an important subject, with implications for all community and town councils in Wales, be treated in such a cavalier manner. In addition, that the Welsh Assembly be asked to arrange a further seminar giving all community and town councils in South Wales the opportunity to attend.
 - (ii) That the support of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks be sought for the Community Council's actions

(f) **Planning**

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

(i) **Weekly Notifications**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Week ended 17th and 24th January, 2003.

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

Application No. 03/0002/10

- (a) The site is part of an historic parkland
- (b) That the Community Council is opposed to the application, if successful will lead to further applications for planning consent in the surrounding countryside.

(ii) **Proposal to use land for waste recycling at Tyn y Coed Quarry**

The Council discussed a long standing application for planning consent at Tyn y Coed Quarry, Creigiau, which had yet to be determined by the Planning Authority.



The Council was firmly of the view that although the site in question lay outside the boundaries of the Community Council, residents of the Community, particularly in Groesfaen, would undoubtedly be affected by the development.

RESOLVED: That the Council object to the development on the grounds that:

- (a) the scale of the proposed development is out of proportion for a small quarry in a country location.
- (b) the proposed development would generate considerable volumes of heavy traffic on a daily basis
- (c) the developer proposes only minor improvements to the narrow access lanes to the quarry. These minimal improvements are nowhere near the improvements which are necessary for the scale of operations
- (d) there would be damage to the environment in a predominantly rural area
- (e) the proposal by the applicant for self monitoring is unrealistic and any conditions imposed by the Planning Authority are likely to be flouted.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 to the Council's agenda.

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

Concerns of Mr H J Smith

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr H J Smith of 7 Ffordd Talygarn, Maesyfelin, Pontyclun, about his concerns over a number of highways problems in, and to the rear of, Stuart Street, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise Mr Smith that the Community Council is unable to help him and that his letter has been forwarded to the Director of Environmental Services in Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for reply.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Pontyclun Youth Partnership**



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

The Council received a copy of the Briefing Note submitted by the Pontyclun Youth Partnership and considered by the Council's Sub Committee at its meeting with the Partnership on 22 January, 2003

The Briefing Note was noted.

(b) **Diversion Orders – Footpaths 315 and 354.**

The Council received copies of correspondence which had taken place between the Clerk and the Borough Council over the failure of the Borough Council to consult the Community Council before Diversion Orders were made.

RESOLVED: (i) That the correspondence be noted.
(ii) That in the event of any vacancies existing on the Countryside Access Forum, the Chairperson, Councillor Rea, be nominated to fill the vacancy.

(c) **Junction of School Road, Miskin, with the A4119, Mwyndy**

The Council received the reply of the Borough Council to the Community Council's concerns for road safety at the junction of School Road, Miskin, with the A4119 at Mwyndy. Appropriate investigations would be carried out in conjunction with the police.

The information was noted.

(d) **Transfer & Renewal of a Community Premises Entertainment Licence – Pontyclun Community Centre**

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

The Council received notification of the application for the Transfer & Renewal of a Community Premises Entertainment Licence at the Pontyclun Community Centre.

The information was noted.

(e) **Land at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun**

The Council received details of land at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun, formerly used by the Pontyclun Cricket Club.



The information was noted.

(f) **Planning appeal**

The Council received details of the determination of an appeal against the refusal of the Planning Authority to grant planning consent for land at Hollybush Elms Farm, Llanharry Road, Pontyclun.


The information was noted.

(g) **Nant Dyfrgi footbridge**

The Clerk produced a sample of the non-slip strips which were to be affixed to the decking of the footbridge across the Nant Dyfrgi in Brynsadler.

The sample was noted.

10. The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Jones', is written over the end of the text '10. The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.'