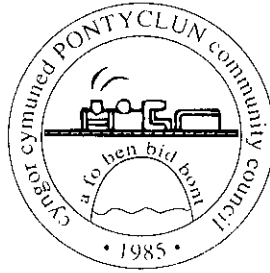


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 July, 2000.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, J R Dilworth, J V Huish, 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. **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor R G Norman

2. **Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson, Councillor Dilworth, referred to consultations which were presently taking place on a revision to the formula for the distribution of central government grants to local government. There was a likelihood that new elements would be introduced into the funding formula which would work to the benefit of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

3. **Police Matters**

P C Keddle reported that it had been a relatively quiet month for crime in the area - although he accepted that the position could change very quickly. He believed that part of the reason for this was the unseasonable weather.

Councillor Huish added that he felt that a factor in the relatively low level of crime was the increased police presence of late brought about by the petition which had been sent to Chief Inspector Kinrade.

Councillor Huish also commented on the Pontyclun Bingo Hall, which P C Keddle had referred to at the previous meeting of the Council. Councillor Huish confirmed that the Hall was not in the ownership of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and there were no powers available to the Borough Council at this time to force the owner to carry out maintenance to the Hall.

*J. R. Dilworth*

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4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 June, 2000**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 June, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Access for disabled people to the Ivor Woods**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had taken place on the evening of 21 July, 2000, between representatives of the Community Council, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Pontyclun Greening Group.

It was agreed that the earlier plan for creating the access would be resurrected and a detailed costing exercise carried out again with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council likely to waive some of its administrative charges.

The Community Council representatives re-assured the representatives of Rhondda Cynon Taff and Groundwork that the Community Council was acting in good faith in its promotion of the scheme and would seriously consider the costings provided by Rhondda Cynon Taff and Groundwork.

The meeting ended with Rhondda Cynon Taff and Groundwork representatives agreeing to provide their revised costings within a few weeks.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and that a commitment to undertake the work be given provided the costing of the scheme was within the budget agreed by the Council.

(b) **Traffic Signage**

Councillor Huish referred to the sum of £5,000.00 earmarked by the Council as a contribution to improvements to highway signage in the area.

Councillor Huish clarified that signs were urgently required to prevent the needless and abortive daily journeys into Pontyclun by numerous heavy goods vehicles. Additionally, that there was a need to remind vehicle drivers of the presence of a 30mph speed limit in Miskin. In Groesfaen there was an urgent need to re-position the 30mph sign to the west of the village and a need to replace the village nameplate sign on the A4119 at the eastern end of the village.

Councillor Huish further advised that a meeting of Community Council representatives, comprising Community Councillor Mrs V A Cale, the Clerk and himself, with Rhondda Cynon Taff highways officers would take place on 11 July, 2000, to progress matters.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Huish's report be noted.

(c) **Standing Orders**

The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply to his letter to the Director of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils for a copy of the nationally recommended Model Standing Orders.

As soon as the Model Standing Orders were received the Clerk would convene a meeting of the Council's working group to recommend changes to the Council's Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

6. **Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 28 June, 2000**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 28 June, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Footpaths budget**

**RESOLVED:** That the reference to the earmarked budget for "footpaths" be taken to be a reference to footpaths, cycleways and bridle paths.

(b) **Committed funds**

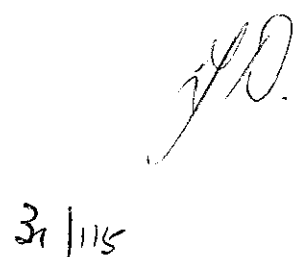
**RESOLVED:** That letters be sent to the relevant bodies on the availability of committed funds.

(c) **Adoption of minutes**

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

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Circular Walk Map**



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The Clerk reported that Mr Graham Woosnam of 18 Maes yrAfon, Pontyclun, had completed the circular walk map requested by the Council. Copies of the map and the accompanying narrative were circulated for the Council's information.

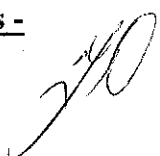
- RESOLVED:**(i) That the Clerk make arrangements for sufficient copies of the map and accompanying narrative to be printed and delivered to every household in the Community.
- (ii) That a formal letter of thanks on behalf of the Community Council be sent to Mr Woosnam.
- (iii) That the Council approve the payment of £20-00 to Mr Woosnam to cover his out of pocket expenses.

(b) **Letter from Mr L H Bailey, 3 Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr L H Bailey of Station Terrace, Pontyclun, in which he expressed his deep concerns over the failure of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to complete the next phase in the re-development of Pontyclun Railway Station, and its consequences for Station Terrace residents. Mr Bailey also expresses his worries about the plans of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to close its highways depot in Talbot Green. On the latter concern, Mr Bailey was particularly worried on the possible impact of an efficient programme of winter maintenance on the M4 motorway if the service was to be carried out from the Borough Council's Dinas Depot.

- RESOLVED:**(i) That Mr Bailey be advised that his concerns regarding the slowness in the implementation of the next phase of the re-development would be passed to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.
- (ii) That while the possible closure of the Talbot Green depot was of concern to the Community Council, too, it was understood that the latest position on depot rationalisation was that the review could be the subject of further change.

(c) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils -**

  
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### **Annual Conference**

(The Chairperson, Councillor John Dilworth, declared an interest in this item and took no part in the Council's deliberations.)

The Council received notification of the 2000 Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to be held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 14 October, 2000. As a member of the Association the Council was invited to send delegates to the Annual Conference and to submit motions for debate.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That Councillors Mrs V A Cale and J V Huish together with the Clerk be nominated to represent the Council at the Annual Conference
- (ii) That the Council's nominated representatives be authorised to discuss and submit a motion for debate, if appropriate.

(d) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 26 May, 2, 9, 16 and 23 June, 2000**

(Councillor J V Huish declared an interest in this item and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

The Council received and discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 26 May, 2, 9, 16 and 23 June 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That no comments be made to the planning authority on these applications.

(e) **Payment of creditors**

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

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

(a) **South Wales Police Community Consultative Committee**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Taff Ely Division of the South Wales Police Consultative Committee would be held in the Gilfach Goch Community Recreation Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 July, 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Council be represented at the meeting by Councillor M Rea.

(b) **Chairperson's Charity Appeal, 2000/01**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Councillor Rita Moses, Chairperson of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for 2000/01 who invited the Council to make a donation to her Charity Appeal.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council make a donation of £50.00 to the appeal.

(c) **Councillor Colin Thorngate**

The Council was concerned to hear of the recent hospitalisation of Councillor Colin Thorngate, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Councillor for the Talbot Green ward.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk send Councillor Thorngate its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

10. **Matter reported for information**

**"Music in the Park"**

The Council received copies of programmes of a number of musical events which were to be held in various parks throughout the Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff in the summer months as part of the Borough Council's Millennium Celebrations.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted

11. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

