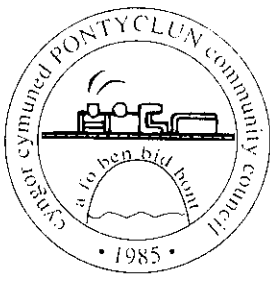


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 5 May, 2004.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, J V Huish , and Mrs P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and Inspector Mence of the South Wales Constabulary for part of the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C Davies, R G Norman and M Rea

2. Chairperson

In the absence of Councillor Rea the Chair was occupied by Councillor Mrs P Thomas, the Vice Chairperson.

3. Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

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

4. Chairperson's/Leader's business

The Leader, Councillor Huish, informed the Council the election process leading to the elections on 10 June, 2004, had been formally launched that day.

The matter was noted.

The Chairperson, Councillor Mrs Thomas advised that it was unlikely that she would stand for election on 10 June. She would finalise her decision in the next few days.

The matter was noted.

5. Police matters

Inspector Mence and P C Keddle informed the Council of the crime figures for the sector for the month of April.

Of particular note were the number of burglaries. Five burglaries occurred in Talygarn in one afternoon. All were carried out by the same person and the police had subsequently apprehended a known criminal from Caerphilly, who had been charged with the offences.

While the figures should not give rise to complacency, compared against the crime figures for other communities within the sector, Inspector Mence stated that he was reasonably content.

Inspector Mence outlined the action being taken to control the availability of drugs in the Community. He said resources were being directed at controlling the activities of major drug dealers rather than targeting the activities of petty dealers or minor users. Frequently, targeting major dealers imposed a heavy demand on resources since the process involved a significant amount of surveillance.

Inspector Mence drew the Council's attention to a report in that day's papers about a girl, subject to an Ant Social Behaviour Order, who had been arrested 17 times in 15 months. She had now been sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Inspector Mence was unable to name the person.

P C Keddle and Inspector Mence made reference to the refurbishment works presently taking place at the Bute Hotel, Pontyclun. It was expected that the premises would open shortly and the police would need to ensure that anti social behaviour did not recur.

Inspector Mence, recognising that alcohol consumption was responsible for a large part of unruly late night behaviour, expressed his disappointment that blanket extensions to opening hours at licensed premises had been granted across Rhondda Cynon Taf over the forthcoming Bank Holiday.

P C Keddle and Inspector Mence referred to the dilapidated state of the former Park Hall cinema in Pontyclun. Enquiries by the police had revealed that the premises has been sold to the charity "Drive"



and that it was hoped to complete all works at the site within 18 months. In the circumstances, the police would not be pressing for the premises to be boarded up in the next 2 months.

The Clerk reminded Inspector Mence and P C Keddle that community council property had suffered significant vandalism in the last 6 weeks. Bus shelters, noticeboards, public conveniences and the footpath lighting along the Windsor Field had been targeted. While every incident had been reported to the police, the Community Council would welcome an occasional visit by the police to the likely trouble spots.

Members also drew to the police officers' attention the persistent reports about under age drinking in the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club.

The reports were noted.

6. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 April, 2004**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 March, 2004, be confirmed as an accurate record. .

7. **Matters arising**

Talygarn Forum

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Talygarn Forum had been convened for the evening of Friday, 7 May, 2004.

The Clerk understood that the Forum would consider the Community Council's earlier request for the return of the £400.00 donation which had not been spent.

A further report would be made to the next meeting of the Community Council.

The report was noted.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Former bus shelter in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler**

The Council discussed the letter of 12 April, 2004, addressed to the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, in which Redrow Homes stated that as no site had been identified for the erection of a replacement bus shelter, the company felt that justified in concluding that the matter is now closed.



RESOLVED: That the Clerk remind the Borough Council that enforcement of the Section 106 Agreement was a Borough Council matter and that the Community Council had cooperated with the Borough Council and Redrow Homes at every opportunity.

(b) **Zurich Municipal Annual Health & Safety Seminar**

The Council discussed the invitation to send representatives to attend the annual Health & Safety Seminar in Cardiff on 24 June, 2004. The seminar would cover an accident claim review, employer's health and safety responsibilities where orders are placed with sub contractors, and the need to take into account new statutory responsibilities in the provision of services for the disabled.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs P Thomas and the Clerk be nominated to attend the seminar.

(c) **The Accounts and Audit Regulations (Wales), 2004**

The Council discussed the proposals of the Welsh Assembly Government to replace the Accounts and Audit Regulations, 1996, with a new and more effective set of accounting arrangements for local authorities.

The proposals were contained in a consultation paper and the views of the Community Council were sought on the issues of direct consequence to them.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Welsh Assembly Government:

- (i) that the audit threshold for the production of an Income and Expenditure Account be raised to £200,000.
- (ii) that the effective date for the new regulations be 1 April, 2005.

(d) **Gentle Giant Project**

The Council discussed a request to make a financial contribution to the Gentle Giant Project.

RESOLVED: That a decision be deferred pending the outcome of the Community Council's request to the Talygarn Forum for the return of its last donation.

(e) **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod**

The Council discussed a request to make a financial contribution to the 2004 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(f) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 26 March, 2 & 9 April, 2004**

RESOLVED: That no comment be made to the Planning Authority on any of the applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 26 March, 2 & 9 April, 2004.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 8 to the Council's agenda.

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

No matters were reported for decision since the despatch of agendas.

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **One Voice Wales**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on his attendance at the inaugural meeting of One Voice Wales.

The report was noted.

(b) **Vandalism to Community Council property**

Following the Clerk's written reports to the police about vandalism to Community Council property in the last 6 weeks, the Clerk provided details of the incidents to the Council. In each case remedial work had been undertaken by the Community Council's Handyman or, in the case of the Windsor Field lighting, by a local contractor.

The report was noted.

(c) **Noah's Ark Appeal**

The Council received a news update from the Noah's Ark appeal on progress towards completing a new Children's Hospital for Wales. The Clerk advised that copies of the news update had been displayed in the Community Council's noticeboards.

The report was noted.

(d) **Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

The Council received an update on the position of the Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, following the inauguration of One Voice Wales. The Council also received details of the Area Committee's Annual Meeting.

The information was noted.

(e) **Expressions of appreciation**

Councillor Huish reminded Members that this was the last meeting Pontyclun Community Council before the elections on 10 June, 2004.

Councillor Huish wished to place on record his thanks to all Members and employees of the Council for their hard work during the life of the Council.

11. The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

