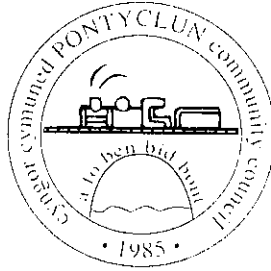


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APPENDIX No. 2  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held on 5 October, 2005, at 7.00 p.m. in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors D Clayton-Jones, C Davies, P Griffiths, D Henderson, Ms S Jenkins, A R Lane and R G Norman

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Arlene Moss of the Llantrisant Community Council, P C Steve Keddle and Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin all for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Ms V A Cale, M Rea and Ms P Thomas.

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 September, 2005**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 September, 2005, be approved as an accurate record subject to the inclusion, under minute 8 (b) of the words "that Councillor Henderson meet with the Clerk to ease the management of time on spreadsheets"

4. **Matters arising**

**Council's expenditure for 2004/2005**

The Clerk tabled a schedule of the Community Council's expenditure for 2004/05 in a format which compared expenditure against budget provision.

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- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the information be noted.
  - (ii) That future reports on expenditure be made on a quarterly basis.

5. **Application to develop land at Mwyndy, Pontyclun**

Following the Community Council organised public meeting on 27 September, 2005, and the Community Council's Extraordinary Meeting of 28 September, 2005, the Council was addressed by Ms Lucie Taylor of Planning Aid, Wales and Community Councillor Arlene Moss of the Llantrisant Community Council.

Ms Taylor outlined the background to Planning Aid, Wales and advised the Community Council that PAW had a number of fully qualified planning volunteers at its disposal and that she intended to allocate a planner to examine the amended application for development at Mwyndy. The planner would be able to offer an independent assessment of the Mwyndy application.

Ms Moss told the Community Council that the public and the Llantrisant Community Council were very angry about the "amended application". Councillor Moss pointed out that the original application had properly been refused by the Borough Council's planning committee and for some unknown reason the decision had not been ratified. This delay had allowed the applicant the opportunity to submit a scaled down "amended application". It was inconceivable that an application by a private individual would have been handled in the same way. The Llantrisant Community Council would be objecting about the way the application had been handled in the strongest possible terms and reiterating its original objections to the proposals.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the independent and objective views of Planning Aid, Wales' planning officer be submitted to the Borough Council as a supplementary comment to the Community Council's earlier comments on the application.
  - (ii) That the Community Council's thanks be expressed to the Llantrisant Community Council for its support in opposing the application.
  - (iii) That copies of the Community Council's comments to the Borough Council be provided for all Members of the Pontyclun Community Council.

- (iv) That copies of the Community Council's comments on the application be passed to Councillor Moss.

6. **Police matters**

P C Keddle tabled a summary of crimes and detections for the month of September, 2005.

Of particular worry to PC Keddle was the number of thefts from cars. Despite repeated warnings from the police, motorists continued to leave valuable items on view in their parked cars.

PC Keddle also told the Council of the police's concern about another death on the railway line near Pontyclun Railway Station. PC Keddle believed that there should be a locked gate at the station preventing late night access to the station.

P C Keddle introduced Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin to the Council. P C Keddle explained that while the powers of Police Community Support Officers were not as extensive as the powers of regular members of the police force, they nevertheless played important roles in supporting the police by educating the public, mediating and playing a proactive role in several different sectors of police work.

Although Chris Martin lives in Pontyclun, his area of work encompasses Llantrisant, Talbot Green and Pontyclun. Chris Martin had been very busy since his appointment. During the period up to Christmas he would be manning a mobile police information centre located in the car park adjacent to the Matalan store in Talbot Green.

It was anticipated that a significant additional number of community support officers would be appointed next year. It was hoped that some of the community support officers would be based at Talbot Green police station.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Council's thanks be extended to P C Keddle for introducing Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin to the Community Council.
- (ii) That the e-mail addresses of P C Keddle and Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin be provided to Councillor Henderson for inclusion on the Community Council's website.
- (iii) That the Clerk provide Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin with the names and addresses of all Community Council members



- (iv) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council asking that provision be made in Pontyclun for the parking of bicycles.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Actions arising out of the Community Council's Vision Day**

Councillor Griffiths advised the Council that he had collated the results of the comments made by members of the public at the Community Council's Vision Day.

He believed it was important to give feedback to the public on the issues raised. He suggested that the Community Council produce a newsletter covering three broad themes, namely, those items which the Community Council could progress using its own powers, those items which the Community Council would seek to progress by working in partnership with the Borough Council and other agencies of government, and those which the Community Council could progress by working with the police. Councillor Griffiths produced detailed ideas under each of the three headings.

**RESOLVED:** That a draft of a newsletter be discussed at the next Council meeting.

(b) **Christmas street lighting and village seasonal decorations**

The Council discussed its plans for Christmas street lighting and village seasonal decorations.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That Christmas lights be placed outside St Paul's Church, Pontyclun
  - (ii) That a Christmas tree with lights be erected outside The Bridge Café with a sign indicating that the erection is carried out by the Pontyclun Community Council
  - (iii) That Councillor Lane investigate the possibility of erecting Christmas lanterns along Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun
  - (iv) That the Council hold its annual Best Illuminated House Competition
  - (v) That Councillors Cale and Henderson be the judges of the Best Illuminated House Competition with Councillor Norman as a reserve judge.



(c) **Fly posting in the Community**

The Council discussed the problem of fly-posting in the Community. Fly posting had earlier been the subject of much comment at the Community Council's Vision Day.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk request the Council's Handyman to remove posters as and when they appear in the Community.

(d) **Grime on roadside signs**

The Council discussed the problem of grime on roadside signs in the Community. The problem is particularly acute where signs are near trees and hedgerows. It was believed that the Highway Authority did not have a regular programme for clearing roadside signs.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That Councillor Henderson inform the Clerk most affected by grime.

(ii) That the Highway Authority be asked to clean the signs identified.

(e) **Bridges in the Community**

The Council discussed the unsightly appearance of the bridge carrying the A4222 over the river Ely in Brynsadler and the pedestrian footbridge alongside the bridge carrying the same road across the river Clun near the entrance to the Ynysddu Farm Estate. The Council believed that both bridges urgently needed to be painted. Additionally, the wooden handrails on the Brynsadler bridge needed to be treated.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the Highway Authority be asked to carry out the work

(ii) That in the event of the Highway Authority failing to carry out the work permission be sought for the Community Council to carry out the work.

(f) **Woodland at Cefn yr Hendy**

The Clerk gave a report of a telephone conversation with Mr Chris Lindley of Miskin.

Mr Lindley wished to draw the Community Council's attention to

an area of woodland on Cefn yr Hendy, Pontyclun. Mr Lindley stated that the land is in the ownership of the Welsh Development Agency. Mr Lindley believed that if the WDA was to be approached there was a good chance that ownership of the land could be transferred to the Community Council. Having secured ownership of the land there was a reasonable prospect of securing an Objective 1 grant to enable the area to be actively used by members of the public.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Lindley be thanked for bringing the matter to the Community Council's attention and that he be asked to identify the area of land in question.

(g) **Application for financial assistance**

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from the Llantrisant and District 41 Club.

Before giving detailed consideration to the application the Community Council took into account the advice given earlier by the District Auditor on the award of financial assistance to bodies.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline to make a grant.

(h) **Planning**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in the latest Weekly Notifications.

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

**Application No. 05/1633**

That while the Community Council is not opposed to the application it has serious concerns over the proposed access to the development and the apparent over-development of the plot.

**Application No. 05/1686**

That while the Community Council is not opposed to the application it has concerns about the over-development of the plot.

(i) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 4 to the Council's agenda.

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

No matters were reported.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **South Wales West Regional Committee of the National Assembly for Wales**

The Council received notification that the next meeting of the Committee is planned for 14 October, 2005.

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

(b) **One Voice Wales**

The Council received copies of One Voice Wales' first newsletter to its member councils.

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the newsletter be noted.

10. The meeting ended at 9.12 p.m.

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