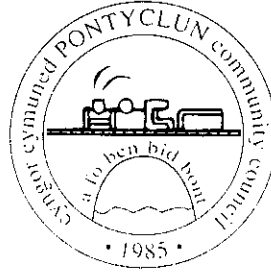


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 5 September, 2001.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, J R Dilworth, R G Norman, M Rea (Chairperson), S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C Davies, and J V Huish,.

2. **Chairperson's/Leader's Business**

There were no items of Chairperson's/Leader's Business

3. **Police matters**

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That in the absence of the Community Policeman, P C Keddle, discussion under this item of business be deferred to the Council's next monthly meeting.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the Superintendent of Police at Pontypridd to convey the Council's concern at the lack of police attendance at Community Council meetings in recent months.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's Meeting of 4 July, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's Meeting of 4 July, 2001, be approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment to minute 11(c) to reflect that Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and left the Council chamber.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

6. **Minutes of the Community Council's Meeting of 16 July, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 16 July, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Exclusion of press and public**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information namely, applicants for a service provided by the Council

(b) **Late applications for grant**

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

Miskin Manor C C	£200.00
Pontyclun Darby & Joan Club	£ 50.00
Pontyclun Playscheme	£750.00
1 st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	£ 75.00
P'clun Mini & Junior RFC	£100.00
Hope Presbyterian Church	£100.00
Pontyclun Youth Partnership	£2,000.00
* Pontyclun Football Club	£200.00

* Councillor Mrs V. A Cale declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations

In deciding whether to make a grant, the Council took into account the advice previously given by the District Auditor about changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Housing Act, 1989, where it is necessary for councils to document factors taken into account prior to a decision being taken. In particular, the Community Council took into account:



- (a) whether payment was of direct benefit
- (b) whether benefit is in proportion to the payment made
- (c) whether the organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils'
- (d) whether the money was being used to circumvent any limitation on specific powers
- (e) whether the award of grants would result in a precedent leading to applications from other groups

(c) **The Ramblers' Association**

The Council discussed a letter from the Ramblers' Association outlining the increased demands on the Association's funds during the current year.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £100.00 be made to the Association.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **"Managing Waste Sustainability"**

The Council discussed the consultation document produced by the National Assembly.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk advise the Assembly that the Community Council fully supports the concept of proper waste management. Furthermore, to be fully effective, and to meet targets being set nationally, it is essential that additional funding needs to be made to local authorities.

(ii) That the Clerk contact Mr Peter George of the Waste Recycling Centre operated by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council requesting a poster on the Centre's activities and a contact telephone number.

(iii) That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a view to obtaining a

further presentation on recycling from
Mr Derek Peplow and Mr Keith Lewis

(b) **Account and Audit Regulations, 1996**

The Council received the National Assembly's Consultation Paper on proposed amendments to the Account and Audit Regulations, 1996.

RESOLVED: That the Council offer the following comments:

- (i) The Pontyclun Community Council has always followed the practice of bringing the auditor's annual management letter into the public domain. The Community Council believes this is good practice and would recommend that this practice is followed by all local authorities.
- (ii) The threshold at which local authorities should be required to prepare income and expenditure accounts should be raised from £5,000 to £100,000.

(c) **Health and Safety Policy Statement**

RESOLVED: That the draft policy statement attached as Appendix 7 to the Council's agenda be adopted, subject to the amendment of any reference to the "Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1992" to read the "Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1992 & 1999."

(d) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 22, 29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3, 10, 17 and 24 August, 2001**

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

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



RESOLVED: That the comments recorded against each application be conveyed to the planning authority:

Application No. T/01/2582/10

(Councillor J R Dilworth declared an interest in this item and left the Council chamber)

The Council did not comment on this application.

Application No. T/01/2641/10

The Council expressed its concern that many of the planning details received from the Borough Council lacked detail to enable the Community Council to make meaningful comments on those applications.

The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Borough Council to draw attention to the lack of detail and request that all further requests for planning information be provided in full.

Application No. T/01/2668/10

That the Community Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (i) Children attending the proposed nursery would be at risk of wandering out of the premises on to a busy highway.
- (ii) There is no parking near to the premises to meet the needs of parents delivering and collecting children.

Footnote: The Clerk advised the Council that this application was due to be determined by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on 6 September, 2001. The Clerk's understanding was that the application was recommended for refusal on the grounds that the premises subject to the application fell into an area designated for retail shopping.



Application No. T/01/2768/10

That consideration of this application be deferred to a special meeting of the Council.

(d) **St David's Day**

The Council discussed a letter from the St David's City Council, Pembrokeshire, seeking the Council's support in its representations to the National Assembly for St David's Day to be designated a national holiday in Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Council support, in principle, the representations being made by the St David's City Council, although the Community Council expressed its deep concern that if 1st March was declared as a public holiday in Wales, it would result in schools being closed. This would end the long tradition of children wearing national costume to school on 1 March.

(e) **Spring flowering bulbs**

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the fact that it had not purchased any spring flowering bulbs for two years. Councillor Norman pointed out that the spring flowers were much appreciated by the public and added a touch of colour to many parts of the Community.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council re-introduce the practice of purchasing spring flowering bulbs

(iii) That the Clerk obtain confirmation from the Council's insurers that the Council would be indemnified if children participated in bulb planting.

(f) **Transfer of a Justices' Licence**

The Council discussed the Notice of Intention To Apply For A Transfer of A Justices' Licence at the Miskin Manor Hotel.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

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

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



(a) **"Safety Zone"**

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification advising of a safety event being organised by the Borough Council on Friday, 28 September, 2001.

RESOLVED: That any member of the Council wishing to attend the event be authorised to do so by the Council.

(b) **Countryside Council for Wales**

The Countryside Council for Wales provided the Council with a timetable for regional roadshows in Wales where digitised and common land maps would be on display.

The Council commented that it was strange that there appeared to be no roadshow planned to take place in Cardiff.

RESOLVED: That the timetable be noted.

(c) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils – Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Area Committee was due to offer comments on the Terms of Reference of the newly constituted Commission on Local Government Electoral Arrangements in Wales.

The Community Council would not have sufficient time to formulate its comments for the Area Committee's meeting on 11 September and the Clerk suggested that the Council's views be formulated at the special meeting of the Community Council planned for September. The Council's views would then be communicated direct to the Commission by 28 September.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council discuss the Commission's terms of reference at its September special meeting.

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Installation of CCTV in Pontyclun**

The Clerk distributed copies of the letter from the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about the proposed installation of CCTV in Pontyclun.

The letter clarified that while the Borough Council's bid to the Home Office for CCTV funds in Pontyclun had been unsuccessful, the Borough Council had been able to identify £45,000 of funds within the Borough Council to implement a scheme. The Borough Council's contribution, together with the proposed £20,000 contribution from the Community Council would ensure that a marginally reduced CCTV scheme went ahead. The new scheme would allow for three CCTV cameras instead of four.

The Clerk advised that, provisionally, the three proposed sites were near the Bute Hotel, Llantrisant Road, near Costcutters Store in Cowbridge Road and near the Wesleyan Church in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk ascertain from the Borough Council whether it would be possible to install a camera at the northern end of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, near the junction of the B4264.
 - (ii) That the action of the Clerk in advising the Borough Council that payment of the Council's £20,000 contribution to the scheme could not be made for three months be confirmed.
 - (iii) That the Clerk request the Borough Council to provide the Community Council with a presentation on the proposed installation.

(b) **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee**

The Council received and discussed the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee held on 14 June, 2001.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) The minutes be noted.
 - (ii) That it be noted that the quarry operator expected to store between 150,000 and 200,000 tons of stone per year in readiness for re-cycling
 - (iv) That Members should be vigilant on the matter of fly tipping in the area during the hours of darkness. Any suspect activities needed to be reported direct to the Environment Agency.

(c) **Valleys Furniture Recycling**

The Council noted details of the facility to get old furniture taken away, refurbished and passed on to the needy.

Councillor Graham Davies reported that he had contacted Valleys Furniture about some surplus furniture at his home. In his experience he found that the company was selective about the type of furniture it would take away.

(d) **Application for a Public Entertainment Licence**

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

The Council received details of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence at the Windsor Arms, Pontyclun.

The Clerk advised that, due to the short timescale imposed by the Borough Council, he had responded to the effect that the Council had no objection to the application subject to the terms of any licence being consistent with neighbouring licensed premises.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Clerk be approved.

(e) **Application for a Public Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence at The Barn, Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(f) **Damage to clothing and shoes**

The Clerk gave a report on an incident at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, which had resulted in damage to shoes and clothing of a member of the public.

Details of the incident had been passed to the Community Council's insurers.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That a hazard sheet be erected in the conveniences.

11. The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.