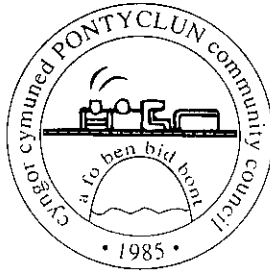


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 December, 2000

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, C Davies, J G Davies, J R Dilworth, J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea and S Rogers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Andrew Gwyn of the Youth Offending Team, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, for part of the meeting, and P C Steve Keddle of the South Wales Constabulary, also for part of the meeting, together with six members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

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

2. **Youth Offending Team (Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council)**

The Council received a presentation from Mr Andrew Gwyn of the Borough Council's Youth Offending Team.

Mr Gwyn explained that under the Crime & Disorder Act, 1998, the youth justice system in England and Wales had been completely re-organised. For the first time the system has one overall aim – to prevent youth offending.

Young people found offending will be systematically assessed, appropriately punished, helped and directed to change their behaviour and encouraged to compensate the victims of their crimes. Parents will also be more fully involved in reforming their children.

The key to the success of the new system is the performance of the Youth Offending Teams that exist in each area. Each team is made up of representatives from the police and probation services, social services and

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health education officers. Under the leadership of a Youth Offending Team manager, these teams will deliver new and coordinated youth justice services.

Each Youth Offending Team will assess every young offender with a new national standardised tool. This will determine the specific problems of individuals and the risks they pose to others. The tool will provide a basis for deciding what help and redirection individuals need to stop them re-offending. It will also be able to track progress until offenders are adults. The Youth Offending Team will be able to engage with young offenders earlier and, within the context of their families, enable the Team to tackle offending behaviour before it becomes chronic.

Following the presentation Mr Gwyn answered a number of questions from Members of the Community Council.

Councillor Huish extended a vote of thanks to Mr Gwyn for bringing the changes in the youth justice system to the attention of the Pontyclun Community Council in a clear and coherent way.

3. **Chairperson's Business**

Councillor Dilworth informed the Council that since the last meeting of the Council he had represented the Community Council at two events:

(a) **Rhondda Cynon Taff In Bloom, 2000**

The Chairman stated that he had attended a ceremony held by the Borough Council to award prizes to winners in the Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 2000.

The Chairman was pleased to be able to receive a certificate on behalf of the Community Council for 2nd prize in the Best Kept War Memorial Section of the competition. He also received a cheque for £50.00 which was passed to the Clerk to the Council.

The report was noted.

(b) **Sustainable Wales**

The Chairman also reported on a recent conference he had attended on behalf of the Council which was organised by Sustainable Wales.

The Chairman, who appeared to be the only representative of community councils within Rhondda Cynon Taff, reported that there was considerable interest from a wide range of bodies sharing the objectives of Sustainable Wales in seeking to

integrate environmental, social and cultural concerns in the spirit of Agenda 21.

Councillor Dilworth asked that the Conference Papers be placed on the Community Council's files.

The report was noted.

4. **Police matters**

(a) **Police presence**

P C Keddle was pleased to be able to report that the police were now using the police office at the Pontyclun Community Centre and that he was confident that he would be seen in the Community much more than of late.

P C Keddle reported that the youths who had hung around Pontyclun in the evenings for many months had moved on. He was disappointed to find that while Pontyclun was relatively clear of the problem, it appeared that the nuisance had re-appeared on the Hendy Estate.

(b) **Entertainment Licence – The Bute**


Councillor Huish referred to the recent application by the licensee of The Bute, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun for a variation and renewal of the Entertainment Licence.

Councillor Huish pointed out that while a number of local organisations opposed the application, he was disappointed to find that the police had not offered any objection. He failed to understand why the police had not objected since the police were aware that The Bute had been source of anti social behaviour over a lengthy period. P C Keddle was unaware that no objection to the application had been lodged by the police but believed that part of the problem may have lain with the change in personnel at the local police station.

Councillor Huish asked that the strong feelings of the public in Pontyclun over the anti social behaviour of the clientele of The Bute be passed to the new inspector at Talbot Green.

(c) **Attacks on residents of the Community**

Councillor Norman made reference to attacks on residents of the Community by the patrons of licensed premises. He pointed out that many residents felt very intimidated by the actions of drunken youths.



P C Keddle replied that investigation of an incident could only undertaken by the police where a report had been made. As far as he was aware, no report of the incidents referred to by Councillor Norman had been received by the police.

(d) **Speeding traffic**

Councillor Norman referred to the assistance rendered by the police in recent months in checking the speed of vehicles travelling through Pontyclun.

Councillor Norman stated that the assistance of the police had succeeded in lowering the speed of through traffic. However, in recent weeks he had received reports that the speed of vehicles was again increasing. He asked that the police again check the speed of through traffic in Pontyclun especially traffic entering Pontyclun from Talbot Green and traffic using Heol Miskin.

5. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 November, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 1 November, 2000, be approved as an accurate record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Norman's name with those members who had given their apologies for non attendance.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Recycling initiative**

The Clerk reported that in accordance with Members' wishes he had arranged a tour of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's recycling facility at Coed Cae Lane, Pontyclun, at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 December, 2000.

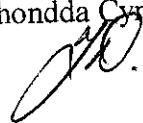
The Clerk told Members that he would send them a map of the Coed Cae Lane area indicating the recycling facility and the meeting point for the afternoon of 20 December.

Councillor Huish advised the Council that a framework for Local Agenda 21 would be submitted to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Policy Committee before Christmas.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) **CCTV initiative in Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that he had heard from the officer co-ordinating the bids for CCTV funding in Rhondda Cynon Taff


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