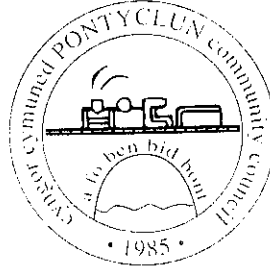


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 6 June, 2001.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth, R G Norman and M Rea. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P. C. Keddle.

2. **Chairperson**

In the absence of the Chairperson, Community Councillor M Rea, the Vice Chairperson, Community Councillor Mrs P Thomas occupied the Chair.

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

(a) **Funding for schools**

The Leader, Councillor Huish, reported that additional funding had become available from the National Assembly for Wales for the education service and this would be used to the benefit of local schools. Councillor Huish also stated that £20,000 had been allocated to the design of the new school on the Cefn-yr-Hendy estate.

(b) **Road Safety**

Councillor Huish reported that £9,000 had been allocated by the Borough Council improve road markings in Cowbridge

Road, near Y Pant School. He also stated that there was a possibility of a new "Puffin" crossing being installed on Cowbridge Road outside Y Pant Comprehensive School and that this would allow children to cross the main road in safety. Other works to improve road safety in the area were also being investigated.

(c) **Restrictions on access to Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun**

Councillor Huish reported that restrictions would be imposed shortly on the access road to the Pontyclun Community Centre. Councillor Huish said that he was meeting an officer of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Highways Department in the next few days and he was hopeful that works to restrict the access to Heol yr Orsaf would commence within the following two weeks.

4. **Police matters**

**RESOLVED:** In the absence of P C Keddle this item of business was deferred until the next meeting of the Community Council.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's Annual Meeting of 2 May, 2001**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's Annual Meeting of 2 May, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Monthly Meeting of 2 January, 2002**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Booking Clerk of the Community Centre with the view to arranging an alternative date for the Community Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 2 January, 2002. He said the date he had arranged was Thursday, 3 January 2002.

**RESOLVED:** That in January, 2002 the Community Council would not hold a meeting.

(b) **Meetings of the Finance Committee**

The Clerk advised that meetings of the Council's Finance Committee had been scheduled for 20 June, 2001, 26 September, 2001 and 11 December, 2001. A further meeting would be held in late January, 2002, although the date of the meeting had yet to be finalised.

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

7. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 May, 2001**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 2 May, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

8. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

9. **Minutes of the Council's special meeting of 14 May, 2001**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's special meeting of 14 May, 2001 be approved as an accurate record.

10. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

11. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Concessionary Travel Scheme**

The Council considered the comments of the Borough Council on the equalisation of age entitlement for males and females in qualifying under the concessionary travel scheme.

It was noted that both the government and the Borough Council were in favour of equal treatment and that the government had given an undertaking to amend existing legislation to provide for the change. To provide for the additional cost it had been estimated that an additional £5 million per year would be required in Wales.

The Borough Council sought the name of the authorities that had introduced equal treatment for males and females in advance of legislation being amended.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk provide the information provided to the Council at one of its earlier meetings.

(b) **Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

The Council discussed an invitation to send delegates to the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils due to be held in Aberystwyth on 13



October, 2001. The Council was also given the opportunity to submit motions for debate.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council be represented at the Annual Conference by the Clerk.
- (ii) That any motions for debate be submitted to the Clerk within the timescale set by the Association.

(c) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 4, 11, 18 and 25 May and 1 June, 2001**

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

The Council discussed applications for planning consent contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 4, 11, 18 and 25 May and 1 June, 2001.

**Application No. T/01/2376/10**

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposal from Tarmac for the "progressive restoration of quarry using inert infilling materials and the operation of an associated recycling facility" at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin.

Several members expressed their concern about the application since there was a long history of nuisance from the quarry affecting residents of Miskin. It appeared that the new application would not result in the end of stone extraction and that the proposed development would run in parallel with the resumption of stone extraction.

The Council also had regard to the letter from the Miskin Residents which sought to obtain assurances from the Planning Authority in the event of the application being approved.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council support the representations of the Miskin Residents' Association.
- (ii) That the Council highlight the need for improved traffic management at the entrance to the quarry, if the application is approved, as a result of the likely increase in vehicular movements.
- (iii) That the Planning Authority be urged to reconvene the Hendy Quarry Liaison

Committee in the event of the resumption of blasting at the quarry.

**Application No. T/01/2379/13**

A lengthy discussion took place on the application from the Welsh Development Agency for outline planning consent for residential development on land south of Bute Quarry, Miskin.

Several Members pointed to the close proximity of the application site to the former landfill site. It was known that the landfill site continued to generate methane gas and that there was a strong likelihood that the gas would migrate into the areas adjacent to the landfill site. Equally, Members were aware that these concerns had been taken into account in the preparation of the Local Plan.

The Council took account of the strong representations made by the Miskin Residents' Association against the development.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That as the Council had always held deep reservations about the development of this land for residential purposes, the Council oppose the application.
  - (ii) That the Council support the points made by the Miskin Residents' Association in its letter dated 7 June, 2001, opposing the proposals, with the exception of the comment, in point 6, relating to the Welsh Development Agency.
  - (iii) That the Council re-emphasise to the Planning Authority its opposition to further residential development in the Community of Pontyclun without accompanying improvements in the infrastructure.

(d) **Payment of creditors**

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

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

**Employment of casual assistance to the Council's Handyman**

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had been the Council's practice for several years to employ casual assistance for the Council's

Handyman during the summer months. The Clerk sought clarification on the Council's intentions for the summer of 2001.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council re-affirm its intention to employ casual assistance for the Handyman during the summer months.

(ii) That the Clerk be authorised to recruit a casual employee as in previous years.

13. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Grant application forms**

The Clerk reported the Council that its annual grants allocation meeting was scheduled to be held on the evening of Monday 16 July, 2001. The closing date for the receipt of application forms is Friday, 13 July, 2001.

The Clerk advised the Council that grant application forms were of the week being printed and would be delivered to Members by the end.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted

(b) **Land adjacent to Pontyclun Fire Station**

The Council received the letter from the South Wales Fire Service in which it was stated that as the Fire Service had repaired the fence adjacent to the fire station on several occasions, with no long lasting benefit, the Brigade intended to erect a 1.8 metre palisade style fence which would be fixed to the stone bridge.

**RESOLVED:** That the Fire Service be thanked for its prompt attention to the matter.

(c) **Planning appeal decisions**

(i) **Land adjoining Greenhill Cottage, Miskin**

The Council received the decision of the Planning Inspectorate to uphold the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse consent for development at Greenhill Cottage, Miskin.

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

(ii) **Land to the south of Junction Works, Pontyclun**

The Council received the decision of the Planning Inspectorate to reverse the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse

consent for development on land to the south of Junction Works, Pontyclun.

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

(d) **Annual audit of accounts**

The Council received a letter from Councillor Dilworth, dated 8 May, 2001, in which Councillor Dilworth stated that he wished to view the Community Council's accounts for 2000/2001. Councillor Dilworth also stated that he wished to question the auditor on the accounts.

The Clerk advised that the accounts had been inspected by Councillor Dilworth on the evening of Friday, 18 May, 2001.

The Clerk reported the receipt of copies of two further letters written to the District Auditor from Councillor Dilworth in connection with the 2000/2001 audit of accounts. The copy letters were received after the despatch of agendas for the Council's June meeting. Copies of the letters were distributed to Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk respond to Councillor Dilworth to the effect that while the Community Council understood that as an elector in the Community he had every right to exercise his democratic rights, the Community Council was disappointed that he chose to write direct to the District Auditor first rather than raise any concerns with the Clerk or with the Council.

(e) **Groesfaen village nameplate**

The Council was pleased to receive the reply of the Borough Council indicating that the Groesfaen village nameplate at the eastern end of the village was scheduled to be replaced as part of the A4119 Groesfaen Safety Scheme.

The matter was noted.

(f) **Replacement bus shelter – Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun had been replaced. The Council had received a number of complimentary remarks from residents living in the vicinity.

The matter was noted.

(g) **A 4119 Groesfaen Safety Scheme**

The Clerk reported receipt of formal notification from the Highway Authority about the extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed restriction approximately 100 metres west of its existing position in Groesfaen.

The matter was noted.

14. The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

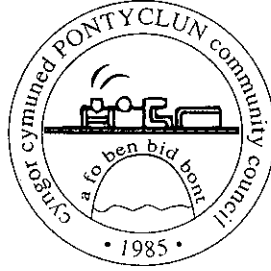




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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 June, 2001.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C B Bendle, C Davies, J G Davies, and M Rea (Chairperson)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs V A Cale, J V Huish and Mrs P Thomas

2. **Council's budget and expenditure for 2001/2002**

The Committee reviewed each budget head of the Council's expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year, and projected expenditure for the year, against the Council's budget.

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

3. The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.