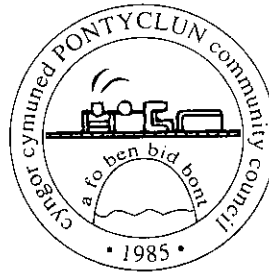


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 6 March, 2002.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle, J V Huish and R G Norman.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interests were sought from Members.

Councillor Dilworth indicated that he would be declaring an interest under item 7 (a) and would be withdrawing from the Chamber during the debate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the appropriate entry in the Register of Disclosures of Personal Interests under Section 81 of the Local Government Act, 2000, at the appropriate time.

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

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

4. **Police matters**

(i) **CCTV**

P C Keddle expressed his concern that the CCTV installation in Pontyclun was proceeding without the involvement of the police. He quoted, as an example of his concern, the proposal to install a camera in the car park adjacent to the Pontyclun Community Centre. Experience had shown that few problems arose in this area.

It was pointed out that siting of the cameras in Pontyclun had been undertaken by the CCTV team of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. The Community Council had been reliant upon the professional advice of the Borough Council.

(i) **Arson**

P C Keddle reported that there had been a serious case of arson, caused by an unknown person, in the doorway of the Hendy Stores, Pontyclun. There was a possibility that the person had been filmed on CCTV and police investigations into the incident were continuing. Members were asked to contact PC Keddle if they had any information which might lead to the apprehension of the person responsible.

The report was noted.

(ii) **Damage to newsagent's premises, Llanharry**

Councillor Dilworth reported on an incident in Llanharry where damage was caused to the premises of a newsagent.

P C Keddle responded that he was unaware of the incident.

(iii) **Under age consumption of alcohol**

Councillor Dilworth referred to previous reports of under-age consumption of alcohol in the Community and asked for an update on the latest position.

P C Keddle responded that, of late, there had been few reports of under-age drinking and at present things were relatively quiet.

(iv) **Speed restrictions**

Councillor Cale referred to recent speculation on alterations to the speed restrictions between Brynsadler and Llanharry. Councillor Cale sought information on the proposals.

The Clerk responded that while the Community Council had not been notified officially of any change, he was aware that Members of the Community Council who were also members of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, had been consulted about proposed changes. Discussions had also been entered into with the police.



It was understood that the proposals would be that the existing 30 m.p.h. restriction, when entering Brynsadler from Llanharry, would be extended westwards in the direction of Llanharry for approximately 50 metres. Further, that the remaining length of road to Llanharry would be made subject to a 40 m.p.h. restriction.

The report was noted.

(v) Disruptive behaviour – Hendy Estate

Councillor Mrs Peggy Thomas referred to the disruptive behaviour of a family on the Hendy Estate and asked whether the police could assist in lessening the tension caused by the anti-social behaviour of the family. Councillor Thomas pointed out that the Housing Department of the Borough Council had already been involved but with limited effect.

P C Keddle replied that the police had also had some involvement with the family but did not have firm evidence upon which to take action.

(vi) Anti-social behaviour of youths – Hendy Estate

Councillor Thomas advised P C Keddle of the actions of youths on the Hendy Estate who were known to have driven battered cars around the Estate, to the danger and annoyance of residents, and were believed to be involved in drug abuse behind garages.

P C Keddle responded that if anyone had evidence of criminal behaviour they should report the facts to the police and an investigation would ensue.

(vii) Redgate Cottages, Groesfaen

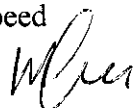
Councillor Rea drew P C Keddle's attention to the practice of a new resident of Redgate Cottages, Groesfaen, when parking near the electrical transformer adjacent the A4119.

Councillor Rea stated that the owner of the vehicle would regularly park his vehicle three quarters on the pavement and one quarter on the road. There was little doubt that a vehicle parked in this way caused a serious hazard.

Councillor Rea agreed to take the registration number of the offending vehicle and report it to P C Keddle for investigation.

(vii) Speed cameras in the Community

Councillor Rea referred to the recent installation of speed cameras in the Community and asked whether P C Keddle had any information on the number of motorists who had been caught exceeding the speed limit.



The Clerk reported that work on the disabled access to the Ivor Woods was complete and that the only remaining issue was the Council's final contribution to Groundwork of £400.00 which had been approved by the Community Council at its last meeting. The section of fence at the car park adjacent to the football field had been reinstated as requested by the Pontyclun Football Club.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk make arrangements for the payment of £400.00 to Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Invitation to attend a forum on the Member's Code of Conduct**

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

The Council discussed an invitation to attend a forum arranged by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils on the Member's Code of Conduct to be held at Tredomen on the evening of Tuesday, 26 March, 2002.

RESOLVED: That authority be given for any Member of the Council, or the Clerk, to attend the Forum.

(b) **Invitation to attend a day conference on the organisation and implementation of Objective One**

The Council discussed an invitation to attend a conference arranged by the Institute of Welsh Politics on the organisation and implementation of Objective One to be held at Cwmaman Institute on 22 March, 2002.

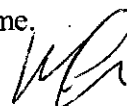
RESOLVED: That authority be given for any Member of the Council, or the Clerk, to attend the conference.

(c) **Invitation to attend a meeting of the National Assembly's South East Wales Regional Committee**

RESOLVED: That authority be given for any Member of the Council, or the Clerk, to attend the meeting

(d) **2002 Pontyclun Playscheme**

The Council received a letter inviting it to make a financial contribution to the 2002 Pontyclun Playscheme.



P C Kettle responded that he did not have any information to hand but might be able to get information in due course.

5. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 February, 2002**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 6 February, 2002, be approved as an accurate record subject to the Clerk sending a further letter to the Borough Council to clarify that the Council was, in principle, in favour of the proposed development at the former Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Installation of CCTV**

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Community Council he had been contacted by the landlady of the Windsor Hotel, Pontyclun who pointed out that the erection of the CCTV pole outside her premises restricted the vision of motorists leaving the car park at the Hotel.

The Clerk had reported the concerns to the Highway Authority who had subsequently held a site meeting. The outcome had been that an agreement had been reached to move the column closer to the Windsor Hotel to improve vision subject to the owners of the premises agreeing that they had no objection to the proposal.

The report was noted.

(b) **Concessionary Travel Scheme**

The Community Council was pleased to receive the Borough Council's letter of 20 February, 2002, in which it was confirmed that all local authorities in Wales will be issuing passes entitling their eligible residents to free travel on local buses throughout Wales from April, 2002, under an initiative jointly by local authorities and the National Assembly.

(c) **Community Council precept for 2002/2003**

The Council received a revised budget statement setting out the effect of a 5.5% increase across budget heads.

RESOLVED: That the information be approved and adopted.

(d) **Disabled access to the Ivor Woods**



RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to the organiser of the Playscheme to say that while the Council was supportive of the proposed 2002 playscheme, application to the Council for financial assistance would need to be made in the same way, and at the same time as other applicants for assistance.

(e) **Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod**

The discussed an application for financial assistance from the organisers of the 2002 Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to make a grant

(f) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 25 January, 1, 8, 15 and 22 February, 2002**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 25 January, 1, 8, 15 and 22 February, 2002.

RESOLVED: That no comment be made to the Borough Council on any of the applications.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 9 to the Council's agenda.

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

There were no matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Proposed traffic calming**

The Council discussed correspondence exchanged between Mr Hywel Rowlands of 29 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, and the Highway Authority about plans for traffic calming in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

While Mr Rowlands commended the Highway Authority on its intentions to improve safety along Heol Miskin he was concerned that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was not taking full advantage of the opportunity to realise its transport obligations. In particular, Mr Rowlands was concerned that the Borough Council had missed an opportunity



for the introduction of “safer and easier cycling and walking” highlighted in current government policies.

RESOLVED: That the Council express its disappointment to the Borough Council that it had failed to take the opportunity to introduce measures which would have long term safety benefits and satisfy both cyclists and pedestrians. Further, that the Community Council express its regret that the Borough Council had not sought any comments from the Community Council before progressing the scheme.

(b) **Occasional Public Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for the grant of an Occasional Public Entertainment Licence at the Miskin Mill Scout Village, Miskin, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(c) **New On Licence**

The Council received details of an application for the grant of a New On Licence at The Bombay Brasserie, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(d) **Street Nameplate**

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting contact had been made with the Borough Council about the need to replace the street nameplate at Maesyfelin Crescent. Agreement had been received that the nameplate would be replaced shortly.

RESOLVED: That while the Borough Council’s renewal of the nameplate was welcomed, enquiries be made about the requests for the renewal of street nameplates which were still outstanding at Heol Robart, and Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun.

10. The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

