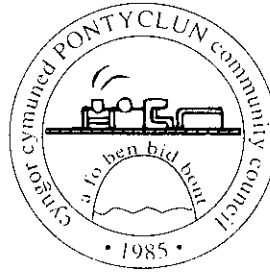


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 April, 2004.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, J V Huish and S Rogers.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

RESOLVED: That the disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures

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

There were no items of business for report.

Councillor Norman wished Members to know that since the Council's last meeting Mr Edward Rea, the brother of the Chairperson, and a prominent and successful businessman, had passed away.

The Council stood and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

4. **Police matters**

P C Keddle reported that Inspector Mence of the Talbot Green police station had planned to come along to the Council's meeting that evening. Unfortunately, Inspector Mence had reported sick and his visit to the Community Council had been postponed.

M Thomas

(a) **Crime figures for March, 2004**

P C Keddle reported that crime figures for the month of March, 2004, were unavailable for that evening's meeting. P C Keddle would ensure that the March figures would be available with the April figures for report to the Community Council's May meeting.

(b) **Burglaries**

P C Keddle wished to bring to the Council's attention six daytime burglaries which took place in Talygarn and Brynsadler on the same afternoon on a recent weekend. Despite conducting house to house enquiries in the area it had only been possible to gain the descriptions of two youths who were seen to be acting suspiciously by a resident.

P C Keddle urged Members to advise their constituents that whenever suspicious activities were seen by residents immediate contact with the police should be made by dialling 999.

The police would be re-inforcing this advice by printing an article in a forthcoming edition of the Llantrisant Observer.

The report was noted.

(c) **New Talygarn Trail**

P C Keddle drew attention to the work undertaken to land owned by Dr Mark Hebden in the vicinity of The Cot, Talygarn, and land owned by Cowbridge Developments.

Significant and welcomed work had been undertaken to make the footpaths accessible to the public.

The report was noted.

(d) **Footpaths in Talygarn**

Councillor Graham Davies advised the Council that he, too, had received reports about footpaths in the Talygarn area. While it was unclear whether the footpaths were the same ones referred to by P C Keddle, he believed that the Community Council should carry out a site visit to establish the position.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting of the Council be convened for the purpose of establishing the

condition of footpaths in the Talygarn area on the morning of Sunday, 16 May, 2004.

Members wishing to take part in the walk convene at the Clerk's house at 10.00 a.m.

(e) **Van break-in**

Councillor Norman reported that a van belonging to a Mr Summers had been broken into on the Hendy Estate and a quantity of tools and a tool box had been stolen. Details of the crime had been reported to the police.

The report was noted.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 March, 2004**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 March, 2004, be confirmed as an accurate record subject to Councillor Mrs P Thomas's name being recorded as present at the meeting.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Report from Inspector Mence**

RESOLVED: That as it had been reported earlier that Inspector Mence was unable to attend the meeting, receipt of the report from Inspector Mence be deferred to a future meeting.

(b) **Tax relief on second homes**

The Council received a copy of a letter from the Rt. Hon. Peter Hain, M.P. which sought to clarify the earlier letter from Hywel Williams, M. P. over proposals to simplify the pensions regimes and potential impact upon investment in holiday homes.

The letter from Rt. Hon Peter Hain, M.P., explained in detail that there are currently eight different pension regimes applying to different schemes and the government is currently consulting on proposals to simplify this situation by applying a single regime to all pension schemes

The proposals were intended to make it easier for everyone to save for their retirement and to give equality to all pension schemes. The proposals demonstrated the government's intention not to give any incentives to people to buy holiday homes.

RESOLVED: That the letter from Rt. Hon. Peter Hain be noted.

(c) **Community Council's Annual Meeting**

The Clerk advised the Community Council that, in the light of the decision to hold Community Council, Borough Council and European Elections on 10 June, 2004, the revised date for the Community Council's Annual Meeting is 23 June, 2004.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Internal Auditor's Interim Report for 2003/2004**

The Council discussed the Internal Auditor's Report for 2003/2004.

The Clerk highlighted the comments of the auditor about a duplicate payment and the position on the return of £400.00 requested from the Talygarn Forum.

The creditor to whom the duplicate payment had been made had returned the overpaid money to the Community Council.

The Clerk reported that he had already made several requests to the Secretary of the Talygarn Forum for a meeting to be convened to discuss the Community Council's request. The Clerk agreed that he would press the Secretary for a meeting to be held as soon as possible to consider the Community Council's request.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's Interim Report for 2003/2004 be noted.

(b) **Boundary Commission for Wales -
Review of Parliamentary constituencies
and Assembly Regions in Wales**

The Council discussed the response of the Boundary Commission for Wales' response to the Community Council's earlier representations about the urgent need for a re-alignment of the Parliamentary boundaries in Pontyclun.

The Community Council had recommended to the Boundary Commission that a re-alignment was needed to bring the whole of Pontyclun within the Pontypridd Parliamentary Constituency. Currently, Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun fell within the Ogmore constituency.

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The response from the Joint Secretary to the Commission stated that from a study of maps it is clear that the constituency boundaries do appear to split areas that are likely to have a community interest.

The Joint Secretary suggested that the way forward would be for the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council to conduct reviews of the boundary between the Communities of Pontyclun and Llanharry (and Llanharan). These would be passed to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales who would consider the consequential changes to the electoral divisions. Following this the reviews would be passed to the Assembly to make the Orders.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council and request a review of the boundaries between the Pontyclun, Llanharry and Llanharan Community Councils.

(c) **Draft Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for Wales**

(Councillor Bendle declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

The Council discussed the Draft Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for Wales.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be noted.

(d) **Appointment to the post of part-time caretaker of the Pontyclun public conveniences**

(The Clerk declared an interest in this item of business as his son was an applicant for the post. The Clerk vacated the Council chamber)

RESOLVED: (i) That Jonathan Peter Lewis of Mandalay” Cowbridge Road, Talygarn, Pontyclun, the only applicant, be appointed to the vacancy.

(ii) That the Council’s thanks be extended to Mr Lewis for his work in carrying out the duties of relief caretaker over the previous 10 months.

(e) **Miskin Green**

Councillor Chris Davies wished to thank the Council for agreeing to the installation of decorative bollards and chain around the Council-owned Miskin Green.

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All work had now been completed and a number of compliments had been received from Misikin residents who believed that the bollards and chain enhanced the appearance of the village.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That Councillor Davies's remarks be noted.
- (ii) That, for the benefit of those Members who had not seen the completed work, a site meeting would be held immediately after the Council had concluded its business.

(f) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 27 February, 5, 12, and 19 March, 2004**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business, as a member of the Borough Council's Development Control Committee, and vacated the Council chamber)

The Council discussed planning application contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 27 February, 5, 12 and 19 March, 2004.

- RESOLVED:** That in respect of planning application No. 04/0503/10, the Planning Authority be advised that the Community Council is of the view that the proposal is an over-development of the plot of land in relation to the proximity of nearby buildings.

(g) **Payment of creditors**

- RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 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**

Replacement bus shelter, Brynsadler, Pontyclun

The Clerk advised the Council that he had contacted the Borough Council over the refusal of Redrow Homes to acknowledge its earlier commitment to provide a replacement bus shelter for the bus shelter which was demolished by Redrow Homes to construct the residential development in the site of the former brewery in Brynsadler.

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The Council discussed the letter sent to Redrow Homes from the Environmental Services Group of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

10. The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.