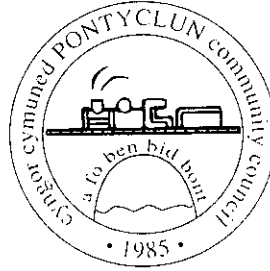


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 February, 2001

PRESENT: Community Councillors C B Bendle, Mrs A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish, M Rea, S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Eleven members of the public for part of the meeting and a further three members of the public for all the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth and R G Norman

2. **Chairperson**

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Councillor Rea was elected Chairperson

3. **Chairperson's Business**

There were no items of Chairperson's Business.

4. **Police Matters**

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Community Policeman, discussion under this heading be deferred to the next Council meeting.

5. **Retiring Handyperson**

The Council invited Mr Dave Tookey, its retiring Handyperson, to the meeting and thanked him for his conscientious and loyal service to the Council over many years. Members wished Mr Tookey and his wife a long and healthy retirement and hoped that Mr Tookey would look back on his

period of employment with the Community Council with fond memories. Members made a presentation to mark Mr Tookey's retirement from the Council's service.

RESOLVED: That Mr Tookey's service with the Council be extended for a short period to allow the new handyperson to become familiar with his duties

6. **Minutes of the Council's shortlisting panel of 24 January, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's shortlisting panel of 24 January, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

8. **Adoption of Panel's recommendations**

RESOLVED: That the Panel's recommendations be adopted.

9. **Appointment of Handyperson**

The Council interviewed four applicants for the post of Handyperson. It was noted that one of the applicants for interview, Mr Purnell, had asked that his application be withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That the Council offer appointment to the post to Mr Derek William Oram of 19 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, and that the Clerk arrange a date with Mr Oram for taking up his duties.

10. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 January, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 January, 2001, be approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment to minute 6 (g) to reflect that in addition to declaring an interest, Councillor Norman also vacated the Council chamber.

11. **Matters arising**

(a) **Recycling Initiative**

The Council received a report on the recent visit to the Borough Council's recycling facility at the Coed Cae Lane Industrial Estate. Members were impressed with the work being carried out at the site and with the dedication shown by the workers employed on a special employment project. Members also gained an insight

into the challenges faced in running the operation and the proposals for expanding the facilities.

Members believed that there was scope for extending the joint initiative on recycling entered into with the Borough Council and discussed possible sites for the location of collection facilities within the Community

The Council was also interested to hear that the Llanharry Community Council had heard of the Community Council's initiative with the Borough Council and had expressed a wish to take similar action.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Councillor Sid Morgan of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to discuss potential sites for collection facilities.

(b) **Industrial Estates signs**

The Clerk reported that the awaited "Industrial Estates" directional sign had been erected by the Highway Authority on the A4119 near the Castell y Mynach Inn. The Council had learned, informally, that two further signs would be erected by the Highway Authority; one at the "Matalan" roundabout and the other at a site approximately equidistant between the "McDonald's" roundabout to the traffic lights on the Talbot Green By Pass. Both signs would be funded by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) **Access to the Ivor Woods**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Groundwork and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and clarified that the Community Council did not have £15,000 in its budget solely for improvement works for the footbridge across the river Ely into the Ivor Woods. Both organisations understood the position.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

12. **Finance Committee's meeting of 31 January, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 31 January, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

13. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

14. **Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations**

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

15. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Trees in the Ivor Woods**

The Clerk reminded the Council of its earlier decision to cut back branches from trees in the Ivor Woods where those branches were overhanging residents' gardens in The Hollies, Brynsadler.

Site visits had subsequently taken place with the Arboriculture Officer of the Borough Council, to obtain consent to prune back trees covered by preservation orders, and with contractors prepared to undertake the work.

A resident of The Hollies who had made enquiries about the extent of the work proposed had claimed that the work was insufficient. She claimed that it was necessary to lop off a third of the mature trees' height in order that her television reception might be improved.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take further advice from the Borough Council's Arboriculture Officer. In the event of the Arboriculture Officer advising that lopping off a third of the height of the mature trees would not be detrimental to the trees the Clerk be authorised to instruct the Council's contractors to proceed accordingly and the Council bear all the cost of the work.

(b) **Application for an Entertainment Licence**

The Council received details of an application for an Entertainment Licence at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That no comment be made on the application.

(c) **Spring Clean, 2001**

The Council received details of Spring Clean, 2001, and an invitation to participate in the Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to participate in Spring Clean, 2001.

(d) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 29 December, 2000, and 5, 12, 19 and 26 January, 2001**

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

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 29 December, 2000, and 5, 12, 19 and 26 January, 2001.

Application No. 2016

(Councillor Rea declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

RESOLVED: That no comment be made on the application.

Application No. 2906

Members discussed this application at length. The application was believed to be very similar to an application for development of the same plot of ground made approximately 18 months earlier. The original application had been withdrawn by the developer because of environmental concerns. The original application had also provoked considerable opposition from a considerable number of residents.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the same grounds as it had opposed the application some 18 months earlier.

Application No. 2973

RESOLVED: That the Council register its disquiet at the pace at which residential development is taking place on the Cefn yr Hendy site given that there have been no improvements to the local infrastructure.

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

(a) **Application for consent for further residential development at site adjacent to Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun**

The Council received a deputation of residents from the Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun. The deputation was concerned about a recent application for planning consent for further residential development at the site of the former goods yard adjacent to the Ynysddu Farm Estate.

The deputation sought the support of the Community Council to oppose the proposed development on the grounds that:

- (i) there would be increased flows of traffic on to the A4119
- (ii) there would be increased flows of traffic into Pontyclun via Station Approach
- (iii) the proposal had not been well researched
- (iv) the proposed development would be outside Local Plan

RESOLVED: That despite the closing date for the receipt of comments on the application having passed, the Clerk be requested to write to the Planning Authority in support of Ynysddu Farm Estate residents opposing the development on the grounds contained in points (i) to (iv) above.

(b) **Parking in Stuart Street, Pontyclun**

The Council received a deputation on behalf of residents of Stuart Street, Pontyclun, who sought the support of the Council over a recent development whereby certain residents were now being issued parking contravention notices.

Mr Trigg, on behalf of residents, explained that the pavements of Stuart Street were very wide, leaving a narrow road. It had become customary for some residents to park their vehicles on the wide pavements. Lately, traffic wardens had started to "book" vehicle owners. Mr Trigg asked that consideration be given to making highway improvements in Stuart Street similar to those which had been introduced in other Pontyclun streets.

Councillor Huish responded that the problem had been brought to his attention and that he had raised the issue with the police and was hopeful that a compromise could be achieved.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That Councillor Huish convene a site meeting with representatives of the police, traffic wardens and Highway Authority to progress matters.
 - (ii) That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority in support of residents' requests for a relaxation of restrictions.
 - (iii) That residents raise the issue of vehicle drivers using a lane in the vicinity of Stuart Street as a short cut at the site meeting.

17. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **List of applicants for the post of Handyperson**

RESOLVED: That the list of applicants be noted.

(b) **Budget monitoring**

RESOLVED: That the budget monitoring information considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 31 January, 2001 be noted.

(c) **Planning Appeal**

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Inspector in deciding an application for planning consent to develop land in Talygarn be noted.

(d) **Local Government Partnership Scheme**

RESOLVED: That the Draft Guidance to Local Authorities from the National Assembly for Wales be noted.

(e) **Proposed Bus Shelter**

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from the Highway Authority advising that permission would be granted for the erection of a bus shelter in Llantrisant Road, Groesfaen be noted.

(f) **Rhondda Cynon Taff Events Brochure, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the facility for advertising events in the Rhondda Cynon Taff Events Brochure, 2001, be noted.

18. The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.