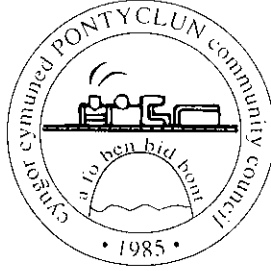


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 June, 2000

PRESENT: Community Councillors V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, J R Dilworth, J V Huish, R G Norman and M Rea

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle of the South Wales Police for part of the meeting and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Councillors C G Bendle, P Thomas and S Rogers

2. **Chairperson's business**

(i) **Civic Service**

Councillor Dilworth announced that he had arranged a civic service to mark his year as Chairperson. The service would be held in St Anne's Church, Talygarn, at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 24 September, 2000, and invitations would be sent to all members of the Council.

(ii) **Charity**

Councillor Dilworth announced that his chosen charity for his year of office is Ty Hafan and that he had already contributed a sum of £100.00 from his Chairperson's Allowance.

(iii) **Donation**

Councillor Dilworth announced that he had made a donation from his Chairperson's Allowance of £25.00 to the Pontyclun Youth Partnership

J.R. Dilworth

(iv) **Wales Association of Community & Town Councils**

Councillor Dilworth announced that he had made arrangements to host the December 2000 meeting of the Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(v) **Chairperson's Allowance**

Councillor Dilworth stated his intention to publish a Chairperson's Account at the end of his term of office which would detail how he had spent his Chairperson's Allowance.

3. **Police matters**

(i) **Former Park Cinema, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle reported that there had been a number a break-ins at the former Park Cinema in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

Requests had been made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for the premises to be boarded up but the Authority had refused on the grounds that boarding-up was the responsibility of the owners. Enquiries about ownership of the premises had revealed that the owners lived in New Zealand and there was some doubt whether they could be forced to board up. In the meantime the premises posed a safety risk.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Huish make further enquiries on the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and report back to P C Keddle.

(ii) **Community Shop, Pontyclun**

Councillors Huish and Cale drew to P C Keddle's attention to recent incidents of break-ins at the Community Shop in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Councillor Cale also advised P C Keddle that on the evening of the last break-in there had also been incidents of damage to vehicles in Pontyclun.

P C Keddle responded that the incidents had been reported to the police and were the subject of investigations.

(iii) **Police presence in Pontyclun**

Councillor Graham Davies commented to P C Keddle that he was pleased to note an increased police presence in Pontyclun of late. Councillor Davies said that the police presence offered the public reassurance during times of anti-social behaviour.

(iv) **Speeding traffic in Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman drew P C Keddle's attention to further instances of traffic failing to give precedence to pedestrians using the pedestrian crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

P C Keddle advised Councillor Norman that the police took such incidents very seriously. He asked that if any member of the public using the crossing finds that traffic does not give way he or she should take the registration number of the offending vehicle and report the incident to the police. The police would pursue the matter formally.

4. **Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 3 May, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 May, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(i) **Chain of Office**

The Chairperson, Councillor Dilworth was installed with the Chain of Office.

(ii) **Chain of Office – Inscriptions**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the possibility of inscribing the Chain of Office with the name of each Chairperson of the Community Council.

6. **Minutes of the Council's monthly meeting of 3 May, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's monthly meeting of 3 May, 2000 be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Round 2 CCTV Government Bids**

Councillor Rea reported that since the matter was last discussed by the Council he, and other Members had been afforded the opportunity to visit the CCTV monitoring centre in Sardis House, Pontypridd. It had been confirmed that Pontyclun had been included in the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council bid for CCTV grant under the Phase 2 bids to the central government. If the Pontyclun bid was successful it would mean that under the partnership arrangements the

Community Council would the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council would be responsible for carrying out the administrative work in connection with the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun.

It was anticipated that the successful applicants for Phase 2 funding for CCTV would be announced in around 3 to 4 weeks' time.

RESOLVED:(i) That the Clerk write to Tony Keys in the Environmental Services Department of the Borough Council to advise him of the position.

(ii) That the Council extend its congratulations to Councillor Rea for his hard work in progression the CCTV initiative.

(b) **Access for disabled people to the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted both Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Footpaths Officer of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and had arranged a site meeting to progress the scheme. The meeting would take place at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 June, 2000.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(c) **Traffic signage**

Councillor Huish reported that earlier that day he had been in contact with officers of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to progress the plan to erect a traffic sign on the Talbot Green By Pass to direct heavy goods vehicles in the direction of the Coed Cae Lane area rather than towards Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for a site meeting and that Councillors Huish and Cale together with the Clerk represent the Council.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Position of Leader and Deputy Leader**

Councillor Huish proposed that the Community Council adopt the position of Leader and Deputy Leader. The practice would accord with the normal practice of a number of other



neighbouring local authorities. The Council discussed the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the proposal for the adoption of the post of Leader and Deputy Leader with Councillor Huish being voted as Leader and Councillor Cale being voted as Deputy Leader.

(Councillors Dilworth and Norman wished that it be recorded in the minutes that they voted against the proposal for the adoption of the posts of Leader and Deputy Leader)

(b) **Establishment of Finance Committee**

Councillor Huish proposed that the Council re-establish its Finance Committee in order to develop a business planning approach to the running of the Council's financial matters.

RESOLVED: That the Council re-establish its Finance Committee with the following members being elected to sit on it: Councillors Bendle, Cale, C Davies, G Davies, Huish and Rea. Also, that a meeting of the Finance Committee take place on Wednesday, 28 June, 2000.

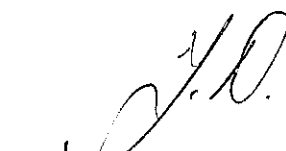
(c) **Standing Orders**

Councillor Huish proposed that the Council's Standing Orders be reviewed to incorporate the changes at 8 (a) and 8 (b) above.

A discussion on the need to update the Council's Standing Orders followed. The Clerk advised that an update of Standing Orders was overdue since it was always the intention to revise Standing Orders in the light of experience since they were first adopted following the Council's inception in 1985.

In response to a question about whether it was in order to amend Standing Orders between annual meetings the Clerk advised that Standing Orders were the Council's way of regulating its own affairs. If matters arose between annual meetings which required a change in a council's rules there was no objection to the Council altering those rules to suit the new requirements.

RESOLVED: (i) That a review of Standing Orders be undertaken by a committee comprising Councillors Cale, Huish and Rea to incorporate the changes necessary as a result of items 8 (a) and 8 (b) above and that a report be made to the Council on any other Standing Orders requiring amendment.


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- (ii) That to facilitate the committee in its work the Clerk obtain a copy of the model standing orders published nationally.

(Councillors Dilworth and Norman wished that it be recorded in the minutes that they voted against the proposal for the amendment of Standing Orders before the next annual meeting of the Council.)

(d) **Local Government Boundary Commission**

Members received the draft report of the Local Government Boundary Commission on whether to recommend a re-alignment of the boundary between the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. It was noted that the Boundary Commission had recommended that the boundary remain unaltered.

RESOLVED: That as the draft proposals recommended by the Boundary Commission reflected the views submitted by the Community Council some months earlier, no further comment be offered, save for confirmation that the Community Council's views were unchanged.

(e) **Proposed installation of footpath lighting**

The Council discussed correspondence from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council giving details of cost for the installation of footpath lighting along the footpath between Maes yr Afon and Heol Glan Elai, Pontyclun.

Following an earlier consultation exercise with residents in the area it had been agreed that if the Community Council was to fund the project, low level bollard lighting would be provided to avoid the intrusive effects of column mounted lanterns.

The correspondence from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council stated that low level bollard lighting would only provide amenity lighting and it would be neither financially or technically viable to light the footpath in accordance with BS5489: 1992. Additionally, in the event that the Community Council decided to proceed with the scheme, it was unlikely that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council would accept that the installation for maintenance since it would not comply with British Standards.

RESOLVED: That reluctantly the Council abandon

the scheme for the provision of footpath lighting on the footpath between Maes yr Afon and Heol Glan Elai, Pontyclun, and that residents living in the area be informed.

(f) **Hendy Estate playgrounds**

Councillor Norman expressed his concern that the children's playgrounds at Brynamlwg and Cil Hendy had been condemned by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The matter had been taken up formally with the Leisure Services Department but no reply had been received. The matter had also been referred to a Cabinet member without any success.

Councillor Norman was disappointed that he had not received advance notification of the plans to condemn the children's playgrounds. He also wished to ensure that the sum of £100,000 which had been earmarked by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for the upgrading of play areas in the Pontyclun Ward was not spent in other wards of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Huish pursue the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a view to getting a site meeting in the Ward.

(g) **Taff Ely Local Plan**

The Council discussed a notification from the Director of Planning which said that he was writing to all bodies who had submitted one or more objections concerning an aspect of the Taff Ely Local Plan in 1996 or 1998. The report of the Inspector conducting the Inquiry into objections in 1999 had been considered and published by the Borough Council. The Borough Council now wished to modify the Local Plan largely in line with the Inspector's recommendations. A further opportunity was available to the Council to object both to the proposed modifications, and to the intention to reject certain recommendations.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council re-affirm its earlier comments on the Local Plan

- (ii) That the Clerk make arrangements to purchase a copy of the Inspector's report for the Council.

(h) **"Tackling Substance Misuse in Wales- A Partnership Approach"**

The Clerk reported receipt of the National Assembly document "Tackling Substance Misuse in Wales – A Partnership Approach". He drew Members' attention to the fact that the document was a substantial one and only one copy had been received by the Community Council. He had asked the National Assembly for sufficient copies for each Member of the Council but was not confident that they would be sent. It was impractical to photocopy the document for all Members of the Council

RESOLVED:

- (i) That any Member wishing to see the document contact the Clerk.
- (ii) That the Clerk urge the National Assembly to circulate sufficient copies of important documents to Community Councils to ensure that adequate opportunity is given for comments from the public.
- (iii) That a copy of the letter to the National Assembly be sent to every Assembly Member


(i) **Local Government Partnership Scheme**

The Clerk reported receipt of the draft of the National Assembly's Local Government Partnership Scheme. The document set out how the National Assembly proposed to sustain and promote local government in Wales.

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(j) **“NHS and Social Care Charter for Wales”**

The Clerk reported receipt of the Welsh Assembly document “NHS and Social Care Charter For Wales”. It appeared that while the existing Patient’s Charter had made considerable progress in improving the responsiveness of its services to patients in Wales, there was a need to develop a new Charter measuring success across a broader front. A new Charter programme, aimed at helping everyone to use NHS and social services effectively would be developed over the next two years.

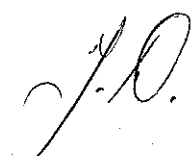
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(k) **“Public Involvement Strategy for Wales”**

The Council received advanced notification from the National Assembly of the proposals to further develop proposals for the

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development of a public involvement strategy for the NHS in Wales.

Initial assessment work was expected to commence in May, 2000, and would culminate in a workshop/ conference to be held in the Autumn. During the early stages contact would be made with a wide range of organisations in Wales. Those organisations who were contacted were asked for their co-operation in giving their experience of public involvement.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council co-operate in the project if contacted.

(l) **Rhondda Cynon Taff "In Bloom" Competition, 2000**

The Council received details of the Rhondda Cynon Taff "In Bloom" Competition, 2000.

RESOLVED: That the Pontyclun War Memorial be entered into the Competition.

(m) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Council's agenda.

(n) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notification for Weeks Ended 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May and 2 June, 2000**

(Councillor Huish declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council Chamber.)

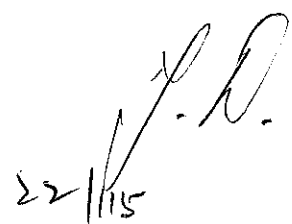
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RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Planning Authority:

Application No. T/00/2341/10

1. "That while the Council is not opposed to the proposal it has concerns that the applicant may not own the land to be fenced"

(The Clerk advised the Council that under planning law an applicant for planning consent need not be the owner of the land in question)



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2. "That the development is outside the defined boundary for industrial development"

Application No. T/00/2343/10

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application and vacated the Council Chamber)

The Council decided not to offer any comment to the Planning Authority on the application.

Application No. T/00/2370/10

"That as no details had been received for this application the Borough Council be asked to delay its determination of the application until the Community Council has had an opportunity to discuss the detail of the application"

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

No matters were reported under this heading.

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Proposed Circular Walk Map**

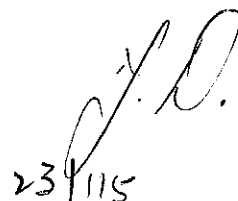
The Clerk reported that he had made contact with Mr Graham Woosnam of the Ramblers Association about his earlier commitment to produce a sketch of a circular walk on behalf of the Community Council.

Mr Woosnam told the Clerk that he had not been able to produce the sketch since he had recently undertaken major heart surgery and was recuperating following his operation. However, he was hopeful that he would be well enough to produce the sketch within the next month.

RESOLVED: That in the event of Mr Woosnam producing the sketch in the next month the Clerk place the matter on the agenda of the next Community Council meeting.

(b) **Objective 1 Project Proposals**

The Council discussed a letter from Rhondda Cynon Taff - County Borough Council seeking information on community development activity to inform the Local Action Plan.



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The Council was of the view that there were no activities which should be noted to the Borough Council at this time.

Councillor Huish advised the Council that, on a more general theme, certain areas of Rhondda Cynon Taff were being targeted as pilot areas under Objective 1 proposals. He hoped that Pontyclun would be one of these areas, in which case, there may be a "roadshow" in Pontyclun to promote public consultation. The final decision in the matter would be taken by the Strategic Renewal Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be noted.

(c) **Licence Transfer Application**

The Council received details of an application for the transfer of the licence at The Barn, Mwyndy.

As any comment on the application needed to be with the Licensing Justices by 2 June, 2000, the Clerk had contacted the Chairperson in the matter and agreed that no comment be offered on the application.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Chairperson and Clerk be confirmed.

(d) **Rhondda Cynon Taff Divisional Police/
Community Consultative Group**

The Council received a calendar of meetings for the Rhondda Cynon Taff Divisional Police/Community Consultative Group for the year 2000/2001.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council re-affirm its commitment to attending meetings of the Group and note the dates for meetings in the forthcoming year.

(e) **Enquiry about a compulsory purchase order**

The Council received the response of the District Auditor to an earlier enquiry on the possibility of the Community Council making a compulsory purchase order on behalf of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the views of the District Auditor be noted and that the Chairperson of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership be advised that the Community

Council would not be in a position to promote a compulsory purchase order on its behalf.

(f) **Local Environment Agency Action Plan**

The Clerk reported that following the comments made by the Community Council to the Environment Agency on matters affecting the Community of Pontyclun, the Community Council had been sent a complimentary copy of the Local Environment Agency Action Plan.

RESOLVED: That any Member requiring sight of the Plan should contact the Clerk.

(g) **Strip of land at Maelog Close, Pontyclun**

The Council received the response of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which it was stated that the land previously discussed by the Council was not in the ownership of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(h) **Sale of Health Authority property associated with Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Council received the encouraging response of the local Assembly Member, Mrs Jane Davidson, to the Community Council's earlier request that strong consideration be given by the Assembly to transferring certain land in the vicinity of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre into the ownership of the Community Council. Mrs Davidson stated that she would strongly endorse the proposals in a meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Health Authority.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council re-affirm its commitment to taking on surplus land in the vicinity of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre following the transfer of its rehabilitation facilities to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

(i) **Wales Road Safety Conference – September, 2000**

The Council received advance notification of the Wales Road Safety Conference due to be held in Aberystwyth from 13 to 15 September, 2000.

RESOLVED: That the details be noted.

(i) **National Joint Council – Annual Wage Award for 2000**

The Clerk advised that under the provisions of the 2000 Wage Award of the National Joint Council for Local Government Staff an increase of 3% on existing rates had been agreed.

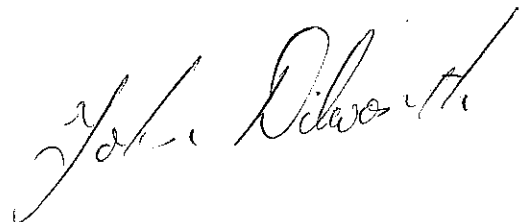
RESOLVED: That the increase be applied to the salaries/wages of the three Community Council employees.

(j) **Annual Award of grants by the Council**

The Clerk reported that he would shortly be distributing grant application form to all Members of the Council. The Annual Grants Meeting of the Council had been provisionally arranged for the evening of Monday, 21 July, 2000.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate the possibility of re-arranging the Grants Meeting to the evening of Friday, 21 July, 2000.

11. The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.



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