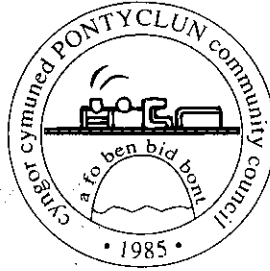


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 November, 2001.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea (Chairperson) and S Rogers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth and Mrs P Thomas. The Clerk reported that P C Keddle had offered his apologies for absence since he had been required to attend Ton Pentre Police Station on urgent police business.

2. **Councillor J R Dilworth**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Dilworth's mother had recently passed away. On behalf of the Council the Clerk had sent a letter of condolences to Councillor Dilworth.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's actions be noted.

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

Speed Cameras

The Chairman, Councillor Rea, wished to place on record his thanks to Councillor Huish for his invaluable assistance in obtaining two speed cameras located in the Community. One camera had been erected near Y Pant Comprehensive School and the other in Groesfaen. The Chairman was convinced that the cameras would make a major contribution towards improving road safety at both locations.

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(i) **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council – Reserves**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huish, was pleased to be able to report a major improvement in the finances of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. He reported that reserves had increased to £8.2m and the Authority had been taken off the list of local authorities “at risk”.

The report was noted.

(ii) **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council – DSOs**

Councillor Huish stated that he was also pleased to report a significant improvement in the financial position of the Borough Council’s Direct Service Organisations. The improvements would help to protect local jobs in the Borough.

The report was noted.

(iii) **Y Pant Comprehensive School – Capital investment**

Councillor Huish was pleased to be able to report that in addition to the major capital programme planned for Y Pant Comprehensive School, work would shortly begin on access improvements.

The report was noted.

(iv) **Future of community councils**

Councillor Huish advised that the future of community councils was under review and that the National Assembly would shortly be calling for evidence. An opportunity for the Pontyclun Community Council to state its views would be given in due course.

The report was noted.

4. **Police matters**

In the absence of P C Keddle this item of business was deferred to the Council’s next monthly meeting.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council’s meeting of 3 October, 2001**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council’s meeting of 3 October, 2001, be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**



(a) **Installation of CCTV in Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council officers handling the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun that it was likely that there would be sufficient funding available for the erection of four CCTV cameras in Pontyclun. The siting of the cameras would accord with the plans previously placed before the Council.

Officers of the Borough Council had provisionally agreed to attend a meeting of the Community Council in January to give a presentation on CCTV.

It was anticipated that the full CCTV system would be in operation in early summer, 2002.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(b) **Nomination to Governing Bodies**

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor C Davies be nominated to the vacancy on the Governing Body of Pontyclun Primary School.

(ii) That Councillor M Rea be nominated to the vacancy on the Governing Body of Y Pant Comprehensive School.

(c) **Proposed parking restrictions**

The Council received the response of the Borough Council to the Community Council's earlier enquiry about when the proposed parking restrictions for Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, were likely to come in to effect.

The reply stated that responses to the consultation exercise were being considered and, if it was decided to go ahead with the proposed restrictions, the next stage would be the publication of the proposals. Further progress would depend on representations received.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted and that the Borough Council be asked to proceed as a matter of urgency given the regular congestion in Heol yr Orsaf.

(d) **Grant application – Pontyclun Juniors AFC**

The Council considered the additional information submitted by the Pontyclun Juniors AFC in connection with its grant application for financial assistance.

RESOLVED: That the Council make an award of £420.00 towards the cost of purchase of goal posts.

7. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Disabled persons' access to the Ivor Woods – options for completion**

The Community Council discussed the three options submitted by Groundwork for completion of the disabled persons' access to the Ivor Woods.

Councillor Huish reported that he had contacted the Property Services Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and established that a new lease had been negotiated with the Pontyclun Football Club. If required, it would be possible to re-negotiate the lease.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Pontyclun Football Club with the proposals put forward by Groundwork, indicating that the Community Council's preference was for Option 1, and inviting the Football Club's comments.

(b) **New Ethical Framework – Standards Committees**

The Council discussed the letter from the County Borough Legal and Democratic Services Officer, dated 22 October, 2001, about the formation of a Standards Committee and the need to nominate a Community Council Panel member and members to the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council's Chairman, Councillor M Rea, be nominated as the Community Council Panel member.

(ii) That Councillors C Davies, J G Davies and M Rea be nominated as the Community Council's members to the Standards Committee

(iii) That the Borough Council be advised that a separate sub committee of the Standards Committee be established to deal exclusively with community council matters.

(c) **Christmas celebrations in the Community**



The Council discussed its plans for the celebration of Christmas, 2001. The Council wished to build on the success it had achieved in its celebration of Christmas, 2000.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council fund the purchase and erection of Christmas trees along the highway in Cowbridge Road and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
 - (ii) That the Council fund painting competitions at Pontyclun Primary School and Y Pant Comprehensive School.
 - (iii) That the Council fund a best dressed shop window competition and fancy dress competitions.
 - (iv) That funding for each competition be restricted to £100.00
 - (v) That a feasibility exercise be carried out into the possibility of erecting Christmas tree lights in Miskin and Groesfaen.

(d) **NPFA Cymru Fields Seminar**

The Council received details of a seminar at The Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff on 7 December, 2001.

- RESOLVED:** That any member of the Council interested in attending the seminar contact the Clerk.

(e) **Application for the Variation and Renewal of an Entertainment Licence**

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in this item of business and left the Council Chamber)

The Council received details of an application for the Variation and Renewal of an Entertainment Licence at All Hallows Hall, Miskin, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED:** That the application be noted.

(f) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 21 & 28 September, 5, 12 and 19 October, 2001**



The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 21 & 28 September, 5, 12 and 19 October, 2001.

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

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

Application No. T/01/2874/10

That the Council is opposed to the grounds that:

- (i) a traditional farm building will be destroyed
- (ii) the proposal will lead to similar applications for adjacent premises
- (iii) the proposal will result in the over development of the site
- (iv) the proposal will lead to further applications for development in the open countryside

(g) Remembrance Sunday

The Council discussed arrangements to mark Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Chairman place the Community Council poppy wreath on the Pontyclun War Memorial and that Councillor C Davies place the Community Council poppy wreath on the Miskin War Memorial.

(ii) That all members of the Community Council be encouraged to participate in Remembrance Sunday parades.

(h) Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 13 to the Council's agenda.

8. Matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas

There were no matters reported under this heading.

9. Matters reported for information



(a) **Proposals for development at the former Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Clerk advised that Mr Chris Nicholson of Cowbridge Developments had agreed to attend the December monthly meeting of the Community Council to update the Council on the latest position with the proposals for development at the former Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre.

The report was noted.

(b) **Traffic management, Cowbridge Road area, Pontyclun**

The Council received the reply of the Borough Council over earlier Community Council concerns about the practice of certain motorists in taking shortcuts through the lanes running parallel with Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The reply stated that as the lanes in question allow servicing and access to off street parking for adjoining properties, any effective measures to limit shortcuts would interfere with legitimate local activities.

RESOLVED: That while the Council would not want to interfere with the legitimate rights of access from the lanes, the Borough Council be asked if some a simple method of controlling the activities of drivers taking shortcuts could be introduced.

(c) **Grassed area off Maelog Close, Pontyclun**

The Council noted that the Clerk had written to the Borough Council in an attempt to discover the ownership of the grassed area off Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

(d) **Refurbishment of footway, Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler**

The Council noted that the Clerk, following local concerns, had written to the Borough Council about the narrowing of the footway in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

(e) **Tree nuisance, Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun**

The Council noted that the Clerk, following a complaint from a resident of Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun, had written to the Borough Council to establish whether that Council could offer any assistance over the issue of a tree nuisance in Rhyd y Nant.

10. The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

