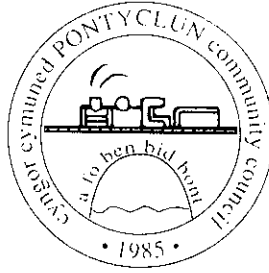


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 8 June, 2005.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ms V A Cale, C Davies, M P Griffiths, D G Henderson, Ms S R Jenkins and A R Lane

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** P C Steve Kettle

1. **Apology for absence**

Apologies absence were received on behalf of Councillors R G Norman and M Rea.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

**RESOLVED:** That any disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures.

3. **Condolences**

On behalf of the Council the Chairperson expressed her condolences to Councillor Lane following the recent bereavement of his mother.

4. **Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 4 May, 2005**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's Annual Meeting of 4 May, 2005, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

6. **Minutes of the Council's monthly meeting of 4 May, 2005**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's monthly meeting of 4 May, 2005, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Green Pontyclun**

(i) **Hanging baskets**

The Clerk reported that the locally made brackets had been erected and that the hanging baskets were now in place.

The brackets which had earlier been ordered from David Oglvie Engineering were expected to be delivered on, or around, 15 June, 2005.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the brackets expected for delivery on 15 June, 2005, be used at other locations in Pontyclun on the advice of the Green Pontyclun working group

(ii) that the Community Council's Handyman be complimented on his work in erecting the brackets and hanging baskets.

(ii) **Planters**

The Clerk reported that a firm price had been received for the purchase and delivery of three Swithland design planters. Delivery would be four to six weeks from the date an order was placed.

**RESOLVED:** That no order be placed at this time and that the proposed purchase be referred to the Community Council's Green Pontyclun working group.

(iii) **Proposed purchase of a shed**

The Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a shed with a perspex type roof to promote the growth of young summer bedding plants.



**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Secretary of the Clun Avenue allotments site, Councillor Norman, about the possibility of erecting the proposed shed on the Clun Avenue allotments.

(iv) **Damage to tree**

Councillor Lane reported damage to a tree at the western end of School Street, Pontyclun. It appeared that the damage had been reported to the Borough Council and staff from the Environmental Services Group in Pontypridd had carried out an inspection of the tree.

The report was noted.

(b) **Traffic problems at Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

The Clerk advised the Council that earlier that afternoon he had received confirmation that the proposed site meeting between Members of the Community Council and representatives of the Borough Council together with residents of Station Terrace, Pontyclun, would go ahead at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 13 June, 2005. At 3.30 p.m. a pre-meeting between representatives of the Community Council and the Borough Council would take place in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

The Clerk advised the Council that he would not be able to attend the pre-meeting but would attend the main meeting due to start at 4.30 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that an invitation to attend the 4.30 p.m. meeting be extended to those residents of Station Terrace who had made their concerns due to the Community Council, namely, Ms Wendy Morgan, Mr David Summers and Ms Rita Reeves.

(ii) that in advance of the meetings, the Clerk circulate to all Members of the Community Council and the three residents' representatives, a copy of the letter written by the Chairperson to the Leader of the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council on the Community Council's priorities/wishes.



(c) **Vision Day**

The Chairperson, Councillor Sarah Jenkins, reported that plans were well advanced for the Community Council's Vision Day at the Pontyclun Community Centre on Saturday, 25 June, 2005. Discussion took place on detailed arrangements for the event.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) that the Council agree to the printing of posters and leaflets to publicise the event at an approximate cost of £120.00
  - (ii) that the Council agree to the payment of £100.00 to a company for the delivery of leaflets to homes in the Community
  - (iii) that the Council agree to the hire of the Pontyclun Community Centre, at the appropriate hourly rate, from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on 25 June, 2005, for the purpose of holding the Vision Day
  - (iv) that the Council write to the voluntary bodies which had received grants from the Community Council in 2004 inviting each to the event

(d) **Project Planner**

The Clerk reported that due to the volume of work currently in hand he had been unable to update the Project Planner. During the previous month it had been necessary to concentrate on the statutory returns for the 2004/2005 financial year. The Project Planner would be updated as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

(e) **Youth facilities**

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Mr Matt Ball of Miskin who was very interested in providing more facilities for the youth of the Community.

Mr Ball said that he was a trained youth worker and was keen to use his skills to ensure better youth provision. He, and a colleague, had already undertaken preliminary work in the Community.



The Clerk had thanked Mr Ball for making contact and had invited him to make a presentation to the July meeting of the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's report be noted and that Mr Ball be invited along to the Community Council's Vision Day on 25 June, 2005.

(f) **Maesyfelin Playing Fields**

The Clerk reported that progress to develop a scheme to replace the boundary railings at the Maesyfelin playing fields was slow.

Having established conclusively that ownership of the playing fields lay with the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, there appeared to be a reluctance to regularise the absence of a lease between the Borough Council and the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club. A lease between the Borough Council and the Pontyclun Football Club was in place.

The Community Council was also awaiting estimates from a fencing contractor for quotes for a variety of replacement fence types for certain sections of the playing fields.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Council draw up a business plan for the improvement of the boundary fence.

(g) **Proposed Footpaths' leaflets**

Councillor Griffiths referred to the earlier drafts of footpaths' leaflets which had been approved in principle by the Community Council. Councillor Griffiths had subsequently taken the drafts to a design company in Cardiff. When the drafts were returned he intended to visit the three public houses mentioned in the leaflets with a view to obtaining a financial contribution towards the cost of production costs.

The report was noted.

8. **Police matters**

(a) **Crime figures**

PC Keddle tabled crime figures for the month of May, 2005. He commented that the figures for the Talbot Green sector showed a significant increase over the previous month. The increase was not confined to any category of crime.

The figures were noted.

(b) **Change in personnel**

PC Keddle reported that the former inspector at the Talbot Green Police Station, Inspector Mence, had transferred to a new police unit at Fairways Court in Treforest. The replacement inspector at Talbot Green is inspector H Phillips.

The report was noted.

(c) **Schools Liaison**

PC Keddle reported that PC Tony Parker is the new Schools Liaison Officer based in Talbot Green. PC Parker's role requires him to give presentations in schools, to groups and a diverse range of other organisations. He also plays a leading role in a local anti-drugs committee.

PC Keddle agreed to approach PC Parker about making an address to a future meeting of the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** That an invitation be extended to both PC Keddle and PC Parker to attend the Community Council's Vision Day on 25 June, 2005.

(d) **Police resources**

Councillor Lane referred to an earlier statement by Inspector Mence in which the Inspector said that he was confident of obtaining four additional police officers for Talbot Green police station. Councillor Lane asked whether one of the four officers could be allocated to Pontyclun.

PC Keddle responded that there were severe pressures on resources in the Talbot Green police station. He stated that apart from the appointment of one Police Community Support Officer, no additional police resources had been made available at the Talbot Green police station. He believed that Inspector Mence's reference to four additional officers was a reference to the extra resources which he was hopeful of securing. These additional resources had not materialised. However, there was a possibility of the appointment of additional Police Community Support Officers. Unfortunately, these officers did not have the full range of powers available to regular police officers.

**RESOLVED:** That PC Keddle's comments be noted.

(e) **Letter from Mr Mike Saunders**

In response to a question from a Member on whether the police would be replying to a letter from Mr Mike Saunders, a resident of Pontyclun who had called for more police resources in Pontyclun, published in The Diary, PC Keddle responded that he was unsure of the police's intentions.

PC Keddle commented that while he sympathised with the concerns expressed by Mr Saunders, figures showed that crime levels in Pontyclun were not as high as neighbouring localities. Where increased resources became available the police were likely to allocate those resources where criminal activity was highest.

PC Keddle reminded the Community Council that a Police Community Support Officer had recently been appointed to the Talbot Green Police Station. While the powers of CPSOs were not as extensive as regular police officers they were able to make an useful contribution towards policing communities.

**RESOLVED:** That an invitation be given to the new Police Community Support Officer to attend the Community Council's Vision Day.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Request for a more visible police presence in Pontyclun**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr Mike Saunders of Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, about the need for a more visible police presence in Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That a decision on how to respond to Mr Saunders be deferred until after the Council's Vision Day.

(b) **Model Code of Conduct**

The Council received the Welsh Assembly Government's proposals for amending the current Model Code of Conduct for members of local councils.

**RESOLVED:** That no comment be offered on the proposals.

(c) **Community Council's precept for 2005/06**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr J McDonnell of St David's Road, Miskin, who sought information on the Community Council's expenditure for the 2004/05 financial year and the Council's budget for 2005/06.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk respond to Mr McDonnell:

- (i) clarifying that the increase in the Community Council's precept for 2005/06 was to provide a platform for the Council's Action Plan for the next four years.
- (ii) supplying a copy of the Council's budget for 2005/06
- (iii) clarifying that the Council's audited accounts for 2004/2005 would not be available for some months. When they became available a copy would be sent to Mr McDonnell
- (iv) extending an invitation to attend a future meeting of the Community Council and the Vision Day on 25 June, 2005.

(d) **Transfer of a Justices' Licence**

The Council received details of an application for the Transfer of a Justices' Licence at the Bute Arms, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That no comment be offered on the application

(e) **Planning applications**

The Council received details of the latest planning applications in the Community from the Borough Council

**RESOLVED:** That no comment be offered on the applications.

(f) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 of the Council's agenda.





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

No matters were reported

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Proposed development at Mwyndy**

The Council received copies of correspondence between Mr Kerslake, of New Mill Gardens, Miskin, and the Clerk, on the proposals for development at Mwyndy.

**RESOLVED:** That the correspondence be noted.

(b) **International Book Day**

The Council received correspondence from the Headteacher of Pontyclun Primary School, Mr Keith Davies, in which he thanked the Community Council for its involvement in International Book Day. Mr Davies welcomed future involvement by the Community Council in International Book Days which is scheduled to take place in March/April in every year.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted and that the Community Council re-affirm its intention of participating in the annual International Book Day event in conjunction with Pontyclun Primary School.

(c) **Public Services Ombudsman in Wales**

The Council received a letter from Mr Adam Peat, Public Services Ombudsman in Wales which outlined the plans for integrating the separate public services Ombudsman arrangements in Wales into one body.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the information be noted.  
(ii) That copies of Mr Peat's letter be placed in the public library and Council's noticeboards.

(d) **Annual award of grants**

The Clerk confirmed that details of the Community Council's annual grants award scheme had been displayed in each of the Council's noticeboards. Supplies of grant application forms had also been delivered to every Member. Completed grant application forms, together with supporting



documentation, needed to be returned to the Clerk by 15  
July, 2005.

11. The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

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