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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 Thursday, 10 July, 1997.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, J G Davies, R O Edwards, Mrs M M Griffiths, J V Huish, R G Norman and M Rea (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors T J Burton V A Cale, and T Flood.

### 2. Chairperson's business

There were no items of Chairperson's business.

#### 3. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, namely, applicants for a service by the Council.

## 4. Allocation of grants for the 1997/98 financial year

**RESOLVED:** That the Council award the following grants for 1997/98:

Organisation	Grant
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	50.00
Pontyclun Playscheme	400.00
Childline Cymru/Wales	50.00

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Commonwealth Council		
for Wales	100.00	
Taff Ely Multiple		
Sclerosis Society	100.00	
Rock Solid Youth Group	50.00	
Miskin Manor Cricket		
Club (Seniors)	100.00	*
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Club (Juniors)	100.00	*
The Samaritans	100.00	
Pontyclun W I	50.00	
Pontyclun Community Wheels	150.00	
St David's Church, Miskin	100.00	
Cantorion Pontyclun	100.00	
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	250.00	\$
Pontyclun and Llantrisant		
Childminders' Support Group	50.00	
Pontyclun + District Allotments		
Association (Maesyfelin Site)	100.00	
Pontyclun Darby and Joan Club	75.00	
Pontyclun Football Club	100.00	
Talygarn Forum	250.00	&
Hope Presbyterian Church	100.00	
Age Concern P'pridd + District	50.00	%
Babell C M Church, Groesfaen	200.00	
St Anne's Church, Talygarn	100.00	
Arthritis Care	75.00	
St Paul's Church Nursery	50.00	
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg	_	
Llantrisant P.T.A.	50.00	+
T N T Youth Group	50.00	
Pontyclun Junior Football Club	100.00	
1st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	50.00	
1st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	50.00	
Mid Glamorgan Cage Bird Society	25.00	
Talygarn Cricket Club	150.00	^
St Paul's Church Young		
Families Division	50.00	
Llantrisant and Town		
Wards Age Concern	100.00	#
Cylch Ti a Fi	50.00	

\* The Council resolved that the grant be held in abeyance until an Income and Expenditure Account is produced.



- \$ Councillor Davies declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
- & All Members declared an interest in this application but it was considered that in the cases of Councillors Huish and Rea their interest was remote and would not preclude their consideration of the application.
- % Councillor Edwards declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
- Councillors Griffiths and Rea declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
- ^ Councillor Griffiths declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
- # Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

#### **Notes**

In awarding the above grants the Council took into account the advice given by the District Auditor on the changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. In particular, whether:

- (a) The payments were of direct benefit
- (b) The benefits were in proportion to the payment made
- (c) The organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and
- (d) The money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers

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(e) The impact of grants and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups.

### 5. Reports from Members

#### (a) Glass on pavement and highway

Councillor Bendle referred to yet another incident of broken glass strewn on the pavement and the highway outside the Bute Arms in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. It was extremely disappointing to find the main thoroughfare in Pontyclun in such a state after the representations made by the Community Council to the landlords of licensed premises, the police and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the police asking that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting with licensees in Pontyclun and that the Clerk also raise the matter again with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

### (b) Footpath from the Hendy Estate to Clun Avenue

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the shrubs which were overhanging the well used footpath from the Hendy Estate to Clun Avenue. The overgrowth was impeding the passage of pedestrians and posed a risk of injury.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for the Council's Handyman to trim back the overhanging shrubs.

### (c) Pontyclun Horticultural and Craft Show

Councillor Norman advised of the arrangements being made to hold the next Pontyclun Horticultural and Craft Show. He sought the permission of the Community Council to place posters advertising the event in the Community Council's noticeboards.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk place posters advertising the event in the Community Council's noticeboards.



#### (d) Highway sign

Councillor Edwards reported that a sign opposite the butcher's shop at the junction of Cowbridge Road and Cerdin Avenue had been turned and was now facing in the opposite direction.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrangements for the Council's Handyman to re-align the sign.

### (e) Pavement from the Castell-y-Mynach Inn to Groesfaen

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, complained again about the amount of hedge growth which was growing out into the pavement and impeding the passage of pedestrians. Despite numerous reports to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, both verbal and written, very little action was taken to remedy the situation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Community
Council's Handyman to trim back those parts of
the hedge growing into the pavement.

### (f) <u>Disposal of rubbish</u>

Members referred to the quantities of rubbish collected by the Community Council's Handyman during the course of his duties and the difficulties he experienced from time to time in disposing of that rubbish. During the time the Bute Quarry landfill site was operational the Community Council was charged for rubbish collected in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of Glen Harry and Co. about the possibility of using the landfill site in Groesfaen on those occasions when the Community Council Handymen wished to dispose of rubbish.

## 6. Any other business of an urgent nature

### Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils advising of arrangements to hold the twentyfirst annual conference of the Association on Saturday, 11 October,



1997, at Aberystwyth. As a member of the Association the Community Council was entitled to send up to three delegates to the annual conference and submit up to two motions for consideration by conference. Any motions submitted to conference should not be on matters of policy decided at the 1994, 1995 and 1996 conferences.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Council nominate the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk to attend conference and that their attendance be designated an approved duty.
- (ii) That the Clerk be authorised to draft a motion to conference based upon the poor communication which existed between some community councils and their principal councils and which had resulted in principal councils appearing to have little regard for community council comments regarding rights of way, tree preservation orders, street naming, street lighting and ribbon development between communities.
- 7. The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

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