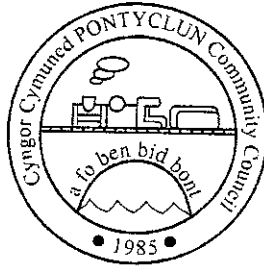


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Minutes of the October monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Bethel Baptist Church & Centre, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 October, 2011.

PRESENT: Community Councillors P Griffiths, J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea and C Willis

Also in attendance: Four members of the public for part of the meeting,

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ms V A Cale and S Rogers

2. **Declarations of interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor J V Huish for agenda item 9(e) – " I am a member of the Borough Council's Planning Committee"

Councillor M Rea for agenda item 9(e) - " I am a member of the Borough Council's Planning Committee"

3. **Residents' concerns**

(i) **Mr A R Lane**

Proposal for the erection of a bus shelter

Mr A R Lane tabled a letter in which he highlighted the difficulty faced by bus passengers in accessing buses at the bus stop in the layby outside the Tesco/Domino Pizza and nearby

A schedule of the latest monthly crime figures for Pontyclun, showing 9 crimes, had been provided by the police for information and these were read out to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(b) **Reports from members**

There were no reports from Members.

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 13 September, 2011**

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Application for grant**

The Council received a presentation in support of a grant from Mr John Enticott of the Pontyclun Business Community.

Mr Enticott stated that Pontyclun Business Community is a business support group founded to help support local businesses. The group was founded by local business people who volunteer their time and experience to help and assist local businesses to survive and grow.

Mr Enticott stated that the group aimed to:

- support more than 50 local businesses by March, 2012
- generate more than half a million pounds worth of sales locally by March 2012
- increase local employment by 20% within their businesses by next year

Mr Enticott stated that the group had been formed as a charity although it had not yet been formally registered. He agreed to let the Community Council have a copy of the group's last income and expenditure account Mr Enticott emphasised that the group operated on a voluntary basis and would welcome any financial assistance the Community Council might be able to offer.

RESOLVED: That the Council discuss the application for assistance in private, after the receipt of an income and expenditure account, and make contact with Mr Enticott in due course.

(b) **Public conveniences, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed a letter from the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club proposing the removal of the existing public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, to open up the existing car park to more car parking space and provide better traffic flows. The former changing rooms adjacent to the Club were offered, subject to construction/alteration, as a location for alternative public conveniences.

The Clerk advised the Council that he had responded to say that the Community Council had already contracted with an architect to provide plans to modernise and upgrade the existing toilet facility to meet current legislation. Nevertheless, the Club's proposal would be brought to the attention of the Community Council at its next meeting.

The Council discussed the Club's proposals.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Council proceed with its existing plans and that the contractual arrangements entered into with the architect should be honoured.
 - (ii) That an invitation be extended to representatives of the Club to attend a future meeting with the Community Council to discuss what support the Community Council can give to the on-going plans of the Club.

Note: Following a request for a recorded vote the following Members voted for the Council's resolution:

Councillors J V Huish, R G Norman, M Rea and C Willis

The following Member voted against the resolution:
Councillor P Griffiths

(c) **Possible appointment of a Training Champion**

The Council discussed the proposal from One Voice Wales that every member council should appoint a "training champion" within the ranks of members whose role would be to promote training in each council.

The benefit of the proposal would be better understanding of roles and responsibilities in councils and increased professionalism in community and town councils throughout Wales.

that the tree had been felled to facilitate an extension to the property and it was unclear whether consent had been sought to fell the tree.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Huish follow up the matter with the Borough Council.

(f) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 to the Council's agenda.

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

None were reported.

11. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Annual Conference of One Voice Wales - Motions for debate**

The Clerk reported that the motions before the Annual Conference of One Voice Wales listed in Appendix 11 to the Council's agenda had all been passed.

Motion No.3, dealing the proposed introduction of nominal prescription charges, and Motion No.8, dealing with proposed increases in membership charges, were passed only after considerable debate among delegates.

(b) **Annual Conference of One Voice Wales - Speakers**

The Clerk gave a report on the three speakers who addressed the one Voice Wales Annual Conference namely:

- (i) Steve Thomas, Chief Executive of the Welsh Local Government Association
- (ii) Mike Walsh, Deputy Director of Policy and External Affairs, Big Lottery Wales and
- (iii) Peter Davies, Sustainable Futures Commissioner

(c) **Y Llais/ The Voice**

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the latest edition of Y Llais/ The Voice, the quarterly journal of One Voice Wales.

Two copies of the journal were tabled for Members' information.

12. The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.