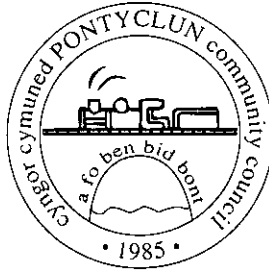


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APPENDIX No. 5
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 September, 1998

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale and T Flood

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Bereavements**

The Chairperson informed the Council that it was his sad duty to advise Members of two bereavements affecting the Community:

Mrs Janis Jones

Mrs Jones and her family had been involved in a car accident while on holiday in France. Her husband and father in law had died in the accident and her son had been critically injured.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send Mrs Jones the Council's condolences to Mrs Jones, together with a bouquet of flowers, and convey the Council's best wishes for her son's speedy recovery.

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Miss Fay Hamilton

Miss Hamilton had been involved in a vehicle accident on the Brynsadler to Llanharry road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Council's condolences to Ms Hamilton's family.

(ii) **Serious Illness**

The Council was also advised of the serious condition of Mr Mal Williams, the long established chemist in Pontyclun, who had been transferred to the East Glamorgan Hospital following hospitalisation while on holiday.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr Williams.

(iii) **National Health Service Trust Reconfiguration**

The Chairperson handed documentation to the Clerk on N H S Trust Reconfiguration.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk copy the information for inclusion on the Community Council's next agenda.

(iv) **Declarations of Interest - Planning matters**

The Chairman referred to recent guidance which had been issued to members of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, on planning matters, where those members were also members of community councils.

The Clerk advised that he had been provided with the notes of guidance and planned to place them on the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the necessary action.

3. **Proposed circular walk**

The Community Council received the views of Mr Graham Woosnam, a resident of the Community on the proposals to issue a leaflet on a circular walk. Mr Woosnam made the point that while he had carried out considerable work in connection with

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footpaths in the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council area, he was not an expert on footpaths within the Community of Pontyclun.

Mr Woosnam thought that the preliminary map produced by the Council was a good starting point although he had reservations about the accuracy of the proportions of the map and some of the detail included.

Mr Woosnam agreed to produce a revised map, to scale, indicating some of the features along the circular walk and leaving out reference to footpath numbers. He agreed to provide his services free of charge to the Community Council subject to the reimbursement of any costs incurred in the production of the map.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Mr Woosnam confirming the arrangement for the production of the map and asking for an indication when the map was likely to be available.

4. **Wayside seat in Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

Members discussed the problems which had arisen as a result of the congregation of teenagers during the evenings at the wayside seat in Station Terrace, Pontyclun.

The Clerk advised the Council that while the seat could be re-sited in the Community it would be necessary to obtain the landowner's permission before re-locating the seat at any given site.

RESOLVED: That the wayside seat be removed and placed in store pending permission to re-site it at another location in the Community.

5. **Draft Local Plan**

The Council discussed three areas in the Community where a further opportunity for comment had been given on planning proposals contained in the Draft Local Plan. The three areas had been the subject of objections when the Draft Local Plan was open to public comment in 1996.

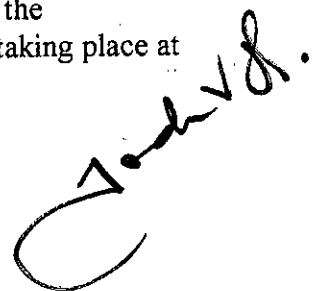
RESOLVED: That the following additional comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council:

(a) **Page 38 - Mwyndy North West & South West**

The Community Council is opposed to both areas being designated for industry on the grounds that:

- (i) the sites are too close to the residential development taking place at Cefn yr Hendy

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- (ii) the sites, being on elevated ground, would give industrial premises unwelcomed prominence
- (iii) disturbance of the ground in both cases would expose fly ash which was deposited at the site from a local power station

(b) **Page 39 - Mwyndy area - update**

The Community Council is opposed to the development of the land on the grounds that:

- (i) Development would compromise an important green area in the Community.
- (ii) Development of the site would be premature bearing in mind the proposals to develop at the rear of Mwyndy House
- (iii) Development would be detrimental to the setting of a listed building
- (iv) Many of the trees in the proposed development area are covered by Tree Preservation Orders.
- (v) Alternative routes for access should be investigated
- (vi) There is considerable public support against development the area

(c) **Page 44 - New policy for Talygarn**

The Community Council propose the following additional safeguards:

- 7. No further residential development
- 8. No further commercial or industrial development
- 9. Tree Preservation Orders to be placed on all trees within the Conservation Area

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10. The environmental character of the area to be maintained
11. The boundary of the Conservation Area to be extended to the west as far as The Cottage to the rear of St Anne's Church, Talygarn.

6. **Hard surface play area, Pontyclun**

The Council again discussed the need for a hard surface play area. It was recognised that the major obstacle to providing the facility was the lack of a suitable site in the ownership of the Community Council. The merits of a number of possible sites within Pontyclun were considered although it was accepted that the purchase price of a suitable site could prove prohibitive even though the Community Council would be prepared to undertake the costs of installation and all on-going maintenance costs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to ask whether a small plot of land, between Cowbridge Road, and the existing children's playground, and believed to be in Borough Council ownership, could be transferred to the Community Council for the creation of a hard surface play area.

7. **Millennium festivities**

Councillors Davies and Rea gave an account of their attendance at a public meeting called by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to discuss celebrations to mark the new Millennium. The meeting had been attended by a variety of organisations in addition to staff of the Borough Council.

The Council believed that while there was a role for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to conduct celebrations of a Borough wide nature there was also scope to organise festivities at a local level. The Council believed that the local festivities should reflect the diverse nature of the Community and involve as many organisations as possible.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk arrange a public meeting and where representatives of local organisations would be invited to give suggestions on Millennium festivities.
- (ii) That invitations to attend the meeting be sent to all the organisations to whom the Council had made grants in 1998 in addition to the Community Shop, St Paul's Nursery, Busy Bees Nursery, Ysgol Meithrin, Hope Presbyterian Church, Pontyclun Primary School, Pontyclun Library, Pontyclun Surgery, "Drive", the Red Cross and the Pontyclun Athletic Club.

- (iii) That Members give consideration to other organisations who should be invited to attend by the Council's next meeting.
- (iv) That the Community Council take the role of the coordinating organisation.
- (v) That Councillor Rea contact Interlink to establish what assistance that organisation might be able to offer.

8. **Any other business of an urgent nature**

(a) **Speeding traffic**

Councillor Edwards reported that complaints had been received about speeding traffic in the lanes around Pantaquesta. It appeared that much the speeding traffic was going to, or coming from, the nearby golf academy.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to the police.

(b) **Application for planning consent to tip adjacent to the Windsor Field, Pontyclun**

The Clerk referred to the file of correspondence in connection with the application to tip adjacent to the Windsor Field which was handed to him at the meeting of the Community Council held on 2 September, 1998.

The Clerk advised that he had studied the correspondence and had found that it comprised old letters, agendas and notes in connection with meetings with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on the proposal to create additional recreational facilities. The correspondence and been overtaken by events and was of little significance.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be placed on file.

(c) **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in Bloom Competition, 1998**

The Clerk told the Council that the Council's Handyman had informed him that he would not be able to attend the presentation ceremony at the Rhondda Fach Leisure as previously agreed. The Clerk asked whether any other Member would be able to attend the presentation.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Norman be nominated to attend, subject to his availability.

9. The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

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