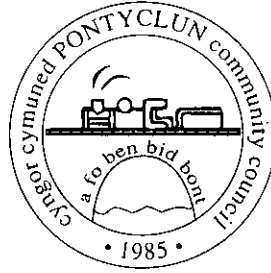


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 July, 1999

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, C Davies, J G Davies, R G Norman, M Rea and Mrs P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors J R Dilworth, J V Huish and S Rogers

2. **Chairperson**

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Rea, occupied the Chair.

3. **Chairperson's business**

Landfill site, Groesfaen

The Vice Chairperson, Councillor Rea, advised the Council that the long-awaited site visit to discuss the planning application for an extension of the life of the landfill site in Groesfaen took place on the afternoon of Friday, 16 July, 1999.

Councillor Rea reported that while it was likely that the application would be approved, significant concessions had been won which would be incorporated into the planning consent and would be to the advantage of local residents, the public in general and the Highway Authority. In addition, two further important conditions on the

application had been gained at the site visit, namely, an improved vision splay at the junction of the site access road with the A4119, and recognition of the need for regular water re-filling of the wheel wash facility on site.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

4. **Exclusion of the 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 provided by the Council.

5. **Allocation of grants for the 1999/2000 financial year**

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

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Babell Church, Groesfaen	200	00	\$
Hope Presbyterian Church	100	00	
Pontyclun Allotments Association (Maesyfelin site)	100	00	
St Paul's Sunday School	100	00	
Tuesday Afternoon Whist Drive	50	00	
T N T Youth Group	50	00	
The Mother's Union	50	00	
Pontyclun W. I.	75	00	
Age Concern Llantrisant and Town Wards	100	00	&
Pontyclun Youth Partnership	200	00	&
Merched Y Wawr	50	00	*
Pontyclun Playscheme	500	00	\$
Shelter Cymru	50	00	
Cantorian Pontyclun	100	00	
Thursday Young at Heart Club	50	00	
After 50 Afternoon Club	75	00	
Pontyclun Football Club	100	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	200	00	
Girls' Club	100	00	
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	250	00	
St David's Church, Miskin	150	00	
Pontyclun Junior Football Club	100	00	

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Miskin and Mwyndy W.I.	75	00	
Talygarn Riding Stables	No grant		
Talygarn Forum	400	00	+

Notes

- \$ This grant was awarded subject to the production of a satisfactory Income and Expenditure Account
- & Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations
- * The Clerk to advise the organisation that it should also apply to the Llantrisant Community Council for a grant
- + Councillor Norman and the Clerk declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations

In making these grants the Council was mindful of the advice given by the District Auditor about changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Housing Act, 1989, where it was necessary for councils to document the factors taken into account prior to a decision being taken. In particular, the Community Council took into account:

- (a) whether payment was of direct benefit
- (b) whether benefit is in proportion to the payment made
- (c) whether the organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils'
- (d) whether the money was being used to circumvent any limitation on specific powers
- (e) whether the award of grants would result in a precedent leading to applications from other groups.

6. **Pontyclun Millennium Street Plan**

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred.

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7. **Clerk's Report**

(a) **Recognition of services**

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter he had received from a resident in the Community. The letter sought the support of the Community Council in giving recognition of the services of another resident of the Community.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council unanimously support the request.

(ii) That in addition to the letter of support from the Council, the Clerk be requested to prepare personal letters of support on behalf of Community Councillors Davies, Norman and Thomas.

(b) **Proposal to construct footway**

The Clerk distributed copies of a reply from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering to the Community Council's earlier request for the construction of a footway on the south eastern side of the road bridge across the river Ely in Brynsadler. The Community Council had earlier offered to make a substantial contribution to the cost of the work.

In his reply the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering thanked the Community Council for its interest and offer of assistance. It appeared that the Community Council's proposals were unacceptable since safety would be compromised and a scheme which satisfied all safety requirements would be likely to cost considerably more than the sum the Community Council was able to contribute. It was suggested by the Director that the Community Council's proposals could be incorporated into a scheme to widen Cowbridge Road at a future date.

RESOLVED: That the Council express its disappointment to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and ask for detailed reasons why the scheme was considered to compromise safety standards as it appeared to the Council that its proposals would have the effect of slowing down traffic and making the area safe for pedestrians.

(b) **Clerk's annual leave**

The Clerk advised the Council that he would be taking annual leave from 24 July, 1999, to 7 August, 1999.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

8. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Speeding vehicles in the Community**

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Council.

(b) **Maintenance of footway and hedgerow, Groesfaen**

The Council discussed a letter from Mr D Evans, Groesfaen, about the state of the footway from Groesfaen to the Castell y Mynach Inn. Mr Evans complained that the footway was in urgent need of maintenance since overgrowth from adjacent hedgerows created dangerous conditions for pedestrians.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the footway had been the source of a number of complaints in recent years. The Community Council had attempted to assist by arranging for its Handyman to cut back the overgrowth and remove the accumulations of soil. Unfortunately, the Handyman had been directed by staff of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to stop work since it was claimed that, to work safely, it was necessary to erect traffic cones on the carriageway closest to the area of work.

RESOLVED: (i) That Mr Evans' letter be forwarded to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering asking that the necessary maintenance be undertaken.

(ii) That a letter be sent to Mr Evans informing him that the Community Council had been stopped from carrying out routine maintenance of footways.

(c) **Planning applications**

The Council received details of planning applications contained

in Weekly Notification for Week Ending 9 July, 1999.

RESOLVED: That the applications be noted.

(d) **Licensing**

The Council received details of the application for a new Justices' Off Licence at 3/5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Proposed boundary review**

In response to an enquiry by the Community Council, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council confirmed that the Boundary Commission for Wales had indicated that a review of the part of Rhondda Cynon Taff to the south of the M4, in the Talygarn area, had been proposed. Work on the review was likely to begin in September, 1999, and wide consultations would take place. It was stated by the Borough Council that once the review is announced the Borough Council would welcome the views of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That the matter be deferred pending public announcement of the review.

(ii) That the Clerk establish the current position on the Community Council's request for Ynysddu, Pontyclun to be formally recognised as part of the Community of Pontyclun.

(iii) That the Clerk establish the current position on the Community Council's request for a review of electoral arrangements on the Cefn yr Hendy Estate, Pontyclun.

(b) **Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, 1997 (as amended)**

The Council received details of the further amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, 1997 (as