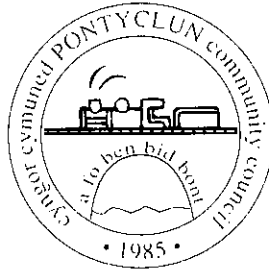


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 23 June, 2004.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public and P C Steve Keddle

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor J V Huish.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

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

3. **Police matters**

P C Keddle introduced himself to new Members of the Council and stated that he could be contacted through the Police Station in Talbot Green, on 01443 229802, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.). He could also be contacted at the police office at the Pontyclun Community Centre on 01443 743721 by leaving a message on the answerphone.

P C Keddle outlined the area in which he operated. While the area largely coincided with the area of the Community of Pontyclun, there were some other areas such as Llanharry, Coedcae Lane and Llanharan which also came into his operational area.

(i) **Crime figures**

Pc Keddle informed the Council of the reported crime figures for his area for the month of May.

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

(ii) **The Bute Arms, Pontyclun**

Information was also received from P C Keddle that the Bute Arms was likely to be re-opening in the near future. He had been give a provisional date for the re-opening of 28 June, 2004. P C Keddle also reported that he understood that the premises known as Dave's Pantry in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had been sold.

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

(iii) **CCTV cameras in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle asked whether the CCTV cameras in Pontyclun were fully operational. The Clerk responded that he understood that the cameras were in recording mode although he was not certain whether they were being continuously monitored.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk seek clarification from the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council on the extent of coverage being provided by the system.

(iv) **Possibility of the erection of a traffic mirror**

P C Keddle asked whether there had been a response from the Highway Authority for the erection of a traffic mirror at the junction of High Street and Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. The Clerk replied that no response had been received.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk establish what progress had been made on the request.

(v) **Traffic survey in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle advised the Council that he believed a survey of highways had taken place in Pontyclun during the previous week. He wondered if the Community Council had any information on the survey. The Clerk replied that he was unaware that a survey had taken place.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk clarify whether a survey of highways took place during the previous week and, if it did, the results of that survey.

(vi) **Speeding traffic in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea reminded P C Keddle that Inspector Mence had earlier agreed to carry out speed checks of vehicles passing through Groesfaen. Councillor Rea asked when the police's mobile speed unit was likely to visit Groesfaen to monitor the speeds of vehicles.

P C Keddle replied that he would submit a further report asking for speed checks to be carried out in Groesfaen but pointed out that not all locations were suitable for carrying out checks.

(vii) **Police League Tables**

Councillor Thomas drew P C Keddle's attention to the latest Police League Tables. In particular, Councillor Thomas highlighted the success of the Lancashire Police in dealing with the problem of drugs where there was a zero tolerance policy in operation.

Councillor Thomas asked whether the success achieved by the Lancashire Police might be replicated by the South Wales Police in dealing with local drug problems.

P C Keddle responded that the policing problems in Lancashire were different from those in the South Wales Police area. The current policy of the Force was to concentrate resources on those areas where drug problems were most severe. This had resulted in significant anti drug resources being concentrated in the Rhondda.

The matter was noted.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 May, 2004 -**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 May, 2004, be confirmed as an accurate record. .

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Talygarn Forum**

The Clerk reported that following a meeting of the Forum on 7 May, 2004, a letter had been received from the Secretary. The letter had been received too late for inclusion with Agendas for the Council's meeting.

The letter stated that while the Forum was sympathetic to the Council's position, it was not in a position to return the Community Council's last donation of £400. The reason for this is that the Forum's constitution is clear on the method to be adopted for the distribution of remaining assets after the work of the Forum has been completed. There is no provision in the constitution for any assets to be returned to donors.

A discussion took place and there was an understanding that if the Council wished to pursue the matter of a return of its last donation to the Talygarn Forum it was likely that it would need to take legal action. The costs of pursuing legal action would, in probability, exceed the amount recoverable.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk discuss the position with the Community Council's internal auditor for a view on whether the Council should leave the matter rest or pursue an action for the recovery of the £400.

**(b) One Voice Wales**

The Council received a copy of the Community Council's letter to the joint chairmen of One Voice Wales, dated 7 March, 2004, and the response of the Acting Chief Officer, dated 11 June, 2004.

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

**(c) Former cinema, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Griffiths expressed his concern about the dilapidated state of the former cinema in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

There was agreement that the building was a major eyesore in Pontyclun and posed a safety risk to anyone entering the premises. It appeared that despite numerous letters to the owners, now resident in New Zealand, there was little likelihood of the premises being repaired and made safe.

It was stated that the premises may have been sold to Drive, a local charity, for demolition and re-build but there appeared to be a boundary dispute which was holding up the development.



**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Drive to establish whether that organisation had purchased the premises and, if so, what timetable existed for the development of the site.

6. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Public Services Regulation and Inspection Regime**

The Council discussed a letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Public Services Committee of the National Assembly for Wales inviting the Community Council to submit comments on the operation of the public services regulation and inspection regime in Wales.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline to comment to the National Assembly.

(b) **Parliament for Wales Campaign**

The Council received an invitation to send a representative to attend the Parliament for Wales Campaign on 3 July, 2004.

**RESOLVED:** That approval be given for any Member with an interest in the Campaign to attend the event.

(c) **The Barn, Mwyndy**

The Council received a copy of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence at The Barn, Mwyndy.

**RESOLVED:** That as the date of the hearing had passed, no comment be made.

(d) **The Ivor Arms, Brynsadler**

The Council received a copy of an application for a Transfer of the Justices Licence at The Ivor Arms, Brynsadler.

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

(e) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 30 April, 7, 14, 21 & 28 May, 2004**

(Councillor Rea declared an interest in this item of business and vacated the Council chamber)

**RESOLVED:** That the following comments be made to the Planning Authority:

**Application No. 04/817/10**

That the Council express its concern about the proposal since the development will lead to an increase in the amount of on – street parking on this new development.

**Application No. 04/829/13**

That the Council is opposed to the proposal on the grounds that the development is in open countryside and that access to the development will be inadequate.

**Application No. 04/592/10**

That the Council express its concern about the proposal since the development will lead to an increase in the amount of on – street parking on this new development.

**Application No. 04/626/10**

That the Council is concerned about the proposal for development in open countryside. Additionally, that the Council is concerned that the proposal could lead to spilled fuel leaking into the Nant Felin Fach.

**Application No. 04/0719/10**

That the Council is concerned that the land identified for development is in the ownership of the Community Council and no notification of the proposal had been received from the applicant.

(The Council asked that details of the planning application be provided to all Members.)

**Application No. 04/0811/01**

That the Council is unclear from the information supplied about the number and type of signs to be erected since the descriptions bore no relation to some of the signs already erected.

**Application No. 04/0936/10**

That the Council express its concern about the proposal since the development will lead to an increase in the amount of on – street parking on this new development.

**Application No. 04/0954/10**

That the Council, while not opposed to the proposal, draw the Planning Authority's attention to the long standing problem of major subsidence in Heol y Coed and the presence of a foul sewer in the vicinity of the application.

**Application No. 04/0981/10**

That the Council express concern to the Planning Authority that the proposal is will lead to a loss of parking spaces at the rear of the premises and result in an increase in on-street parking.

(f) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 8 to the Council's agenda.

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

No matters were reported for decision.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Brofiscin Community Liaison Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Committee's meeting of 29 April, 2004, be noted.

(b) **Proposed access road to the Ely Valley Business Park**

The Council discussed the letter dated 13 May, 2004, from Dr Charlie Pattinson, Director of the Environment Agency Wales, to Ms Jane Davidson, Assembly Member for Pontypridd.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Council note the contents of the letter.
- (ii) That copies of the letter be placed in the Community Council's noticeboards.
- (iii) That a copy of the letter be delivered to every household in Millfield and River's Edge, Pontyclun, and Clos Brenin, The Hollies and Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

**(c) Members' Code of Conduct – Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Register of Gifts and Hospitality**

The Council noted the letter of 8 June, 2004, from the Borough Council's Legal and Democratic Services Officer stating that community councils in the Borough will be asked to:

- (i) attend six monthly liaison meetings with the Monitoring Officer
- (ii) take to each meeting a copy of their council's Registers of Gifts and Hospitality and Declarations of Interests
- (iii) provide a copy of their current form of Declarations of Acceptance of Office
- (iv) attend "Road Shows" for newly elected members on the Code of Conduct
- (v) take note of advised amendments to the Members Code of Conduct.

10. The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.