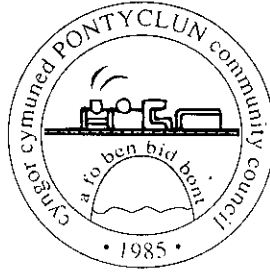


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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 24 August, 2000

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors
 C G Bendle and S Rogers

2. **Chairperson's Business**

There were no items of Chairperson's Business.

3. **Police Matters**

(a) **Late night violence in Pontyclun**

Several Members spoke of their deep disquiet at a recent incident of violence in Pontyclun when two respectable members of the public who were on their way home at night were attacked by thugs for no apparent reason. It was understood that the assailants made off in a taxi before the police arrived at the scene. Both members of the public needed medical attention following the attack. Police enquiries were continuing into the incident.

Following the incident, it was understood by the Council that a Member had made a statements to the press about the installation of CCTV. The Council was disappointed that the Member had made the statements without reference to other Members of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted.

(b) **CCTV installation in Pontyclun**

Councillor Huish reported that the Community Council's bid for funding for the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun was being progressed by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council as a fast bid. Councillor Huish was hopeful that a decision on funding would be announced shortly.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) **Pontyclun with Talygarn Parochial Church Council**

Councillor Huish reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Pontyclun with Talygarn Parochial Church Council to discuss problems in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(d) **Talbot Green Police Station**

Councillor Graham Davies reported that a new inspector had been appointed at the police station in Talbot Green.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(e) **Licensing problems in Rhondda Cynon Taff**

Councillor Norman advised the Council that he had been involved with officers of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in resolving licensing problems.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 July, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 5 July, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 21 July, 2000**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 21 July, 2000, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(i) **Application for grant from the Talygarn Forum**

(Councillors Dilworth and Norman declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

RESOLVED: That a grant of £400.00 be warded.

(ii) **Community Council's Annual Allotments Competition**

RESOLVED: That since the Community Council had not increased the amount of its grant to the Community Council's Allotments Competition for many years, consideration be given to increasing the award at the Council's 2001 annual grants meeting.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Trees adjacent to The Hollies estate, Brynsadler, Pontyclun**

Councillor Huish reported that there had been complaints from residents of The Hollies about overhanging trees from the Council owned Ivor Woods in Brynsadler. Some residents' quality of life had been seriously affected by the growth of trees from the Council's wood.

RESOLVED: That the Council make application to the planning authority to prune certain trees growing immediately outside residents' premises which were the subject of tree preservation orders. Further, that the Council bear the cost of any pruning work necessary to its trees.

(b) **Mayor of Pontypridd Town Council's Charity Appeal and Ball**

The Council discussed the letter from the Pontypridd Town Council of 2 August, 2000.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £100.00 be made towards the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

(c) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 7, 14, 21 and 28 July and 4 August, 2000**

(Councillor Huish declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

RESOLVED: That the following comment be made about planning application no. T/00/2623/13:

- (i) That the Council has deep reservations about the Planning Authority granting this application since it would create an opportunity to develop more land in open countryside.
- (ii) That the Council express its concerns about difficulties in accessing the site.

(d) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 4 to the agenda.

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

The Council discussed a letter from the Pontyclun Youth Partnership setting out its plans for the establishment of a youth club in the Talygarn Pavilion.

Considerable work needed to be carried out to the Pavilion before it could be brought back into use. The Council was asked to make a grant towards the cost of bringing the Pavilion back into use.

An indication of some of the costs of remedial work was given but the full extent of costs was not clear

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Partnership to find out the full extent of the costs of remedial work and that this information be reported to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee before the Council makes a decision on awarding a grant.

10. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Miskin War Memorial**

The Council was pleased to learn that the Miskin War Memorial had been included in the statutory lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, approved by the National Assembly for Wales under Section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the Llantrisant Observer to arrange publicity for the listing of the Memorial and, if appropriate arrange for a press release.

(ii) That in the event of the Llantrisant Observer being prepared to send a photographer to the site, an

invitation to attend the occasion be extended to former Councillor Tudor Burton.

(b) **Speeding vehicles in Pontyclun**

The Council received a letter from Chief Inspector Tucker of the South Wales Police in response to the Community Council's concerns about speeding vehicles in Pontyclun.

Chief Inspector Tucker stated that the A4222 through Pontyclun, and in particular the shopping centre is not suitable for video speed detection. However, officers from the speed detection unit had monitored traffic entering Pontyclun from Brynsadler and during the last two visits 77 motorists had been reported for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit. It was hoped that the enforcement action taken by the police would reduce the incidence of speeding vehicles in Pontyclun.

Chief Inspector Tucker further advised that the police traffic department had been informed of the Community Council's concerns so that they could patrol accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's appreciation of police efforts to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in Pontyclun be passed to Chief Inspector Tucker.

(c) **Planning appeal**

The Council received details of an appeal to the National Assembly against the decision of the planning authority not to award planning consent for an industrial nursery unit on land adjacent to Unit 8, Joinery Works, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(d) **Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 2000**

The Council was pleased to learn that it had won second prize in the Best Kept War Memorial Section of the Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 2000.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council's congratulations be passed to its Handyman for his hard work in the achievement.

(ii) That in the event of an award ceremony being held by the Borough Council, the Council be represented by the Chairman.

(e) **Issue No.5 of "Bro"**

The Council received Issue No.5 of "Bro" issued by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

11. The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.