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MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Council Office, Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 March, 2013.

PRESENT: Community Councillors; Ken Forsdyke (Chair) Len Arthur, Ann Bennett, Gwynn Griffith, Margaret Griffiths, Paul Griffiths, Janise Jones, Tony Lane, Gordon Norman, and Brendan O'Reilly.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Huw Rees

2. Declaration of Interest

None noted

3. To consider passing the following resolution:

"By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on item 9 (v) Appendix 16, on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted."

RESOLVED: That the motion was passed

Councillor Len Arthur gave an overview of the matter concerning the gratuity claim made by the former Clerk, Mr Greg Lewis. Councillor L Arthur went on to read through his report giving an update of new developments in this matter since the previous Council and Working Group 1 – Administration meetings.

Councillor Gordon Norman wished it noted in the minutes that he is in favour of paying in full the gratuity payment claimed by the former Clerk.

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The Clerk informed Members

- (i) The Employment Tribunal had not granted PCC request to and an extension in completing the ET3 Response Form nor to the postponement of the Hearing. Awaiting written confirmation.
- (ii) The insurance company confirmation that PCC cover for Legal Expenses commences on the 1/4/13 and therefore PCC would not be able to claim assistance with the Employment Tribunal.
- (iii) The Wales Audit Office had passed the PCC enquiry on the audit team and Mazars, external auditors, had been in contact.
- 4. To consider the Council's formal written response to the Employment Tribunal concerning Mr. J.G. Lewis and to decide on the wording thereof.

Members discussed Councillor Len Arthur's report PCC Response to IT Claim and agreed, subject to some minor amendments, this to be the formal response of the PCC.

- RESOLVED: That the ET3 Response Form be completed using the content of the report 'PCC Response to IT Claim', subject to amendments.
- 5. To appoint suitable representatives of the Council to attend any tribunal hearing.
- RESOLVED: That the Council Appoint the Clerk, Catherine Craven and Councillor Len Arthur as the minimum representatives of PCC at any tribunal hearing.
- 6. To appoint suitable representatives to hold discussions with ACAS as necessary.
- RESOLVED: That the Council Appoint the Clerk, Catherine Craven and Councillor Len Arthur as the minimum representatives of PCC to hold discussions with ACAS.

Members agreed to set a time and date for a Special Meeting to be held at Pontyclun Community Centre at 7.00 p.m on 16 April 2013.

Meeting ended 8:20pm

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