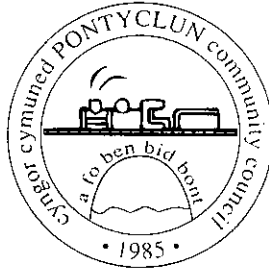


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Minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Friday, 28 January, 2005

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, D Clayton Jones, C Davies, P Griffiths, D G Henderson, Ms S Jenkins, and A R Lane

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Twelve members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R G Norman and M Rea and P Thomas

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

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

3. **Land at Brynsadler Mill**

The Council noted the letter which had been sent to the Welsh Development Agency asking that low value land at Brynsadler Mill, Pontyclun, be transferred into the ownership for the Pontyclun Community Council for the purpose of creating riverside walks and picnic areas and for preserving a habitat for wildlife.

The Council also discussed the reply of the WDA in which it was stated that it is under a duty to dispose of the land at best price "by exposing the availability of the land to the market place". The WDA further stated that the land had recently been valued and it

would not be possible to sell the land below the valuation. A public auction of the land would take place in February.

The Chairperson read out a letter from a local resident congratulating the Community Council on its accurate assessment of the Community's needs and concerns and for approaching the WDA in a positive and innovative manner.

The Chairperson also drew the Council's attention to a recent report on the site which had been prepared by the Borough Council's Ecology Officer who had identified numerous species of flora, fauna and wildlife and offered support and encouragement to the Council in their plans to secure and preserve the site.

A lengthy discussion took place on the best way forward and several members of the public expressed their support for the Council's plans.

RESOLVED: That the Council write again to the WDA suggesting that, as an alternative to a sale, the WDA might consider a long lease of the land to the Community Council. In turn the Community Council would assure the WDA that the land would be kept as a green lung between the built up areas of Pontyclun and Brynsadler and would be managed with the assistance of the Borough Council's Ecology Officer, our local Rivercare Officer, and in cooperation with the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust in the interests of local people.

4. The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.