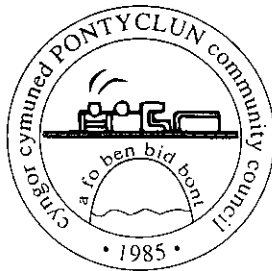


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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 November, 2000

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C G Bendle, C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish, and M Rea

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Five members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs V A Cale

2. **Chairperson**

Councillor M Rea was elected Chairperson of the Finance Committee

3. **Council's Budget for 2000/2001**

The Council reviewed its expenditure for the financial year 2000/2001 against its expenditure for 1999/2000 and its budget for 2000/2001.

The Clerk reminded the Council that as a result of his hospitalisation during February, 2000, the Council's budget setting exercise had not been finalised by the deadline set by the Borough Council for the notification of the Community Council's precept. As a result, the Community Council's precept had stayed at its 1999/2000 level for 2000/2001.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That for those cost centres where no budget had been set by the Council, the budget for the respective cost centres reflect estimated expenditure to 31 March, 2000.

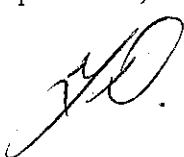
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- (b) That for those centres where budgets had been set, it be clarified that expenditure would be taken from the Community Council's reserves.
- (c) That in the light of information that the Community Council's contribution to CCTV was required as a revenue contribution, the capital provision of £20,000 be converted to a revenue contribution of £5,000 per annum over 4 years.
- (d) That a sum of £5,000 be allocated as the Community Council's contribution to a waste recycling partnership in Rhondda Cynon Taff
- (e) That the Council note that its contribution of £2,500 towards the provision of a road sign on the Talbot Green By Pass would be expended during the financial year and that the Council might wish to consider making provision in its budget for 2001/2002 for further contributions towards the erection of further signs. Additionally, that the remaining £2,500 from the current year's budget should be used as a contribution to the erection of a "Welcome to Misikin" sign.
- (f) That the Council note that work is moving ahead on the provision of footpaths and cycle ways.
- (g) That the Council note that action has been taken to fund the purchase and erection of Christmas trees along the highway in Cowbridge Road, and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, and that arrangements have been made for painting competitions at local schools and a shop window and fancy dress competition among local shopkeepers.
- (h) That the Clerk write to each Member of the Council asking for their suggestions for sites for additional litter bins in the Community.
- (i) That expenditure on the proposed footpaths leaflet would be incurred during the current financial year.

4. **Application for financial assistance from the Pontyclun Youth Partnership**

The Clerk reminded the Council that an application for financial assistance from the Pontyclun Youth Partnership was submitted to the Council at the annual grants meeting in July. The Council felt that it did not have sufficient information at that time to decide the application and, while deferring the application to a meeting of the Finance Committee, also sought more information from the Partnership on its plans for the future. In return the Partnership had provided the Council with a copy of its Business Plan dated October, 2000.

Members of the Committee pointed out that statutory responsibility for youth work lay with the Borough Council although it accepted that at a local level a number of voluntary initiatives operated. The Committee raised a series of wide ranging questions with representatives of the Partnership on its Business Plan. In particular, the Committee sought information on:

  
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- (a) The apparently low cost of repair work to the Talygarn Pavilion
- (b) Whether Talygarn Pavilion would be a convenient location for a youth club given that the Pavilion was isolated and some considerable distance from Pontyclun
- (c) The plans for revenue funding

The representatives sought to reassure the Committee that the Partnership's Business Plan was well founded and carefully researched. The estimates of repair work to the Pavilion had been compiled taking account of the likely availability of voluntary labour from the parents of attendees.

The Committee was told that the existing youth club, which operated from St Paul's Church Hall, Pontyclun, was thriving and had been in operation for approximately 18 months. In practice, a large number of the attendees at St Paul's were brought to the youth club in cars by their parents. It was probable that similar transport arrangements would apply in the Talygarn Pavilion.

The representatives of the Partnership accepted that revenue funding for their proposals was likely to be more problematical although there were a number of on-going applications being made to a wide range of bodies for grant aid. It was unclear at that stage whether bodies who had already made a donation to the Partnership funds would be prepared to do so again.

**RECOMMENDED:** (i) That the Council place on record its support for the Pontyclun Youth Partnership and pay tribute to the hard work undertaken by its members in their efforts to provide a youth club in the Talygarn Pavilion.

(ii) That an amount of £5,000.00 be ring fenced as a contribution towards the Partnership's funds pending further information on the robustness of the Partnership's revenue cost projections.

*(iii) That any contribution to the Partnership be subject to the approval of the District Auditor*

5. **Late applications for grant**

The Committee considered seven applications for grant which had been received after the Council's grants meeting on 21 July, 2000. A schedule of applications was enclosed at Appendix 3 to the Committee's agenda

(The Clerk declared an interest in the application from St Paul's Church Nursery and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

**RECOMMENDED:** That the following grants be made:

	£	p
1 <sup>st</sup> Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	75	00
St. Paul's Church Nursery	75	00

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Tuesday Afternoon Whist Drive	50	00	
Pontyclun Football Club	100	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club (Senior Section)	100	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club (Junior Section)	100	00	
Hope Presbyterian Church	100	00	*

\* That this grant be made only after the Church have given a specific reason for the use of the money

6. The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

