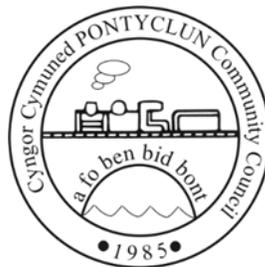


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Minutes

Minutes of an **extraordinary meeting** of the Pontyclun Community Council held at Café 50, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 17th October 2018**.

PCC Member attendance at meetings												
Member name	2017		2018									
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Ex Oct
Martin Ashford												
Margaret Griffiths												
Paul Griffiths												
Neil Holley												
Anne Jackson												
Gwyn Jackson												
Kate Jones												
Karan Lane												
Alison Theaker												
Carole Willis												
Mike Davies												
Present												
Apologies												
Absent												

1. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies from Councillors, Kate Jones; Gwyn Jackson; Alison Theaker and Karan Lane
- Councillor Lane advised her voting preferences by e-mail

2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

- No interests declared

3. To discuss report on the Electoral review for Pontyclun Community

- Chair introduced the Electoral review and report
 - Boundary Commission review requested by Welsh Government
 - RCT CBC currently has 75 council members which is max in Wales and not expected to change
 - Within RCT due to population changes there is a wide variety of electors v members though average is 2300.
 - Aim of review is to bring representation across the County nearer the average.
 - Pontyclun currently has about 3000 electors per member and RCT proposals would bring us far nearer to the average once the housing with planning permission was completed.
 - Their proposal to transfer Tyla Garw to Pontyclun would also bring Llanharry Community nearer to the average.
 - RCT CBC also see the boundary changes as an opportunity to tidy up some boundaries to ones which people might recognise easily.
 - RCT CBC is proposing Pontyclun has 3 members in a 3-member ward. The Boundary commission's preference is for 1-member wards where possible
 - The Chair in his report has identified 3 separate 1-member wards which would provide clarity and accountability to residents.
- Members of the Community present were given the opportunity to raise issues and the following key points were raised
 - See the sense of a boundary review
 - It is important that a public consultation is undertaken
 - Might be difficult to find enough candidates to have a meaningful election in 3 separate wards
 - Llanharry Community Council are proposing alternate suggestions of keeping Tyla Garw & also gaining Brynsadler and Talygarn

- v. The suggestion to move the community boundary north to lie along the A473 would bring into it the Old Llantrisant Church cemetery, Purlite site (contaminated land) and the Dynamite store in Rhiwsaeson. There are virtually no domestic properties in this area so would not add a penny to the precept but could increase costs to the council in managing issues from these.
4. Councillors then discussed the various issues and resident comments
 - a. This discussion is party of the overall consultation which is including
 - i. RCT CBC are consulting on their proposals which any individual can respond to
 - ii. The details of this report have been published in the Diary requesting comments
 - iii. This meeting has been publicised as normal
 - iv. The Boundary commission are accepting comments by 23rd Oct pending them issuing their recommendations which will be subject to consultation prior to implementation
 - b. In the last election we had 13 candidates standing and the one before 39 stood. Whilst this is not a guarantee for the future we do not appear to have had major issues in the past
 - i. It was noted that candidates do not have to live within the wards as there is some leeway in the electoral rules
 - c. Noted that residents in Tyla Garw feel part of Pontyclun and rely on Pontyclun services.
 - i. Indeed, when the Bailey Bridge at Station Terrace was closed many Tyla Garw residents came to us with queries as they felt part of Pontyclun
 - d. Current northern boundary zig zags around buildings and a move to follow A473 would be much clearer and recognisable to residents.
 - i. Residents in Pontyclun feel that they have an interest in what happens there but as this is outside our boundary our views have secondary consideration
 - ii. Most consider y Pant school to be in Pontyclun which this boundary change would make happen
 - iii. The cemetery is in the care of RCT CBC and not Llantrisant Community Council, so boundary change would not change this or our costs
 - iv. It is noted that the 2 industrial sites above are transferred though Llantrisant Community Council has no responsibility for them at present, so none will transfer to us.
 5. Comment was made that the Boundary Commission in the past has ignored proposals based on properties with planning permission but not yet built.
 - a. If they do this again then the RCT proposals will not be accepted and new proposals may have to be put forward
 - b. This was noted. Our meeting today is to answer those proposals which are being put forward and if required we can consider any others going forward.
 6. Because of this review the Community Council boundaries will also be reviewed. The Council believes that this is an opportunity for us to be proactive and make suggestions for this Community Council review. Councillors noted that the last Community Council boundary review was a desk exercise and some boundaries do not make sense in practice.
 - a. The report recommends that we have 12 Community Councillors with 4 in each on the proposed Borough wards
 7. Councillors then voted on the motion which was proposed by the chair and seconded by Councillor Neil Holley

**"In response to the Electoral Review by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. Pontyclun Community Council submits the following proposals to the Commission and to RCT County Borough Council:
The boundary of the Pontyclun community should be extended to include Tyla Garw and all land lying between the existing community boundary and the A473;
The Pontyclun community should be represented on RCT County Borough Council by three members, each representing single member wards."**

 - a. Members considered each section in turn
 - a. Transfer Tyla Garw to Pontyclun
 - b. 3 single member wards for the Borough Council as described in report
 - c. Move the northern border to follow the A473
 - d. Recommend 12 Community Council wards as per report
 - b. Members voted to support each change and actioned Clerk to advise RCT CBC for their review and also directly to the Boundary Commission providing them both with the recommendations and summary of the Councils discussions. **Action Clerk to advise bodies accordingly MM612**

These are a true copy of the approved minutes of Pontyclun Community Council extraordinary meeting in October 2018. The signed original can be viewed at the Council Offices