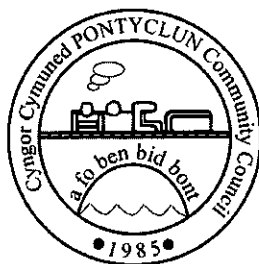


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M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **April monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Council Office, Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 8 April, 2014.

PRESENT: Community Councillors: Margaret Griffiths (Chair), Ann Bennett, Ken Forsdyke, Gwynn Griffith, Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones, Tony Lane, Huw Rees and Brendan O'Reilly.

Councillors Huw Rees and Janis Jones arrived at 7.05 pm

Councillor Paul Griffiths arrived during the discussion on Item 6 (i) after giving a presentation on the Day Centre at Pontyclun at Llantrisant Community Council meeting.

Also present was a member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apology received for Councillor Gordon Norman.
The Council accepted the apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Tony Lane declared an interest for Item 6 (iii) Pontyclun Day Centre.
"I am a Member of the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee"

3. Matters raised by residents/guest

A member of the public raised concerns over the parking of large COOP delivery vehicles in Cerdin Avenue. Councillor K Forsdyke had also received concerns from local residents and businesses in the community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be instructed to write to the COOP requesting the retail outlet not park their delivery vehicles in Cerdin Avenue but to consider other alternatives in order to reduce disruption to local residents and businesses in the village. A202

Margaret Griffiths
10th June 2014

4. Reports and presentations from others

None raised.

5. To confirm the minutes of the Council's monthly meeting, 11 March, 2014 as an accurate record – appendix 2

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the monthly meeting 11 March, 2014 shown in appendix 2 be approved as an accurate subject to an amendment to Item 7 (iii) referring to the units on Cowbridge Road as 1 and 2 and not by the trading names. A203

6. Matters arising – Action Table, appendix 3

Action 193 – Pontyclun Day Centre

The Clerk reported that she was unable to find contact details for the action group who are seeking a judicial review challenging Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's decision to close Rhydyfelin Library despite many enquiries.

Councillor T Lane reported that he had had a discussion with Mr Imperato of the action group. In this discussion Mr Imperato confirmed that Pontyclun Community Council would not be able to join the Rhydyfelin action group.

Action 192 –Williams Report meeting

Councillor A Bennett was unable to attend the meeting on the 20 March. Councillor Bennett is to attend the next meeting scheduled 8 May, 2014.

Action 186 – Loading restrictions at Units 1 & 2 Cowbridge Road

The Clerk reported that Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Planning Department have requested evidence of any infringements by Units 1 and 2 of delivery conditions to assist in further investigation of this matter.

The Clerk will collate any photographic evidence which can be obtained and forward on to relevant person in Planning Department.

Councillor M Griffiths will work with Clerk to liaise with the Planning Department to challenge why no delivery restriction times during peak periods apply for Unit 2.

Action 181 Community Website

Councillor M Griffiths reported that Ms Beth Giles would volunteer to update the community website. The Council expressed their gratitude to Ms Giles in undertaking this task. The Councillor P Griffiths and the Clerk will arrange for Ms Giles to be added to the websites list of Editors and Administrators.

Action 123 – Cinema

Councillor J Jones reported that tests are underway on the sound systems for the equipment.

Action 155a – Fun Day

Councillor J Jones reported that more members had joined the committee and they were in the process of mapping the activities and creating a timeline.

Action 184 – Arts Festival

Councillor J Jones reported that the event organisers are seeking funding opportunities.

(i) Action 201 - South Wales Programme, Community Health Council - appendix 4

Letter received from Cwm Taf Community Health Council in response to the letter sent by Pontyclun Community Council opposing the South Wales Hospital Plan, albeit with one proviso.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the response from Dr Paul Worthington, Chief Officer, Cwm Taf Community Health Council.

(ii) Action 200 – Ysgol Feithrin Pontyclun, grant – appendix 5

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the letter of thanks from Ysgol Feithrin Pontyclun

(iii) Action 193 - Pontyclun Day Centre, Business Plan Outline – appendix 6

Councillor P Griffiths presented the report, appendix 6. Members asked questions as Councillor Griffiths read through the report. The following adjustments were recommended to the estimated annual expenditure figures -

Electricity was shown as £3000 reduced to £2000 following an agreed apportionment of the energy bills with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The Clerk reported that on enquiry the insurance company do not believe there will be any significant increase to the annual premium as the caterers and volunteering organisations own insurance will cover the majority of activities being offered at the day centre.

Councillor Griffiths was awaiting news regarding grants from other councils.

Councillor Griffiths has expressed concern to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council that a gap in the service would be detrimental to service users and also the Council's capability to develop this existing provision.

Councillor T Lane questioned under what power the Council could legally undertake the transfer of Pontyclun Day Centre. This information is provided in the Business Plan Outline and the Clerk explained that the powers are contained in section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976.

The Clerk informed the Council of a new project at Bethel Chapel that started Thursday 3 April. The Eden Café is open each Thursday between 12:30 and 2:00 pm providing warm meals for those most in need. Members were invited to visit next Thursday 10 April at 1:30.

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A recorded named vote was requested by Councillor T Lane
Councillor T Lane did not vote due to a declared interest.

For: Community Councillors: Margaret Griffiths, Ann Bennett, Ken Forsdyke, Gwynn Griffith, Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones, Huw Rees and Brendan O'Reilly.

Against: no member voted against.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to submit to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council The business plan as outlined in appendix 6, subject to adjustments to the financial Projection.

(iv) Action 192 – Action 192 – Round Table meeting with Mick Antoniw – appendix 7

Councillor Ann Bennett informed the Council that she had been unable to attend the meeting on the 20 March.

The Clerk had received a notice of the next meeting on Thursday 8th May @ 6.30pm in GMB House. Councillor Ann Bennett agreed to attend this next meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Bennett attend the next meeting in May.

(v) Action 162 - Staff report appendix 8

The Clerk reported as the new staff appointed would require training it would be beneficial if this could be undertaken as soon as possible to avoid any delays in the busy summer maintenance programme. The Clerk has sourced several courses the new staff could attend during May 2014 and requested the start date for the Community Caretaker and Assistant Caretaker be Monday 28 April, 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed that the Community Caretaker, Darren Norfolk, and the Assistant Community Caretaker Raymond Blank commence employment on Monday 28 April 2014.

7 Report and recommendations from Clerk

i To approve budget report - appendix 9

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the budget report for 2013/14 as shown in appendix 9

ii To approve virement - appendix 10

RESOLVED: That the Council approved virement shown in appendix 10. A204

iii To approve the payment of creditors - appendix 11

RESOLVED: That the Council approved payment of creditors as shown in appendix 11.

iv To consider planning applications – appendix 12

RESOLVED: That the Council had no comments to make

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- v One Voice Wales new training Module – Devolution of Services – appendix 13

The Clerk reported following a Clerk's meeting earlier that day Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council had shown an interest to run this course and may have a few spaces available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk expresses an interest to Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council for a few community councillors from Pontyclun to attend the course should they host the new training module – Devolution of Service. A205

- vi RCT CBC Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Submission of Draft Charging Schedule for Examination appendix 14

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the Draft Charging Schedule, appendix 14.

- vii RCT CBC Statutory Notice regarding Learning Support re-alignment appendix 15

RESOLVED: That the Council noted RCT CBC Statutory Notice Learning Support re-alignment, appendix 15

- viii Welsh Government Draft Playing Fields appendix 16

Clerk informed members that any response must be to be submitted by 30 May, 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed for Councillor A Bennett, convener of Working Group 4 Local Environment, to liaise with the Clerk and respond to the Welsh Government Draft Playing Fields report appendix 16. A206

- ix Community Consultation Event – Bethel Baptist Chapel Sports Hall booked for 15 July 2014 from 6pm until 9pm

The Clerk informed Members that PCSO Dave Jones and Rhondda Cynon Taff Street Care have shown an interest in attending the Community Consultation Event.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the date and venue for the Community Consultation Event and instructed the Clerk to invite PCSO Dave Jones and Rhondda Cynon Taff Street Care to the evening. A207

- x Grants for 2014/15. Application forms now available on-line. Also displayed in noticeboards. Council to decide at June meeting. Successful applicants to be presented cheques at Community Consultation Event on the 15 July, 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the Grants were now available and will be decided at the June meeting. A208

xi On line banking appendix 17

Councillor O'Reilly asked if cheques would still be available to the Council if on-line banking was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed for the Clerk to investigate further the options of on-line banking. A209

xii Public conveniences weekend post. No applications received to date.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted that no applications had been received for the post of weekend

xiii RCT CBC Footpath Notice - Miskin – appendix 18

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the notice from Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council tabled in appendix 18.

xiv Vale of Glam Consultation on Alternative Sites- appendix 19

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the document Vale of Glam Consultation on Alternative Sites- appendix 19

xv Arriva Trains Conference 2 May 2014 – appendix 20

RESOLVED: That Members were not available to attend but this invitation was passed on to the Voluntary Group. A210

xvi Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion Seminar London 10 June 2014 – appendix 21

Members will review agenda items at the annual Meeting next month.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion Seminar London 10 June 2014 – appendix 21
That the Council will review Agenda Items at the Annual Meeting in May 2014.
A211

9. Notices of Motion from Councillors



i Cllr. P Griffiths

"Pontyclun Community Council would only consider the closure of the existing public toilets in Pontyclun if there were plans for a more efficient and effective alternative provision of public toilets and public support for change identified through a robust public consultation."

Councillor P Griffiths presented the motion and Members discussed various matters concerning the public conveniences. It was agreed that the village did need a public convenience but the current facility was not necessary the best option.

The Clerk reported an item of communication received from a member of the public expressing concerns to any proposed closure to the public conveniences.

The matter was referred to Working Group 1 Administration for further discussion.

RESOLVED: That Working Group 1 Administration meet to discuss the public conveniences and report back its recommendations to the full Council. A212

10. Questions from Councillors

Councillor Ken Forsdyke

Reporting sighting of vehicle driving on the grassed area adjacent to the Pontyclun War Memorial and parking alongside football field during practice sessions. Concerns regarding grass area being spoilt. Also reporting sighting of young people vandalising fencing adjacent to Pontyclun War Memorial. Fencing is now broken.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk is instructed to write to Pontyclun Primary School, who rent the field to sports organisations requesting all vehicles not to use grass area adjacent to the War Memorial. A212
Councillor P Griffiths will further pursue the matter of trespass on Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council land. A213

10. Matters of discussion but not decision

The very sad news of the death of Simon Brooks, pupil of Y Pant School, was noted by Members. A memorial service will be held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday 17 April, 2014.

Meeting closed 9:55 pm

Next meeting is the Council's Annual Meeting

7:00 pm 13, May 2014 at Pontyclun Community Centre

Margaret Griffiths
10th June 2014