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## M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **March monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held at Café 50, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 10 March, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors: Ann Bennett, Ken Forsdyke, Gwynn Griffith, Margaret Griffiths (Chair), Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones, Tony Lane, Huw Rees and Bethan Theaker

Bethan Theaker arrived 7.40 pm having attended a work related meeting.

### 1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Community Councillors, Brendan O'Reilly, and Gordon Norman. The Council accepted the apologies.

### 2. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Margaret Griffiths "I am a member of Cantorion Pontyclun".

### 3. **Matters raised by residents/guest**

- (i) Tree maintenance at Ivor Woods – included on  
9. Clerk Report Item ix appendix 14

With the approval of the Council the Chair brought forward -  
9. Clerks Report item ix i -appendix 18.

Mr A Elias of The Hollies told the Council of an ongoing problem of braches falling off trees in Ivor Woods causing damage to his property. Recently a falling branch had caused damage to his fence and 12 panels had to be replaced at his own expense. Mr Elias told the Council that his insurance company is no longer willing to pay out on any claims relating to damage caused by trees in the woods.

Members considered the recommended tree works presented in the Clerks report.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council

1. Authorised the Clerk to begin essential maintenance work listed under Items 2 and 3 of the RCT CBC report at an estimated cost of £840.00 plus VAT
2. Agreed on request from Mr A Elias of The Hollies to
  - (i) submit an application to RCT CBC for non- essential crown reduction work on Ash trees at the rear of their properties in Ivor Woods and
  - (ii) to pay the estimated cost of £720.00 plus VAT **A302**

- (ii) Mr Alan Watts addressed the Council. Following the public meeting on the 24 February, 2015 Mr Watts raised concerns should the Council undertake a full review then opportunities may be missed to address some of the more pressing matter raise at the meeting.

With the approval of the Council the Chair brought forward -  
9. Clerks Report item xiii -appendix 18.  
Members discussed the report.

With the approval of the Council the Chair brought forward item  
6 (ii) Motion from Councillor T Lane requesting  
'A meeting with Network Rail / Arriva / RCTCBC be arranged ASAP in view of ongoing preparation site-work already started on the north side of the river bridge on "railway land" accessed via Station Approach'.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council

1. Noted the Clerks Report item xiii -appendix 18.
2. The Council agreed to consider matters of concern raised at the Public Meeting in isolation
3. Instructed the Clerk to make an initial enquiry with RCT CBC to explore the options and costs of painting double yellow lines on the roads at Heol Felin, opposite the library, Llantrisant Road and increasing the length of the existing lines at the entrance of Ceredin Avenue. **A303**
4. Instructed the Clerk to write to Network Rail / Arriva / RCTCBC to request a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the electrification of the railway line and its implications for the village of Pontyclun. **A304**

**4. Reports and presentations from others**

None received

**5. Minutes**

- (i) To confirm the minutes of the Council's monthly meeting, 10 February, 2015 as an accurate record – appendix 1 subject to an amendment on page 4 Item 9 vi bus stop should read Tesco express – not Tesco extra

**RESOLVED:** That the Council approved the minutes of the 10 February, 2015 meeting as an accurate record. **A305**

## 6. Notices of Motion from Councillors

- (i) Councillor Ann Bennett  
Requests the Council to invite a speaker from the anti-fracking organisation to attend a future meeting

Councillor Ann Bennett expressed concerns of fracking proposals in neighbouring councils. It was noted that the Welsh Government has announced a moratorium on all fracking in Wales subject to further research on the safety of the activity. Members agreed that to ensure a balanced debate other speakers, with differing views, should also be invited.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed for Councillor Ann Bennett to work with the Clerk to arrange a public meeting. **A306**

- (ii) Councillor Tony Lane: Requests the Council to consider  
A meeting with Network Rail / Arriva / RCTCBC be arranged ASAP in view of ongoing preparation site-work already started on the north side of the river bridge on "railway land" accessed via Station Approach

See Item 3 (ii)

## 7 Matters arising from previous meetings – Action Table

Appendix 3

### Action 209

Clerk has now set up on line banking and has requested the chair and vice chair to register and to set up on line payment control.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the Clerks report

### Action 248 and 249 Bins - Appendix 4

Report on installation of 3 new litter bins and 9 new dog mess bins

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the Clerks report. - Appendix 4

### Action 274 - Appendix 5

Copies of Inspectors appeal decision of planning conditions for Unit 1 and 2 Cowbridge Road

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the documents shown in appendix 5

### Action 287 Clean the Clun grant application

Reply to questioned raised by Members at last meeting from Emma Downie, Clean the Clun Project and Funding Officer

The Clerk notified Members of a voluntary litter pick organised by Clean the Clun on Thursday 12 March.

Members discussed the application and resolved not to grant financial support for this project on the grounds that the amount requested of £1000 did not match the outputs of the activity.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council did not award a grant to Clean the Clun. Appendix 6

### **Action 299 MacMillan Cancer Support Quiz Event**

Thanked Council for hire of Café 50. £408.52 raised.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the report.

## **8 Report and recommendations of Committees and Working Groups**

- i Feedback from Public Convenience Provision in Pontyclun - meeting 6 March 15 Appendix 7  
Councillor Margaret Griffiths gave feedback of the meeting at which it was agreed to recommend to the Council for it to obtain plans for converting the former Police Room at the Community Centre into two disabled toilets.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed to obtain plans for converting the former Police Room at the Community Centre into two disabled toilets.

The Clerk investigates the legal requirements for the provision of public convenience facilities at Café 50 **A307**

## **9 Report and recommendations from Clerk**

- i To approve budget monitoring report Appendix 7a
- ii To note Commentary of 2014/15 Budget Appendix 7b

**RESOLVED:** That the Council  
(i) Approved the budget monitoring report  
(ii) Noted the Clerks commentary of the 2014/15 budget

- ii To approve the payment of creditors Appendix 8

**RESOLVED:** That the Council approved the payment of creditors as shown in appendix 8

- iii To consider planning applications. Appendix 9

**RESOLVED:** That the Council had no comments on the planning applications shown in Appendix 9.

- iv To decide on response on Welsh Government White Paper: Local Government Reform Power to Local People Consultation. Ends 28 April 2015. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/power-to-local-people/?skip=1&lang=en> *Hard copy available from office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will not submit a response.

- v To nominate Member/s to attend a meeting Welsh Government White Paper on Local Government Reform Power to Local People with Mick Antoni, Assembly Member for Pontypridd on the 26 March, 2015.  
The Clerk informed the Council of a change of date to 23 APRIL 7.00 pm  
Clerk has book onto special consultation event for town and community council clerks with SLCC -White Paper Consultation. Reforming Local Government in Wales: Power to the Local People Thursday 19th March, Pencoed.

Appendix 10

**RESOLVED:** That no Member was available to attend the meeting.

- vi To decide on response on One Voice Wales consultation: Draft Revised Nation Training Strategy 2015/19. Ends 19 March 2015

Appendix 11

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will not submit a response.

- vii Report on Notice Board  
1. That Members note the report  
2. That a sum of £1,410.00 is allocated from the Councils Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year

Appendix 12

**RESOLVED:** That the Council  
1. Noted the report  
2. Agreed that a sum of £1,410.00 is allocated from the Councils Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year. **A308**

- viii Report on Ivor Woods Project  
1. That Members note the report  
2. That the Council agree for a sum of £4,322 is allocated from its Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year

Appendix 13

**RESOLVED:** That the Council  
1. Noted the report  
2. Agreed for a sum of £4,322 is allocated from its Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year. **A309**

- ix** Report on Tree Maintenance in Ivor Woods Appendix 14
1. The Council to authorise the Clerk to begin essential maintenance work listed under Items 2 and 3 of the RCT CBC report at an estimated cost of £840.00 plus VAT
  2. The Council to decide on request from local residents of The Hollies to
    - (i) submit an application to RCT CBC for non- essential work on Ash trees at the rear of their properties in Ivor Woods and
    - (ii) to pay the estimated cost of £720.00 plus VAT

See Item 3 (i)

- x** Report on Bus Shelter Tesco Express Appendix 15
1. Pontyclun Community Council notes the report
  2. That a sum of £2,700 plus VAT is allocated from the Councils Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year

The Clerk reported that a further site meeting has been arranged following a query raised by a local business.  
The Clerk and Chair reminded all Members that thorough consultations should be undertaken prior to submitting recommendation to the Council to ensure any objections raised are considered prior to committing resources.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council

1. Noted the report
2. Agreed that a sum of £2,700 plus VAT is allocated from the Councils Capital Reserve for spend during the 2015/16 financial year. **A310**

- xi** Report on Hire of Café 50 – Cantorion Pontyclun - Appendix 16  
The Council to decide on the request from Cantorion Pontyclun Ladies Choir to hire Café 50 on a Tuesday evening.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed to hire Café 50 to Cantorion Pontyclun on a Tuesday evening for a sum of £600 per annum. **A311**

The two scheduled Council meetings in April and May will be held in the Community Centre Committee Room.

- xii** Report on Entrance to village from the North along Llantrisant Road project - Appendix 17  
The Community Council notes the changes and costs to this project in this report

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the changes and costs to this project in this report . **A312**

- xiii Feedback following Public Meeting 24 February, 2014 on parking and traffic congestion in and around the village of Pontyclun

See Item 3 (ii)

- xiv To note Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – February has now been published. To be implemented in the financial year 2015/16, An electronic copy of this Annual Report and a covering letter from the Chair is available on the Panel's website at [www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk](http://www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk) <<http://www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk>> and can be found by following this link: <http://wales.gov.uk/irpwsb/home/publication/2015-16/annual-report-2015-16/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the report.

- xv To note Positive Planning bulletin - <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planningbill-old/planning-bill-news/150226-planning-bulletin/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the report.

- xvi To decide on response on Consultation Document - Tax Devolution in Wales - Landfill Disposals Tax <http://gov.wales/consultations/finance/landfill-disposals-tax/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will not submit a response.

- xvii To decide on response on Consultation Paper on proposals for a Land Transaction Tax to replace Stamp Duty Land Tax in Wales in 2018 <http://gov.wales/consultations/finance/land-transaction-tax/?&lang=en> *Hard copy available from office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will not submit a response.

xviii

To note update on Aggregate Levy Scheme  
Councillor Paul Griffiths presented the report.  
Members discussed its contents.  
Further car parking facilities could be explored by improving the existing football club car park at the southern end of the site and a pathway laid to lead through the play area could provide quick and off road access to the school site.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council

- Noted the results of the public consultation in Appendix 1
- Noted the proposed amendments to the proposals set out in paragraph 5
- Approved the submission of the application for funds to the Welsh Government's Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales set out in Appendix 2.

**xix** To respond to letter from Kidney Wales Foundation asking council to organise a fundraising walk.

Appendix 20

**RESOLVED:** No Members was available to organise a fundraising walk.

**9 Questions from Councillors**

None

**10 Matters of discussion but not decision**

None received

**Meeting finished at 9.35 pm**