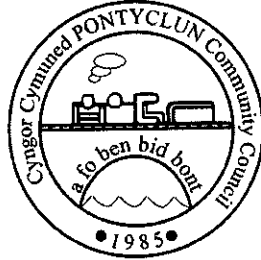


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## M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **April monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held at Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 14 April, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors: Ken Forsdyke, Gwynn Griffith, Margaret Griffiths (Chair), Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones and Tony Lane.

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

Apologies received from Community Councillors, Ann Bennett, Gordon Norman, Huw Rees and Bethan Theaker. The Council accepted the apologies.

Absent no apologies received Brendan O'Reilly.

The Council's caretaker, Darren Norfolk and a member of the public were also present.

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

Councillor Margaret Griffiths "I am a member of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Planning Development Committee".

Councillor Griffiths did not take part in the discussions tabled under Items 6.1 and 9 iii, nor did she vote on these matters.

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

With the Council's agreement the Chair brought forward item

#### 6. **Notices of Motion from Councillors**

##### (i) Councillor Ken Forsdyke

Housing Development in Brynsadler. " Pontyclun Community Council agrees to writing a letter to RCT objecting to any further development of housing in the immediate area of Pontyclun village, Brynsadler, Llanharry or any other area where traffic resulting from the development is most likely to use the A4222 through the villages or the population of such new development could be expected to use Pontyclun Railway Station. The letter should include the fact that the current severe traffic problems in these areas and the lack of station parking make such developments totally unacceptable to existing residents."

*M. Griffiths*  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The Council noted that no planning application has been made as yet but should any be submitted it should be strongly oppose. The Council agree that any further development of housing should be made on those sites outlined in the Local Development Plan.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council requests the Clerk to write to RCT CBC objecting to any further development of housing in the immediate area of Pontyclun village, Brynsadler, Llanharry or any other area where traffic resulting from the development is most likely to use the A4222 through the villages or the population of such new development could be expected to use Pontyclun Railway Station. A313

- (i) **Request for additional dog bins. Cost £180 each plus VAT**
- a) Local residents at Cefn yr Hendy. Miskin request dog litter bin adjacent to playground Footpath Ant. 314
- b) Brynsadler riverside walk
- c) Two in Groesfaen –Councillor Gwynn Griffith

A further dog bin may be considered at Groesfaen should the demand be identified.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed in principle to the purchase of

- a) 1 post mounted road side dog litter bin adjacent to playground Footpath Ant. 314
- b) 1 post mounted road side dog litter bin adjacent to Brynsadler riverside walk
- c) 1 post mounted road side dog litter bin in Groesfaen

subject to consultation with local residents. A314

- (ii) Local resident raised concerns over poor maintenance of Welsh Government owned land surrounding quarry at Cefn yr Hendy

Councillor Paul Griffiths reported that the site has now been fenced.

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

#### **4. Reports and presentations from others**

None received

#### **5. Minutes**

- (i) To confirm the minutes of the Council's monthly meeting, 10 March, 2015 as an accurate record – appendix 1

**RESOLVED:** That the Council approved the minutes of the 10 March, 2015 meeting as an accurate record subject to the addition on page 4 Item 8 (i) Resolved The Clerk investigates the legal requirements for the provision of public convenience facilities at Cafe 50. A315

#### **6. Notices of Motion from Councillors**

- (ii) 2. Sainsbury's Development "Pontyclun Community Council writes to RCT and the developers deploring the wanton destruction of trees along the south side boundary of the A473 between the MacDonald's roundabout and the junction with the A4222, along with the destruction of a large area of Pant Marsh. The trees were largely on the road side of the

land boundary and hence the destruction must have been approved by RCT. In the view of this Council, there was no need for the destruction of the boundary trees inside or outside the development boundary.”

**RESOLVED:** That the Council requested the Clerk to write to RCT and the developers deploring the wanton destruction of trees along the south side boundary of the A473 between the MacDonald's roundabout and the junction with the A4222, along with the destruction of a large area of Pant Marsh. A316

## 7 Matters arising from previous meetings – Action Table

Appendix 3

### Action 307 Police room

Clerk has arranged for plans to be drawn for two disabled toilets in police room and a front door access to council office.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note the Clerks report.

### Action 304 Electrification of Railway Line

Clerk distributed copies of the letter received in reply from RCT CBC dated 31 March 2015

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

### Action 270 Art Festival October 2015

Councillor Janis Jones updated the Council of the meeting held earlier that evening. Members sought clarification on the relationship between the Council and the Art Festival Group and requested Councillor Jones to provide a written report and a clear statement at the next council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Janis Jones provides a written report and a clear statement as to the status of the group at the next council meeting. A317

## 8 Report and recommendations of Committees and Working Groups

- i The Administration Working Group recommends that the Council
1. do not erect the Christmas trees on the buildings of Cowbridge Road
  2. purchase up to 4 more column lights
  3. work with Pontyclun Community Centre and Pontyclun Action Group to organise a Christmas event at the beginning of December
  4. ensure that all events and activities are risk assessed and appropriate public liability insurance is available and accepted by the organisers.

Appendix

The Clerk was requested to discuss with Floodlighting and Electrical Services arrangements for 2015 before the Council decide on item 2.

**4. RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed

1. Do not erect the Christmas trees on the buildings of Cowbridge Road
2. Work with Pontyclun Community Centre and Pontyclun Action Group to organise a Christmas event at the beginning of December
3. Ensure that all events and activities are risk assessed and appropriate public liability insurance is available and accepted by the organisers. A318

## 9 Report and recommendations from Clerk

- i To approve budget monitoring report

Appendix 5

**RESOLVED:** That the Council approved the budget monitoring report as shown in appendix 5

- ii To approve the payment of creditors

Appendix 6

**RESOLVED:** That the Council approved the payment of creditors as shown in appendix 6

- iii To consider planning applications.

Appendix 7

**RESOLVED:** That the Council had no comments on the planning applications shown in Appendix 7.

- iv To consider Bus Shelter Report

1. Pontyclun Community Council decide whether to reject or uphold the objection put forward for the installation of a new shelter at the Tesco Express bus stop.
2. Notes the report on the shelter at Groesfaen
3. Considers the future of the current shelter at Mwyndy.

The Clerk reported an insurance claim had been submitted for the Groesfaen shelter.

Members asked the Clerk to seek clarification on the safety risk of placing a shelter in front of the Tesco Express store as opposed to directly outside number 34.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed

1. In principle to site the pre ordered shelter on Llantrisant Road, Groesfaen if public consultation was favourable.
2. Remove the shelter at Mwyndy. A319

- v To consider update on Leekes sponsorship

Appendix 10

The Clerk distributed the new Café 50 logo. The Council requested the Clerk to obtain a quote for the labour costs to decorate Café 50 as this was not included in the Leekes sponsorship.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the report shown in appendix 10 A320

- vi To consider update on History Project

Appendix 11

Councillor Margaret Griffiths presented the report to Council. There is a possibility that People's Collection may provide Pontyclun Library with scanning and computing equipment. Members agreed that the £1000 allocated to purchase scanning and computing equipment could either be used on ITC equipment or to purchase display boards.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed the £1000 allocated could either be used on ITC equipment or to purchase display boards.

vii To consider report on council vehicle – Action 267

Appendix 11

Following an informative discussion with the Caretaker, Darren Norfolk, the Council agreed to purchase a new council vehicle to meet the needs of the service and to ensure work undertaken was within the permitted regulations.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council

a) Purchase a new council vehicle as shown in Appendix 11

b) Sell the current council vehicle as shown in appendix 11

A321

viii To consider update on Aggregate Levy Scheme – Maesyfelin Playing Field

Appendix 12

The Clerk distributed a letter of support from RCT CBC.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the changes made to the application and continues to support the project.

ix To note Welsh Government: Positive Planning bulletin

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planningbill-old/planning-bill-news/150313-planning-bulletin/?lang=en>. *Hard copy available from the office on request.*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the bulletin

x To note Welsh Government Guidance on the accounts and audit (Wales) regulations 2014.

<http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/publications/accounts-audit-guidance/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from the office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted Welsh Government Guidance on the accounts and audit (Wales) regulations 2014.

xi To note Welsh Government Stage 2 of the Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales - evidence and comments by 29th May 2015

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/countrysideecoaccess/landscapes/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from the office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the Welsh Government Stage 2 of the Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales.

- xii To note One Voice Wales Seminar 'How to save our town centres' event in Cardiff University on the Tuesday 28th April.  
<http://regenwales.org/events> 3 Seminar 0 current *Hard copy available from the office on request*

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

Councillor Tony Lane left the meeting 9.40

- xiii To respond to Welsh Government Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Homes and the Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Second Homes. Closes 13 June 2015. <http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/council-tax-premium-second-homes-consultation/?lang=en> *Hard copy available from the office on request*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council did not have any comments for the Welsh Government Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Homes and the Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Second Homes

- 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) 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 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report.

- xv To nominate a Member to attend the Arriva 2015 Adopt a Station Conference

**RESOLVED:** That the Council nominated Councillor Ann Bennett to attend Arriva 2015 Adopt a Station Conference. A322

- xvi To note the level of the precept for all RCT CBC Community Councils  
<http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/en/councildemocracy/democracyelections/councillorscommittees/meetings/council/2015/03/04/reports/item8-counciltaxresolution.pdf>

Members noted that Pontyclun Community Council 2015/16 precept was one of the lowest in RCT CBC.



**RESOLVED:** That the Council note the level of the precept for all RCT CBC Community Councils.

- xvii To note letter from St Paul's Church Nursery detailing purchases from grant received Appendix 15

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the details

- xviii To note One Voice Wales Training Brochure - also available on website [www.onevoicewales.org.uk](http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk). Appendix 16

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the details

- xix To note letter from Vocelle detailing purchases from grant received Appendix 17

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the details

- xx To note letter from Ysgol Meithrin Pontyclun detailing purchases from grant received Appendix 18

**RESOLVED:** That the Council noted the details

- xix To decide on any motion, maximum of two, to propose for the One Voice Wales AGM 3 October, 2015. Appendix 19

**RESOLVED:** That the Council do not have any motions to propose.

**9 Questions from Councillors**  
None

**10 Matters of discussion but not decision**  
The Clerk has received a letter from Clean the Clun asking for Council support for the project.

**Meeting finished at 9.55 pm**

*M. Gifford*  
12th May 2015