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M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **January monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Council Office, Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 January, 2014.

PRESENT: Community Councillors: Margaret Griffiths (Chair), Ann Bennett, Ken Forsdyke, Gwyn Griffiths, Paul Griffiths, Janis Jones, Tony Lane, Gordon Norman and Brendan O'Reilly.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apology received from Huw Rees. Members accepted Councillor Rees' apology. Councillor Len Arthur apology had already been accepted by the Council at November's meeting.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

None received.

3. **Reports and presentations from others**

None raised.

4. **Matters raised by residents/quest**

PCSO David Jones has asked Members if they are aware of a room in the community that the police could use on occasions. Councillor P Griffiths will contact Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council regarding their decision not to allow the police to use the council offices. A180

Members also suggested PCSO Jones contacts the library.

5. **To confirm the minutes of the Council's monthly meeting, 10 December, 2013 as an accurate record** appendix 1

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the monthly meeting 10 December, 2013 be approved as an accurate record with an addition to Item 8 vii Planning Applications noted in bold below.
'..... but request that a condition is included to prohibit vehicles using the B4264 as their approach and exit access to the site **other than for access to the A4119.**

6. **Matters arising** – Action Table appendix 2

(i) **Action 176** – Y Pant School Governing Body

The Clerk reported that following a telephone conversation with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council it was established that Y Pant School Governing Body does not include a Minor Authority governor in its Instrument of Government. Members requested the Clerk enquire to ask the school if they would agree to co-opting a community councillor on to the board. Brendan O'Reilly showed an interest in becoming a governor of Y Pant school.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk asks Y Pant School governing body if they would be prepared to co-opt a community councillor on the Governing Body. **A176a**

(ii) **Action 177 - Consultation on the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party (SWRAWP) Regional Technical Statement 1st Review**

Councillor K Forsdyke provided a report summarising the above report. Members discussed its content and agreed that the Council should monitor the use of the quarry as any increase in heavy traffic from the quarry site will have a detrimental effect on the village.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the report and will continue to monitor the matter. **A177a**

(iii) **Report on Pontyclun.net** appendix 3

Councillor M Griffiths read through the report appendix 3. Members discussed options to further develop the website and to keep its content up to date and relevant to the local community. Suggestions included making enquiries at colleges and universities to see if any of their media or journalism students may be interested in voluntary work.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk enquires with journalism and media departments at the local college and university for students interested in voluntary work to keep the Council website updated. **A181**

Action 178 Planning application Hendy Quarry

Councillor K Forsdyke asked the Clerk to contact Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council as the response to the application made by the Council do not appear on the Planning application webpage. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a written acknowledgement on the 23 December, 2013. **A178a**

Action 178d Archived e-mail 6 March, 2006

The Clerk gave Councillor Lane copies of all e-mails held at the office relating to 6 March, 2006.

Action 153 Green Cones Pontyclun Primary School

The Clerk will contact PSCO D Jones regarding the use of the green cones at Pontyclun Primary School to prevent unsafe parking at the start and end of the school day. **A153a**

Action 152 Christmas Lights

Members agreed that last year's Christmas lights display was splendid and many had received very positive comments from local residents and businesses.

One local business has asked to receive a copy of the insurance document relating to the cover for any potential damaged that may be caused by the contactors installing the bracket for the lighting on the pine end of their property. The Clerk was requested to contact Floodlighting and Electrical Services Ltd. for a copy of the insurance document. **A152a**

Councillor Gwynn Griffith thought that a Christmas tree in Groesfaen at Christmas would be popular with local residents and businesses. Members considered installing Christmas lights to decorate the 4 summer flower display trees at the locations proposed at December's meeting those being Pontyclun, Groesfaen, Miskin and Cefn yr Hendy. Consideration needs to be given to available power sources when deciding the location of the flower display trees.

Action 146 War Memorial

Councillor Lane would like the council to consider installing floodlights at the Pontyclun war memorial. This item will be placed on next meeting's agenda. **A146b**

Action 123 Cinema

Councillor J Jones is chasing information regarding prices of equipment.

7. Report and recommendations from Clerk

- (i) To approve Budget Monitoring Report appendix 4

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the Budget Monitoring Report appendix 4

- (ii) To decide on precept for 2014/15

The Council carefully considered the proposed budget in appendix 4 and agreed to set the 2014/15 precept at £111,000.00

RESOLVED: That the precept to be levied on the Borough Council for 2014/15 be £111,000.00
A182

- (iii) To approve the payment of creditors appendix 5

RESOLVED: That the payment of creditors be approved as shown in appendix 5.

- (iv) Planning applications appendix 6

Planning application 13/1195/10 Pontyclun Funeral Services
Members raised concerns over parking and access issues which could potentially arise if the application for a two storey extension was approved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk register a concern regarding over vehicle movement to and from this site should the planning application be approved by the borough council given this site has very limited immediate parking facilities.
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10. Matters of discussion but not decision

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Budget Cuts

Members agreed that the change in decision by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to retain Pontyclun Library was welcome news.
However, it was disappointed to learn of the closure of Pontyclun Day Centre.

Councillor M Griffiths reported that she had visited the Day Centre Thursday 9th January and had spoken to staff and service users. Councillor Griffiths is exploring a number of different options to provide a meal service in the community. Councillor Griffiths has made contact with many local businesses to discuss what alternatives may be available and has also enquired with TRAVOL about the cost of transport to other day centres.

Arts Festival 2014

Planning for an Arts Festival to take place in October are being discussed and a proposal will be reported to the Council at February's meeting. A184

Meeting closed 10.00 pm

Next monthly meeting

7:00 pm 11, February 2014 at Pontyclun Community Centre