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M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **January monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held at Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 20 January, 2016.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Community Councillors Ann Bennett and Gordon Norman.

The Council noted the apologies for absences.

Councillors Janis Jones and Gwynn Griffith arrived at 7.03pm during which Item 5 was being discussed.

Councillor Bethan Theaker arrived at 7.40 pm during which item 8 iv was being discussed.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Margaret Griffiths

Item 9 iv

"I am a member of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Development Control Committee".

3 **Matters raised by residents/guests**

None received.

4 **Reports and presentations from others**

None received.

- 5 To confirm the minutes of the Council's Meeting 16 December, 2015 meeting as an accurate record. Appendix 1

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the minutes of the 16 December, 2015 Meeting as an accurate record as shown in appendix 1.

- 6 **Matters arising from previous meetings – Action Table** Appendix 2

- a **Action 402 – Compost Comparison Prices** Appendix 3
Report from Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the report and awaits the outcome of the meeting with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Social Services who operate a gardening service from Tontypandy.

- b **Action 409 Public Conveniences** Appendix 4
Reports from Members following inspections.
Members acknowledged the poor conditions of the fixtures due to the building not being heated and open to the elements.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the report and awaits the outcome of the Tenders for Contract for the proposed conversion of the small room (former police room) at the entrance of Café 50 into public conveniences.

Action 401 - Consultation possible parking restrictions Llantrisant Road
Councillor Margaret Griffiths has delivered the consultation letters to all residents.

Action 387 – Rent for office
Clerk informed Members a letter from the Community Centre Management Committee has been received, dated 11 January, in which an increase of 2% will be effective from 1 April 2016. This increase will raise the rent from £3,600 to £3,672 per annum.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the 2% increase to £3,672 from 1 April, 2016.

Action 360 – recording of council meetings
Following advice from a former sound recording colleague Councillor Gwynn Griffith can recommend the Olympus, available through Amazon. Multiple microphones would also be required.

RESOLVED: That the Council instructed the Clerk to purchase the Olympus and microphones to accompany the recording equipment.

Action 354 – map of dog bins

Councillor Paul Griffiths will chase Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for a complete list of the Pontyclun ward.

Action 353 – Café 50 Steering Group

Clerk handed out agenda for next meeting 28 January, 2016 at 1.45 pm.

Action 326 – Recording of Council’s June Monthly meeting

Councillor Brendan O’Reilly informed the Council that the recording had been lost.

Action 252 – Time restrictions in Car Park

Councillor Margaret Griffiths has had discussions with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Parking Enforcement Officer and will continue to explore the options available.

7 Report and recommendations from Working Groups

None received.

8 Report and recommendations from Clerk

- i To approve the payment of creditors. Appendix 5
Councillor Brendan O’Reilly questioned the refuse collection charge for Café 50.

RESOLVED: That the Council instructed the Clerk to write to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and ask for the costs be waived as Café 50 operates as a social enterprise and the charges raised are considered excessive by this Council. **A404**

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

- ii To approve the budget monitoring report. Appendix 6

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the budget monitoring report as shown in appendix 6.

- iii To approve virement. Appendix 7

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the virement as shown in appendix 7.

- iv To approve budget report with 2 recommendations Appendix 8
 - 1. That the Council agrees a budget for the financial year 2016-17 a,b,c, and d
 - 2. That the Council agrees to set a precept to enable the budgeted expenditure for 2016-17 to be raised

The Clerk handed out colour copies of the draft budget showing a summary of expected expenditure and forecasted income for the 2016 17 financial year.

Council agreed the precept for 2016/17 was to remain the same as this financial year.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed that

1. the budget for the financial year 2016-17 as shown in handout.
2. a precept of £111,000 for the 2016/17 financial year.

vi To consider response to the planning applications

Appendix 9

Councillor Ken Forsdyke had prepared a summary of the planning applications. Application number 15/1591/10. The full details could not be accessed on website when preparing the report. The Council expressed concerns over the density of occupation at this dwelling. Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's concerns to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Planning Department and to request a site visit with a planning officer for Councillor Ken Forsdyke.

RESOLVED: That the Council instructed the Clerk to raise the Council's concerns with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Planning Department over application 15/1591/10 over the lack of details in this application on its website and the potential for over occupancy of the dwelling and also arrange a site meeting with a planning officer and Councillor Ken Forsdyke. **A405**

vii To note letter and financial donation of £2,500 from the Community Shop for Café 50 for the 2016-17 financial year.

Appendix 10

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the donation of £2,500 and instructed the Clerk to thank the Community Shop on behalf of the Council.

viii Update of Maes y Felin Regeneration Project

Appendix 11

Councillor Brendan O'Reilly expressed concern that a gate allowing access between M & B Garage and the adjacent Pontyclun Rugby and Football Club had not been placed in the new pro mesh fencing. As a result the garage could not easily access vehicles parked in the football clubs car park which is used as an overflow for their premises. Previously the garage accessed vehicles in the Football Club car park thorough a broken gap in the old fence. Now they have to walk up to the pavement on the main road to retrieve the vehicles. Councillor Paul Griffiths informed the Council that the Football Club, the lessee of the land, had expressly stated that they did not want a gate placed in the fence during the initial stages of this project. This instruction was conveyed to the garage owners prior to the fencing being erected. No further comment was made by the garage. The new promesh fence was fitted according to instructions given.

Councillor Tony Lane requested the Council to consider a previous alleged decision made by this Council in 2004 when financial assistance given to Pontyclun Football Club to purchase the car park. Councillor Lane claims this arrangement included a clause to have a gate fitted from the Football Club car park to the footpath to Ivor Woods. The Council instructed the Clerk to report back on this matter. Councillor Tony Lane also requested details of two £10,000 payments made to the Pontyclun Football Club in the years 2007 and 2008. **A406**

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the report.

ix Update on Ivor Woods – special project and tree maintenance

Appendix 12

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the report.

- x To nominate delegate to attend
Planning Aid Wales: Planning Training in Maesteg on 25th January 2016
<http://www.planningaidwales.org.uk/community-and-town-councils/training-2/>
Paper Copy available on request from office.

RESOLVED: That no Member of the Council would be attending.

- xi To note the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council template for Community Council requirements for reporting on CIL in line with the requirements of Regulation 62A; Reporting by local councils of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) Appendix 13

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the template for Community Council requirements for reporting on CIL.

- xii To note the Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan can be accessed by using the following web-link:
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planning-wales-act-2015/positive-planning-implementation-plan/?lang=en>
Paper Copy available on request from office.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan.

- xiii To consider a response to the Welsh Government draft follow-on strategic framework 'More than just words....'
<http://llyw.cymru/consultations/healthsocialcare/more-than-just-words/?skip=1&lang=en> . End of consultation: 28/02/2016. Consultation event Cardiff Tuesday 2nd February 2016. Paper copy available on requested to office

RESOLVED: That the Council had no comment to make on the Welsh Government draft follow-on strategic framework 'More than just words....'

- xiv To note letter from Post Office informing of changes to Talbot Green Post Office Appendix 14

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the letter from the Post Office.

None received

9 Notices of Motion from Councillors

None received

RESOLVED:

10 Questions from Councillors

None received.

11 Matters of discussion but not decision

Councillor Tony Lane handed a letter to the Chair, and a copy to the Clerk.
Councillors Lane read out his letter. The Chair will consider the requests set out in Councillor Lane's letter and respond accordingly.

Clerk handed out latest One Voice Wales courses.

Meeting finished at 8.15 pm