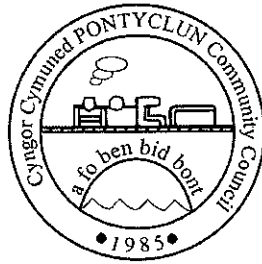


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## M I N U T E S

Minutes of the **January monthly meeting** of Pontyclun Community Council held at Committee Room at Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun on Wednesday 18 January, 2017.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors: Janis Jones(Chair), Ken Forsdyke, Gwynn Griffith, Margaret Griffiths, Paul Griffiths, Neil Holley Brendan O'Reilly and Huw Rees

**1. Apologies for absence**

Community Councillor Ann Bennett and Bethan Theaker.  
Apology noted.

**Absent:** Community Councillors Tony Lane.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

**Councillor Margaret Griffiths**

"Member of RCT CBC Development Control Committee"

Item 8 iv

**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 21 December, 2016 Monthly meeting as an accurate record.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council's 21 December, 2016 Monthly meeting were confirmed as an accurate record with the addition in Item 8 iii Resolution ' The Clerk was instructed to review the draft budget for 2017/18'. The minutes were duly signed and dated by the Chair.

**6 Reporting on Actions from previous meetings – Action Table**

### **Action 490 Cleaning position**

The Clerk reported two expressions of interest had been received.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Margaret Griffiths and Janis Jones are delegated powers meet with both applicants and appoint the most suitable. A493

### **Action 489 Coordinator Café 50**

The Clerk reported three applications had been received. Closing date is the 25 January.

### **Footbridge**

The Clerk distributed plans of the new footbridge.

**RESOLVED** that no comments arose from the plans.

## **7 Report and recommendations from Working Groups/Meetings attended by Council Representative**

### **i Report on activity of Café 50 Marketing Officer**

**RESOLVED** that the report was noted.

### **ii To receive feedback from Councillor Ann Bennett, convener of the Environmental Group on Pontyclun Park.**

Councillor Ann Bennett was not present.

## **8 Report and recommendations from Clerk**

### **i To approve the payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED** that the payment of creditors for the period 1 to 31 December 2016 was approved and duly signed and dated by the Chair.

### **ii a To approve the budget monitoring report as shown.**

The Clerk reported the Caterer continues to have outstanding payments for rental of Café 50. Details are shown on the monitoring report.  
Reminder letters are issued on a regular basis.

**RESOLVED** that the

(i) budget monitoring report as shown was approved.

(ii) Clerk was instructed to write directly to the contractor requesting immediate payment of all outstanding rental payments. A494

### **iii To receive the Clerks Report on Budget and Precepts 2017/18**

Decisions required;

(a) to confirm the "earmarked" reserves set out in the report;

(b) to confirm the budget/precept figures for 2017/2018 and if agreed to forward the precept details to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

Members discussed the draft budget and made adjustments to some budget headings in the

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report.

Councillor Paul Griffiths reported a decision made by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Cabinet to make no lease charge on Pontyclun Car Park from 1 April, 2017 and that officers have been delegated to discuss future arrangement of the lease with this Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to insert the adjustments of the budget heading into the draft budget and report at the next meeting.

iv To consider response to the planning applications

Councillor Ken Forsdyke read through the applications.

An objection to two applications.

**RESOLVED** that

(i) an objection to application

16/1403/13 Croffta, Groes Faen 'as this is contrary to the Local Development Plan in which no further development is permitted';

(ii) 16/1385/13 Cefn yr Hendy. Councillor Ken Forsdyke will draft a response and present it to the Council at its next meeting. A495

v Request from Clerk to change March's monthly meeting on one week to Wednesday 22 March, 2017

**RESOLVED** that the March and April 2017 scheduled meetings will be combined and held on Wednesday 5 April, 2016.

vi To decide on grant applications of £600 from Miskin Manor Cricket Club

**RESOLVED** that sponsorship for 6 new helmets costing £240 and 3 Junior Kwik Cricket Kit Bags costing £165, totalling £405.00 was agreed. A496

## 10 Notices of Motion from Councillors

None /received

## 11 Questions from Councillors

None received

## 12 Matters of discussion but not decision

Councillor Ken Forsdyke raised Welsh Governments consultation to Consolidation and revision of the school governance regulatory framework in Wales. One Voice Wales is urging Council's to respond to the proposed changes that involve withdrawing the right of community and town councils to nominate an additional community governor.

Members noted the closing date was 17 February, 2017 and that there would be no further meeting to be able to formulate a response.

The Council noted no reference of Community Councillor on a schools Board of Governors in the Welsh Government document. Members agreed the Community Council have a valuable role to play in its local schools and having a nominated representative on the Board of Governors should be a statutory requirement. At this grass root level of politics a community council is best placed to bridge a school and the local community with links to residents, businesses and local organisations in the area. A Council will have an interest in its local school as a key player in the community. This Council works

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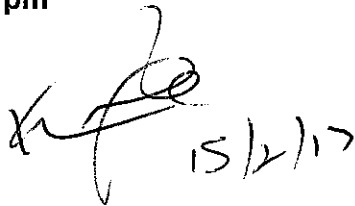
closely with its local schools including showcasing talent with performances by school choirs at its events, funding traffic cones to prevent illegal parking and to aid safety measures of pupils and competitions in which pupils design information posters to display in the community. The Council agreed to respond to this consultation based on the discussion held.

Councillor Brendan O'Reilly objected to this decision as it had not been tabled on the agenda and cited no decision could therefore be made.

The Clerk advised that only items tabled on the agenda should be discussed as no decisions should be made on items not on the agenda that have a financial or legal implication for the Council. If the Council did formulate its response at this meeting and intended to submit it within the deadline it was unlikely any legal or financial implications would arise. A497

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to respond to the consultation through One Voice Wales.

**Meeting finished at 9.30 pm**



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