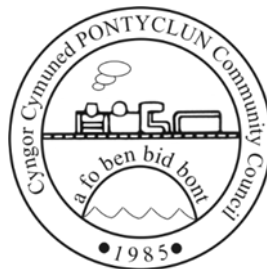


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Minutes

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the Pontyclun Community Council held at Café 50, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 14th November 2018**.

PCC Member attendance at meetings												
	2017	2018										
Member name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Ex Oct	Nov
Martin Ashford												
Margaret Griffiths												
Paul Griffiths												
Neil Holley												
Anne Jackson												
Gwyn Jackson												
Kate Jones												
Karan Lane												
Alison Theaker												
Carole Willis												
Mike Davies												
Present												
Apologies												
Absent												

1. To receive apologies for absence – **None received**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
 - a. Councillors Margaret Griffiths, Paul Griffiths and Karan lane are members of Pontyclun Environment Group (item 4)
 - b. Councillors Margaret Griffiths & Anne Jackson are governors at pontyclun primary School (item 6)
3. To Confirm minutes of the Council meeting of 10th and 17th October 2018 are a true record and discuss matters arising from them
 - a. Minutes of meeting of 10th October confirmed as a true record
 - b. Matters arising – Caterer has been paying rent weekly as required though no arrears of rent have been paid to date. **Council confirmed that Social and cultural Working group should discuss matters and make recommendations on action to take. Action MM613**
 - c. Minutes of meeting 17th October confirmed as a true record
 - d. Matters arising – Chair confirmed that the RCT CBC cabinet met to discuss responses to their consultations. For Pontyclun this included both our suggestion and another from Llanharri CC. The cabinet agreed to forward our proposals as their recommended proposals, though both would be sent to the Boundary commission. The Clerk confirmed that the Boundary Commission had had our proposals and next stage would be them issuing draft proposals for consultation expected in late June

4. To consider report from Environment working group
 - a. Members received the report
 - b. Councillor Margaret Griffiths will ask RCT council to consider separating its high street litter bins
 - c. Council agreed that working group could continue to work with the Pontyclun Environment Trust to draw up a new agreement for the Riverside walk land using the draft heads of terms as a basis for further work. Action MM614
5. To confirm Council payments in October
 - a. Payments confirmed
6. To consider request from Pontyclun Primary School regarding mowing costs for park
 - a. Council considered request from school to reduce their share of the costs of mowing Pontyclun park
 - b. Council noted that when the Council took on the running of the Park the costs to the school were reduced by 50% from prior amount
 - c. Council agreed that until the schools current short-term funding issues were resolved we would ask them to contribute £300 towards the costs of lining the running track and mowing. Action Clerk to advise the school accordingly MM615
7. To consider response to consultation on safe routes for Pontyclun
 - a. Please see appendix 1 to these minutes for details on discussion and agreement on this Safe Routes consultation
8. To consider report from Social & Cultural working group
 - a. Peace at last events are progressing and have been well received so far
 - b. Council wished to express its thanks to Councillor Margaret Griffiths for the work she has put into arranging events
 - c. The Afternoon tea had an issue in that the Milk provided by the caterer was curdled. The Council agreed that the Clerk is to write to caterers to express its disappointment and to seek assurances as to what steps they are taking to ensure that such a serious incident does not occur again. Action MM616
 - d. Approx £84 was raised for Café 50 running costs by way of a raffle.
 - e. Christmas event is in hand with a full complement of stalls.
 - f. Councillor Ashford agreed to judge the Shop fronts in our annual shop front competition
 - g. Council agreed that the Clerk should review options for a new "Logo" to be used for events and revert to the Council with options in due course Action MM617
 - h. The Working group recommended that the Council ran the following events in 2019
 - i. A dark Sky event – though with marketable differences from last year
 - ii. Easter Egg hunt
 - iii. Walking festival – with less walks than last year and targeted to specific audiences if possible
 - iv. Community Picnic in the park
 - v. Christmas festival and lights
 - vi. An appropriate budget will be requested
9. To consider supporting a public firework display in Miskin for 2019
 - a. Councillor Mike Davies advised that he has been in discussions with the organisers of past Miskin firework displays and he reported what the Scout group leader had advised him. A copy of this letter is attached in the appendix 2
 - b. The Council agreed that Councillor Jones should go back to potential volunteers, draw up a plan to arrange a display in 2019 and approach the Council for financial support once this was completed Action MM618
10. To consider sponsorship request from Full Stop law (FSL)
 - a. Council discussed this request with some additional clarity provided
 - b. FSL will provide Wills with no charge for writing them but will ask for the person whose will is being draw up to make a donation of £25 to Café 50. If the donations do not reach £1500 FSL will make a donation to reduce the shortfall up to a maximum of £500
 - c. Council agreed to invite Victoria Cannon from FSL to meet with the council just before of one of it's normal meetings to discuss further. Chair will arrange this Action MM619
11. To consider adopting Welsh Government Credit card scheme
 - a. The Council agreed to the Clerks recommendation. Action MM620 Clerk to progress accordingly
12. To consider Report from the Clerk
 - a. Update on mining at Miskin Quarry
 - i. There has been an issue at the Quarry where a blast was above what was allowed
 - ii. Councillor Davies has spoken with the Quarry; RCT CBC and local residents and actions agreed to mitigate this going forward
 - iii. As Quarry is planned to close within 6m no further action is to be taken at this time.
 - b. To discuss action required for trees along Millfield
 - i. Councillor Margaret Griffiths has been asked if we can trim back these trees as they are causing a potential risk to phone lines
 - ii. Clerk has contacted BT whose policy is that if these trees were to damage the lines they would reinstate and pay to have the trees cut back. If we did this in anticipation that lines might be damaged, then it would be at our cost. BT will inspect its lines on a periodic basis and take appropriate action then if needed.
 - iii. The Clerk will ensure that these trees are inspected in the New Year to ensure they are safe and if not appropriate action will be taken
 - c. Councillors Paul Griffiths, Carole Willis and Anne Jackson were delegated to undertake the Clerk's appraisal
 - d. Council agreed to allow the Council Officers to post Community notices promoting surgeries by duly elected representatives of the Community on Council Notice boards. This included MPs, AMs, MEPs and County Councillors. Any

publication would be subject to space and if we had too many at the same time then Officers would use their judgement to ensure all received similar time on the boards.

These minutes are confirmed as a true record of the Council meeting of 14th November 2018. The actual signed minutes are held at the Council Offices

Appendix

Discussions relating to RCT CBC Safer Routes consultation

Councillor Gwyn Jackson introduced the discussion

We are asked to give a view on the RCT Council's proposals for creating safer walking routes in Pontyclun

The proposals are detailed and quite complex. They include

- Creating uncontrolled pedestrian crossings with refuges at two points on Cowbridge Rd between Pontyclun and Brynsadler
- Moving the Bus stop from outside Tesco to outside the Masonic Hall
- Upgrading the layby by the florist
- Creating uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on Llantrisant Rd by St Paul's Church, on Clun Avenue and near the mini roundabout in Miskin
- Creating a new pedestrian bridge alongside the bailey bridge to improve access to Tyla Garw
- Creating a 20-mph max speed zone around Pontyclun Primary School on Heol y Felin, Palalwyf Avenue, Cerdin Avenue, Llwynfen, Rhyd y Nant, Station Terrace and a short section of Cowbridge Rd between the railway bridge and Park Crescent

The background to these proposals are important.

In 2017 RCT Council invited suggestions which could inform a its bid to the Welsh Government for funding of safer walking routes in communities.

Pontyclun Community Council worked with Pontyclun Primary School, and Community & day Centre users and other residents to gain views on what improvements would make walkers feel safer. We worked with the school and centres as these were the local amenities most likely to be accessed by walkers.

In total about 250 responses were received with over 170 being from families with children in the school. We mapped the most used walking routes and identified specific proposals for these routes. These submissions were made to RCT CBC and Community Councillors also took the opportunity to walk RCT officials along the routes identified.

RCT CBC were successful in obtaining grant funding to formulate the proposals into definitive actions and these have now been presented for consultation. Once plans are finalised RCT Council will apply for further Welsh Government funding to implement the recommendations.

Council noted

1. that ROSPA states
 - If you are hit by a car at 40 mph 9 out of 10 people would be killed
 - If you are hit by a car at 30 mpg 5 out of 10 people would be killed
 - If you are hit by a car at 20 mph 9 out of 10 would survive
 - They also advise that older people would be worse effected
2. that uncontrolled crossings would not be zebra crossings but dropped curbs with possibly some markings
3. that the RCT proposals will have been checked by an independent assessor to check on their safety and compliance with statutory guidance.

4. That RCT CBC has written to residents living in the effected areas for their views, has published information on its website and put up street notices asking for feedback

One resident, Mr Tony Lane spoke. He advised that the suggestion to move the bus stop from Tesco to by the Masonic Hall had been proposed on at least 5 occasions and each time had been rejected. He believes the lay by there is too narrow and not long enough for a bus and that the pavement was not suitable.

He has objected to RCT CBC directly on this point raising his concerns.

The Council agreed that we would support the proposals. We will also express our disappointment that as there is an urgent need for a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen, that this has not been included in these proposals suggesting that this is added. **Action MM621**

The Council also agreed to look at Groesfaen specifically in 2019 with a view to putting forward some comprehensive suggestions to improve safer walking routes in the village. **Action MM622**

RE: Miskin Fireworks

From: Acumen AFS <mail@acumenifa.com>

Sent: Mon, 5 Nov, 2018 at 3:56 pm

To: mikedavies@pontyclun-cc.gov.wales

Hello Mike

I appreciate very much that you have taken the time to contact me personally regarding the annual Firework and Bonfire event down at Miskin. It is very kind of you to offer your help and support as only one other person has to date, so I think it's only fair that I inform you of the reasoning behind this decision to no longer hold the event.

A short but brief statement was put out on 1st Miskin Mill Scout Groups Bonfire page saying it was being cancelled as we were being asked if it was going ahead. We have been promised help in the past but when it actually came to the time for the planning and execution of the event suddenly people were not available! We also took this opportunity on Facebook to thank Dave Williams and his family after his recent death, but this was not the main reason for the cancellation as it was and always has been a team effort from the leaders/parents in the running of it. I would have liked to have seen more comments on Face Book from people thanking past and in particular present volunteers for putting on such a fantastic event, but that's life!

This annual event was always run with the intention of raising funds for the Scout Group and was never a community event as claimed through social media! It was a way of ensuring that children from all backgrounds could attend the scout group and most importantly, through this fundraising helped to ensure the running costs, subscription and capitation fees were kept to a minimum so that scouting was affordable to all.

The event has become much bigger than when it first started, but most importantly which not everyone is aware of we have to look at the safety of the village, roads and the general public on the day down at Miskin. The policing of the event had become an issue this year so this was also a major concern for the scout group. Over the last three years it has become more and more difficult to run and there have been times when we have incurred losses. The event has been well supported by the general public over many years to which we have been extremely grateful.

As you can see many factors have contributed to the event being cancelled and the decision by the groups Executive Committee and ourselves, I can assure was not taken lightly and we are all saddened at not being able to continue with the event. The costs involved to the group and the health and safety issues, along with the lack of parental support during and after the event are but a few.

I have been part of this annual event for the last 28 years as a parent volunteer then as a leader and 9 years ago I took over the role as Group Scout Leader. We are but a few at Miskin and more importantly we are all volunteers, I or my leaders do not get paid for the time we give to the running of the scout group for 3 nights a week and fund raising events. Myself or the scout group have never asked for help from the community, only from parents/families within the scout group and the reason being behind this is that I have a duty of care to all and scouting requires DBS checks on all helpers as they would be in contact with my scouters at some point during the event.

We will be actively looking at ways to continue with fundraising to sustain the group financially and with help towards capitation and subscriptions. We also need help with the general up keep of the scout hall inside and out and hope that people like yourself will get involved and support us. I am more than happy to keep you informed of our working days/weekends and would be more than delighted to welcome you with a cup of tea and a biscuit.

May I conclude by thanking once again Pontyclun Community Council, who were so kind and generous to the scout group in the past when I have asked for help with the repairs to the scout hall and hope that they would continue to help us in the future.

Yours in scouting
Shelley Spiller
Group Scout Leader
1st Miskin Mill Scout Group

From: mikedavies@pontyclun-cc.gov.wales <mikedavies@pontyclun-cc.gov.wales>

Sent: 02 November 2018 15:09

To: Acumen AFS <mail@acumenifa.com>

Subject: Miskin Fireworks

Hello Shelley.

I am the Community Councillor for Miskin and read with sadness of the demise of the annual fireworks display at Miskin Mill.

The reasons are well explained on the message on Facebook and clearly, on reading, nothing could be done to save this year's display. It was encouraging to read so many messages of support and help posted on the Facebook page.

My name can of course be added to the list of helpers, and the Community Council, as it has in previous years, will consider requests for help.

In the meantime, please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Regards

Mike

Mike Davies

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