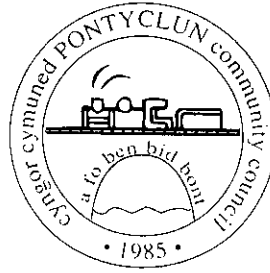


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Minutes of the meeting of a Sub Committee of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 22 January, 2003

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish and M Rea (Chairperson)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Carol Bell, Denise Ellis, Sue Goulden, Roy Shearman, Edgely Thomas and Bev Wheeler of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members. There were none.

3. **Introductions**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, welcomed members of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership to the meeting.

He asked the representatives to introduce themselves, nominate one of their number as a spokesperson, and for the nominee to talk on the briefing note produced by the Partnership.

4. **Presentation by the Pontyclun Youth Partnership**

On behalf of the Partnership Edgely Thomas talked about:

- the Partnership's status
- the demand for youth provision in the Pontyclun area
- the current unsatisfactory arrangements for meeting the demand

- the need for appropriate premises to have sports facilities
- the progress to date in finding permanent premises
- the possibility of two potential sites in Pontyclun, both in the ownership of the Borough Council, being made available to meet the Partnership's needs
- the realisation that progress in obtaining premises would depend on gaining the support of the Borough Council and Community Council
- the possibility of tapping into funding opportunities from a number of sources
- the possibility of the Community Council earmarking a sum of up to £10,000 to facilitate a Building Design Study
- the willingness of members of the Partnership to work hard to achieve the Partnership's objectives.

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, thanked Edgely Thomas for his excellent presentation and for producing a comprehensive briefing note for the assistance of the sub committee

An exchange of views took place between members of the sub committee and Partnership members. One of the suggestion to the Partnership was that, independently of the Community Council, enquiries could be made of the Governing Body of Y Pant Comprehensive school to establish whether the former caretaker's bungalow on the site could be made available to the Partnership. It was also suggested that the Partnership sound out the Pontyclun Football Club on the Club's views on possible development on the land on which the Club hold a lease.

Members of the Sub Committee pointed out that it was unlikely that the Community Council would be able to fund a Building Design Study since there was no money for this in the Council's budget.

The Chairman drew the Partnership's attention to the fact that the sub committee was not a decision making body and that a recommendation would need to be made to the Community Council on a possible way forward. The Chairman believed that it likely that the Community Council would give its support to the Partnership and its objectives.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (i) That the Pontyclun Community Council support the initiative *in principle* of the Pontyclun Youth Partnership.
- (ii) That the sub committee explore all possibilities for progressing youth provision across the Community of Pontyclun and that the services of the Chief Executive and Group Director for Education and Children's Services of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council be sought.
- (iii) That an audit of youth provision across the Community take place.



- (iv) That the sub committee obtain clarification on the range of youth facilities likely to be available at the new community school on Cefn yr Hendy
- (v) That a further meeting of the sub committee take place to identify suitable sites for youth facilities within the Community

5. The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

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