

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun at 7.00 p.m. on Friday, 14 December, 2007.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C Davies, P Griffiths, D. Clayton-Jones, S Jenkins, A R Lane, R G Norman, and Ms P Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors V A Cale and D Hayes

2. **Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were received from Members.

3. **Council's Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statement for the financial year ended 31 March, 2007**

The Council discussed the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statements for the financial year ended 31 March, 2007. The Clerk advised the Council that the accounts had been audited by the Council's independent internal auditor and, after approval by the Council, would be sent to the Council's external auditor.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Income and Expenditure account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statement for the financial year ended 31 March, 2007, be approved.
 - (ii) That in the accounts for the year ended 31 March, 2008, the Council's Capital Reserve

be reflected as a Sinking Fund in the Supporting Statement.

- (iii) That, given the additional funding for footpaths provided by the Welsh Assembly Government to the Borough Council in 2006/07, the Council ask the Borough Council for an increase in the amount of agency payment to the Community Council for the maintenance of public rights of way.

4. **Item of urgency**

A number of Members referred to the closure of The Bridge, in Pontyclun, and the subsequent appearance of notices advertising the premises for sale.

A preliminary specification of the premises had been noted on the estate agents' website. Given the shortage of facilities for the youth in the Community, Members believed that it would be sensible to explore further the possibility of acquiring the premises and to carry out a financial risk assessment.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk notify the estate agents of the Community Council's potential interest in the premises, seeking information on:
 - (i) Any restricted use of the premises
 - (ii) Present running costs for gas and electricity
 - (iii) Present Council Tax
 - (iv) Whether the premises is a listed building
 - (v) If the vendors retained any residual interest in the premises
- (b) That the Clerk make enquiries about:
 - (i) Acceptable planning uses for the site
 - (ii) The availability of a surveyor to carry out a structural survey
 - (iii) The ICT equipment at The Bridge which was understood to have been funded by Objective 1 funding

5. The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.