

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 April, 2007.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms V. A. Cale, C Clayton-Jones, C. Davies, P.Griffiths, Ms S.Jenkins, A. R. Lane and Ms P. Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Ms D. Hayes, R G Norman and M Rea.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were received.

3. **Police matters**

In the absence of PCSO Jitka Tomkova this item of business was deferred to the Council's next monthly meeting.

4. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 March, 2007**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 March, 2007, be approved as an accurate record subject to the resolution under item 8 (f) ending with first reference to the word "certificate" and, under item 10 (i), the resolution being amended to read "The Community Council is disappointed with the non-appointment of an auditor from Wales"

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Application for planning consent for retail development – Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that the application is not included on the agenda for determination at the meeting of the Taff Ely Planning Committee scheduled for 12 April, 2007. The following meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for 10 May, 2007.

It was reported that the Highways Authority had raised an objection to the application and, as a result, the proposed developers had organised their own traffic survey. It appeared that the survey was carried out on 29th, 30th and 31st March, 2007. Since the Pontyclun Primary School was closed to children for an inset day on 30th March and was not open on Saturday, 31st March, Members were of the view that the survey was flawed as traffic and pedestrian data had been collected on two untypical days.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise the Borough Council of the flawed nature of the traffic and pedestrian survey carried out on 29th, 30th and 31 March, 2007, urging that this information be disregarded if put forward in support of the proposed development.

(b) **Membership of One Voice Wales**

As a result of the Community Council's decision to resign its membership of One Voice Wales, the Council had received a request from Lyn Llewellyn asking that he, and the Chief Executive, Mr Simon White, be allowed to address the Pontyclun Community Council with a view to the Community Council re-considering its earlier decision.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to the request.

(c) **Access to Community Council owned land in Brynsadler**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had arranged a meeting with Mr Souren Zeinali, Principal Highways Officer with the Borough Council, to discuss an alternative way of accessing Community Council land in Brynsadler from the highway.

The meeting would be held at Brynsadler bridge at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 13 April, 2007, and all Members were welcome to attend.

The report was noted.

6. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Sale of land at Brynsadler Mill**

The Clerk referred to the recent erection of a sign at Brynsadler Mill advertising the sale of land by auction. The land in question was adjacent to land purchased in 2006 by the Community Council.

Concerns had been expressed that the particulars of sale:

- (i) did not appear to refer to the agricultural covenant applying to the land
- (ii) did not appear to refer to the pedestrian right of way on the land which followed the boundary with the Community Council's land
- (iii) did not appear to refer to the fact that the land had been designated as part of the flood plain of the river Ely
- (iv) may have been misleading in that it referred to the land as being "of interest to developers"
- (v) may have referred to the land in the ownership of the Community Council.

After consultation with the Chairperson, it had been agreed to seek clarification on these points through the Council's solicitor. A reply to the Community Council's queries was contained at Appendix 4 to the Council's agenda.

- RESOLVED:**
- (a) That the actions of the Chairperson and Clerk be approved.
 - (b) That the Council contact Mr Andrew Davies, Minister at the Welsh Assembly Government, with a view to making the agricultural covenant in favour of the Pontyclun Community Council.
 - (c) That a copy of the Council's letter be sent to Jane Davidson, AM.
 - (d) That the Council contact Mr Martin Cadogan of the Environment Agency with a view to holding a meeting to

discuss the implications of the land being designated a flood plain.

(b) **Trees on Council owned land in Brynsadler**

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from a Mr Allen, a resident of Millfield, Pontyclun, to say that trees on Council owned land near his home were suffering from infestations of ivy. Mr Allen advised that if the ivy was not removed, the affected trees would die.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held on 13 April, 2007, immediately following the site meeting to discuss access to the land from the highway in Brynsadler.

(c) **Planning**

The Council discussed details of planning applications contained in the latest Weekly Planning Notifications.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Planning Authority:

Application No. 07/0393/10

That the Council oppose the application since the large quantities of infill and heavy machinery needed to carry out the works would only be able to access the site through a single track road running through a residential area.

Application No. 07/0265/10

That, given the need to apply for planning consent, the Council is concerned that the height of the proposed fence could exceed six feet.

In the event of the fence exceeding six feet in height, there is a likelihood of complaints from surrounding householders.

(d) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Council's agenda.

7. **Matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas**

(a) **“A Shared Responsibility”**

The Clerk reported receipt of a copy of the Welsh Assembly Government document “A Shared Responsibility”. The document outlined the contribution it believed local government could make to improving citizens’ lives. Over the coming months the Local Government Policy Division at the Welsh Assembly Government would be making itself available for discussion on the document across Wales.

Comments on the document were sought from local authorities throughout Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson, Councillor Sarah Jenkins, be invited to study the document in detail and report back with her comments.

(b) **“Outline of the Regional Transport Plan”**

The Clerk reported receipt of a consultation document from the South East Wales Transport Alliance entitled “Outline of the Regional Transport Plan”. The Plan was dated January, 2007, and was received by the Community Council on 30 March, 2007. Comments on the Plan were invited by Friday, 13 April, 2007.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the Community Council’s earlier comments to SEWTA be provided to Councillor Griffiths to provide the basis of the Community Council’s comments.

8. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **Pontyclun War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from the relative of one of the military personnel whose name is inscribed on the Pontyclun War Memorial. She drew the Council’s attention to the fact that her relative’s name had been inscribed incorrectly.

She stated that the inscription “Private Joseph William Grimes” should read “Private Joseph Samuel Grimes”. She stated that she understood that it would be impractical to get the name re-engraved but wished that a record of the correct name be kept.

The Clerk had suggested to the caller that he would record the correct name in the minutes of the Pontyclun Community Council. The caller was happy with this arrangement.

RESOLVED: That enquiries be made to establish the regiment of the person inscribed and whether his regiment would be prepared to bear the cost of re-engraving the correct name.

(b) **Pontyclun railway station**

Following the recent presentation to the Community Council, Councillor Paul Griffiths reported that he had recently met representatives of Arriva Trains on behalf of the Community Council and agreed to submit regular reports to Arriva on an agreed schedule of items at the station.

The report was noted.

(c) **Fly tipping in the Mwyndy area**

Councillor Dan Clayton-Jones reported that a quantity of old refrigerators, approximately twenty in number, had recently been dumped near the former lime kilns in Mwyndy. Members agreed that this action was irresponsible since the Borough Council, by law, provided a facility for old “white goods” to be collected and disposed of safely.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask the Borough Council to remove the abandoned items.

(d) **Highways’ safety issues in Brynsadler**

The Council received a deputation of residents from High Street, Brynsadler who were deeply concerned about three highways safety issues in Brynsadler. Mrs Nadine Pittard outlined residents’ concerns over:

- (i) the urgent need for better visibility for traffic emerging from High Street into Cowbridge Road by the creation of a vision splay and the erection of a traffic mirror
- (ii) the need for traffic calming measures in Cowbridge Road
- (iii) the need to replace the grit bin near the junction of High Street and Cowbridge Road to ensure that there was a ready supply of salt and grit to facilitate safe access to Cowbridge Road in icy conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Council give its support to residents of High Street, Brynsadler, in their attempts to bring safer driving conditions in High Street and Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler

(e) **Best Illuminated House Competition**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Mr D J Kent of 39 The Hollies, Brynsadler, who expressed his appreciation at being selected as a prize winner in the Council's Best Illuminated House Competition.

(f) **Workload**

The Clerk advised the Council that work on the routine business of the Council in the coming weeks would be affected by the need to complete once a year work at the end of the financial year. Such work included the annual returns to the H M Revenue and Customs, reconciliation of payments, issue of P14s and P60s, the preparation of the Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2006/07, and the preparation of Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet for internal and external audit.

The report was noted.

9. The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.