

Pontyclun Community Council

18th May 2016

Annual Report from Chair to the Annual General Meeting

I want to start by thanking the Clerk and her staff for the wonderful job they do for Pontyclun Community Council and our 10,000 residents. The work they do is very varied and includes:

- Maintaining the miles of footpaths that snake through our community, ensuring that residents and visitors can use these paths and enjoy the countryside around us;
- maintaining our community assets within the community that includes seats, litter bins, bus stops and war memorials;
- managing Café 50, ensuring it is clean and users are safe;
- cleaning and opening the public toilets;
- provision of flowers throughout the summer in Pontyclun and Groes Faen;
- running the Community Council and ensuring that the money we spend on behalf of the community is spent to ensure good outcomes for residents and that we work within the law for community councils and within public sector financial regulations.

As a Community Council we have continued to be responsive to the needs and wishes of residents of the community by

- responding to many planning applications providing detailed responses to Rhondda Cynon Taf's planning department;
- engaging with residents about parking along Llantrisant Road, the safety of zebra crossings in the village and
- consulting on location of public toilets in the village
- considering the need for extra parking in the village and on estate roads
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In addition to the day to day management and responsive nature of our work, we have had an exciting year as well as a tense year dealing with some large projects.

1. During the year, the major work of the Clerk and some of Community Councillors has been the application for funding to

replace the railings along the school field and rugby field, fencing around the football field along with replacement of the park equipment with new equipment and a multi-use games area from the Aggregate Levy fund.

The hard work has been justified by the number of residents who have been using the park and the number of people who have complimented the Council on the improvements to the village.

More work is needed to continue to develop the school field with fruit trees and raised beds.

2. Café 50 has continued to provide a service for people over 50 with a meals service and a variety of activities. Nearly 150 people are regularly using Café 50. Its continuation is supported by funding from Full Stop Law, Pontyclun Community Shop and Llantrisant Community Council. However, to ensure its continuing viability, the Community Council agreed to appoint a self employed marketing manager to help develop the service and put in place processes to help the continual marketing and viability of cafe 50.
3. We had a successful event for turning on the Christmas lights at the start of December although the weather was not what we would have chosen and some of the events were cancelled.