

Pontyclun Community Council
'Town Status' Working Group

Minutes for meeting: 21/03/2023

Meeting was held in person in the office at Pontyclun Community Centre.

Present:

Cllrs Jamie Daniel, Paul Binning, Carole Willis.

Apologies:

Cllrs Wayne Owen, Amanda Sparks.

Working group chair: Cllr Jamie Daniel

Cllr Daniel provided an update around process and timeline for this working group:

- Highlighted the benefits of town status for the residents and businesses of Pontyclun- particularly those on the high street.
- Thanked both for backing this project and appreciated the urgency of this working group subject to time constraints imposed by LDP consultation period.
- Further updated those present that the ongoing LDP consultation period is an ideal chance to move forward with this project and that we will need to complete this by our June Council meeting to meet this deadline.
- Updated those present that there is a legal difference between a 'town' and a 'town council' and that the former is to be applied for via this consultation, and that, subject to further legal advice currently being sought from 'One Voice Wales', it will likely have to go to RCT and then the Welsh Government for approval. Timescale for this is unknown.
- A 'town council' can simply be founded by a resolution of the community council at a full council meeting.
- In this application, we will need to provide evidence that our plan will be congruent with the previous LDP's 'Southern Sector Strategy'; that township for Pontyclun will prove beneficial for the local key town of Llantrisant/ Talbot Green.

Cllrs Daniel, Binning and Willis agreed a consultation would be appropriate during this project and that we must begin by finding evidential arguments in favour of town status.

We will first need to gather evidence and arguments in favour and approve an initial application at council meeting in May; followed by a consultation period; then a committee meeting to revise our application in line with this consultation; followed by approval of final draft in June's full council meeting and then a submission of this to the relevant authority pending advice on this from One Voice Wales.

AOB: Nil

Meeting closed.