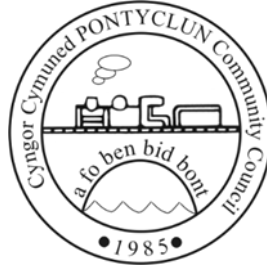


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### Minutes

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

<b>PCC Member attendance at public Council meetings</b>						
	<b>2022</b>					
<b>Member name</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
Wayne Owen						
Jordan Thorne						
Kelly Sherratt						
Rhys Williams						
Susan Owen						
Jamie Daniel						
Amanda Sparks						
Paul Binning						
Carole Willis						
Sian Assiratti						
Gareth Summers						
Present						
Gave Apologies						
Absent						

# Draft Minutes

1. To receive apologies for absence
  - a. **Apologies received from Councillor Carole Willis and Amanda Sparks**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
  - a. **Councillor Sian Assiratti declared an interest in item 14 – Planning application at Forest Wood quarry. She has already objected and also handed in a petition to RCT against the development**
3. Co-option of a member for Pontyclun Central
  - a. **Gareth Summers was Co-opted to the Pontyclun Central ward**
4. Public presentations to Council
  - a. **There were 40 residents present at the meeting**
  - b. **Summary of matters discussed are provided in the appendix**
5. To receive report on Traffic issues in Llantrisant Rd, Pontyclun
  - a. **Council agreed to contact RCT CBC to ask them to review parking arrangements on this road to identify options to ease traffic congestion**
6. To consider planning applications at Forest Wood Quarry
  - a. **Council noted the potential traffic and other issues that would arise if these planning applications were approved.**
  - b. **The Council agreed to object to both planning applications on the following grounds**
    - i. **The current roads cannot cope with the additional HGV traffic that would arise. This is over 40k additional HGV journeys a year**
    - ii. **There would be significant deterioration in Air Quality from diesel particulates**
    - iii. **We believe there would be other pollution issues in water**
    - iv. **There would be significant noise from both operations and associated traffic**
    - v. **The increased traffic would be a significant safety issue for pedestrians using Cowbridge Road. This is regularly used as a way to/from school**
    - vi. **We are concerned that the Bridge over the River Ely at Brynsadler and the Railway in Pontyclun may not be able to cope with the additional volume. We request that prior to any decision a report is obtained relating to these.**
      1. **We are aware that there have been recent structural issues with the river bridge including part of a supporting wall having to be rebuilt recently.**
    - vii. **We believe that there is sufficient provision of these facilities in the South Wales area and bringing forward these developments might lead to oversupply.**
  - c. **In addition, we believe planning application 22/1149/10 is technically invalid as the Pre application consultation has not been done correctly. In particular**
    - i. **Llanharry Community Council was not consulted at all – in the application is in their area**
    - ii. **The RCT Councillors for Pontyclun were not consulted**
    - iii. **Whilst the landowners directly adjacent to the Quarry were consulted, the other affected neighbours, nor anyone along the proposed traffic route were not.**
  - d. **The Council also resolved that in relation to application 22/1149/10**
    - i. **We ask RCT to arrange an independent traffic survey as we believe that the data presented on behalf of the developer may understate volumes – based on current traffic**
    - ii. **We ask RCT CBC to ensure that this application is considered by full Council**
  - e. **The Council will write to NRW; Public Heath Wales & RCT as we believe that some of this work may have already started even though planning consent has not been given. Details of who to contact will be published so residents can also take their own action.**
7. To confirm minutes of the Council's meetings of 8 Sept and 13 Oct are a true record and discuss minor matters arising from them
  - a. **Minutes were agreed as a true record**
8. Council Payments
  - a. **Council noted changes to Music licence arrangements and agreed to pay via DD till March 2023 when payment would become responsibility of RCT CBC**
  - b. **Council confirmed payment of Election costs of £3266.66 from earmarked reserve**
  - c. **Council agreed to replace all 150m of lights needing upgrade. Cost of £2280 to be funded by the balance of relevant earmarked reserve and General reserve**
  - d. **Council confirmed implementation of Nationally agree staff pay rise**

9. To receive report from Social and Cultural Working group
  - a. Council agreed to accept donation towards 3 Electric Christmas trees to be placed in Brynsadler, Ynysddu and by Pontyclun war Memorial
  - b. Council agreed Picnic in the Park would take place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 with following changes from 2022
    - i. Increase toilet provision
    - ii. Discuss with local schools with a view to running a “talent” competition for children
    - iii. Provide Fairground rides or other similar activities e.g., Bouncy castle
    - iv. Increase stalls including traders
    - v. Commercial stalls to be asked to contribute to the costs by way of a donation
  - c. Council agreed to run a food festival in Heol yr Orsaf Car park over the Summer – likely August bank holiday weekend
    - i. Saturday – Food and drink traders
    - ii. Sunday – series of Film shows for a range of audiences via a “Drive in cinema”
  - d. The Council agreed to commemorate the Coronation, most likely with a large screen in the park to show the Coronation inviting residents to bring a blanket/picnic
    - i. Toilets would need providing
    - ii. A few food vendors could be invited to give visitors options
  - e. The Council resolved to start planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pontyclun, including murals and information boards at Railway station
10. To receive report from Administration Working group
  - a. The Council resolved to carry on with hybrid meetings and to budget £400 towards possible costs of Cafe50 hire
  - b. The Council accepted the groups recommendations on Standing Order changes which take effect immediately
  - c. The Council agreed to investigate options for a Community Newsletter
  - d. The Council agreed to recommendations regarding additional staff hours to allow delivery of additional events and publicity
    - i. Additional 10 hours a week for Welcome officer, which will now be renamed Community Engagement Officer
    - ii. Additional 1.5 hours a week to the Clerk
    - iii. Additional hours to be reviewed in 12 months
11. To receive report on Councillor surgeries
  - a. The Council agreed that should any Councillors be holding surgeries we would support these by promoting them to local residents
12. To receive draft report of the Independent Remuneration panel of Wales
  - a. The Council noted the draft recommendations
  - b. The Council agreed to continue its current policies of not paying allowances to Senior Members nor attendance allowance. The Council will also pay Councillor expenses incurred on official business
  - c. Regarding the new payment towards consumables the Council agreed to pay based on receipts presented by Members
13. To receive report on 2 plaques commemorating war dead from Pontyclun
  - a. The Council’s preference is for the plaques to be placed on side of Tabernacle Chapel and cleaned before they are placed there. Clerk to try and arrange relevant permissions.
14. To receive half yearly report from Internal auditors
  - a. The audit report was noted and accepted by the Council
  - b. The Clerk will implement the one minor recommendation with immediate effect
15. To consider report on Biodiversity actions taken under Environment (Wales) Act 2016
  - a. The Council noted our actions and approved the report
  - b. The Environment working group to draft a plan covering next 3 years for approval by Council
16. To receive report on Closure of Pontyclun Community Shop
  - a. The Council noted with sadness the forthcoming closure of the Community shop in the New Year
  - b. The Council will contact the Directors to ask if there is anything we can do to support them or those organisations who they supported with donations
17. To nominate Council member to work with Pontyclun Refugee Support Group
  - a. The Council nominated Councillor Amanda Sparks to be our liaison with this group

**The Council agreed not to hold a meeting in December 2022 so next meeting of the full Council is 12 January 2023**

## Appendix

Summary of key points in public presentations. This is not a full or even partial transcript

Messrs Brendan O'Reilly and Tony Lane spoke about traffic issues on Llantrisant Rd

1. Issues have been looked at before
2. With recent traffic increases this road is regularly congested due to parked cars
3. Can we ask RCT to look at options for improvements to aide traffic flow

A number of people asked questions/commented on Forest Wood quarry applications. Main two speakers where Michelle Williams and Dean Lewis. The following were all mentioned (in no particular order)

1. Roads cannot cope with potential increase in traffic.
2. Air pollution
3. Vibration/Noise pollution
4. Road safety
5. Safety of pedestrians – road regularly used for journeys to/from school
6. Pre application not done correctly
7. It seems they are already working there even though no planning consent held
8. The traffic report presented does not appear to reflect current reality
9. One resident has been monitoring and last week 1172 HGVs passed his house. This is before these additional journeys
10. Could the River and Rail bridges cope with extra traffic?
11. There are plenty of similar businesses in the area and across South Wales. Is there a danger of oversupply
12. A petition of nearly 400 signatures has been prepared
13. Extra traffic will be bad for people's wellbeing and mental health