
Cyngor Cymuned Pontyclun Community Council

'Town Status' Working Group

Notes from meeting: 02/05/2023

Meeting was held in person in the office at Pontyclun Community Centre at 13:00.

Present:

Cllrs Jamie Daniel, Paul Binning, Carole Willis, Gareth Summers.

Apologies:

Cllrs Wayne Owen, Amanda Sparks, Rhys Williams, Kelly Sherratt.

Working group convenor: Cllr Jamie Daniel

Convenor thanked all Councillors present for continued support for this important project and highlighted potential benefits to Pontyclun of Town Status, some of which are discussed below within the 'arguments in favour' section.

Working group agreed on a structure for proposal along the following basis:

- Executive summary
- A discussion of pros and cons/ arguments for and against
- How this will benefit RCT in general/ how this will benefit the southern sector strategy

Councillors discussed the arguments in favour in detail, including:

- High street grants/ we have a high street.
- Various shops, businesses- how many businesses exactly?
- Grants for events
- Railway station- tourists, commute,
- Vast heritage
- Successful football and rugby teams, competing against towns and cities.
- Postal Town- postal office for entire area
- Orbiting villages
- Schools- part of 21st century schools' programme
- Fire station
- Many jobs
- Parks-largest Park in several mile radius- managed by PCC not RCT.
- Ivor woods- managed by PCC not RCT.
- Population- what is the population exactly?
- Facilities for residents of all ages including Nurseries, thriving community centre with various groups, facilities for older people to socialise and get together.
- Warm spaces

- Food bank at bethel
- Pubs
- Highly active Masons and Churches
- Library
- Community centre run by PCC not RCT.
- Athletic club
- Cycling and running clubs
- 25 miles of footpaths
- We are bigger than other RCT towns- such as...
- Primary access from RCT to Cardiff, Vale, Bridgend, and Swansea and M4
- Developable land- current developments on Cefn yr Hendy and Ely Valley Road right now.
- Developments proposed for Mwyndy, the quarry, Cefn yr Hendy.
- We think this could be a vibrant asset to RCT because of the benefit it would bring to the businesses and in terms of the attraction for new people to live and visit here.
- Congruent with plan to keep Llantrisant/ Talbot Green as key strategy town.
- Further investment and footfall for LTG area.
- Town status for whole community solidifies our position as part of RCT over the ever-expanding borders of Cardiff City Council.

This list is not exhaustive, and councillors are invited to highlight any further arguments.

Councillors discussed the arguments to keep in mind, including:

- The need to highlight the benefits of town status for Pontyclun in relation to Llantrisant/ Talbot Green as the key strategy town in the Southern Sector Strategy, as discussed above.
- We are aware of a counterargument that there is little developable land left within Pontyclun, councillors pointed out that the developments and proposed developments highlighted earlier prove this not to be true.

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Group agreed to ask Cllr Daniel to write proposal and to ask the clerk for some clarifying information.

Proposal is currently being written and will be circulated to all council members prior to next full council meeting on 11/05. At which time Council will be asked to agree the proposal and confirm public consultation.

Meeting closed at 14:15