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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Pontyclun Community Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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# Minutes

1. To receive apologies for absence
  - a. **Councillors Wayne Owen, Paul Binning and Amanda Sparks gave apologies; Councillors Jordan Thorne, Kelly Sherratt and Rhys Williams did not attend.**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
  - a. **None declared.**
3. Public presentations to Council
  - a. **A number of residents attended with queries regarding progress with forest Wood quarry planning application. This is on hold pending a report from Highways.**
  - b. **Councillor Sara Howells from Penllyn CC asked to bring to the Council's attention a speeding incident in Pontyclun on 12<sup>th</sup> June. This involved a Breedon lorry travelling too fast.**
  - c. **Residents from Brynsadler asked if the Council knew anything about possible road improvements there are Cowbridge Road was being measured up and marked for something. The clerk to endeavour to establish what is happening.**
4. To confirm minutes of the Council's monthly meeting of 8 June are a true record and discuss minor matters arising from them.
  - a. **Minutes approved.**
  - b. **Councillor Daniel advised that the Consultation on town status would launch on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**
5. To consider report on Council Payments and finances
  - a. **The Council confirmed May payments.**
  - b. **The Council agreed payment of the bills for**
    - i. **Café 50 2021 Electricity – from Café 50 reserve £1142.80**
    - ii. **Floral arrangements £1829.40**
    - iii. **Office rent – pay in Sept - £4550.**
    - iv. **Orange forestry tree works £600.**
    - v. **Cleaning at café 50/Public toilets £546.17**
    - vi. **Bill for £600 for Tree inspection when received from RCT.**
6. To consider report on Ivor Woods trees
  - a. **The Council considered the issues and decided to take the following action.**
    - i. **ARBCymru have been appointed to undertake the work in Ivor Woods**
    - ii. **The Council wishes to keep the footpath open, and officers should arrange suitable fencing and signage to do so.**
    - iii. **This will mean that about ¾ of the woods will be closed to the public.**
    - iv. **Plans will need to be made to deal with the trees once felled and Clerk will update members later on this.**
    - v. **To fund the tree, work this year the Council agreed to use £2k from Café 50 reserve; £3k from ward budgets and up to £5100 from Pontyclun park reserve (any used will need to be replaced in future years)**
    - vi. **Councillor Assiratti asked that Clerk to investigate the Woodland Investment grant to see if this can be leveraged to fund some or all of this work.**
7. To receive update on Community Events in 2023
  - a. **Members noted update on Picnic in the Park**
  - b. **The Council wish Councillor Wayne Owen to speak with Community Garden neighbours regarding issues with volunteers/users.**
  - c. **Council agreed that the Local RCT Eisteddfod fundraising committee could hold a bucket collection at the Food festival and the local Food bank have a collection point at the Christmas fayre.**
  - d. **The Council confirmed that the Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December evening slot in the marquee would be a fundraising night for the local RCT Eisteddfod fundraisers.**
  - e. **The Council approved Urban Markets to run a fun day in Pontyclun park on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August.**
8. To receive update on progress with Council plan for year
  - a. **The Council noted progress with plan.**
  - b. **The Council agreed that Officers would collate news and write future Buddy articles.**
9. To receive an update on "Friends of "groups for Pontyclun
  - a. **This was deferred till September.**
10. To receive update on Council training plan for members

- a. **Members noted the position and Council agreed to the recommended actions to complete outstanding training in next 12m and fully review position in 12m.**
11. **Request to donate funds for benches.**
- a. **The Council noted with gratitude the proposed donations and agreed.**
    - i. **To accept funds for a bench by Pontyclun FC, install it and maintain it going forwards.**
    - ii. **To accept donation of £500 towards a bench for the Cycle path and fund balance, install it and maintain going forwards.**
    - iii. **Accept other donations for benches if received. Ideally to replace existing benches in need of replacing but also as needed in new locations. If requests are received to put new benches by Rugby Club, we should ideally offer a plaque to be added to existing benches there are fund a new bench elsewhere.**
12. **Report on proposed litter campaign**
- a. **The Council agreed to run a litter campaign over the summer focussing on dog mess, litter and volunteering to litter pick.**
  - b. **The Council agreed to purchase 3 dog bins to place one in each ward based on resident suggestion sin the campaign. To be funded from ward budgets**
13. **Report on parking issues at Maesyfelin fields**
- a. **Members noted the issues.**
  - b. **Clerk is to write to Rugby club, Football club and RCT parks to ask them to try and ensure users park considerately.**
  - c. **Clerk to arrange temporary signage for the fencing asking drivers to park considerately.**
14. **Report on Community Groups asking for support with grant applications.**
- a. **Members noted the issue and agreed to look at requests on a 1 on 1 basis.**
  - b. **As grant requests are time sensitive, to allow for faster response the Council agreed that approval could be by way of majority decision using email correspondence if needed.**

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