

Pontyclun Town Council  
'Town Status' Working Group

Minutes for meeting: 30/10/2023

Meeting was scheduled to be held in person in the office at Pontyclun Community Centre at 15:30 but was decided by all present to move meeting to The Boars Head. Members waited to ensure that there were no late arrivals before moving location.

Present:

Cllrs Jamie Daniel, Paul Binning, Carole Willis, Gareth Summers, Susan Owen, Sian Assiratti, and Wayne Owen.

Apologies:

Cllrs Amanda Sparks, Rhys Williams, Kelly Sherratt.

Working group convener: Cllr Jamie Daniel

JD opened by thanking everyone present for their support in getting town status for Pontyclun and stating that he was grateful to have led this project from beginning to end. JD explained this committee will continue to exist to reap the benefits of this status for the Town for the indefinite future.

Purpose of meeting was for articulating the benefits of this new status and for implementing any relevant priorities into the budget for FY24/25.

Discussion of town improvement plan: Cllrs agreed to read the draft plan and to email Clerk with thoughts by the end of the week.

Cllrs want to investigate giving freedom of town to mark the launch of the new council, and to twin with somewhere else.

Recommendations are :-

1. Ribbon cutting ceremony and plaque unveiling to Commemorate Town status
  - a. should be placed on community centre to mark the occasion of the launch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, but also to say Town was created on 14<sup>th</sup> of September and by whom.
  - b. Bilingual slate plaque to be designed by PB, JD and CW.
  - c. Media and politicians to be invited
2. Schools should be involved in launch with competitions.
3. Expand Tara's role to town centre manager for community groups and firms.
4. Leaflet from all Cllrs to be circulated to all houses next year with in-depth update on activities and plan for the rest of the term.
5. Appropriate signage at entrances of Pontyclun community to be implemented.
6. Town function dinner to be held as a summer ball in 2024 to mark the launch of the town.

Meeting closed at 16:15.