

Draft Minutes

1. To receive apologies for absence
 - a. **Apologies received from Councillors Jordan Thorne, Gareth Summers and Amanda Sparks. Councillor Kelly Sherratt did not attend**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
 - a. **Councillor Willis declared an interest in item 9c as she is Chair of the Groesfaen Gwyrdd group**
3. Public presentations to Council - **None**
4. To confirm minutes of the Council's extraordinary meeting of 22nd March are a true record and discuss minor matters arising from them
 - a. **Minutes confirmed as a true record**
 - b. **Matters arising**
 - i. **The Safe Roads group have written to us saying they cannot find a firm who is willing to do an air pollution assessment on their behalf (funded by us) and have therefore asked us to request RCT does one.**
 - ii. **The Council confirmed that it had agreed to undertake a survey using firms nominated by the group and not fund a request by the group. They also confirmed that as the aim was to do a survey which was independent of RCT and the Quarry developer it was not appropriate to ask RCT.**
 - iii. **The Clerk was instructed to contact the group accordingly and request the list of firms and instruct a survey on our behalf.**
 - iv. **Since the last meeting RCT has launched its Safer Routes in Communities scheme and Council agreed to make a bid for funding as this could mitigate some of the issues the quarry traffic will cause.**
 1. **The Clerk is to contact local organisations to get suggestions and Councillors to canvass residents and advise Clerk urgently of any suggestions to include.**
5. To consider report on Council Payments and finances
 - a. **The Council confirmed the April payments**
 - b. **The Council agreed to pay invoices for Tree works in Ivor Woods and Floral arrangements**
 - c. **The Council agreed to pay for repairs to one of our brushcutters which has just broken down. Cost is £235 + vat plus labour plus £50 a week hire for replacement whilst repair is ongoing**
6. To receive update on Community Events
 - a. **The Council discussed Picnic in the Park (PiP) which had been held on the previous weekend**
 - b. **The event was felt to have been a great success with many people in attendance (estimate 500-1k). This was particularly pleasing as clashed with Beating of the Bounds in Llantrisant**
 - c. **All stallholders had said they had had a great time and want to come back next year**
 - d. **Incremental improvements agreed were**
 - i. **Extra toilets**
 - ii. **Have more ice cream facilities – Councillor Susan Owen has an Ice Cream stall which she would let Council use and we would sell on our behalf**
 - iii. **The Council requested a second alcohol vendor – Prosecco bar/Pimms bar or similar**
 - iv. **Improve announcements – Council agreed to purchase a PA system to help**

- v. Council agreed to help Community Garden team with their activity next year so it could be more meaningful
- vi. Council agreed to purchase a branded gazebo to promote the Council
- vii. The Council agreed to investigate options to provide chairs at next year's event
- viii. The Council agreed to try and alleviate parking issues as follows
 - 1. Seek additional parking venues that could be used on the day
 - 2. Have signage to identify parking options
 - 3. Have stewards manage parking along road by Rugby pitches to try and stop pavement parking
- ix. The Council agreed to investigate options to have some sports competitions on the day eg Football; Rugby; Basketball etc

7. To receive report on Town improvements

a. The Council noted the report and agreed the following actions

- i. Bench at Cycle path could be installed by a contractor (CIL funded)
- ii. Council agreed to install up to 3 new benches using a contractor (CIL funded)
 - 1. To be special memorial style ones at
 - 2. Miskin (to replace existing bench)
 - 3. Ynysddu (at grassed area to replace bench opposite the fire station)
 - 4. By Rugby club (subject their agreement, and ideally with some funding) – together with a small history sign similar to what was done at Football club.
- iii. Agreed improvement plans for Miskin (old and Cefn y Hendy) and Disabled access improvements were agreed.
- iv. The Council discussed the playing field in Cefn y Hendy and agreed to investigate possibility of improving the facilities here by relaying the pitch and adding lighting and offering a better booking system. Potentially in conjunction with primary school which had parking, toilets and a community room which could be hired.
- v. Council agreed to install additional column lighting for Christmas (assuming suitable ones could be sourced) – 2 at War Memorial in Pontyclun and 3 in Groesfaen (CIL funded)
- vi. Council agreed that as new CIL funding had been agreed they would reconsider financing the tree in Ynysddu – for July meeting
- vii. Council noted issues at Hollies with planters
- viii. Council noted issues with floral arrangements being stolen. The Clerk advised that to try and reduce future thefts the following actions would be taken
 - 1. Planter in Brynsadler at corner of Llanharry Rd and Cowbridge Rd to be planted up with pollinator friendly hardy perennials
 - 2. Trial of pollinator flowers in planters to be extended to Railway station in 2025

8. Update on Pontyclun 175 anniversary activities

a. The Council noted the report on suggested activities and agreed the following

- i. In addition to the 6 items already agreed the Council would aim to launch a series of activities as follows:-
 - 1. War Memorial
 - a. Add the 3 identified missing names holding an appropriate ceremony to recognise this
 - b. Place an information board at this location
 - 2. To try and hold an arts festival early in 2025
 - a. Engaging with local venues to leverage activities they might already be doing to fill much of the events
 - 3. To request public nominations for 5 Freemen of Pontyclun holding a suitable commemorative event

4. Picnic in the Park

- a. Invite representatives from Ravensburg twin town to attend this weekend. If possible see if other Councils in the area could share in looking after them (Ravensburg is the twin of the old Taf Ely area)
- b. Make the event more of a weekend thing with something on Friday night and a parade / memorial unveiling on the Sunday (which will be the anniversary day) – potentially themed
- c. See if SW police band can attend the parade
- d. Improve the musical entertainment at PiP

9. To consider grant requests (S19 Local Gov (Misc provisions) act 1976 unless stated)

a. Vale of Glamorgan amusements

- i. The Council declined this request though agreed they would allow use of the Car park for a fair if they wanted to progress.
- ii. The Council agreed to consider options again as part of Pontyclun 175 activities

b. Young at Heart Monday club

- i. A grant of £100 was agreed

c. Groesfaen Gwyrdd

- i. A grant of £300 was agreed (Local Gov act 1972 S144 and s145). This is for full cost as the Council believed that it was important that the Eisteddfod should be commemorated and that Groesfaen was one of the main routes from Cardiff West to the Eisteddfod.
- ii. The Council also agreed to look at options to commemorate the Eisteddfod in Pontyclun

d. Cantorion Pontyclun

- i. A grant of £200 was agreed

10. To receive crime figures from South Wales Police

- a. The Council noted the report

11. Update on Ivor Woods

- a. The Council noted the report and advice from the Chair that our tree contractor was prepared to do tree works now but with payment in new financial year
- b. Accordingly the Council wishes to try and open the path down through the woods from Hollies to the metal bridge and to do so will
 - i. Arrange an up to date tree inspection at Ivor Woods and Millfield so dangerous trees can be dealt with
 - ii. Instruct removal of more diseased trees along path
 - iii. Arrange time to clear branches/brush so path can be used. Using volunteers including Councillors to support this.

12. Planning applications

- a. The Council noted the application for houses in Creigiau and wish to object on following grounds

- i. Additional construction traffic will cause issues at Groesfaen and at A4119 near to M4
- ii. The additional ongoing traffic will cause issues on roads in Groesfaen and around A4119/M4 due to lack of capacity
- iii. The additional children will cause capacity issues in Creigiau school (where primary school children from Groesfaen attend)