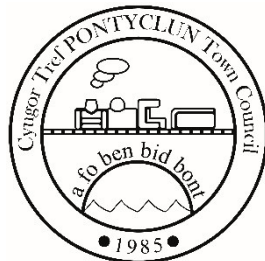


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Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Pontyclun Town Council held at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

PTC Member attendance at public Council meetings												
Member name	2023							2024				
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May EOM
Wayne Owen	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Jordan Thorne	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
Kelly Sherratt	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present
Rhys Williams	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Susan Owen	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Jamie Daniel	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Amanda Sparks	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
Paul Binning	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Carole Willis	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Sian Assiratti	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Gareth Summers	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Present												
Gave Apologies												
Absent												

1. To receive apologies for absence
 - a. **Councillors Kelly Sherratt and Sian Assiratti gave their apologies. Councillors Jordan Thorne and Amanda Sparke were not present.**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
 - a. **No new interests declared.**
3. To confirm minutes of the Council's meeting of 8th May are a true record and discuss matters arising from them.
 - a. **Minutes confirmed as accurate.**
4. To discuss traffic issues and possible solutions across Pontyclun

- a. **Members discussed the potential traffic issues that could be caused by the approval of the Forest Wood Quarry application and agreed the following:-**
 - i. **The Council would arrange independent traffic and air pollution surveys of Pontyclun.**
 - ii. **The budget agreed for this was £2500 to be paid for from general reserve, in the knowledge that this would need to be replenished in the 2024-25 budget period.**
 - iii. **The Council agreed that they would obtain relevant quotes from at least 3 firms for each and that the Clerk was delegated powers to select and instruct the most advantageous. As this is time critical the speed of ability to prepare a report in a timely manner can be the key selection point.**
 - iv. **The Council agreed they would accept recommendations from the Safe Roads Pontyclun group for these firms.**
 - v. **The Council asked the Clerk to write to RCT highways to express concern about the tree undermining Brynsadler Bridge and also the one at the Riverside walk which was growing out of the wall to ask them to deal with them and allow free access over our land to do so.**
- b. **More details of the discussion are provided in the appendix below.**

Appendix

This appendix provides a summary of the discussion in relation to the Forest Wood Quarry planning application and its potential traffic implications. It is not intended to be a transcript nor a full note of the discussions.

1. Members of the Council and public are aware of the planning application for an aggregates recycling facility at Forest Wood Quarry which we believe could generate up to an additional 30k HGV journeys a year through Pontyclun.
2. There is grave concern of what this additional traffic could mean to the communities with additional risks to pedestrians, other road users, noise and air pollution.
3. The Chair noted that RCT Planning services and Highways are both recommending approval of the application which is likely to mean that it will be so.
4. With the General Election announced for the likely date at which the planning committee was due to meet this is likely to be delayed so there is an opportunity to obtain further traffic and air quality data to provide an informed independent judgement of the potential issues
5. The Safe Roads Pontyclun Group have already looked into requesting that this application be called into Welsh Government for consideration and have had a recommendation that this is only done once, so as not to cause confusion. As such the Council was asked not to also do so.
6. The 4 RCT Councillors in the wards most affected asked to meet planning officers to discuss again. This request was refused on the grounds that the report from the officers had been prepared and published so any meeting would not change this.
7. Members noted that the applicant had provided a traffic survey and air quality report. However, as the data provided by the applicant has already undergone amendments it was felt that new independent reports be obtained. The reports by RCT officers seem to be based on the applicant data alone with no independent verification and any other data behind the reports is not being released.

8. The Council believes new independent data could show a material difference, particularly as over a year has gone by since they were done. This would help support an independent judgement of the position and objections to the application by the Council and local residents.
9. The likely costs of a traffic survey are £400-500 and Air quality report about £2k.
10. The Council noted that there are two issues of concern here
 - a. Current levels of traffic, Lorries and pollution
 - b. Potential additions from this application.
 - c. The surveys will help directly in the fight against (b above) but may also help future campaigns about (a).
11. The Council also noted that the most recent bridge report on Brynsadler Bridge identifies a high-risk item in that there is an Ash tree undermining the bridge at the Holles side. At the Riverside walk there was a tree growing from the wall and also significant bowing which would need repair. With additional potential traffic these should be dealt with urgently.