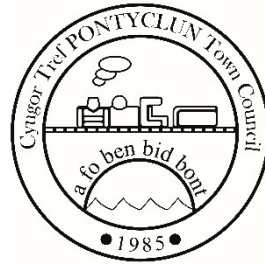


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Draft Minutes

Draft 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												
Jordan Thorne												
Kelly Sherratt												
Rhys Williams												
Susan Owen												
Jamie Daniel												
Amanda Sparks												
Paul Binning												
Carole Willis												
Sian Assiratti												
Gareth Summers												
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.

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March payments for confirmation

The schedule of payments made in April is provided for confirmation.

Action – members to confirm.

Payments for authorisation

We have received a further invoice for £8k plus VAT for tree works in Ivor Woods. This was to cut down a further 40 trees near to the Hollies

We have also received the invoice for floral arrangements for summer of £2022.20 plus vat.

Action – members to agree payments

South East Wales Rivers Trust

Members may recall that the South East Wales rivers Trust offered to help pay for some of the works at the Riverside Walk

They have now sent us £2251.33 towards the costs of fencing works.

In addition they have promised 2 benches and an information board plus to treat the knotweed in the Riverside walk, Ivor Woods and the Hollies.

Action – Council to agree response to SEWRT

Barclaycard

We have also received £97.11 from Barclaycard as a rebate for using their card (under a Welsh Government scheme)

Bank Reconciliation up to 30/04/2024 for Cashbook No 1 - Current Bank A/c General

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid	Amnt Banked	Stat Amnt	Difference	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
02/04/2024	FPO	1,992.18		1,992.18		R	RCTCBC
02/04/2024	FPO	480.00		480.00		R	Pontyclun Arts Festival
02/04/2024	FPO	150.00		150.00		R	Pontyclun Scouts
02/04/2024	FPO	500.00		500.00		R	Bethel Baptist Church
02/04/2024	FPO	200.00		200.00		R	Horizon Dance Studio
02/04/2024	DD	566.80		566.80		R	RCTCBC
02/04/2024	BGC	7.85		7.85		R	Lloyds Bank
02/04/2024	FPO	-480.00		-480.00		R	Pontyclun Arts Festival
02/04/2024	FPO	480.00		480.00		R	Pontyclun Road Runners
03/04/2024	RCTCBC		480.02	480.02		R	Receipt(s) Banked
04/04/2024	DD	162.00		162.00		R	Grenke Leasing Ltd
04/04/2024	BCARD	1,357.46		1,357.46		R	Clear Councils
04/04/2024	BCARD	26.82		26.82		R	Amazon Marketplace
04/04/2024	VISA	28.74		28.74		R	Tesco
08/04/2024	DD	65.94		65.94		R	British Telecom
09/04/2024	FPIATWIGG		21.00	21.00		R	Receipt(s) Banked
10/04/2024	SO	300.00		300.00		R	Dark Green Media
12/04/2024	FPO	268.12		268.12		R	Cleanmate Ltd
12/04/2024	FPO	268.12		268.12		R	Cleanmate Ltd
12/04/2024	FPO	135.00		135.00		R	Country Timbers
12/04/2024	FPO	1,349.00		1,349.00		R	One Voice Wales
12/04/2024	FPO	332.40		332.40		R	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd
12/04/2024	FPO	54.00		54.00		R	Premier Plastic Services Ltd
12/04/2024	FPO	833.00		833.00		R	Jack's Appeal
12/04/2024	FPO	48.40		48.40		R	Country Timbers
15/04/2024	DD	13.12		13.12		R	British Telecom
15/04/2024	DD	43.84		43.84		R	Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C.
15/04/2024	DD	60.24		60.24		R	Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C.
16/04/2024	DD	17.81		17.81		R	Blue Sky Digital Solutions Lt
19/04/2024	JR		10,000.00	10,000.00		R	Receipt(s) Banked
22/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	Llangollen Int Eisteddfod
22/04/2024	FPO	5,587.50		5,587.50		R	Streetmaster Ld
22/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	SAAFA
22/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	Wales Air Ambulance
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22/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	Urdd Eisteddfod
22/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	Kids Cancer Appeal
22/04/2024	FPO	12,000.00		12,000.00		R	Marcon Services
22/04/2024	BGCRCT		300.00	300.00		R	Receipt(s) Banked
24/04/2024	DEPTREFOIL		42.00	42.00		R	Receipt(s) Banked
25/04/2024	FPO	156.00		156.00		R	Amanda Sparks
25/04/2024	FPO	1,992.18		1,992.18		R	Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C.

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Bank Reconciliation up to 30/04/2024 for Cashbook No 1 - Current Bank A/c General

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25/04/2024	FPO	50.00		50.00		R	Marie Curie
25/04/2024	PAY	7.85		7.85		R	Lloyds Bank plc
25/04/2024	FPO	156.00		156.00		R	Paul Binning
25/04/2024	FPO	-156.00		-156.00		R	Paul Binning
25/04/2024	FPO	156.00		156.00		R	Paul Binning
25/04/2024	FPO	240.00		240.00		R	City Loo Hire
25/04/2024	FPO	228.24		228.24		R	Country Timbers
25/04/2024	FPO	762.00		762.00		R	Door Maintenance Co Ltd
25/04/2024	DD	177.30		177.30		R	Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C.
25/04/2024	FPO	200.00		200.00		R	Drive Wales
26/04/2024	DD	16.87		16.87		R	EE Ltd
29/04/2024	VISA	43.98		43.98		R	Ordnance Survey
29/04/2024	BGCHMRC		1,292.41	1,292.41		R	Receipt(s) Banked
30/04/2024	DD	14.25		14.25		R	Blue Skiy Digital Services Ltd
30/04/2024	BP	288.00		288.00		R	Geosphere Ltd
30/04/2024	TFRRCTCBC		78,656.67	78,656.67		R	Receipt(s) Banked
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Signatory 1:

Name Signed Date

Signatory 2:

Name Signed Date

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Picnic in the Park

There will be a verbal update from Picnic in the Park (as event is on 8th June which is after meeting papers have been issued)

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Town Improvements

The following are an update on our planned Town improvements.

New Benches

All but one of our 2024 new benches have been installed. The one which is not installed yet is at the Cycle route as we are struggling to get access to through RCTs gate.

We should shortly be receiving 2 benches from Southeast Wales Rivers Trust. One of them will be a replacement for one in Ivor Woods and the other will go onto the Riverside Walk.

There remain several old benches across the community which still need replacing, the most urgent being:-

- By Ynysddu bridge (opposite Fire station)
- At top of Clun Avenue (2 benches)
- Talygarn – 2 benches

Council staff and Councillors have identified more locations for brand new benches including.

- 2 in Cefn y Hendy.
- In Pontyclun Park – to be advised next month
- One along path to Ivor Woods from Garage

In addition, when we posted about the new benches, we asked the public for ideas where they wanted some and these locations were mentioned -

- A bench further along Cycle track just before it leaves Pontyclun.
- On the footpath by river opposite the cycle path
- At the top of the steep climb off Heol Miskin
- A Picnic bench or seat at the playground in Bryn Amlwg
- On A4119 at Mwyndy Cross

These are in addition to the bench at Station Terrace we have already agreed to install using CIL funds

Action – do members wish to progress with any of these at this time.

Bus shelters

The Council had agreed to fund at least 1 bus shelter in Cefn y Hendy if further CIL funds were received. As we have had some the Clerk has started discussions with RCT regarding options and will report to Council in July (hopefully) regarding which of the bus stops there could site a shelter and likely cost.

Before any are installed there will be a consultation at the locations. The preference order is

1. Maes y Wennol (we have had a request to site a shelter there, and location appears most likely to be suitable)

2. Acorn Close – next most suitable looking location
3. Edwardian Close

In addition a resident has asked for a shelter to be placed at the bus stop going North along Llantrisant Rd by Concrete canvas. The Clerk has asked RCT to investigate and advise.

Floral arrangements

The planting of our summer arrangements has been completed.

In accordance with our Eco action plan, we are increasing the proportion of pollinator friendly planters, including trialling some new options at the Community Centre.

In 2022 we had 24 floral beds/planters, none of which were pollinator friendly and 4 “rustic” arrangements which had been left fallow (but are pollinator friendly)

In 2023 we had 27 Floral beds/planters of which 1 was pollinator friendly and the rustic planters

In 2024 we have planned for 34 Floral beds/planters of which 11 are pollinator friendly plus

- We aim to try and resurrect the 4 rustic planters this year.
- an extra 3 pollinator friendly planters in Brynsadler, funded by us are being looked after by “The Drive”.

We also have 24 hanging baskets which are all pollinator friendly.

Other improvements in plan

The following other improvements are in plan and being actioned in due course.

Street art – commissioned with artist/groups.

1. Paint inside bus shelter in Groesfaen.
2. Paint bin at War memorial.
3. Decoration to add to planter in Miskin.
4. Painting of 4 BT cabinets – groups allocated.
5. Painting of 2 BT cabinets – artist found.

Agreed by Council – awaiting installation.

1. Railings to steps at war memorial – order due shortly.
2. New defibrillator at Ivor Arms – arranging installation.
3. Memorial plaques (from Tabernacle) – awaiting approvals.

Area Improvement plans

Continuing with our aim to have development plans in place for the main parts of the Council’s area appendix 4 a,b and c provide what we would wish to do in Miskin (old and new) plus what is achievable for improving disabled access (some of this is in other plans too)

We will be adding these into consideration for grants and use of Community Infrastructure Levy

Action – Council to agree proposals.

Note – this leaves plans for Pontyclun Park and Pontyclun Town centre to complete.

Christmas decorations

This meeting is probably the last time that we will be able to agree any additions to our lighting arrangements and still be able to secure permissions and purchase the items.

As this is infrastructure CIL can be used

Members should recall some of them are funding a tree for Ynysddu. The following is probably the next areas where addition will add most value.

- 2 Lamp post columns by War Memorial in Pontyclun
- 3 Lamp post columns in Groesfaen
- 1 additional lamp post column after Ammonite Yarns towards St Paul's church

Do Councillors wish to progress with these (likely cost is £800-£1k per lamp post) plus a small increase in installation and power.

Town improvement issues

We have a few issues with the improvement works which the Council needs to be aware of

1. One of the new benches installed at the library has been removed.
 - a. This has been removed by National Grid have promised to return it when their works have finished.
2. Due to access issues the bench due to be installed at the Cycle path has not been completed.
 - a. Due to the other demands on our caretakers, they will probably not be able to install till the winter.
 - b. **Does the Council wish to use contractor to do the install faster?**
3. The floral arrangements are already having plants stolen from them, including for the first year ever in Groesfaen and from the Railway station.
4. The planned raised beds at the Hollies will not be progressing at this time. Unfortunately, whilst the care staff and supported individuals were starting the work they were upset by an interaction with some local residents and are now not prepared to return. We believe this to have been a misunderstanding.
 - a. We are hoping to use the materials elsewhere instead.
 - b. The Clerk will have to advise TFW who provided funding and we may need to return some of the grant funding.

Cefn y Hendy improvement plan

This plan relates to the area of new housing north of the village centre of Miskin.

This lists what the Council would wish to do subject to funding and resources and in competition with other priorities.

Our plan includes:-

- New benches. Look to site 5 new seats in the area at the following locations.
 - Where footpath comes out by YGGG – installed May 24
 - At bottom of steps down by Catholic Church – installed May 24
 - At top of the steps from Catholic Church
 - Where footpath comes out at Sycamore Close – set back a bit to be away from houses.
 - Where footpath comes out of Ffordd Cefn y Hendy between Oaklands and Maes y Wennol
 - By the playground at Bryn Amwlg
 - There are seats inside the playground area but if you have come with a dog then you must stay outside and there is no seating.
- Add lighting to the path from Bryn Amlwg towards YGGG school.
- Up to 4 bus shelters along Ffordd Cefn y Hendy loop – RCT funding 2
 - There are 3 possible locations and Clerk is asking RCT to advise which if any are suitable.
- Lighting along path from YGGG down towards Pontyclun
- Christmas tree at roundabout by YGGG school
- Floral Raised beds in front of YGGG school
- Defib at Mwyndy end of the estate.
- Investigate options to manage existing football field in a better manner to optimise use by sports teams. This may include:-
 - Taking over the management of the pitch and hiring out
 - Adding solar floodlighting

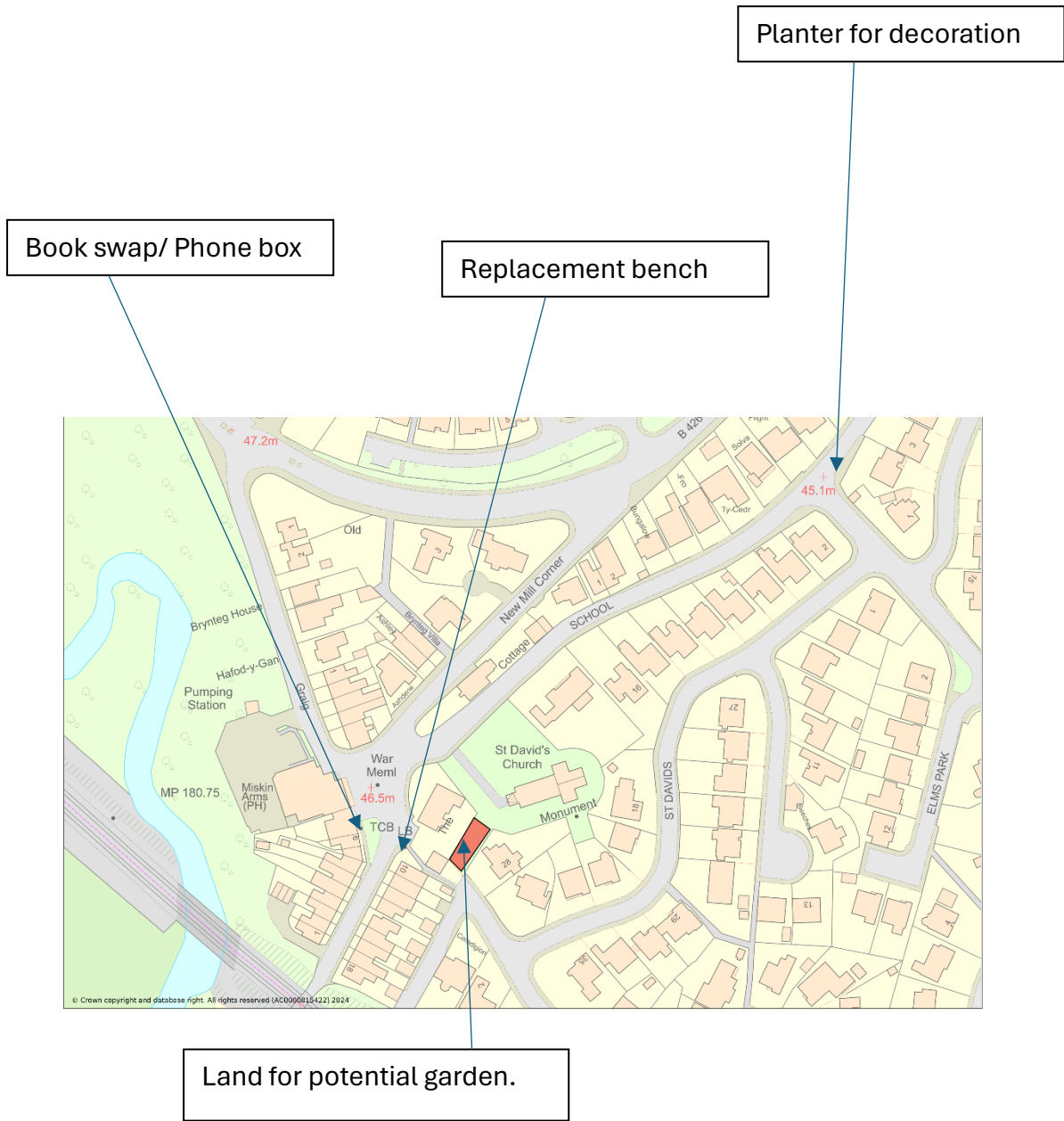
Miskin improvement plan

This plan relates to the area that makes up the “old centre” of Miskin.

Work will be done as funds/resources/manpower allows after prioritisation. Due to the layout and historical nature of the centre the action we can take is limited.

The following is planned:-

- Decorate the plastic floral planter at edge of village centre.
 - The Council has instructed an artist to do this over the summer of 2024.
- Repair the Phone box door.
 - Budget has been set aside for 2024-25. Awaiting RCT approval as the box is listed.
- Install a book swap facility in the Phone box.
 - Awaiting resource allocation
- Replace the bench in the village centre.
 - Due to the ambiance a special memorial bench would be appropriate.
- We own a piece of land approx. 25m long and 7m wide behind St David’s church.
 - Currently the land is not managed and left fallow.
 - Ideally it could be used better whilst still providing a wildlife haven.
 - Suggest dividing into
 - a small contemplative seating area with managed pollinator friendly planting and a seat
 - Leave much wild as a wildlife garden.
 - Plant a couple of fruit trees in part of the land.
 - The Clerk has been in discussion with Miskin and Mwyndy WI as they may do some of this. Otherwise, we would need to employ someone to manage the garden for us.
 - CIL funds could be used to create the garden.



Disability access improvement plan

This plan relates to the work the Council wishes to do to improve accessibility across the community.

To achieve this, we will need to work with partners such as RCT CBC, local businesses and relevant community groups.

The following is not an exhaustible list but a list of things which the Council could achieve in the short to medium term (3-5) years. Other suggestions can also be developed over time.

Works will be subject to funding and staffing resources in prioritisation with other proposed actions. Some of these items could be funded with CIL monies received by Council.

The following are provided in no particular order -

- More dropped curbs at potential road crossing points
 - This will help disabled, older and less mobile people cross the road as well as pushchair/pram users.
 - We will need to lobby RCT for this and potentially help fund using CIL monies.
- Improve seating by replacing old benches and adding new in key routes where none exist.
 - Provides better areas to rest for older and more infirm people.
 - This is being progressed with 15 new benches installed since last elections and more planned for 2025 and 2026.
- Improve path in Pontyclun Park
 - To improve access to larger parts of the park for disabled users and those with pushchairs/prams
- Path along bottom of Ivor woods to be tarmacked with easy access to seating areas.
 - Open up bottom of woods to disabled users.
 - Integrate the 2 seating areas to make accessible too.
 - This is included in our development plan for Ivor Woods once tree works have been completed.
- Replace stiles with gates where possible – completing easy routes first as these are generally more accessible anyway.
 - To encourage more use by less able walkers
 - RCT can do the work and have gates in stock, but we will need to obtain written permission from landowners, and we may need to provide some CIL funding.
- Improve access to public toilets.
 - Push button power assisted door.
 - Radar key access out of normal hours for disabled users
 - This is on the Public Toilet development plan.
- Dementia friendly area status
 - The Over 50 forum is working to achieve this for Pontyclun.
- Work with business owners to improve accessibility to shops etc.
 - Door widths, thresholds, power doors
 - Hearing loops where appropriate

- We could add a hearing loop in Council offices.
- Increase disabled parking spaces at Café 50 – additional 3 could be added to the side of the building.
- Review signage across the Council area.
 - Review the need for the signs.
 - Clean/repaint/clear of vegetation all existing signs.
 - Establish if additional signage would be useful to direct to various key services e.g. library, doctors etc.
 - New bilingual signage to be separate Welsh/English

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Pontyclun 175 anniversary

2025 is a year of three anniversaries with relevance to Pontyclun.

- 175 years from the opening of Pontyclun Railway station – effectively the founding of the Town
- 75 years since the War memorial was unveiled with the WW2 names
- 40 years of the Council's existence

It is also the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2.

The Clerk has met with Working group lead to discuss. Unfortunately, it has not been possible for a meeting date to be arranged, however matters are now getting time critical for some things so we have drawn up a list of suggestions for the Council to discuss/agree

The Council has already agreed to-

- Create and install an Info board for History of Pontyclun Railway Station
- Produce a history of Pontyclun "book"
- Install a commemorative bench opposite the War Memorial (complete)
- Plant a Commemorative tree at the Crescent opposite the War Memorial (We have a tree donated)
- We have 2 plaques commemorating war dead from Tabernacle to place (not strictly linked to the anniversary)
- Launch our first history trail

The following are suggested activities for the year

War Memorial

It seems that we have now identified 3 individuals who have links to Pontyclun and are not commemorated on any war memorials and should therefore be added to ours. All from WW2

Shop displays

Pictures in shops/library etc commemorating Pontyclun in week leading up to Picnic in the Park- from Primary schools in area and in November for Remembrance day (already held)

Arts festival - including

- Pub bands
- Poems and Pints night
- Folk club
- Art exhibition at Giles Gallery
- History talks
- Quiz night
- Poetry competition

- Comedy night

New Floral arrangements

Install new arrangements at

- Ynysddu
- By YGGG school

Pollinator friendly, hardy perennials requiring minimal looking after

Commemorative boards

We have already agreed to information boards at the Railway station to commemorate 175th anniversary

We could also create a number of other “memorial” displays which could also be installed over next 12-18 months. These are recommended -

- Bench and sign at Pontyclun RFC (Similar to what we did at Pontyclun FC) – subject to some help from Rugby Club
- History of War Memorial

Board could also be done for Brynsadler Mill, Athletic Club and a combined board for all the Churches/chapels in Pontyclun

Roll of honour/Freedom of the Town

The Council has discussed and agreed to award 5 Town Freedoms based on public nominations.

We could however aim to have a larger “Roll of honour” to reflect others who have worked to either improve Pontyclun or bring it reputation e.g. Charity workers, good neighbours, sports people etc.

It would be sensible to announce the Freedoms at the Annual meeting in May – with a Commemorative dinner at local venue afterwards.

Picnic in the Park weekend 2025

Aim to invite representatives from Ravensburg twin town to attend so that the PiP weekend would be a twinning event

- Friday – Kids disco (Silent) plus dinner/concert for twinning guests
- As for 2024 plus
 - Aim to try and do a carnival parade
 - Do an It’s a knockout style competition (Cost £5k by outside firm)
- On the Sunday unveil a memorial “stone/tablet” and the full “Roll of honour”

Events Calendar

Based on Month	Activities	
Jan		
Feb	Arts festival	
Mar		St Davids Day
Apr	Easter Market	
May	Announcements of Freeman of the town (Commemorative dinner)	
June	Picnic in the Park	School children's picture displays
Jul	Urban market fun day	
Aug	Food Festival	
Sep		
Oct	Harvest Fair?	
Nov	Fireworks	
	Remembrance day	School children's picture displays (Remembrance)
Dec	Christmas	

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Grant requests

Members should note -

- Budget for 2024-25 is £5000. The sum is effectively £1250 per quarter.
- In addition, we have set aside a further £3k towards supporting the annual Fireworks event.
- Our Policy favours requests for specific purposes rather than general running costs and we normally only fund National Charities where we have had evidence of local work/benefits. Our policy is to consider them in March after local causes have been funded unless there is a pressing immediate need.
- Council can decide.
 - Grant in full or part
 - Decline or hold over to another meeting (possibly pending further data)
- Where a grant of over £200 is given our policy is that the recipients must undertake some activity for the benefit of Pontyclun and not just its members/attendees.

Requests

The legal power for these requests is S19 Local government (Misc. provisions) act 1976 unless stated.

New requests – local organisations

1. Vale of Glamorgan amusements
 - a. This local amusement firm is requesting a grant of £2k towards the cost of running a “Harvest fair” in Late Sept/early Oct.
 - b. The grant would allow them to provide the rides free of charge, discounted food/drink and free kids entertainments such as face painting.
 - c. The grant would meet our objectives.
 - d. They want to focus on supporting local families who would not normally be able to afford to attend a fair so there may be an opportunity to discuss further how best to do this, perhaps in conjunction with the local food bank and other charities.
 - e. They always support our community events having stalls at the Picnic in the park and Christmas fayres.
 - f. We have not given a grant in the past.
2. Young at Heart Monday group
 - a. This group of older people are requesting £300 towards the running costs of the group – typically room hire and costs of aerobics teachers.
 - b. Approx 25 of their 60 members are from Pontyclun and they meet at Llantrisant Leisure centre 2-4 on a Monday.
 - c. The grant would meet our objectives.
 - d. This group applies each year (as does the Tuesday group), and we normally give a £100 grant.

3. Groesfaen Gwyrdd (Local government act 1972 S144 and 145)
 - a. This local group does works in Groesfaen including looking after a number of green spaces and festive decorations at key times in the year including Easter, Remembrance Day and Christmas
 - b. They wish to decorate Groesfaen to celebrate the Eisteddfod. Total cost will be £300, and they are asking for £200 from us.
 - c. The grant will meet our objectives.
 - d. We have supported this group before with grants towards their works.
4. Cantorion Pontyclun
 - a. This local Choir are looking for up to £400 towards the cost of music and advertising.
 - b. We have supported them before, most recently £200 in Dec 2021
 - c. The grant would meet our objectives.
 - d. The choir have supported our Café 50 Christmas dinners in the past and the Christmas fayre.

Action - members-

- 1. Consider and approve/decline grant requests.**

Application form

Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Vale of Glamorgan Amusements
Purpose of organisation	owner.
Number of Participants / members	5 (3 staff).
Number of Participants / members living in the Pontyclun Town Council area: Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talygarn, Miskin, Cefn yr Hendy, Groesfaen	All live in Pontyclun area.
Age group of participants / members	16+

Your application

Why do you need a grant?	To a host a Autumn / Harvest Event
What is the total cost of your requirements?	£ 2,000.
How much are you asking the Town Council for?	£ 2,000.
Who will benefit from this grant?	Community - children / Adults.
How will the grant support the achievement of the Town Council objectives?	<p>① use of Car park / Community Centre.</p> <p>② Cash - To provide <u>free</u> rides / Amusements for children that might not be able to afford to attend such events.</p>

* End of Sep *

We may ask you to provide further information to support your application such as, costings; your last income and expenditure accounts and your constitution or aims and objectives

P.T.O

③ Funds for Arts / Crafts
facepainting / Entertainment.

We, The Vale of Glamorgan Amusements would like
to ask for a grant to provide Free Event for
local pontyclun / local area children & families

* Free rides / Amusements

* lower Cost refreshments.

* Free Face paints / Art activities

We would use the funds to make the
event financially viable for ourselves &
Provide a safe event for the Community.

All in keeping with the Autumn Season.
/ Harvest.

Any Money raised on Day. e.g raffles
ect.

Will go to a local organisation
or
Charity

Application form

Your organisation

Name of Organisation	YOUNG AT HEART MONDAY CLUB
Purpose of organisation	TO PROVIDE + PROMOTE SOCIAL CONTACT, STIMULATION + PHYSICAL / MENTAL ACTIVITY.
Number of Participants / members	60
Number of Participants / members living in the Pontyclun Community Council Ward: Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talygarn, Miskin, Cefn yr Hendy, Groesfaen	25
Age group of participants / members	60-90 yrs

Your application

Why do you need a grant?	TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS RENT + AEROBICS TEACHERS (1 AEROBICS + 1 ARMCHAIR AEROBICS TEACHERS) AT LAUNTRISANT LEISURE CENTRE + OCCASIONAL TRIPS.
What is the total cost of your requirements?	OUR COSTS ARE £85 PER WEEK (DURING SCHOOL TERM) = £3,315 PER YEAR.
Will the grant generate revenue? If so, how much is the projected revenue?	NO
How much are you asking the Community Council for?	£ 300
Who will benefit from this grant?	MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WITH A POSSIBLE KNOCK ON EFFECT ON THEIR FAMILIES.
How will the grant support the achievement of the Community Council	TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND OUR CLASSES FOR THE OVER 50s FOR THEIR WELLBEING.

Additional Information: Please attach (if possible)

1. your last income and expenditure accounts
2. your constitution or aims and objectives

Application form

Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Groesfaen Gwyrdd (Green Groesfaen)
Purpose of organisation	To improve the environment in Groesfaen and to bring the residents together
Number of Participants / members	All residents of Groesfaen Committee of 12 residents
Number of Participants / members living in the Pontyclun Town Council area: Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talygarn, Miskin, Cefn yr Hendy, Groesfaen	All residents of Groesfaen
Age group of participants / members	All ages

Your application

Why do you need a grant?	To decorate the village in order to welcome visitors to the RCT Eisteddfod which will be held 3-10 August. Part of the Eisteddfod's 'Beautifying the Area 'scheme
What is the total cost of your requirements?	Around £300
How much are you asking the Town Council for?	£200
Who will benefit from this grant?	The residents of Groesfaen and everyone who drives through the village
How will the grant support the achievement of the Town Council objectives?	By encouraging people to take part in community events and improving the environment of the village.

We may ask you to provide further information to support your application such as, costings; your last income and expenditure accounts and your constitution or aims and objectives

Conditions of Grant:

Grants applications are subject to the following standard conditions

- Pontyclun Town Council may put the details of the organisation on the Community Council website so that going forward members of the public can make contact.
- Beneficiaries agree that they will refer to Council support in their records / promotional materials.
- Beneficiaries receiving more than £200, and who do not already do activities that benefit the wider community, will be asked to undertake some, e.g. litter picking.
- Grants are always paid direct to the beneficiary organisations bank account (we will ask successful groups for their details)

Depending on the nature of the request the Council reserves the right to impose other conditions.

Your details for the Pontyclun Town Council web-site

Name of organization	Groesfaen Gwyrdd
Brief description of organisation, meeting date, times and place	A community group which works to improve the environment of Groesfaen and to bring its residents together. We collect for Food Banks every Monday, meet every Thursday morning to work in the Community Garden and hold a Coffee Morning in St David's Church on the last Thursday of every month.
Contact name and position	Carole Willis Chair
Contact e-mail address	carole@willis.cymru
Contact telephone number	07837 007076
Web site address – if applicable	

Your contact details for the purposes of the application (if different from above)

Name	
Contact Phone number	
Contact address	
Email address	

Application form

Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Cantorion Pontyclun
Purpose of organisation	A ladies choir promoting the enjoyment; study; understanding and performance of music in the local community. A registered charity.
Number of Participants / members	20
Number of Participants / members living in the Pontyclun Town Council area : Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talygarn, Miskin, Cefn yr Hendy, Groesfaen.	7
Age group of participants / members	Demographics now reflect a younger element to the choir with ages ranging from 30 to 70+

Your application

Why do you need a grant?	<p>The grant is to specifically to help fund the on-going cost of music and a small amount of marketing costs. New music is needed to change (and maintain the variety in) the repertoire and hence the enjoyment of the choir members and members of the local community.</p> <p>The positive financial outcome of activities to generate funds (mainly concerts) is, and will remain, uncertain.</p> <p>The clear intention is to make its offering attractive, to differentiate itself, emphasise its charitable status, and clearly advertise its planned light-hearted and diverse characteristics.</p>
What is the total cost of your requirements?	The budgeted cost for the current year 2024/25 is music £750, marketing/advertising £150.
How much are you asking the Town Council for?	£400
Who will benefit from this grant?	New music should result in a repertoire that maintains the interest and participation of members and non-members.
How will the grant support the achievement of the Town Council objectives?	The choir is very much a group which encourages the participation of residents, whether singing or listening. It actively participates in other community activities and feels it makes a contribution to the success of the efforts of others.

Pontyclun
Crime Report 01st April 2024/30th April 2024

Violence against the person – 8 accounts

Burglary – 1 account

Drugs – 0 accounts

Theft and Handling – 1 account

Damage – 0 accounts

ASB – 0 accounts

Robbery – 0 accounts

Miscellaneous – 1 account

If you haven't already signed up to our new South Wales Listens platform
Can you please take a look at SouthWalesListens.co.uk for a chance at your say on the issues
currently affecting the community and pass on to anyone else affected by issues they would
like to share with Police.

46 Calls were made to Police during this time period for Pontyclun.

PCSO 56717 Phelps Tel No. 07814 548949 Email: Samuel.phelps@south-wales.police.uk

Mae Heddlu De Cymru yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.
South Wales Police welcomes receiving correspondence in Welsh and English.
Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



Cyngor Tref Pontyclun Town Council

Update on Ivor Woods

Members will recall that part of the woods is closed off due to dangerous Ash trees.

Last year we installed fencing to close off approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the woods including the entrance from the football club direction and the path along the bottom of the woods.

In 2023 we also removed the trees along the footpath and Hollies which were deemed dangerous by our inspector (50 trees)

This year we have removed a further 90 Ash trees along the path and hollies meaning that there are now no Ash trees in these areas.

Following the works there is now significant amounts of tree tranches that need removing – mainly by chipping.

Members may also recall that we have also closed off the end section of the Riverside walk due to Ash Dieback as most of those trees are Ash.

The Clerk and caretakers now propose the following plan for tree works.

1. Arrange for an updated tree inspection in the autumn of 2024.
 - a. This will identify those trees are the most dangerous which we can plan to deal with first.
2. Deal with any dangerous tree identified in the following order.
 - a. In open section of Riverside walk and Hollies
 - b. Along fence line of footpath in Ivor woods (to protect walkers)
 - c. Along boundary of Riverside walk woods (to protect homeowners, drivers and river)
3. Remove tree branches which have been cut by chipping and leaving burnable size branches to be taken by residents.
4. Remove next tranche of Ash Trees between path from Hollies to bridge and the centre of the woods – so we can reopen this path.

Until we have the inspection completed, we do not know how many dangerous trees there will be for action but expect that we will have to deal with about 30-50 dangerous trees

We had talked about having a budget of £20k per year for trees and the cost of dealing with the dangerous trees and branches will probably use up the bulk of 2025-26 budget meaning the path down to the river will not open till summer 2026 unless we allocate additional funding in next year's budget.

Meanwhile we had our fencing damaged the other week. Someone came along the path by the football club and removed all the fencing and signage there. This left the woods open to the public via the bridge, and this is the area where no dangerous trees have been removed.

The fencing has been removed – possibly dumped in the river or taken. To do so would have required bolt cutters or similar (for the steel banding) and spanners to undo the bolts.

Our Caretakers spent over an hour and a half replacing with temporary fencing and if this becomes a regular thing, we will need to consider more permanent solution.

Cyngor Tref Pontyclun Town Council

Planning applications

We have been made aware of a planning application for 650 houses south of Creigiau.

This is not in our area, and we have not been consulted however will potentially have an impact on us.

More information can be found at Cardiff Planning application.

<https://www.cardiffidoxcloud.wales/publicaccess/> application number 19/02523/MJR

A summary can be found in this Wales Online article.

https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/vale-council-raises-concerns-plans-29269655#ICID=Android_WalesOnlineNewsApp_AppShare

It should be noted that RCT have not raised any concerns.

Whilst it may not be relevant or appropriate for us to comment about the design etc the following are potential issues for us

1. Construction traffic is likely to approach from Groesfaen causing issues there.
2. Once the estate is built there will be significant additional traffic going through Groesfaen and towards the M4. These are already areas where traffic is an issue, and the roads may not cope.
3. Children of primary school age living in Groesfaen attend Creigiau Primary. The additional children from this estate may well mean that the school has a shortage of spaces, and this could disadvantage the Groesfaen children. If they need to go to alternative schools in RCT then as Pontyclun Primary is pretty much full they may end up being diverted to Talbot Green (where the children from Cefn y Hendy will be sent too)

Action – does the Council wish to comment on this application.