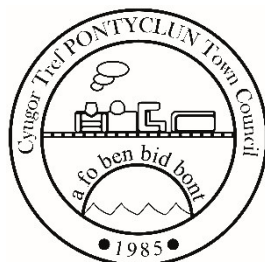


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Minutes

Minutes of the January monthly meeting of Pontyclun Town Council held at 7pm on Thursday 9th January 2025.

PTC Member attendance at public Council meetings											
Member name	2024										2025
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May Ed	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jan
Wayne Owen	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jordan Thorne	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rhys Williams	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Susan Owen	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jamie Daniel	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Amanda Sparks	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Paul Binning	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Carole Willis	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Sian Assiratti	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Gareth Summers	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
James Williams	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Present											
Gave Apologies											
Absent											

1. To receive apologies for absence
 - a. **Apologies received from Councillors Wayne Owen, Susan Owen, Amanda Sparks, Gareth Summers, Sian Assiratti and Jordan Thorne**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct
 - a. **Councillor Carole Willis declared a personal interest in Café 50 as she (and her husband) were regular diners there. Councillor Paul Binning declared an interest in Café 50 as he is a part owner in a local catering business.**
3. Public presentations to Council
 - a. **Two members of the Safe Roads Pontyclun group attended and presented to the Council on the groups various activities and what was happening with their Judicial review action.**
 - b. **The Council considered agenda item 11 at this time.**
 - c. **The Council agreed to give the group a grant of £1000 to support their group's road safety and environmental improvement initiatives. Funds were not to be spent supporting activities in connection with the judicial review of the Forest wood quarry planning application.**
4. To confirm minutes of the Council's meeting of 14th November 2024 are a true record and discuss minor matters arising from them.

- a. Minutes were confirmed as a true record.
 - b. Matters rising –
 - i. No further information received from RCT regarding proposed yellow lines to improve pedestrian safety in Pontyclun, however,
 - ii. RCT have now written to confirm that 16 sets of dropped curbs were being installed in Pontyclun to improve pedestrian safety.
 - iii. There is no information about any impacts this might have on parking.
 - iv. Councillor Paul Binning will contact RCT Highways/Traffic safety scheme to ensure that these dropped curbs will not cause a major reduction in parking options.
5. To consider report on Council Payments and finances
- a. The Council confirmed October payments and payment of invoices for Christmas lights and Office rent.
 - b. To consider pre-Internal audit actions – members confirmed proposed processes.
 - c. To receive Interim internal audit 2024-25
 - i. The Council accepted the internal audit report and noted the assurance given by the auditor.
 - ii. The 5 action points were noted and that 3 had already been completed and one more was progressing quickly. All will be complete in a timely manner.
6. To receive update on Community Events
- a. The Council noted the update and agreed.
 - i. Christmas events flyer to be produced again in 2025.
 - ii. That arrangements could be made in 2025 to invite local children to help select our Community Christmas trees.
 - iii. The suggested improvements to Christmas Tree lights switch on could be pursued together with a tractor parade.
 - iv. The date for the rescheduled Christmas fayre would be 1st March 2025 (see also Item 8)
 - b. The Council noted the weather issues and agreed that Officers should prepare a weather contingency for events ahead of the event.
 - c. The following improvements to our existing events were agreed.
 - i. To purchase some large Poppies to place on Lamp posts (or similar) in Miskin with a budget of up to £100
 - ii. The Council would be more proactive with groups receiving grants to get additional marshals from them.
 - iii. Food festival –
 1. Improvements to be self (or externally) funded.
 2. Councillor Paul Binning will discuss with local businesses about themed activities around the festival and “Goodie” bags for visitors.
 - iv. Christmas festival
 1. The Council supported a Christmas treasure hunt type event on basis it was grant funded or funded by local businesses.
 2. The Council agreed to apply for an RCT grant to support the Christmas fayre and in particular to
 - a. Fund children’s fairground rides.
 - b. Provide a park and ride service.
 - c. Fund the Santa Grotto
 - v. The Council agreed to arrange first aid training for Councillors and staff so that they would provide First aid cover for events.
 - vi. The Council deferred discussion regarding additional lamp post lights to next meeting
7. To receive report on Town improvements
- a. The Council noted the update and agreed proposed plan for tree works including spending up to £5k from CIL towards improvement in Ivor Woods such as replacement benches.
8. To receive report from Pontyclun 175 organising committee
- a. Members received a verbal update and agreed.
 - i. The Arts festival would run for March starting with St David’s day fayre and ending with a quiz on the w/end of 28 March.
 - ii. Councillor Jamie Daniel will prepare the quiz. Staff to arrange booking of the Community Centre

- iii. **Councillor Carole Willis has found someone willing to help with preparing the historic photo exhibition.**
 - iv. **The Council decided that the cost of large marquees was prohibitive and not value for money for the use they would get.**
 - v. **The Council delegated powers to Councillors Paul Binning and Jamie Daniel to prepare the process for and all related papers for our “Freedom of the Town” awards.**
9. To consider grant requests
 - a. **Llantrisant Netball**
 - i. **Grant of £200 agreed. Group to be asked to help support a community event.**
 - b. **Young at Heart Tuesday club**
 - i. **Grant of £100 agreed.**
 - c. **Both grants are under S19 Local Government act (Misc provisions) 1976**
10. To consider Arrangements for Cafe50 in 2025 and beyond
 - a. **Members noted the report and confirmed that the Council were willing to be a flexible as possible regarding support.**
 - b. **Members noted that the fridge in the kitchen had broken down beyond repair and until a replacement was sourced no lunches would be served.**
 - c. **Decision on funding for 2025-26 was deferred to next meeting.**
11. To discuss request from Safe Road Pontyclun to support campaign for a judicial review
 - a. **Discussed under public presentations.**
12. To consider and set Budget and precept for 2025-26.
 - a. **Due to an opportunity having arisen to purchase land between Pontyclun and Miskin the Council agreed to defer this discussion for 2 weeks to a special meeting to discuss Budget and Community Infrastructure Levy spending.**
13. To consider preplanning application for data centre in Mwyndy
 - a. **The Council noted the proposal and agreed to respond on basis that we noted the proposals but would reserve comments until the specific planning proposals were in place. The Clerk was also instructed to remind the applicant that the road from which they propose to access the site was the main walking route from Cefn y Hendy to Talbot Green for children attending school there and that suitable measures should be in place to maintain pedestrian access and safety.**
14. To consider updated proposals for new Senedd Constituencies
 - a. **The Council noted the revised proposals and were generally in agreement with change to our Senedd constituency.**
 - b. **The Council confirmed its intention to requests Tyla Garw is moved to join the rest of Pontyclun at next review.**
 - c. **Councillor Willis noted that 4 of the Senedd constituencies would have English names (as well as Welsh names) and not all just Welsh as in supporting papers for meeting.**

This is a true copy of the minutes of the January 2025 meeting of Pontyclun Town Council. A signed copy can be viewed at the Council offices.