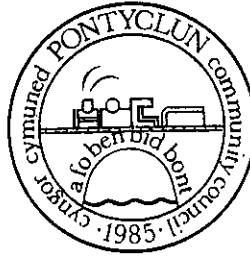


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 May, 1996

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Mr T J Burton,  
 Mrs V A Cale, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood,  
 Mrs M M Griffiths, Mr G M Moir, and Mr R G Norman (Chairperson)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Mr M Rea

2. **Report of the retiring Chairperson**

The retiring Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reminded Members that 1995/96 had been his second successive term of office. There was little doubt that 1995/96 had been a more difficult year to Chair. There were those Members who, from time to time, had not been prepared to support his rulings. Nevertheless, he had always approached his chairmanship with an open mind and had always sought to act fairly and in the interests of the Community.

Councillor Bendle was particularly grateful to the Community Council for its unanimous vote of confidence during the year when his actions had been questioned after he had removed his son from the influence of teenagers engaged in drug taking and under age consumption of alcohol.

During 1995/96 it had been Councillor Bendle's privilege, together with his wife, to represent the Community Council at numerous functions and raise the level of awareness of the work of the Council. There remained one further function where Councillor Bendle hoped he could represent the Community Council. He intended liaising with the incoming Chairperson on the matter.

Councillor R G Norman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairperson for the enthusiasm and dignity he had brought to the office of Chairperson

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during his two consecutive years in the Chair. Councillor Norman agreed that 1995/96 had been a difficult year to Chair but Councillor Bendle had approached his duties in a professional way and had always ensured fairplay.

3. **Election of Chairperson for 1996/97**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor R G Norman be elected Chairperson for 1996/97

4. **Election of Vice Chairperson**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths be elected Vice Chairperson for 1996/97.

5. **Chairperson's Allowance for 1996/97**

(The Chairperson declared his interest in the matter, vacated the Chair, and left the Chamber. The Vice Chairperson occupied the Chair. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972)

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairperson's Allowance for 1996/97 be kept at the rate for 1995/96, that is, £612.00

6. **Appointment of Members and representatives**

**RESOLVED:** That the following appointments be made:

(a) **Finance Committee**

The Chairperson together with Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, R O Edwards and G M Moir

(b) **County Borough Council's/ Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee - if appropriate**

In the event that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council decides to establish a Joint Liaison Committee the Council be represented on that Committee by Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths and the Clerk

(c) **Straying Animals Working Party - if appropriate**

In the event that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council decides to establish a Straying Animals Working Party the Council be represented on that Committee by the Chairperson

(d) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils -  
East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee**

That the Council be represented on the Committee by  
Councillor J G Davies and the Clerk

(e) **Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee**

That the Council be represented on the Committee by  
Councillors T J Burton and G M Moir. In the event of either  
Member being unable to attend a meeting, Councillor M Rea be  
nominated as a substitute representative.

(f) **Age Concern - Pontypridd and District**

That the Council be represented on the Committee by  
Councillors T J Burton and R O Edwards.

(g) **Purolite Joint Liaison Committee - if appropriate**

That in the event of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough  
Council establishing a Purolite Joint Liaison Committee, the  
Council be represented by Councillor T J Burton. In the event  
that Councillor Burton is unable to attend a meeting the  
substitute Member be Councillor M Rea.

(h) **Purolite Standing Conference**

That the Council be represented by Councillor  
Mrs M M Griffiths

(i) **Rhondda/Cynon/ Taff Police/  
Community Consultative Group**

That the Council be represented on the Police/Community  
Consultative Group by Councillor T J Burton.

(j) **Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant**

That the Council be represented during the appropriate period  
on the Governing Body by Councillor R O Edwards.

7. **Calendar of meetings for 1996/97**

**RESOLVED:** That the calendar of meetings for 1996/97 be approved subject to the meeting provisionally scheduled for 1 January, 1997, being re-arranged to another date.

8. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairman's business.

9. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 April, 1996**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 April, 1996 be approved as an accurate record.

10. **Matters arising**

(a) **Removal of kissing gates - Footpath No 308 - Miskin**

The Council considered the information contained in Appendices 3 to 9 about the diversion of Public Right of Way, Footpath No 308 in Miskin. It was clear from the correspondence that the Footpath, which formerly ran from School Road, Miskin, in a westerly direction to Bute Road, had been legally diverted. The kissing gates at both ends of the Footpath's former route were redundant.

A discussion took place on the most suitable way of dealing with the redundant kissing gates. The Council discussed the possibility of allowing the kissing gates to be incorporated into the new adjacent church development, as suggested by the architects, and also, the possibility of re-siting the gates at a location near Merthyr Street, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a view to the kissing gates being stored at the Talbot Green Depot until such time as a requirement was identified for them within the Community of Pontyclun.

(b) **Proposed cooption of County Borough Councillor Jonathan V Huish on to the Pontyclun Community Council**

The Clerk reported that he had made investigations into the

possibility of coopting Councillor Huish on to the Community Council. The Clerk had studied the provisions on cooption contained in local government legislation and had sought confirmation of his findings with the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

It had been established that where there were no vacancies on the Council, cooption could only be used to coopt a person on to a committee, but not a finance committee. In the circumstances there were no powers to coopt a person directly on to the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the position be noted.

(c) **Storage of cars - Merthyr Street, Pontyclun**

The Council received a letter from Mrs Avril Osborne of Maelog Close, Pontyclun, referring to the storage of cars on land in Merthyr Street, Pontyclun. Mrs Osborne wished the Council to know that she had not been responsible for making any complaints about the vehicles.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

11. **Request for the installation of footway lighting in the lanes to the rear of Palalwyf Avenue, Cerdin Avenue and Derwen Road, Pontyclun**

The Community Council discussed a letter from Mr Keith Russell of 6 Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, requesting the Community Council to consider again the installation of footpath lighting in the lanes at the rear of Palalwyf Avenue, Derwen Road and Cerdin Avenue. Mr Russell stated in his letter that the many residents had been disappointed to learn that the Community Council was unable to carry out the work in 1995/96. Mr Russell hoped that the Council would be able to carry out the installation in 1996/97.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk refer the request to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council as Highway Authority with a suggestion that if the County Borough felt able to proceed with a scheme, the Community Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the work. Additionally, in the event of the project proceeding, the County Borough be strongly urged to consult residents of the streets affected.

12. **Discontinuation of chemists' Sunday rota service**

The Council received a letter from the Mid Glamorgan Family Health Service in response to the Community Council's representations against the proposals to discontinue the Sunday rota for chemists' opening in Pontyclun.

The Council was disappointed to learn that, despite its representations, the Mid Glamorgan Family Health Service intended proceeding with the discontinuation of the Sunday rota service in Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

13. **Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 29 March, 12, 19 and 26 March, 1996**

(a) **Application No. 96/0175/10**

**RESOLVED:** That the application be opposed on the grounds that the applicant appeared to be attempting to circumvent planning legislation.

(b) **Application No. 96/0189/13**

**RESOLVED:** That the application be opposed since the proposed development lay within the safeguarding zone of the Hendy Quarry, Miskin.

14. **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 12 to the Agenda.

15. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Public Meeting in Miskin**

Councillor Gordon Moir referred to a public meeting which was held in Miskin on 18 April, 1996, to discuss problems associated with the construction of the new roundabout adjacent to the new Church in School Road.

Councillor Moir had not been in a position to attend the meeting but wished the Council to know that subsequently he had received a number of telephone calls from annoyed residents who had complained about the way the meeting had been conducted. Councillor Moir had been told that the meeting had

taken the form of a party political address and most of the forthcoming suggestions were those which had already been proposed by local councillors. It appeared to Councillor Moir that those responsible for calling the meeting were attempting to unfairly claim credit for work undertaken by other councillors.

The one suggestion which came out of the meeting, and which Councillor Moir was happy to disassociate himself from, was the proposal for a permanent weight restriction on part of the highway in Miskin. If this proposal was accepted it would effectively deprive the residents of Miskin of a public transport service. The proposal had not been fully thought through.

Councillor Norman added that he, too, had received calls of complaint following the meeting.

The report was noted.

(b) **Roadworks in Heol Miskin**

Councillor Cyril Bendle referred to his earlier reports to the Council about roadworks in Heol Miskin following subsidence. In the last few days Councillor Bendle had noted that the Highway Authority was again carrying out work in Heol Miskin. Councillor Bendle hoped that the work which had lately been required Heol Miskin was not the result of subsidence connected with the new residential development on Cefn-yr-Hendy.

The report was noted.

(c) **Provision of Out of Hours/  
Emergency General Practice Services**

Councillor Cyril Bendle referred to the Council's discussion at an earlier meeting about the changes which had been introduced for out of hours and emergency general practice services. Councillor Bendle was deeply sceptical that a more efficient service would result and quoted the example of elderly residents without transport who, rather than cause inconvenience to family or neighbours, would be tempted to delay their call for medical assistance until surgery hours.

Councillor Bendle was glad to be able to report that his

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scepticism was shared by residents of Rhymney who had recently featured on a television programme highlighting the difficulties faced in travelling to the nearest hospital. In Councillor Bendle's view the discontinuation of local out of hours/emergency general practice services was a retrograde step.

The report was noted.

(d) **Surfacing of back lane near Pontyclun Junior School**

Councillor Dick Edwards drew the Council's attention to the re-surfacing of the back lane adjacent to Pontyclun Primary School. The work had only recently been completed but already the tarmac was showing signs of deterioration.

In a discussion which subsequently took place it was established that the deteriorating tarmac was attributable to a quantity of diesel which had leaked. It appeared that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was aware of the situation.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Community Questionnaire**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths asked to be updated on the latest position on the Community Questionnaire.

Councillor Flood advised that the questionnaire was with him for printing and that he hoped to be in a position to print the questionnaire shortly.

The matter was noted.

(f) **Former school, School Road, Miskin**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths drew the Council's attention to the unsightly state of the former school in School Road, Miskin. Councillor Griffiths asked whether it would be possible for a letter to be sent to the owners of the premises asking for the property to be made more presentable.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk send a letter to the owner of the former school asking for the premises to be made more presentable.



(g) **Bollard in Lewis Street, Pontyclun**

Councillor Tudor Burton drew the Council's attention to a bollard in Lewis Street, Pontyclun, which had been knocked out of its original position and lay on the opposite side of the road. The bollard had been in its current position for a number of weeks and posed a hazard to the public.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk report the matter as a matter of urgency to the Highways, Transportation and Engineering Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

16. **Any other business of an urgent nature**

(a) **Dog fouling in the Community**

Councillor Mrs Ann Cale commented on the nuisance caused by dog fouling in the Community. Despite the efforts of the former Borough Council to encourage dog owners to take a more responsible attitude towards their dogs, overall there appeared to have been little or no improvement.

**RESOLVED:** That the subject of dog fouling be placed on the Community Council's next agenda.

(b) **Ivor Woods - Erection of greenhouse**

Councillor Graham Davies reported that a greenhouse had been erected to the rear of No 4 Ivor Park, Brynsadler, on land which was owned by the Pontyclun Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk investigate the claim and, if necessary, draw to the attention of the resident of No.4 Ivor Park that the greenhouse had been erected on land in the ownership of the Community Council, with a request that the greenhouse be removed.

(c) **Abandoned cars**

Councillor Mrs Ann Cale pointed out two abandoned cars in the Pontyclun. The first one was in the vicinity of School Street, registration B747 BKG, and the second located outside the Pagoda restaurant, Llantrisant Road, where the registration was C573 JOH.

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**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk bring the abandoned cars to the attention of the Director of Environmental Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(d) **Damaged fences**

Councillor Graham Davies advised the Council that the damaged fence panel alongside the Post Office in Pontyclun, where a temporary access to the westbound platform of the Pontyclun railway station had been created, had still to be repaired. Councillor Davies also advised that the damaged fence near to the Pontyclun Fire Station had not yet been repaired.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk again bring the damaged fences to the attention of Railtrack and the South Wales Fire Authority respectively.

(e) **Bottle Bank**

Councillor Graham Davies drew the Council's attention to the removal of the bottle bank from the car park at the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. It was unfortunate that the bottle bank had been removed without any notice or explanation.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Director of Environmental Services for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(f) **Grit bins**

Councillor Dick Edwards reminded Members of the discussion which had taken place at the last meeting of the Community Council and that Members had agreed to report back with sites in their wards which would be appropriate for the siting of a winter grit bin. Councillor Edwards asked that any Member who had identified suitable sites should pass the information direct to the Clerk.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Advertising hoarding - Cowbridge Road**

Councillor Tony Flood drew the Council's attention to a large

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advertising hoarding which had recently appeared on the gable end of No 47 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Councillor Flood was unclear whether planning consent was required for the erection but, if it was, he was unaware of the application having come before the Community Council for comment.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make enquiries about the matter with the Director of Planning for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

17. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.