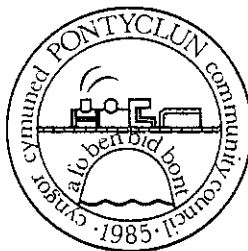


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 2 May, 1990.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Phil Blanche of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin and Mrs D Richards-Clarke. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle

2. Retiring Chairman's Report

The retiring Chairman, Councillor V P James, presented a summary of the Council's achievements during his term of office. Councillor James expressed his gratitude to everyone who had assisted him, and the Council, in improving the quality of life for Community residents during 1989/90.

A vote of thanks was extended to Councillor James by the Council for his hard work during his year of office.

3. Election of Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Community Councillor Mrs A Burton be the Council's Chairlady for the 1990/91 municipal year.

4. Election of Vice Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Community Councillor Professor I D Bowen be the Council's Vice Chairman for the 1990/91 municipal year.

5. Chairlady's Allowance

(Councillor Mr T J Burton declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

RESOLVED: That the Chairlady's Allowance for 1990/91 be fixed at £550.00

6. Appointment of members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

A. Burton

(a) Finance Committee

Councillors Mrs A Burton, Professor I D Bowen, Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

(b) District Council/community councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor Mrs I V Evans together with the Clerk

(c) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips, with Councillor Mr T J Burton acting as a substitute member in the event of Councillor Phillips being unable to attend a meeting.

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

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, together with Councillor Mrs I V Evans and the Clerk.

7. Calendar of Community Council meetings for 1990/91

RESOLVED: That the calendar of meetings for 1990/91, at Appendix 1 to the Agenda be approved.

8. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 April, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 April, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

9. Matters arising(a) Next edition of "CLUN"

A discussion took place about articles for inclusion in the next edition of the Community Council's magazine "CLUN". Councillor James agreed to produce a synopsis of achievements by the Council during his term of office as Chairman. Councillor Mrs O P Phillips volunteered to contribute an article on the sponsored walk in aid of kidney research. Professor Bowen reported that he had received promises of articles from a number of Community residents.

RESOLVED: That articles for inclusion in the next edition of "CLUN" be submitted to the Clerk as soon as possible with a view to publishing the magazine in late summer/early autumn.

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(b) Planning Application No. 56/0104/90

The Clerk reported that he had obtained additional details on the proposal to seek a change of use of a barn to a workshop at Talygarn Farm. The proposal involved the extraction of blood from animals. A lengthy discussion took place on the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the proposal would constitute industrial development in a rural area.
- (ii) there is inadequate sewerage provision to cater for the special disposal needs of the proposed activity.
- (iii) it is inappropriate to carry out blood experiments on animals in a residential area.
- (iv) there is inadequate access to the premises from the main Cowbridge to Talbot Green highway.

(c) Inaugural meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillors Bowen and Norman reported on their attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee. Members were optimistic that at last there was a vehicle to promote discussion between all affected parties. The success of the Committee would depend largely upon the commitment of members. A view was expressed that as the quarry appeared to have ended blasting at the eastern side, the residents of Miskin, living on the western side, would be better able to promote their case.

Councillor Norman reported that permission had been awarded to the quarry operators, Wimpey Hobbs, to instal an asphalt plant at the quarry. In the short term the plant would supply asphalt for the construction of the Talbot Green By Pass for the County Council. As permission for the installation of the asphalt plant had been granted by the County Council there was a suggestion that the County Council had a vested interest in awarding planning permission. Further enquiries were being made into the apparent conflict of interests of the County Council.

It was predicted that a certain amount of pollution would result from the installation of the asphalt plant. Councillor Norman intended monitoring the situation closely and involving the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council when necessary.

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Future meetings of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee would be held in the conference room at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre. Councillors Bowen and Norman promised to keep the Community Council fully informed of all developments.

The report was noted.

- (d) Access road to the Windsor Field and Pontyclun Rugby Football Club

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that remedial works had been carried out to the access road to the Windsor Field and the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club. The result was that the road was free of pot holes and had a first class surface. Benefits would be gained by users of the Windsor Field, the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club, pedestrians accessing the footpath along the Windsor Field, and users of the public car park at the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

- (e) Inspection of the Community Council's Tax and National Insurance records

The Clerk reported that the last inspection of the Council's tax and National Insurance records had taken place in 1986. The latest inspection, covering the period 1 April, 1986, to 31 March, 1990, had taken place on the evening of Tuesday 10 April, 1990. The inspector had expressed her satisfaction with the way in which the Council had made its returns to the Inland Revenue and maintained its records.

The report was noted.

10. Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 1990/91

The Council discussed the circular letter from the Welsh Office about the arrangements which applied for borrowing by community and town councils in 1990/91.

RESOLVED: That the circular be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

11. Meeting of the Association of Councillors, 7 April, 1990

- (a) Report by the Clerk

The Clerk reported that as Councillor V P James had been unable to attend the meeting, he had attended and represented the Council. The meeting had been addressed by Mr John Puzey, Director of Shelter Wales.

Mr Puzey spoke about the homeless situation in Wales and the need to maximise effort to minimise the plight of the homeless. Latest Government figures

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showed an alarming increase in the number of homelessness in Wales. Many questions were asked of Mr Puzey on rent arrears, debt advice, housing association activity, problems of rural areas, and the effects of the "right to buy" without local authorities being able to build new houses.

The report was noted.

(b) Department of Social Security notification on National Insurance liability

The Council noted with interest the ruling given by the Department of Social Security on liability to pay National Insurance contributions arising out of payments towards telephone costs by Councils.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk check with the Association of Councillors that their interpretation of the D.S.S's ruling accorded with that of the Community Council.

(c) Councillors' Allowances: Frontbench Activity

The Council noted statements on allowances paid to the members of County Councils and District Councils. There was general agreement that as all members of community councils acted in an unpaid capacity, they were more likely to be motivated out of genuine concern for their communities and residents.

The statements were noted.

12. Audit of Community Council's Accounts for 1989/90

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from the District Auditor that the annual audit of the Community Council's accounts would commence on Monday, 4 June, 1990. The Clerk confirmed that the statutory notices advising of the audit, and giving electors the opportunity to inspect the accounts prior to audit, had been placed in prominent positions in the Community.

The matter was noted.

13. Invitation to attend seminar on Children's Play in Wales

The Council received details of a seminar, due to take place on 26 May, 1990, on Children's Play in Wales. The Council was invited to be represented at the seminar.

RESOLVED: That the Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, together with Councillor Mr T J Burton, be authorised to attend the seminar on behalf of the Council and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

14. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 7 to the Agenda.

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15. Planning(a) Weekly Planning Notifications
for Weeks 13, 14, 15, 16+17

The Council discussed the applications for planning consent contained in Weekly Notifications 13,14,15 16+17.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Borough Council:-

Application No. 56/0313/90

That the Community Council convey its disquiet about the number of ad hoc extensions which had already received planning consent at the new estate. The Community Council is of the view that detailed planning permission becomes less meaningful when householders are able to secure planning consent for substantial alterations comparatively easily.

Applications No.s 56/0230/90 and 56/0231/90 -
Houses on land east of Talygam Drive

The Council noted that the developer, who had previously been awarded outline planning consent for the site, was now submitting an application for detailed planning consent. Several members spoke of the strong local opposition to the proposals and recalled that the Community Council, too, had opposed the application for outline planning consent at an early date.

RESOLVED: That the members of the Community Council who were also members of the Taff Ely Borough Council raise the matter again at the Borough Council Planning Committee

16. Reports from Members(a) Bailey bridge across the river Ely - Footpath No 346

Councillor James referred to the signs which had been erected on both sides of the bailey bridge and informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Borough Council which indicated that, as a temporary measure only, Footpath No 346 had been diverted. However, heavy lorries continued to use the bridge. The Clerk commented that he had not received any notification from the County Council about proposals to divert the footpath.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the County

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Council to establish whether a diversion order had been made and, if so, seeking an explanation for the failure to consult the Community Council.

- (ii) That a copy of the Community Council's letter be sent to the Tylagarw Action Group c/o Mr Owen Hopkins, Trecastell Farm, Llanharry.
- (iii) That the Clerk arrange a site meeting with representatives of the County Council.

(b) Purolite Factory, Talbot Green

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that he had attended a public meeting over concerns about emissions from the Purolite factory in Talbot Green. Monitoring of emissions would be carried out in a scientific way and with the involvement of employees. It was noted that steps had already been taken by Purolite to limit emissions from the plant.

The report was noted.

(c) Borough Council's New Leisure Services Officer

Councillor Norman reported that he had brought to the attention of the newly appointed Borough Council Chief Leisure Services Officer, Mrs Andrews, the needs of the Community of Pontyclun. In particular, he had drawn attention to the dilapidated condition of the village hall in Groesfaen. Councillor Norman was hopeful that the leisure and recreational needs of the Community would be allocated a higher priority under the new Chief Officer.

The report was noted.

(d) Borough Council owned garages at Brynamlwg, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that re-surfacing works, adjacent to the Borough Council owned garages in Brynamlwg, Pontyclun, was proceeding satisfactorily. He had made a request for the construction of "sleeping policemen" at the site and he was optimistic that his suggestion would be well received.

The report was noted.

(e) Resurfacing of lane, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman reported that he had made several representations about the condition of the lane in front of Llwynypennau Cottages in Groesfaen. An undertaking had been given to Councillor Norman that

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reinstatement work would be carried out after the installation of the gas supply had been completed. Gas installation work had been completed in January, 1990, yet reinstatement work had not been carried out. It appeared that the lack of any surface water drainage in the lane was aggravating the problem.

The report was noted.

(f) Litter collection

Councillors Norman and T J Burton reported problems over refuse and litter collection. It appeared that the Borough Council had recently declared a significant number of employees redundant and the consequence seemed to be that there were considerable labour shortages in providing efficient and punctual refuse and litter collection facilities. Representations had already been made to the Borough Council about the reduction in the level of service to Community residents.

The reports were noted.

(g) St. David's Walk for Life

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips reported that she, together with organisers from other community and town councils, had attended a reception at the City Hall, Cardiff. The reception had been arranged as a token of appreciation on behalf of the Kidney Research Unit Foundation for Wales for the hard work freely given by the many volunteers throughout Wales who had raised monies for kidney research. Councillor Phillips had been presented with a plaque to commemorate the achievement of the Community of Pontyclun in raising over £1500. The plaque was on view in the Pontyclun Library.

The report was noted.

(h) Age Concern

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips reported that work was proceeding satisfactorily with the installation of smoke detectors for certain senior citizens. Councillor Phillips reminded the Council that Age Concern was a voluntary organisation whose objective was to improve the quality of life for senior citizens. She hoped that the Council would look sympathetically at an application for grant aid later in the year. In the meantime, Councillor Phillips made an appeal for anyone who had the interests of the elderly at heart to join Age Concern.

The report was noted.

(i) Meeting of Governors - Pontyclun
Junior and Maesyfelin Infants' Schools

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported on her attendance

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at the meeting of governors which had taken place earlier that afternoon. Mrs Evans conveyed a sense of frustration at the schools that a certain amount of routine maintenance work was not being carried out because the items were not regarded as having sufficient priority in the competition for maintenance monies. In addition, £2,000 worth of equipment had recently been stolen from the schools.

The report was noted.

17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Highways

(i) Maintenance in the Cerdin Avenue, Llwynfen Road and Palalwyf Avenue areas

Councillor Professor Bowen informed the Council that following his representations to the County Council, several areas in Cerdin Avenue, Llwynfen Road and Palalwyf Avenue had been earmarked for maintenance.

The report was noted.

(ii) Councillor Professor Bowen reported that as a result of public concern over the disregard of parking restrictions between the Bute Arms and Barclays Bank in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, he had taken the matter up with the County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk also take the matter up with the police.

(b) Boundary fence at the Pontyclun Fire Station

Councillor Norman repeated his concern about the damaged boundary fence at the Pontyclun Fire Station. It was felt that there was a strong likelihood of an accident occurring while the fence remained unrepaired.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again pursue the matter with the Land and Buildings Department of the County Council.

(c) Premises for handyman

Councillor T J Burton referred to the efforts made by the Council to secure premises for its handyman. He drew the Council's attention to a vacant plot of land, believed to be in the ownership of the Borough Council, at the end of Merthyr Street, and believed that the site would be a suitable site for the Community Council's purpose.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make tentative enquiries

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about the ownership of the land with the Borough Council.

- (d) Infringement of parking restrictions-
Junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to the number of vehicle drivers who regularly parked their vehicles within the restricted area at the junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to the police.

- (e) Windsor Field - Riding of motorcycles

Councillor Norman reported that he had received complaints about motorcyclists using the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, as a cycling area. The practice posed a very real danger to conventional users of the Field.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to the police.

- (f) Appeal for financial assistance -
1st Miskin Mill Scout Group

The Clerk distributed a letter, received from the leader of the 1st Miskin Mill Scout Group requesting financial assistance towards the cost of sewer works at the Scouts' base in Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee.

18. Notices of Motion

The following notices were given for the Council's meeting on 6 June, 1990:-

- (a) To discuss the provision of litter bins in the Community (Councillor Norman)
- (b) To discuss the Maesyfelin playingfields (Councillor Norman)
- (c) To discuss the pollution of the rivers Clun and Ely (Councillor T J Burton)
- (d) To discuss the procedure for the making of Tree Preservation Orders (Councillor Kennard)

19. The meeting ended at 9.45p.m.

C. J. Burton