

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 4 May, 1988.

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

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor V P James

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford and P C Steve Keddle

1. Election of Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs O P Phillips be elected Chairperson of the Community Council for 1988/89.

2. Vote of thanks

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor Kennard for the invaluable contribution and stalwart service given by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor R G Norman, over the previous two years.

3. Election of Vice-Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor V P James be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Community Council for 1988/89.

4. Chairperson's Allowance

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's Allowance for 1988/89 be fixed at £500.00

5. Appointment of members and representatives to committees

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

(a) Finance Committee

The Chairperson together with Councillors T J Burton, V P James, R C Kennard and R G Norman.

(b) District Councils/Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee

The Chairperson together with Councillor R G Norman and the Clerk

(c) Straying Animals Working Party

The Chairperson

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

The Chairperson together with Councillors I V Evans, V P James and the Clerk

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(e) Other ad hoc committees

Membership to remain as originally determined by the Council

6. Schedule of Community Council meetings for 1988/89

RESOLVED: That the schedule of meetings given in Appendix 1 to the Agenda be approved.

7. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

8. Matters arising

(a) Post of Handyman

The Clerk reported that initial response to the advertisement for the vacant post of handyman had been disappointing. Following discussions with the Job Centre the vacancy had been more widely advertised and the number of applications had increased significantly.

The matter was noted.

(b) Report by the Council's representative on the meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils held on 8 March, 1988

The Clerk pointed out that the item had been deferred from the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1988, because Councillor Mrs I V Evans had been unable to attend that meeting. The Clerk reported that, after consultation with Councillor Evans, there was nothing further to report over and above the contents of the Area Secretary's letter which was considered by the Council at its meeting of 6 April.

(c) Dog fouling

(i) Local Authority Byelaws

The Clerk confirmed that provision existed in the byelaws of the Taff Ely Borough Council to prosecute persons in charge of dogs who allowed those dogs to foul the footway of any street or public place. Enquiries of the Borough Council had revealed that the byelaw had not been invoked very often possibly due to the wide defence which appeared to be available.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Current position of the Borough Council

It was reported by members of the Community

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Council who also sit on the Borough Council, that the Taff Ely Borough Council had agreed to the appointment of a Dog Warden and the establishment of a dog pound as a means of dealing with the problems caused by straying dogs.

The matter was noted.

9. Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks

The Clerk reported on his attendance at the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks held at Nottingham on 9 and 10 April, 1988, when the major items under discussion were:-

- (i) The likely effects of the Poll Tax
- (ii) The apparent discrepancies between different areas of the U K in the work of the Sports Council
- (iii) The joint initiative taken by the Society and the National Association of Local Councils in promoting formal training courses for clerks of local councils

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the reports on the Poll Tax and the work of the Sports Council be noted.
 - (ii) That any further proposals on formal training for clerks be the subject of a further report to the Council

10. Blasting at Hendy Quarry

Councillor Norman informed the Council that he had taken up the increasing concern of Miskin residents with the Borough Council and a local member of the Mid Glamorgan County Council. A joint meeting of representatives of the County Council, the Borough Council and the Community Council was planned for the near future. Councillor Norman also informed the Council that he had walked the public right of way bordering the quarry and had been alarmed to find rocks strewn over the footpath. It appeared that the rocks had come from the quarry.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk write to the quarry manager informing him of the presence of rocks on the footpath and of the potential dangers to members of the public using the right of way.
 - (ii) That the Clerk write to the County Council and the Taff Ely Borough Council requesting that at the proposed joint meeting a representative of the Health and Safety Executive be present.

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11. Proposal to erect bus shelter on the grass verge at the junction of Heol Miskin and Hendy Lane, Miskin

The Council noted that the Mid Glamorgan County Council were not prepared to give the Community Council permission to erect a bus shelter on the grass verge near the junction of Heol Miskin and Hendy Lane, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Mid Glamorgan County Council's views be sought on moving the existing bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, twenty yards towards Miskin.

12. Traffic and parking conditions in Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontypridd

The Council noted that the Mid Glamorgan County Council did not feel that there was any outstanding or particular problem at Merthyr Street which would support a recommendation that an "Access Only" order could be made. The Community Council also noted that there was no legal order available to the County Council to prevent vehicles reversing at the junction of Maelog Close and Merthyr Street.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council to find out if there was any possibility of the County Council erecting signs to warn motorists that there was no through road via Merthyr Street or Maelog Close.

13. Mid Glamorgan Health Authority - Sale of land at Talygarn

The Clerk advised the Council that following the Council's concern over the possibility of the rugby field at Talygarn being sold for building development he had written to the General Manager of the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority to obtain a definitive statement on the Health Authority's intentions. It was noted in the Health Authority's reply that it was the intention, in the long term, to apply for planning permission for residential development of the rugby field at Talygarn.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the Area Health Authority's letter be sent to the Chief Planning Officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council and to the Secretary of the South Wales Mineworkers.

14. Footpath No 300 - Groesfaen

The Clerk informed the Council that he had been approached by a resident of Y Parc, Groesfaen, who had complained that the route of Footpath No 300, which ran adjacent to his property, had been obstructed as a result of building development. The Clerk had told the complainant that the Community Council had been approached some months earlier by the Borough Council who had proposed a diversion of the footpath. Subsequent enquiries of the Borough Council had revealed that the diversion order for the footpath had still to be made.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council asking,

in the absence of a diversion order, for action to be taken to remove the obstruction on the existing route of Footpath No 300.

15. Public Address System at the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Council heard, with concern, that some of the parts of the public address system at the Centre were missing and that the system was inoperable.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council to establish whether the missing items were covered by insurance.

(ii) That a copy of the Clerk's letter be forwarded to the Secretary of the Management Committee of the Community Centre for his information.

16. Request for financial assistance

The Council considered a request for financial assistance from the Friends of Mid Glamorgan Youth Music".

RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the annual Council meeting dealing with the allocation of financial grants.

17. Payment of Creditors

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

18. Planning Notifications for Weeks 13&14 and 15&16

The applications in weekly notifications 13&14 and 15&16 were noted

RESOLVED: The the Community Council's disquiet be expressed to the Borough Council over application No 56/0243/88 in that the land had originally been earmarked for a community centre and the Borough Council were now seeking to obtain planning permission for residential development.

19. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Community Hall, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman informed the Council that he had made preliminary enquiries about the possibility of re-opening the Community Hall in Groesfaen. Councillor Norman emphasised that the Hall had been closed through lack of use by the public and, before the Borough Council would contemplate spending money on the Hall it would be necessary to have a positive indication from residents that they were prepared to support it. The Borough Council intended sounding out residents of Groesfaen on potential levels of support.

The matter was noted.

(b) New housing development at Ynysddu Farm

Councillor Mrs Burton reminded the Council that in recent years there had been a number of residential developments in the Community and that most had been given English names. It was to be hoped that the new housing development at Ynysddu Farm would have a balance of English and Welsh names.

RESOLVED: That, in the first instance, the Clerk pursue the matter with the developers.

(c) Land between Maelog Close, Pontyclun and the river Ely

Councillor Mr Burton drew the attention of the Council to the plot of land between Maelog Close, Pontyclun, and the river Ely. He was aware that the land was in the ownership of the Borough Council and that little or no effort was made to keep the land in a presentable condition. The result had been that the land had become a local dumping ground for rubbish.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council with a view to getting all rubbish cleared.

(d) Talygarn Tip

Several members spoke of their concern about the state of the former tip at Talygarn. It was understood that the tip operator had a duty, when tipping operations had ceased, to restore the land. It appeared that no restoration work had been carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

(e) Community Policeman

P C Guildford informed the Council that he was shortly to be transferred to duties in Pontypridd. His successor as Community Policeman would be P C Steve Keddle who would in future be attending Community Council meetings. P C Guildford thanked the Council for the courtesies extended to him during his time in the Community and was confident that P C Keddle could look forward to the same degree of cooperation with the Council as he had enjoyed over the years.

A vote of thanks was extended to P C Guildford for his work and interest in the Community.

20. Exclusion of the public and accredited representatives of the press

RESOLVED: That the public and accredited representatives of the press be excluded during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that disclosure of terms under consideration by the Council might prejudice their position in negotiations concerning land, property, goods or services.

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21. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

The Council noted the correspondence of 11 April, 1988, to Municipal Mutual Insurance Co Ltd.

22. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.

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