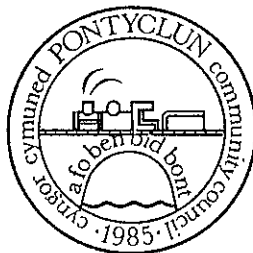


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 May, 1994

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson), Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith Mr V P James Mr G Moir Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Two members of the public for part of the meeting the meeting

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Mrs A Burton and P C Steve Keddle

2. Retiring Chairperson's Report

The retiring Chairperson, Councillor Eric Griffith, gave a verbal report on the achievements of the Community Council during his period of office. Of particular note, was the commencement of work on the replacement Community Centre in Pontyclun.

Councillor Delme Bowen congratulated Councillor Griffith on his term of office and thanked him for the expeditious way he had chaired Council meetings.

3. Election of Chairperson for 1994/95

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cyril G Bendle be appointed Chairperson of the Community Council for 1994/95.

4. Election of Vice-Chairperson for 1994/95

RESOLVED: That Councillor John R Dilworth be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Community Council for 1994/95.

5. Chairperson's Allowance

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the Council chamber.

RESOLVED: That the amount of the Chairperson's Allowance for 1994/95 be fixed at £600.00.

Cyril Bendle

6. Appointment of Members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:

(a) Finance Committee

The Chairperson together with Councillors Delme Bowen, Eric Griffith, Gordon Moir and Gordon Norman.

(b) Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor John Dilworth and the Clerk

(c) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor Tudor Burton

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

Councillor John Dilworth and the Clerk

(e) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillors Tudor Burton and Gordon Moir. In the event of either Member being unable to attend a meeting, Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips was nominated as a substitute representative.

(f) Age Concern - Taff Ely

Councillors Gordon Norman and Mrs Pam Phillips

(g) Purolite Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor John Dilworth

(h) Purolite Standing Conference

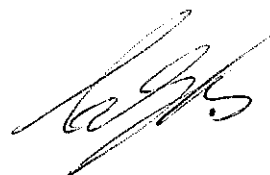
Councillor John Dilworth

7. Calendar of Meetings for 1994/95

RESOLVED: That the calendar of proposed meetings contained in Appendix No. 1 be approved.

8. Chairperson's business

There were no items of Chairperson's business



9. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1994 be approved as an accurate record subject to the references in Minute 2 to "undercharge for water consumption" being amended to read "alleged undercharge for water consumption"

10. Matters arising

(a) Alleged undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

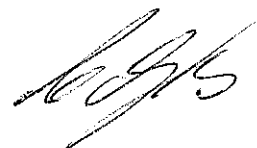
The Clerk referred to the dispute between the Community Council and Welsh Water over an alleged undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences. He reminded the Council that following a meeting at the site with a representative of Welsh Water on 14 March, 1994, it had been amicably agreed that the representative would make a presentation to the Council's meeting on 6 April, 1994, to explain how the alleged undercharge had arisen. On 31 March, 1994, the Clerk discovered that the representative of Welsh Water was on sick leave and was not expected to return to work by 6 April, 1994. A further check with Welsh Water prior to the Council's meeting of 4 May revealed that the representative had still not returned to duty. The Clerk advised the Council that he would contact Welsh Water to ascertain whether the representative would be available to make his presentation to the Council's meeting of 1 June, 1994. In the meantime the invoices from Welsh Water would be held in abeyance.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) Purolite Joint Liaison Committee

The Council discussed the letter of 25 April, 1994 from the Chief Fire Officer about the incident which occurred at the Purolite Plant in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, on 29 January, 1994. The Council was pleased to note the assurances of the Chief Fire Officer that, despite a power failure which had led to overheating of chemicals and some spillage from a reactor vessel, the incident had been well contained and had not presented a hazard outside the site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the existence of any emergency plans to cater for an incident which was not well contained.



(c) Medical examination of Community Council employee

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's Handyman, Mr Derek Tookey, had been examined by the County Council's Occupational Physician and had been certified to be suffering from permanent ill health. The ill health was not attributable to any injury or disease sustained in the course of Mr Tookey's employment.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk arrange to terminate Mr Tookey's employment on the grounds of permanent ill health.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the vacancy for a Handyman to be advertised.

(d) Reorganisation of local government - Proposed electoral arrangements - Community of Pontyclun

The Community Council considered the reply of the Welsh Office about the apparent anomaly in the proposals for the ward of Pontyclun to be allocated only one elected member to an unitary authority in the reorganisation of local government. The Council was pleased to note that its comments would be taken into account as the matter was progressed.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(e) Draft Agreement on the Maintenance of Rights of Way

The Community Council considered the draft agreement from the Mid Glamorgan County Council on the proposals for the Maintenance of Rights of Way which had been deferred from the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(f) Planning application No. 94/0127/#3

The Council considered the letter of 24 April, 1994, from Father Martin Reynolds expressing his disappointment that, at its previous meeting, the Community Council had not chosen to support the application of the Ely Valley Abbeyfield Society for planning permission to erect a ten person care home on land to the end of Stuart Street, Pontyclun.



It was pointed out that the Council had acted in good faith on the information which was available to it at its previous meeting. Furthermore, any decision on whether planning permission for the proposed development would be awarded would lie with the Taff Ely Borough Council, as planning authority, and not the Community Council.

As additional information had been placed before the Council which was not available when the Council last discussed the application, and the Borough Council had not yet determined the application, the Council resolved to allow Father Martin Reynolds to speak in support of the proposals.


Father Martin Reynolds spoke in detail of the proposals to create specially designed accommodation for the elderly, on a flat site, near local facilities, which would have the benefit of a resident housekeeper. He spoke of the importance of allowing the elderly their independence and, to this end, each unit of accommodation would have its own front door. The Ely Valley Abbeyfield Society had been searching for a suitable site for some considerable time and the site identified in Pontyclun was ideal.

RESOLVED: That in the light of the additional information now available to the Council minute No. 15 of the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1994, be rescinded and that the Clerk inform the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer that the Community Council no longer held any objections to the proposals for development by the Ely Valley Abbeyfield Society.

(g) Complaints of airborne pollution in Talygarn

The Council discussed further correspondence from Mrs O J Bufton of "Highwinds" Talygarn, about airborne pollution in the vicinity of her home. Mrs Bufton had forwarded for the Council's information a summary of the correspondence which had taken place with various public bodies together with a copy of a recent analysis on samples taken her garden from the School of Pure and Applied Biology of the University of Wales College in Cardiff.

RESOLVED: (i) That copies of Mrs Bufton's recent correspondence be forwarded to the Borough Council and to H M Inspectorate of Pollution.



(ii) That the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Professor Delme Bowen who had been instrumental in arranging for the analysis of samples from Mrs Bufton's garden.

(h) Centenary of the Local Government Act, 1894

Councillor John Dilworth reported that while he had received an enthusiastic response from the Headteacher of Pontyclun Primary School on the suggestion for an essay competition to mark the centenary of the Local Government Act, 1894, he had not received a reply from the Headteacher of Y Pant Comprehensive School, despite having sent a reminder to his original letter.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Headteacher of Y Pant Comprehensive School asking whether he would lend his support to the proposal to involve pupils of his School in an essay competition to mark the centenary of the 1894 Act.

11. Notice of Motion

The Council discussed a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Gordon Norman on the concerns of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade over access roads to the proposed new residential development at Cefn-yr Hendy.

Councillor Norman said that he was disturbed to find that a planning matter, which had been the subject of full public consultation at an early stage in the plans to build further houses at Cefn-yr-Hendy, was being raised after a number of years. The decision not to allow through access from the existing development to the new development had only been taken after consideration of all factors and the professional advice of the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer. Councillor Norman urged the Council to instruct the Clerk to write to the Borough Council opposing any plans to vary the existing planning consent.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council expressing the view that the Borough Council should resist any attempts to vary the terms of the outline planning consent to provide through vehicular access from the existing development to the new development.

(Note: Councillor Tudor Burton did not take part in the Council's deliberations and asked that minutes reflect his abstention)



12. Strategic Development Scheme - Bids for 1995/96

The Council discussed Circular No. 27/94 from the Welsh Office together with the Borough Council's letter of 11 April, 1994, about the provisions of the Strategic Development Scheme. It was noted that the Borough Council would begin preliminary discussions to consider schemes on 18 April, 1994.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council would not submit any of its own schemes for 1995/96.

(ii) That the Community Council contact the Borough Council with a view to that authority promoting a project under the Strategic Development Scheme for the improvement of access facilities for those industrialists occupying premises in the vicinity of the former Pontyclun Joinery.

13. Consultation Draft of the Taff Ely Local Plan 1992 - 2006

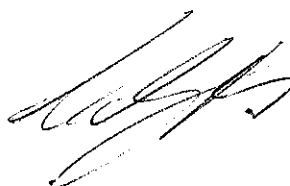
A copy of the Consultation Draft was distributed to each member of the Council. In the course of discussion it became apparent that the Borough Council intended to convene a series of public meetings to discuss the proposals contained in the Draft. It was also noted that the Borough Council intended mounting a mobile display which would be taken around the Borough. In the circumstances it was considered prudent to delay any comment on the Draft until such time that the public had been consulted about the proposals.

RESOLVED: (i) That detailed consideration of the Draft be deferred to the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994, to allow members time to receive feedback on the Borough Council's proposals from residents.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for a notice to be displayed in the Community Council's noticeboards drawing attention to the Draft Local Plan and reminding residents of the opportunity to make comments to influence the contents of the final document.

14. Proposal to divert Footpath No. 308 - Miskin

The Council discussed the proposals of the Taff Ely Borough Council to divert Footpath No 308 in Miskin. It was noted that the Borough Council believed that the Footpath lay within the of the Llantrisant Community Council area and that notification of the intention to divert the Footpath had been sent, initially, to the Llantrisant Community Council.



RESOLVED: (i) That as the Borough Council had failed to demonstrate any need for a diversion the application be opposed.

(ii) That the Borough Council be informed that Footpath No. 308 in Miskin lay within the boundary of the Pontyclun Community Council and not the Llantrisant Community Council. Furthermore, that any further notifications of the intention to divert Footpaths within the Community of Pontyclun be sent direct to the Clerk to the Pontyclun Community Council.

15. Relocation of the Environmental Services (Health) Department

The Council discussed the letter of 18 April, 1994, from the Chief Environmental Services Officer of the Borough Council advising of the phased relocation of staff working in the Environmental Services Department in School Street, Pontyclun, to offices at 11/11a Mill Street, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

16. Possibility of producing an official guide to the Community

The Council considered a letter from Newsline Publishing which offered the services of the company in the production of an official guide to the Community.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Council's 1995 Annual Meeting.

17. The Assembly of Welsh Counties - Road Casualty Working Group

The Council received the Annual Report of the Road Casualty Reduction Working Group for 1992/93. The report highlighted road safety initiatives current within the Principality.

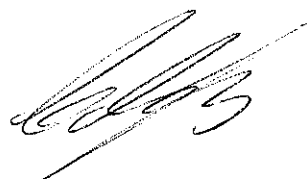
RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

18. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 1, 8, 15 and 22 April, 1994

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

Application No. 93/0900/10

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that the development is unsuited to a densely populated residential area. The Council believes that residents living in the vicinity of the workshop will



suffer a lack of amenity as the result of noise, dust and late night working. Additionally, there is an increased risk of fire since it is likely that flammable materials would be stored on the premises.

19. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 18 to the Agenda.

20. Reports from Members

(a) Sponsored Walk in aid of kidney research

Councillor Eric Griffith reported that he, together with his wife, had attended a reception at City Hall, Cardiff for the presentation of monies raised by community and town councils for the Kidney Research Unit Foundation in Wales. As the result of the 1994 sponsored walk in the Community and donations which had been received after the 1993 presentation, it had been possible to present a cheque for £820.00. Throughout Wales a sum in excess of £100,000.00 had been raised. Councillor Griffith extended his thanks to all those who has taken part in the sponsored walk.

The report was noted.

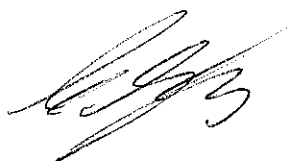
(b) Lay-by alterations

Councillor Delme Bowen referred to the alterations to the highway which were taking place at the junction of Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun and the access road to the Pontyclun Community Centre. The works had involved reducing the amount of lay-by space outside a commercial premises. Councillor Bowen was pleased to be able to report that following representations it had now been possible to gain additional lay-by space to compensate for the space which had been lost as a result of the access road improvement.

The report was noted.

(c) Mwyndy Industrial Estate - access road

Councillor Delme Bowen reminded the Council of the considerable opposition to the County Council's plans to construct a new access road to the Mwyndy Industrial Estate. While there was no doubt that an improved access



road was needed, few were convinced that the County Council had chosen the best route for the new road. Councillor Bowen was pleased to be able to report that as a result of intense pressure the County Council had agreed to examine alternative routes for improving access to the industrial estate.

(d) Recreation Hall - Y Pant Comprehensive School

Councillor Viv James reported that agreement had been reached between the Taff Ely Borough Council and the Mid Glamorgan County Council to build a recreation hall at Y Pant Comprehensive School. Use of the facility would be shared between the Comprehensive School and the general public.

The report was noted.

(e) Residential development - Maesyfelin, Pontyclun

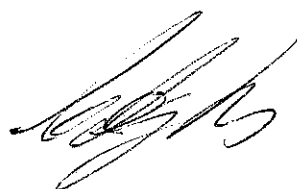
Councillor Viv James reported that as a result of a large number of complaints from Maesyfelin residents about mud being deposited on the roads on the Maesyfelin Estate, the Borough Council had taken enforcement action to ensure that the drivers of lorries accessing the new residential site washed the wheels of their vehicles before traversing the Estate roads.

The report was noted.

(f) Pontyclun Horticultural Show

Councillor Gordon Norman was disappointed to report that the annual Pontyclun Horticultural Show would not be held in 1994. It had originally been planned to hold the Show in the new Pontyclun Community Centre. However, it was now clear that the new Community Centre would not be completed in time. On making enquiries about the availability of the Institute and Athletic Club it had been discovered that the premises were unavailable because of a prior booking. The possibility of holding the Show at the Institute and Athletic Club on another date had been considered but it was found that available dates clashed with other local shows. Reluctantly, it had been decided that the Show would not be held in 1994. However, the Community Council Allotments Competition would be held as usual.

The report was noted.



(g) Property Act Conference - 16 April, 1994

Councillor John Dilworth reported on his attendance at a conference in Aberystwyth organised by Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg/Welsh Language Society and was in response to the housing crisis in Wales. Concern was twofold. In the rural areas of Wales problems centred around the break-up of Welsh speaking communities as the result of inward migration of keyworkers. In South Wales concern centred around the break-up of communities as a result of the run down of the coal industry.

The Society emphasised the need for a Property Act which made provision for:

1. Research and strategy
2. Housing for rent
3. Help for first-time buyers
4. Priority for local people
5. Planning for the community
6. Re-appraisal of planning permission

The Conference called upon local authorities in Wales to carry out research to establish the nature of the problems within their areas. It was envisaged that community councils could be involved in the exercise in addition to universities, voluntary organisations and private companies. Having established the type and level of need it would be possible to councils to plan a strategy for achieving the objectives.

Councillor Dilworth was of the view that while the aims and objectives of a Property Act were commendable he felt that there were practical restraints, such as existing planning consents and existing housing legislation, which would mitigate against the success of the proposed Act.

The report was noted.

(h) Special Meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - 26 April, 1994

Councillor John Dilworth reported on the Special Meeting of the Area Committee which had been convened to discuss reclamation schemes for contaminated land.

Mr David Griffiths of the Welsh Development Agency outlined the approach of the Agency to the reclamation of

contaminated land. He emphasised that the Agency applied the best practices in achieving quality assurance standards. By applying the best practices it was possible to gain the confidence of communities.

Mr Griffiths informed the meeting that there were four methods open to the WDA in dealing with contaminated sites, namely, containment, incineration, biological and chemical treatment, and casting the waste in concrete. Wherever the WDA had been involved in the reclamation of contaminated sites great care was taken to ensure that meticulous records were kept of the treatments employed on site.

Mr Paul Wright, Land Reclamation Officer of the Mid Glamorgan County Council gave a detailed account of the land reclamation which was taking place at Coed Ely, near Tonyrefail. He told the meeting that the amount of contaminated land present had been assessed in the region of 100,000 tons. After considerable discussion on the options available it had been decided that the containment method was the most suitable. Work was presently in hand to seal all the contaminated material in an envelope of high density polythene. The sealing process would be to a very high specification ensuring that there was no leachate from the site.

The presentations by Mr Griffiths and Mr Wright were followed by a question and answer session.

The report was noted.

(i) Taff Ely Police Liaison Committee

Councillor Tudor Burton reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Taff Ely Police Liaison Committee. He reported that there was a good attendance at the meeting and two new delegates had attended. It appeared that there was some difficulty in deciding the Committee's terms of reference but it was hoped that this matter would be resolved shortly.

The report was noted.

21. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Bethel Court, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Tudor Burton drew the Council's attention



to the fact that when detailed planning consent had been awarded for the building of flats at Bethel Court a condition had been included in the consent that the site should be landscaped. Councillor Burton pointed out that landscaping had yet to be carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to ask what steps would be taken to ensure that the developer complies with his responsibilities to landscape the site.

(b) Possibility of the closure of Llantrisant Magistrates' Court, Talbot Green

In response to a question from Councillor Eric Griffith, the Clerk gave a resume of the correspondence which had been entered into with the Clerk to the Magistrates Court in Bridgend in support of the local efforts to avoid the closure of the Llantrisant Magistrates' Court in Talbot Green.

The matter was noted.

(c) Replacement Community Centre, Pontyclun

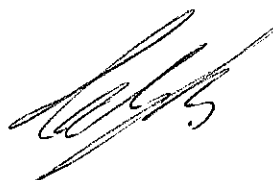
Councillor Eric Griffith commented on progress in building the replacement Community Centre. It appeared that access works had caused significantly more disruption than was foreseen by local residents and the latest problem appeared to be caused by an electricity supply pole which now had to be re-sited.

Councillor Gordon Norman responded and gave an outline of the problems the contractors had faced to date.

The matter was noted.

(d) Proposed asphalt plant - Gwaelod y Garth Quarry

Councillor Gordon Moir drew the Council's attention to the campaign being waged by residents of Gwaelod y Garth, Taffs Well, Pentyrch and Creigiau against the proposals of the local quarry operator to operate an asphalt plant. Councillor Moir referred to the objections the Community Council had made against the operation of an asphalt quarry in Miskin and suggested that the Community Council should send a letter of support to the opponents of the Gwaelod y Garth proposals.



RESOLVED: That the Clerk forward a letter of support to the secretary of the residents' group opposing the proposals.

(e) Vehicle break-ins

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that there had been a significant increase in the number of vehicles which had been broken into in the Community in the last few weeks. Councillor Norman understood that the police were doing everything within their power to apprehend the culprits but asked Members to urge residents to be as vigilant and careful as possible whenever they parked their vehicles.

The report was noted.

(f) Anti dog fouling campaign

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter from the Borough Council which had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's agenda. The letter referred to the new by laws the Borough Council were shortly to introduce to control dog fouling and outlined other measures the Borough Council intended taking to ensure effective control over dog fouling. The Community Council was asked to specify those areas of the Community which were badly affected by dog fouling.

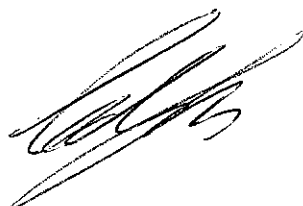
RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk notify the Borough Council that the following areas are particularly affected by dog fouling:

- (a) Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler
- (b) Palalwyf Avenue and the adjacent back lane in Pontyclun
- (c) Llantrisant Road, Groesfaen
- (d) All the local playing fields

(ii) That the Clerk make enquiries of the Borough Council to establish whether any designated areas were to be provided where dog fouling would be permissible.

(g) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

The Clerk reported that the Council had been invited to re-new its membership of the Campaign for the Protection



of Rural Wales. The Clerk sought the Council's instructions.

RESOLVED: That the Council's membership be re-newed.

22. The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

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