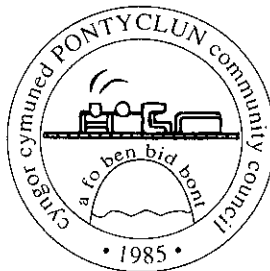


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 May, 1998

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood, Mrs M M Griffiths, Mr J V Huish (for part of meeting), Mr R G Norman and Mr M Rea

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle (for part of meeting) and one member of the public.

1. **Apology**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor T J Burton

2. **Report of the retiring Chairperson**

The retiring Chairperson, Councillor Merfyn Rea, reported that his year of Chairmanship had been an interesting experience and he had learnt a great deal about the work of the Council and the responsibilities which came with the office of Chairperson.

Councillor Rea commented that during in the last weeks of his Chairmanship he had been fortunate to attend a meeting of the Police Consultative Committee. The experience was very worthwhile since it afforded him an insight into some of the problems confronting the police on a daily basis. Those attending the meeting could not fail to be impressed by the professionalism displayed by the police.

Councillor Rea also drew attention to the serious road accident in which the Council's Vice Chairperson, Councillor Huish, and members of his family had recently been involved. Councillor Rea was pleased to be able to report that despite the severity of the accident everyone involved was now making good progress.

Councillor Rea extended his thanks to Members of the Council and the Clerk for their support during his period of office.

3. **Election of Chairperson for 1998/99**

RESOLVED: That Councillor J V Huish be elected Chairperson for 1998/99

4. **Election of Vice Chairperson for 1998/99**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mr T Flood be elected Vice Chairperson for 1998/99.

5. **Chairperson's Allowance for 1998/99**

(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 1998/99 be increased from £628.00 by an amount equal to the rate of inflation during the last year.

6. **Chair**

At this point the Chairperson, due to a prior commitment, left the meeting. The Chair was occupied by the Vice Chairperson.

7. **Appointment of Members and representatives to committees**

(a) **Finance Committee**

A discussion took place on the future of the Finance Committee. Some Members were of the view that the Committee should be abandoned and, in its place, a special Council meeting be called to discuss the matters in hand. Other Members were of the view that the Finance Committee should be kept in its existing format.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee be disbanded and that those matters traditionally referred to the Finance Committee for consideration be in future referred to a special meeting of the Council.

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

RESOLVED: That in the event of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council deciding to establish a Joint Liaison Committee the Council be represented on that Committee by Councillors Mrs M M Griffiths and R G Norman.

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

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented on the Committee by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and the Clerk but that for the Area Committee's meeting on 16 May, 1998, for which nominations had already been made, the Council be represented by Councillor M Rea and the Clerk.

(d) **Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented on the Committee by the Chairperson, Councillor J V Huish, and Councillor R G Norman. In the event of either Member being unable to attend a meeting, Councillor M Rea was nominated as a substitute Member

(e) **Proposed Forest Wood Quarry Liaison Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented on the proposed committee by Councillors Mrs M M Griffiths and R G Norman. In the event of either Member being unable to attend a meeting, Councillor Edwards nominated as a substitute Member.

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

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented by Councillors J G Davies and R O Edwards

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

RESOLVED: 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 Flood. In the event of Councillor Flood being unable to attend, Councillor Rea was nominated as a substitute Member.

(h) **Purolite Standing Conference**

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented by Councillor T Flood. In the event of Councillor Flood being unable to attend, Councillor Rea was nominated as a substitute Member.

(i) **Taff Ely Police
Community Consultative Group**

That the Council be represented on the Police/Community Consultative Group by Councillor M Rea. In the event of Councillor Rea being unable to attend, Councillor Burton was nominated as a substitute Member.

8. **Calendar of meetings for 1998/99**

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the calendar of meetings for 1998/99 be approved.
- (ii) That the starting times of Council meetings be reaffirmed as 7.00 p.m.

9. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairperson's business.

10. **Police matters**

(a) **Storage at the police office, Pontyclun Community Centre**

P C Keddle referred to the recent report at a Community Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That as the Community Centre was in the ownership of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County 2 Borough Council the question of storage in the police office be best dealt with by discussion between the police and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(b) **Parking in Palalwyf Avenue**

P C Keddle advised that reports were still being received about parking problems in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. P C Keddle was hopeful of arranging a change of shift in order that he could personally become involved and resolve some of the outstanding issues.

(c) **Take away restaurants in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle advised that the police had recently written to the proprietors of take away restaurants in Pontyclun where there had been incidents of anti social behaviour outside their premises, requesting that they close their premises by 11.00 p.m. each evening. There had been little positive response from the proprietors to date.

(d) **Parking in the vicinity of Tir Afon Court, Pontyclun**

Councillor Griffiths drew P C Keddle's attention to the unsafe practices of a number of drivers who parked their vehicles overnight in the vicinity of Tir Afon Court, Pontyclun. There were regular instances of vehicles being parked on pavements in a dangerous manner. P C Keddle agreed that the matter would be investigated.

(e) **Vandalism to cars. Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman advised P C Keddle of a recent incident in Lon yr Awel during the early hours when the paintwork of cars parked outside No.s 30, 28, 26 and 24 was deliberately scratched by youths. He understood that the youths involved were in the age group 10 to 14 years.

(f) **Anti social behaviour**

Councillor Flood drew P C Keddle's attention to the success of recent policing policies outside licensed premises in Pontyclun but pointed out that the anti social behaviour seemed to be transferring from the middle of the village to the fringes of the village. Councillor Flood asked that the interests of residents living on the fringes of Pontyclun be given the same level of police attention as those living in the centre of the village.

(g) **Speeding vehicles in Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards referred to the constant problem of speeding vehicles in Pontyclun and, while police speed traps offered some temporary respite, the problems soon recurred. Councillor Edwards quoted an incident he had observed earlier that day when a convoy of 6 heavily laden lorries were seen to be speeding through the village.

Councillor Davies supported Councillor Edwards and suggested that a long term solution to the problem of speeding vehicles approaching Pontyclun from Brynsadler could lie in the construction of a mini roundabout at the junction of the A4222 with Park Crescent, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Council's next meeting.

(h) **C. C. T. V.**

Councillor Rea referred to the last meeting of the police consultative committee in Pontyclun and he had been surprised to find that fibre optics were not necessary for a C C T V system in Pontyclun. There were alternative systems to fibre optics and they could be purchased for a reasonable sum. Initial costings showed that equipment for a system could be purchased for around £10,000 although the cost of labour would be in addition. There was also the possibility of collaborating with the system which was intended to be installed in Talbot Green. Councillor Rea intended having further discussion on the subject with Chief Inspector Dominguez.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Council.

11. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 1 April, 1998**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 1 April, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

12. **Matters arising**

(a) **Application for an off licence, Hendy Stores, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Burton, who had attended

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the hearing at the Magistrates' Court on behalf of the Community Council, had been successful in getting the application refused. However, the applicant had subsequently lodged an appeal against the decision in the Crown Court. Details of the appeal were awaited.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy**

The Council received the letter of the Borough Council dated 23 April, 1998, in which it was stated that on the day of inspection no vehicles were found to be obstructing the pavements in the vicinity of the Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy. However, a skip at the premises was found to be causing an obstruction and instructions had been given for it to be moved.

Members were sceptical of the findings and pointed to the way in which the proprietor of the garage had deliberately parked vehicles for sale on an inclined embankment, not in his ownership, adjacent to the very busy A4119. The encroachment was so blatant that cars accessing the embankment were now being driven over the footway parallel to the A4119.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council drawing attention to the dangerous practice of the proprietor in parking vehicles on the inclined embankment parallel with the A4119. The Community Council would have no hesitation in supporting a claim against the proprietor of the garage and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for negligence in the event of any accident.

(c) **Proposed Footpaths Leaflet**

The Clerk advised the Council that due to commitments of Members it had been necessary to cancel the circular walk which had been arranged for a recent Saturday morning.

Councillor Edwards reminded the Council that a resident on the Maesyfelin Estate, Mr Graham Woosnam, who was an active walker, and who would be prepared to assist the Council in its

plans to publicise local walks. Mr Woosnam also had experience in accessing funds in connection with footpaths.

RESOLVED: (i) That the circular walk of footpaths be re-scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, 13 May, 1998.

(ii) That the Clerk contact Mr Woosnam and extend an invitation to him to assist the Community Council in its plans for a public awareness campaign for local footpaths.

(d) **Proposed hard surface play area**

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a view to acting in conjunction with officers of the Leisure Services Department to identify a suitable site in the Community for a hard surface play area. A reply was awaited from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Planning matters**

The Clerk reported that there were two planning matters arising from the Council's meeting of 1 April, 1998.

The first concerned a site meeting to the Miskin Manor Hotel to view the polytunnels for which planning consent had been sought. Councillors Davies and Rea, together with the Clerk, viewed the polytunnels on the evening of 5 May, 1998. They formed the view that it would be difficult to object to the application for consent.

The second matter involved the site for the construction of a detached dwelling in Groesfaen. The Clerk provided Councillor Rea with a plan of the proposed site.

The matters were noted.

(f) **Proposed diversion of Footpaths No.s 323 and 333**

The Clerk reported that he had followed up the proposals for the diversion of Footpaths 323 and 333 with the Rhondda

Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

In response to the Council's suggestion for the placement of a kissing gate on Footpath No 323 the officer handling the matter for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had suggested that Groundwork Merthyr Rhondda Cynon Taff be approached to ascertain whether they would be prepared to assist the Community Council in carrying out the work.

The Clerk had written to Groundwork Merthyr Rhondda Cynon Taff but had not yet received a response.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Community Council meeting.

(g) **Wheelchair access to shops in Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of 13 April, 1998, from Mr Brian Wilson of the Pontyclun Post Office and noted that the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade was in a state of "limbo"

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to each shopkeeper in Pontyclun asking that particular attention be given to the needs of the disabled to access shops and, where possible, shopkeepers look sympathetically at the need to widen access to their shops to accommodate the needs of the disabled in wheelchairs.

13. **Community Skip Placement Service**

The Clerk reported that in response to the Community Council's complaints at the lack of consultation over the apparent withdrawal of the Community Skip Placement Service, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had forwarded a copy of a report which had been submitted to a meeting of the Highways, Transportation and Engineering Services Committee on 21 April, 1998.

The report to Committee had recommended the introduction of a revised Community Refuse Scheme, involving the placement of skips, on Saturdays and Sundays. It was understood that the revised scheme was approved at the Committee meeting on 21 April, 1998, although nothing had been heard officially from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That further details of the revised scheme be awaited from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

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Pontypridd Housing Association/ Rhondda Housing Association
Possible appointment of community/ youth worker

Councillor Griffiths outlined the background which had led the Pontypridd and Rhondda Housing Associations exploring the feasibility of an appointment of a community worker to aid the integration of tenants into the Community. Councillor Griffiths pointed out that while the Associations were thinking in term of a possible part time employee this left the further possibility of making the appointment a full time post with the additional time being utilised in developing provision for the youth of the Community. The Community Council might decide to make a contribution towards funding the post.

A discussion followed and there were mixed views on the proposal. Uppermost in some Members minds was the experience with the appointment of the last youth community worker when funding for the post was terminated at short notice and the good work that had been achieved was lost.

RESOLVED: That the Council take no action in the matter until such time as a formal approach is received from either of the Associations.

15. **District Auditor's Report on the Audit of the**
Community Council's Accounts for 1996/97

The Council discussed the letter of 24 March, 1998, from the District Auditor following the annual audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1996/97.

The Clerk pointed out that the District Auditor's letter and enclosures were received on 28 March, 1998, two days after the agendas for the Community Council's April meeting had been despatched. Consequently the letter and enclosures had been reported to the May meeting of the Community Council.

The Clerk gave his comments on the notes contained in page 3 of the District Auditor's letter.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

16. **Matters arising from the last edition of "Bro"**

RESOLVED: That this item of business be deferred to the Council's June monthly meeting.

17. **Highways matters**

(a) **Heavy goods vehicles in Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering in which he stated that consultants had been commissioned to prepare a new signing scheme for Pontyclun and that it would be implemented as soon as finance from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Capital Programme had been agreed.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) **Pavement in Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun**

The Council received the response of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to complaints about the state of the pavement in Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun.

It was understood from the letter that unless the condition of the pavement warranted emergency work being carried out no work would be carried out on any pavements which were merely in need of repair. Councillor Norman protested at the "emergency repairs only" rule which Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council appeared to be following since the pavements in question in Lon yr Awel had been in need of maintenance for many years.

Councillor Norman was supported by Councillor Edwards who reminded the Council that he had been complaining about the state of pavements on the Maesyfelin Estate ever since his election to the Community Council

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council requesting site meetings to discuss the conditions of pavements in Lon yr Awel and Maesyfelin.

(c) **Cleansing matters in the Community**

The Council discussed the letter of 15 April, 1998 from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(d) **Pontyclun Station/ Station Terrace**

The Council received a copy of a reply from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering to Mr L H Bailey, 4 Station Terrace, Pontyclun about his concerns over traffic using Station Terrace to access the adjacent industrial estate. It was noted from the letter that Mr Bailey had been informed that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had been successful in obtaining grant assistance for the completion of the westbound access to Pontyclun railway Station and that it was anticipated that work on site would commence in October, 1998, and be completed in January, 1999.

Following Mr Bailey's receipt of the letter from Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council he had written back to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering seeking clarification on a number of issues in connection with Station Terrace. A copy of Mr Bailey's latest letter to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was provided for the information of Members.

RESOLVED: That in the event of Mr Bailey experiencing difficulty in obtaining clarification on the points raised the Community Council lend its weight to the request.

(e) **Safety considerations, Y Pant School, Pontyclun**

The Council received a letter from Mr Andrew Hopkins, Chairperson of Y Pant Parents' Association in which he drew attention to a number of potential highway hazards to pupils accessing Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun. The letter was one of a number of letters which had been circulated to a variety of local public bodies.

RESOLVED: That as all the matters referred to by Mr Hopkins are those over which the Highway Authority has control a copy of Mr Hopkins's letter be forwarded to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

18. **Erosion of the river banks in Pontyclun**

RESOLVED: That as this item was included on the agenda at the request of Councillor Burton, and Councillor Burton was not present at

the meeting, the matter be placed on the agenda for the Community Council's June meeting.

19. **Millenium Festival and the National Lotteries Charities Board**

The Council received preliminary information on grants for the Millenium Festival and information on seminars being held to give guidance on how to make an effective application to the National Lottery Charities Board for funding.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk obtain an information pack in connection with the Millenium Festival.
- (ii) That Councillor Norman be nominated to attend the evening seminar in Pontypridd at 7.00 p.m. on 3 June, 1998, for the purpose of obtaining information on applications to the National Lotteries Charities Board.
- (iii) That Councillor Norman's attendance at (ii) above be designated an official duty.

20. **Advertising Hoarding, Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of 6 April, 1998, in which the Area Liability Manager for Railtrack stated that while he would arrange for another inspection of the overgrowth in the vicinity of the hoarding he saw little benefit from attending a meeting with the Community Council to discuss the removal of the advertising hoarding.

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the specific nature of the reply from Railtrack. The reply made no mention of an earlier complaint to Railtrack about the need for structural repairs to the timber in the hoarding. The Community Council's concern that the structure might be blown down by the wind had also been made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That both Railtrack and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be informed that in the event of the hoarding falling down and causing injury the Community Council would have no hesitation making public that the need for repair to the hoarding had been brought to the attention of Railtrack and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on a number of occasions.

21. **Request for a letterbox in the vicinity of Rhyd y Nant/ Fairview Close/Llwynfen Road**

The Council was disappointed to note that the Customer Services Centre of Royal Mail was of the view that, following a survey of postal facilities in the area, the provision of postboxes in the area was adequate and well within the nationally laid down guidelines.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

22. **Request for financial assistance**

The Council considered a request from Mrs Janis F Jones, Playscheme Coordinator, for financial assistance to establish a Playscheme for 5 to 11 year old children in the Community during August, 1998.

Mrs Jones also asked if the Community Council would consider making the financial support of a Pontyclun playscheme as a long term project.

RESOLVED: (i) That a grant of £500.00 be made towards supporting the Playscheme in 1998.

(ii) That the Community Council agree to making an annual contribution towards the cost of providing playschemes in the Community.

23. **Ofwat - Periodic Review of Price Limits**

The Council received information on the periodic review of price limits for water and sewerage services in England and Wales.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

24. **Applications for Transfer of Justices' Licences**

The Council received information on the applications for the Transfer of Justices Licences at the Miskin Manor Hotel, Miskin, and The Barn, Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: That the applications be noted.

25. **Planning**

(a) **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 3, 10, 17, 24 April and 1 May, 1998**

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council:

The Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (a) access to the proposed development is inadequate
- (b) the proposed development is outside the Local Plan
- (c) the proposed development represents an unwelcome form of back street development
- (d) if the application was approved it would set a precedent for similar unwelcome back street residential development.

(b) **Application for consent for landfill in Pontyclun**

The Council discussed further details provided by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on the application for consent for landfilling, contouring and profiling to facilitate provision of extended recreation grounds on land off Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

The Director of Planning stated that he had received the Community Council's objections to the proposals contained in the letter dated 1 July, 1997, but that the application had not yet been determined.

The Director of Planning further stated that he had received an amended submission from the applicant's (new) agent which were enclosed for the Community Council's comments.

The Clerk advised the Council that in the days preceding the Community Council's meeting he had received a number of calls from worried residents about the resurrected proposals and had received a letter from the Pontyclun Labour Party, which he read out, urging the Community Council to convene a public meeting to discuss the applicant's proposals.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which a resident of Pontyclun, Mrs Martha Edwards, expressed her grave concern at the proposals since it was well known that the Windsor Field had been a dumping ground for a large number of chemicals in the 1950's. Mrs Edwards produced a list of chemicals which

had been found in filter cake samples and which Dr Ceris Morgan had been instrumental in compiling. The list was tabled for the information of the Community Council. Mrs Edwards also pointed out that children playing on the Windsor Field had been burned by coming into contact with chemicals near the surface.

There was a consensus view that a landfill operation would inevitably disturb buried chemicals. Furthermore, there was a very strong likelihood the Hendy mine adit, which had been repaired recently at a cost of £60,000 to the public purse, would be damaged by heavy plant.

RESOLVED:(i)

- That the list of chemicals known to have been dumped at the Windsor Field in the 1950's be forwarded to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.
- (ii) That the Community Council reaffirm its objections to the proposal contained in its letter of 1 July, 1997,
- (iii) That, in addition to the objections contained in the Council's letter of 1 July, 1997, the Borough Council be advised that the site proposed for landfill contains significant quantities of bluebells, a protected species of wildflower. Additionally, that the Hendy adit is the habitat of bats.
- (iv) That, depending on the timescale for the determination of the application, a public meeting be convened to discuss the implications of the application and that a request be made to the Planning Officer for a member of his staff to attend the public meeting to explain the proposals.
- (v) That the MP for Pontypridd, Dr Kim Howells, who is already aware of public opposition to the application, be requested to make representations to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council against the proposals.

(c) **Removal of hedgerow, Miskin**

The Council discussed a response from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in reply to the Community Council's concerns over the removal of a hedgerow alongside the B4264 in Miskin.

It was noted that the matter had been taken up with the developer by the Planning Department on 18 December, 1997, and the developer had been requested to submit a scheme for the replacement of the hedgerow.

The developer had subsequently submitted a scheme which included a native hedge planting schedule considered to be acceptable.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk clarify with the Director of Planning when work to plant the replacement hedge would take place and what precautions would be taken to ensure that the hedge would be allowed to grow unhindered.

(d) **Appeal against a refusal to award planning consent**

The Council received details of an appeal against the refusal of the planning authority to award planning consent for development at Plot 57 New Mill Gardens, Miskin, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the details be noted.

26. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 23 to the Council's agenda.

27. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Pontypridd and District Housing Association**

Councillor Bendle expressed his concern that a tenant from the housing development of the Pontypridd and District Housing Association, to the rear of the Pontyclun Community Centre, had used the Community Centre car park to abandon an old car.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention

of the Pontypridd and District Housing Association and the police.

(b) **Pontyclun Primary School**

Councillor Bendle reported that the Pontyclun Primary School was to be the subject of an inspection by staff of H.M. Schools Inspectorate shortly. Considerable efforts were being channeled into ensuring that the school obtained a first class report from the inspectors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) **Erection of directional signs, Maesyfelin Estate**

Councillor Edwards drew the Council's attention to the recently erected directional signs on the Maesyfelin Estate. Councillor Edwards pointed out that the signs had been erected to make assist visitors to the Estate. In practice the signs had been erected in the wrong places and had added to confusion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(d) **Leadership of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**

Councillor Griffiths welcomed the recent change in leadership at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and expressed the wish that the change would see meetings of the long promised Joint Liaison Committee taking place with community councils within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send Councillor Russell Roberts its congratulations on his election as new Leader and express the wish that Joint Liaison Committee meetings with community councils would now take place.

(e) **Footway outside Pontyclun Library**

Councillor Rea referred to earlier correspondence with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council when it was stated that work would take place to pave an area of grass

verge outside the Pontyclun Library in Heol Felin, Pontyclun.
No work had taken place to date.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish when the work was scheduled to be carried out.

(f) **Post mounted litter bins in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea expressed his concern that the bases of some of the post mounted litter bins in Groesfaen had rotted away. The result was that the litter problem in the village was being aggravated.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to enquire when the litter bins were due to be replaced. In the event that the bins were not scheduled for replacement soon then the Borough Council be informed that the Community Council would carry out the replacements.

(g) **Sewerage facilities in Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea referred to the letter from Welsh Water which had been tabled at the Council's previous meeting and stated that he found the reply from Welsh Water unacceptable. Councillor Rea asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the Community Council's June meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

(h) **Complaint from resident**

Councillor Rea reported that since the Community Council's last meeting he had received a complaint from a Mr Yeo, a resident of Pontyclun. The Chairperson advised Mr Yeo that the matter was not a Community Council matter and that he should pursue the complaint through the police.

The report was noted.

(i) **Footpath lighting, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea advised that he was aware of plans to dig up the footpath from the A4119 to Y Parc in Groesfaen. Bearing in mind the Council's plans to instal footpath lighting along the path, he had asked the Clerk to make enquiries about the possibility of coordinating the work.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the possibility of coordinating the work between the two contractors.

(j) **Dilapidated masonry wall, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea reported that he had received notification from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council that work would commence shortly to repair the dilapidated masonry wall adjacent to the A4119 in Groesfaen.

The report was noted.

(k) **Reinstatement work, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea advised that he had contacted the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about poor reinstatement work to the highway at the site of the recently constructed electricity sub station in Groesfaen. He had received an assurance that the reinstatement work would be carried out to an acceptable standard.

The report was noted.

(l) **Footpath lighting rear of Maelog Close, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood referred to the recently erected lighting column at the rear of Maelog Close. He pointed out that the light was prone to flickering and that the surface of the lane where the electricity supply cable had been laid was in need of a better standard of reinstatement.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the company responsible for the installation return to site.

(m) **Dilapidated garages, rear of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood referred to the enforcement notices which had

been served on owners of garages at the rear of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. While some of the owners had responded to the notices one of the owners had not taken any action. The owner claimed that he could not understand what was expected of him.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up again with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council requesting that an officer call on the owner and explain in detail the owner's obligation under the enforcement notice. In the event of continued inaction from the owner the Community Council would urge the Borough Council to implement its statutory powers under the enforcement order.

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

(a) **Site meeting**

The Clerk advised the Council that a site meeting, with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Director of Highways Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, to discuss parking problems in the vicinity of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, had been arranged for 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 11 May, 1998.

The Clerk advised that he could not be present at the meeting but asked that Members wishing to attend the site meeting to meet with the representatives of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in St Paul's Church car park.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send written confirmation of the arrangements to Members closer to the date of the meeting.

(b) **Installation of footpath lighting**

The Clerk reported to the Council that he had engaged a lighting engineer, at no cost to the Council, to draw up a scheme for the installation of footpath lighting in the lane to the rear of Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun. The Clerk distributed copies of the scheme for Members' information. The scheme indicated the proposed position of each lighting column.

The Clerk pointed out that while local residents had

overwhelmingly indicated their support for the lighting scheme three residents had asked for lighting columns to be positioned away from their premises. The scheme showed that there was considerable difficulty in meeting the wishes of the three residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the installation to be carried out in accordance with the scheme drawn up by the lighting engineer advising the Community Council.

(Councillor Griffiths asked that it be recorded that she was against this course of action)

(c) **Flower festival**

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from the Reverend Glyn Austin, Vicar of Pontyclun, thanking the Community Council for its support of the flower festival as part of the G T Clark centenary celebrations.

The Vicar extended an invitation to all Members of the Council to attend a service in St Anne's Church, Talygarn, at 2.00 p.m. on 23 May, 1998, in connection with the celebrations. The service would be conducted by the Bishop of Llandaff.

RESOLVED: That Members check their availability for the afternoon of Saturday, 23 May, 1998, and advise the Clerk if they were able to attend the service.

(d) **Allocation of grants, 1998**

The Clerk distributed copies of grant application forms to Members for the 1988 allocation of grants. The Clerk advised that further grant forms were available from him.

The matter was noted.

(e) **National Eisteddfod, 1998**

The Clerk read out a letter from the Director of Bro Ogwr and District National Eisteddfod, 1998, in which an invitation was extended to the Community Council to nominate a representative, and partner, to attend the opening day of the National Eisteddfod on Saturday, 1 August, 1998.

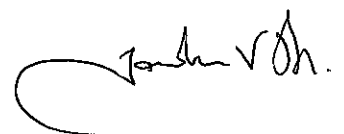
RESOLVED: That Councillor Rea, and wife, be nominated to represent the Council at the opening day of the National Eisteddfod, 1998.

(f) **Agenda for meeting of 3 June, 1998**

The Clerk advised that he would be taking annual leave during the week preceding the Council's meeting on 3 June, 1998. As a result, and to comply with statutory requirements for the despatch of agendas, it would be necessary to deliver agendas one week earlier than normal.

The report was noted.

29. The meeting ended at 10.35 p.m.

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