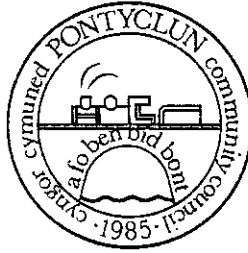


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 8 May, 1991.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen (Chairman), Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr C G Bendle (for part of meeting), Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James, Mr G M Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Policeman Steve Keddle.

2. Retiring Chairlady's Report

The retiring Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Anita Burton, outlined the achievements of the Community Council during her year as Chairlady. She paid tribute to the support she had received from her colleague Members and, in particular, the help which had been readily given from members of the public in organising the sponsored walk in aid of kidney research.

The report was noted.

3. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Professor Bowen be the Community Council's Chairman for the 1991/92 municipal year.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mr T J Burton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the 1991/92 municipal year.

5. Chairman's Allowance

Councillor Professor Bowen declared his interest in the matter and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

RESOLVED: That the amount of the Chairman's Allowance be fixed at £550 for the 1991/92 municipal year.

6. Appointment of Members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

Finance Committee

The Chairman together with Councillors C G Bendle, E V Griffith, G M Moir, and R G Norman.

District Council/ Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips together with the Clerk

Straving Animals' Working Party

Councillor T J Burton

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

Councillor J R Dilworth together with the Clerk

Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillors T J Burton and G M Moir. Additionally, that when the Clerk notify the Secretary of the Liaison Committee of the amended Community Council membership, he also advise the Secretary that the representative of Miskin residents is now Mr Alan Jones of 6 Elms Park, Miskin, and that in the event of Mr Jones' unavailability his substitute be Mr Trevor Jones of 1 The Chestnuts, Miskin.

7. Calendar of Meetings for 1991/92

RESOLVED: That as the existing arrangements for monthly meetings were not convenient to all Members, the Clerk make further enquiries to establish what alternatives are open to the Council.

8. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 April, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 April, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

9. Matters arising

(a) Footway lighting, Windsor Field

The Clerk said that he was pleased to be able to report that at last the footway lighting across the Windsor Field was connected and working properly.

The report was noted.

(b) Former Goods Yard, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had made exhaustive enquiries with the separate divisions of British Rail to establish whether there were any plans in existence, or proposed, for development on the site of the former Goods Yard in Pontyclun. It appeared that while there were outline plans in existence to build a station on the site of the former Llantrisant station, there were no proposals to build on the site of the former Goods Yard.

The report was noted.

(c) Ivor Woods, Brynsadler

(i) Grant of Wayleave

The Council discussed Appendices 3,4 and 5 to the Agenda. The Clerk also advised the Council that he had been informed by the District Auditor that an allegation that the Council had acted improperly in the matter had been made by Mr Evan G Jones, a director of J&G Developments (South Wales) Ltd.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council re-affirm its view that it had, at all times, dealt with the matter of the wayleave in a proper manner.

(ii) That the Council obtain advice from its legal advisers on the courses of action open to the Community Council in dealing with the belated application for wayleaves to lay additional services through the Woods.

(ii) Tree planting

The Clerk reported that the Community Council had fulfilled its obligations to replant trees in the Woods under the Consent to Fell which had been granted to the Community Council's predecessor authority, the former Llantrisant Community Council. The replanting had been carried out by 31 March, 1991, and had been completed to the satisfaction of the County Council's Planning Officer.

The report was noted.

(iii) Land slippage

The Clerk informed the Council that the civil engineering works designed to stabilise the land between The Hollies and the river Ely would commence shortly. Access to the site would be gained between the entrance to the estate and the first house.

The matter was noted.

(d) Jeux Sans Frontieres, 1991

The Council noted the letter of 9 April, 1991, from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer in which it was stated that due to the unexpected costs involved a decision had been taken to cancel the proposed "Its a Knockout" competition at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on 20 April, 1991. It had been hoped to enter a winning team from the competition in the HTV series " Jeux Sans Frontieres" 1991.

10. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 22 April, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 22 April, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

11. Matters arising

(a) Planning applications No.s 56/0185/91 and 56/0186/91

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the need for comments on the above planning applications to be submitted to the Borough Council as a matter of urgency. Comments on the proposals had been formulated at the Finance Committee's meeting.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Finance Committee in dealing expeditiously with the matter be approved.

(b) Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

In response to questions from the Council, the Clerk confirmed that the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council had still not been received.

RESOLVED: That the Council re-affirm its earlier decisions to await the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council.

12. Adoption of Finance Committee's Recommendations

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

13. Offer to lease land in Miskin

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received a telephone call from Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams offering the Council the opportunity to lease the land around St David's Church in Miskin. It was proposed that the land would be leased for a period of 99 years. A similar offer had been made to the Church in Wales but the offer had been declined.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Lady Caroline requesting full details of the terms of the proposed lease and that the Council discuss the matter fully at a later meeting.

14. Mineral Local Plan for Limestone in Mid Glamorgan Part 4 - Hendy Quarry

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk convene a meeting of a special sub committee, comprising all members of the Council, to formulate the detailed comments of the Council.

(ii) That the sub committee be given delegated powers to make comments on behalf of the Community Council

(iii) That the Clerk make arrangements to provide all members of the Council with a copy of the Consultative document produced by the County Planning Officer.

15. Re-launch of the Taff Ely and Rhondda Cancer Care Appeal

The Council discussed the letter of 18 April, 1991, in which the pleasure of the company of two representatives of the Community Council was sought at a reception in the Municipal Hall, Pontypridd, to celebrate the start of building works for the new Cancer Care Centre and to Re-launch the Appeal.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Mr T J Burton and Mrs O P Phillips be nominated to attend the reception on behalf of the Council and that their attendance be recognised as an approved duty.

16. Weekly Planning Notifications for Week No.s 13+14, 15, 16 and 17

RESOLVED: That as the Council's observations had already been sent to the Borough Council in respect of applications contained in Weekly Notification No.s 13 and 14, no observations be sent in respect of applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 15, 16 and 17 as these applications related to developments outside the Community Council's boundaries.

17. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

18. Reports from Members

(a) Fly nuisance

Councillor Moir reported that residents in Miskin had suffered a nuisance caused by swarms of flies. It was unclear whether the source of the problem was the former sewerage works or whether it was the landfill tip operated by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

(b) Dust nuisance

Councillor Moir stated that it was his intention to raise the matter of dust nuisance to Miskin residents at the next meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee. The problem was particularly noticeable where residents had installed uPVC windows.

The report was noted.

(c) Renewal of fence - Fire Station

Councillor Norman said that he was pleased to be able to report that after many months of pressure the fence at the boundary of the Pontyclun Fire Station had been repaired.

The report was noted.

(d) Renewal of fence - Playing Fields

Councillor Norman said that he was pleased to be able to report that the dilapidated fence separating the children's playground from the schools' playing fields off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had been renewed by the County Council.

The report was noted.

(e) Proposal to amalgamate Maesvfelin Infants' and Pontyclun Junior Schools, Pontyclun.

Councillor Norman reported that the Education Authority had recently proposed that the Maesvfelin Infants' School and the Pontyclun Junior School be amalgamated. The proposal had met with very little support at School Governors' level and no support at parent level when a special meeting to discuss the proposal had been held. It was understood the proposal had now been abandoned.

The report was noted.

(f) District Council Elections, 1991

Councillor James reported that following the recent District Council elections, the Taff Ely Borough Council was now a "hung" Council where no one political party had overall control of the Borough Council. He foresaw a situation where parties who were previously in a minority situation having greater say in the new administration.

The report was noted.

(g) "Chairman's business"

The Chairman, Councillor Bowen, raised the possibility of including, on each Council Agenda, an provision for "Chairman's business". He proposed that the facility would provide a means for making important announcements in addition to items of courtesy.

RESOLVED: That provision be made on all future Council Agendas for "Chairman's Business"

19. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Government White Paper on medical care

Councillor Norman referred to the recent publication by the government of a White Paper dealing with medical care, and in particular the facility for "opting out".

Councillor Norman believed that there was widespread confusion about the proposals and was aware that members of the doctors' surgery in Pontyclun had given talks to various groups to clarify the proposals.

RESOLVED: That an invitation be extended to a member of the doctors' surgery to address a future meeting of the Community Council on the White Paper.

(b) Route of the proposed Pontyclun Bypass

Councillor Dilworth reported the concern of residents in Danybryn, Brynsadler, about the uncertainties surrounding the route of the proposed Pontyclun Bypass. Councillor Dilworth asked if there was any definitive information on the route of the proposed Bypass.

The Chairman responded that the information which he had received concerned the A4119 Corridor Study. The proposed Pontyclun Bypass in the Study was represented only by a pencil line on a map and could not be regarded as being definitive. The Chairman promised to provide a copy of the A4119 Corridor Study for the information of the Community Council.

The matter was noted.

(c) River Ely clean up

Councillor James reported that his plans for organising a clean up of the river Ely in the Community were proceeding satisfactorily. He was hopeful that his plans would be finalised by the end of June. In the meantime, he was pleased to be able to let the Council know that he had secured a grant of £50.00 towards the work from the Prince of Wales Committee and had obtained a commitment from the Borough Council that it would provide skips for the disposal of the rubbish which was collected.

The matter was noted.

(d) Land adjacent to The Paddocks, Brynsadler

Councillor Mrs Burton spoke of the deep concern of residents at The Paddocks, Brynsadler, over the recent erection of a sign on land immediately to the south of The Paddocks, indicating that the land was to be sold at auction as building land.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Mr J C Edwards, 9 The Paddocks, expressing the Council's sympathy at the difficult situation residents now found themselves in, and assuring him that the Community Council would do everything within its power to ensure that any developer observe the conditions contained in the planning consent.

(e) Notice of Motion

Councillor T J Burton gave notice that he wished to raise the need for a pedestrian crossing in Miskin at the next Community Council meeting. He envisaged a crossing at the point where pedestrians crossed the highway at Manor Hill.

(f) Notice of Motion

Councillor T J Burton gave notice that he wished to discuss the erection of a bus shelter in Miskin at the next Community Council meeting. He asked Members to give some thought to possible sites by the next meeting.

(g) Notice of Motion

Councillor Phillips gave notice that she wished to discuss the possibility of providing a wheelchair access facility for the disabled wanting to access the Ivor Woods.

(h) Children's Playground, Pontyclun

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to the practice of some dog owners in allowing their pets to foul the grassed area in the children's playground in Pontyclun. He asked whether it would be possible to erect signs in the playground to discourage dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul the area.

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

(i) War Memorial, Miskin

The Clerk reported that the Parochial Church Council of St David's Church, Miskin, had made a donation of £100.00 to the costs of the Community Council in renovating the War Memorial in Miskin.

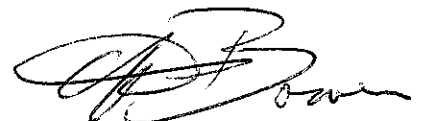
RESOLVED: That the Clerk thank the the Parochial Church Council for their kind donation.

(j) Community Council's Deposit Account

The Clerk informed the Council that he had been contacted by the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Pontyclun, who had advised of a new deposit account facility which would ensure that the Council would receive a higher rate of interest for money held on deposit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements with the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Pontyclun, for money held on deposit to be transferred to the new account offering a higher rate of interest.

20. The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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