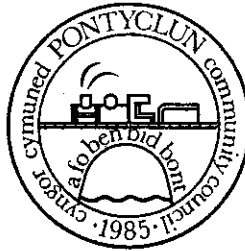


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APPENDIX No 1

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Hope Presbyterian Church Hall, Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 10 May, 1989.

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of P S Matthews and P C Steve Keddle

1. Retiring Chairlady's Report

The retiring Chairlady's report was noted and a vote of thanks was passed expressing the Council's gratitude for the efficient way Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips had presided over the Council and for her hard work in the Community during her period of office.

2. Election of a Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor V P James be the Council's Chairman for the 1989/90 municipal year.

3. Election of a Vice Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs A Burton be the Council's Vice Chairperson for the 1989/90 municipal year.

4. Chairperson's Allowance

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's Allowance for 1989/90 be fixed at £500.00

5. Appointment of members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

(a) Finance Committee

Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

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(b) District Council/Community Councils
Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor Mrs I V Evans together with
the Clerk.

(c) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips

(d) Area Committee of the
Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Mrs I V Evans together with
the Clerk.

6. Calendar of Community Council meetings for 1989/90

RESOLVED: That the calendar of meetings for 1989/90 at
Appendix 2 to the Agenda be approved.

7. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 April, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of
5 April, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

8. Matters arising

(a) Tree felling at Llwynypennau Farm, Groesfaen

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received
a report from the Borough Council that there were
two "live" planning consents in respect of
Llwynypennau Farm. The older of the consents, the
one currently being worked upon, contained no tree
felling restrictions. Work on the second consent,
which provided that certain trees should not be
felled, had not yet commenced.

The information was noted.

(b) Erection of bollards and "private" signs
on the green at Y Parc, Groesfaen.

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of
the Mid Glamorgan County Council to establish whether
the residents of Y Parc, Groesfaen, who had been
maintaining the green, and erected bollards and
"private" signs would, in due course, acquire
squatters rights to the land. The County Council
was of the view that the green, and the surrounding
highway, was a single piece of land which it
maintained. The County Council saw no possibility
of the residents acquiring squatters rights.

(c) Dumping of refuse at the junction of the lane at
the rear of Llwynfen Road and Tirafon Court, Pontyclun

The Clerk reminded the Council that this item had
been placed on the Agenda at the request of the Council

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following its meeting of 5 April, 1989. Following that meeting the Clerk had written to the Llantrisant Community Council in an attempt to trace the owners of the land. No reply had been received from the Llantrisant Community Council at 10 May, 1989.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Agenda of the Council's meeting of 7 June, 1989.

(d) Official opening of the Nant Dyfrgi Bridge

The Clerk referred to the agreement made with the Nature Conservancy Council for the official opening of the Nant Dyfrgi Bridge. Mr Mel Watkins of the Nature Conservancy Council, who had agreed to perform the opening ceremony, was currently involved on the Cardiff Barrage Bill and would not be available until June, 1989.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk attempt to arrange the opening ceremony for early June, 1989.

(e) Community Environment Programme-
Environment Week, 1989

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to arrange a display in the Pontyclun Library on the specific themes of litter and dog fouling. However, after discussion with the Librarian, it had been possible to arrange a display on more general environmental matters.

(f) Vehicle accidents - Policy on the removal of debris

The Clerk referred to the enquiries he had made of the highway authority on the policy for the removal of debris on a highway following vehicle accidents. He had established that the decision to involve, or not to involve, the highway authority was one to be taken by the police. Wherever the highway authority was notified of an accident it was policy to send out a team of roadsweepers to remove debris. However, a number of accidents occurred where neither the police nor the highway authority were involved. The highway authority would always respond to a request by a member of the public for the removal of debris.

9. Siting of a bottle bank in Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that following the unsuccessful attempts to get the Borough Council to site a bottle bank in Pontyclun, he had contacted the Cardiff Salvage And Waste Society (CSAWS) to find out if they could assist. It appeared that CSAWS presently operated within the boundaries of South Glamorgan but were anxious to expand their activities into adjacent areas. Their bottle banks were of the modular variety which had significant advantages over the traditional enclosed skip variety with three

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compartments. CSAWS had commenced discussions with district councils on the fringe of South Glamorgan.

RESOLVED: That if a bottle bank had not been sited in Pontyclun by the end of August, 1989, the matter be placed on the Council's agenda for the meeting of 6 September, 1989.

10. Erection of bus shelter opposite the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

The Council expressed its disappointment that the erection of a bus shelter on a site opposite the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler would not be undertaken by NACRO.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk request tenders from bona fide building contractors for the erection of a bus shelter on the site opposite the Ivor Arms to the same specifications used for the erection of the bus shelters at the Paddocks and Castell-y-Mwnws.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for a drawing to be produced for the replacement of the bus shelter on Heol Miskin to the same specification as in (i).

11. Land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

Reference was made to the possibility of the Community Council being offered the small plot of land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler, for development in the Community's interests. The Clerk stated that no formal offer of the plot had yet been made to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the developers of The Hollies, Ideal Homes, to establish whether it was their intention to offer the land to the Community Council.

12. Hendy Estate - Noise pollution, broken fences and litter

The Council expressed its concern about environmental matters on the Hendy Estate. In particular, residents had complained of broken fences, revving of vehicle engines, and the dumping of rubbish off Heol Miskin, adjacent to the Hendy Estate.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council's Housing Department requesting the replacement of broken fences.

(ii) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer asking for assistance in preventing the dumping of rubbish off Heol Miskin, and asking what steps could be taken to prevent nuisance caused by revving engines.

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13. Request for pedestrian crossings in Pontyclun

Following the Community Council's request for additional pedestrian crossings in Pontyclun, it was noted that the Mid Glamorgan County Council were carrying out further investigations and that when the results had been received and analysed the County Council would write to the Community Council with its recommendations.

14. Parking problems - Clun Avenue

Following the Community Council's concern that the parking restrictions outside the doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue were being regularly contravened, the Council noted that the police had taken action against persons infringing the parking restrictions.

15. Footpaths(a) Footpath No 296, Groesfaen

The Council noted that the County Council intended intensifying its efforts to remove the obstruction on Footpath No 296, Groesfaen.

(b) Footpath No 312, Mwyndy

The Council discussed the letter of 23 March, 1989, from the Mid Glamorgan County Council which asked if the Community Council had any record of a diversion of Footpath No 312. The Clerk reported that he had carried out an extensive search of the records relating to the Community of Pontyclun which had been transferred from the Llantrisant Community Council, but without any success. He had also written to the Llantrisant Community Council asking if that authority had any record of the diversion.

RESOLVED: That a response to the Council's enquiries of the Llantrisant Community Council be received before a reply be sent to the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

16. Termination of Agency Agreements(a) Maintenance of Footpaths and Bridleways

The Council noted that the Mid Glamorgan County Council had withdrawn the Highway Agency from the Taff Ely Borough Council with effect from 1 April, 1989. As a result, the responsibility for maintenance of footpaths and bridleways and the investigation of obstructions had reverted to the County Council.

(b) Maintenance of Street Lighting

The Council noted that the Mid Glamorgan County Council had terminated the agency arrangements with the Taff Ely Borough Council for the maintenance of street lighting within Taff Ely from 1 April, 1989.

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A fault reporting centre had been established at the Area Surveyor's Office in Talbot Green.

17. Wales Community Transport Training Day

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Councillor Viv James, together with the Clerk be nominated to attend the Training Day at Builth Wells on Friday, 19 May, 1989, and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

18. Invitation to support Bruce Kent's funs raising walk

The Council noted the invitation to support the fund raising walk of Bruce Kent, Chairperson of C.N.D.

19. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 12, 13, 14 and 15

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 12, 13, 14 and 15.

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

Application No 56/0219/89

That as the property was likely to be the last one on the development, the Borough Council be urged to ensure that no access road be allowed into the adjoining fields.

Application No 56/0225/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that the proposal would lead to:-

- (i) An unwarranted intrusion into the countryside
- (ii) That the land is part of the flood plain of the river Ely.
- (iii) Unnecessary felling of trees
- (iv) Development near a quarry where there are significant worries over safety and vibration levels.

Application No 56/0274/89

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

- (i) There would be inadequate access.

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- (ii) That access proposals could be affected by the plans of the highway authority to widen Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

Application No 56/0298/89

That the Council request additional information on the proposals for a change of use for the premises.

- (b) Permission for development

Application No 56/1063/88

The Council noted that permission had been granted for the development.

- (c) Refusal of permission

Application No 56/0002/89

The Council noted that permission had been refused.

20. Reports from members

- (a) Kidney Research Unit Foundation

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips reported that she had been presented with a plaque by the KRUF in recognition of the success of the Community Council in raising funds for kidney research. It was planned to put the plaque on display in the Pontyclun Library. The KRUF were considering making the sponsored walk an annual event.

The report was noted.

- (b) Dust Nuisance

Councillor Dick Kennard reported that he had received a number of complaints from residents about dust nuisance caused as a result of the removal of the red ash tip in Llanharry.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

- (c) Community Wheels

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, reported that a substantial donation to the funds of Community Wheels had been received from patrons of the Windsor Arms Hotel, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for separate letters of thanks to be sent to patrons of the bar and lounge at the Windsor Arms Hotel.

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(d) Pontyclun Depot of the Taff Ely Borough Council

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had been successful in persuading the Borough Council to abandon its plans to close its depot in Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(e) Door to door salespeople

Councillor Tudor Burton expressed his concern about the suspicious methods employed by some of the door to door salespeople currently operating in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the advice of the police on the matter.

(f) Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, reported that, following complaints by residents in the Community, the Borough Council had investigated reports of a second hand car business being conducted from the disused Brofiscin Quarry in Groesfaen. The Borough Council had issued an Enforcement Notice of the proprietor of the business.

(g) Former NACRO accommodation in the Ivor Woods

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, expressed concern that the temporary accommodation erected by NACRO in the Ivor Woods had yet to be removed despite NACRO having completed their work in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the NACRO Scheme Manager. *and make enquiries about the possibility of purchasing the accommodation.*

21. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in appendix 14 to the Agenda.

22. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) First Annual General Meeting of the Llantrisant Branch of D.I.A.L.

The Clerk gave details of the first Annual General Meeting of the Llantrisant Branch of the Disablement Information and Advice Line.

The report was noted.

(b) Handyman

(i) Storage of tools

The Clerk reported that in response to the Community Council's advertisement he

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had received one offer to store tools for the Community Council. The offer had been made by Mrs Milsom of 9 Tylecoch, Llanharry, for the sum of £2.50 per week.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Milsom's offer be accepted and that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

(ii) Position of Handyman

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's handyman had informed him that he was in the process of purchasing his home in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun. He had been told by his building society that he needed to have a higher income to be able to obtain a mortgage. He was making enquiries about alternative employment.

The report was noted.

(c) Association of Councillors

The Clerk distributed information on the meeting of the Association of Councillors due to be held in Llandrindod Wells on 3 June, 1989.

The information was noted.

(d) Smoke Nuisance, Groesfaen

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received by Professor Bowen about smoke nuisance in Groesfaen. The Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council believed that the matter was outside his remit and was unable to act.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the letter be provided to the local member for Groesfaen, Councillor E Hopkin.

(e) Operation Raleigh

The Clerk read out a letter from Miss Gail Walker, 21 Fairview Close, Pontyclun, in which she stated that she had been selected to participate in an Operation Raleigh expedition. Miss Walker invited the Council to consider making a contribution to the £2,200 which she needed to raise to take part in the expedition.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £40.00 towards Miss Gail Walker's costs.

(f) Pontyclun Cricket Club

Councillor Gordon Norman reported on the difficulties being experienced by the Pontyclun Cricket Club in

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maintaining the cricket pitch on the Maesyfelin playing fields. Investigations were taking place to see if it would be possible for either the Borough Council or the County Council to take over maintenance responsibilities.

The report was noted.

(g) Pot holes in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips expressed her concern at the large number of pot holes in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

(h) Parking of caravans on side streets

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips asked for clarification on whether it was legal to allow caravans to be parked in side streets for lengthy periods.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the police.

(i) Highway sweeping/Footway sweeping

A number of members sought clarification on the respective responsibilities of the Borough Council and the County Council in highway sweeping and footway sweeping.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain clarification from the Borough Council and the County Council on their respective responsibilities and request a specification for highway and footway sweeping in the Community.

(j) Election of Councillor Bowen to represent the Pontyclun and Creigiau Ward on the Mid Glamorgan County Council

The Council offered its congratulations to Councillor Bowen on his recent success in the Mid Glamorgan County Council elections when he was elected to represent the Pontyclun and Creigiau Ward.

23. The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

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