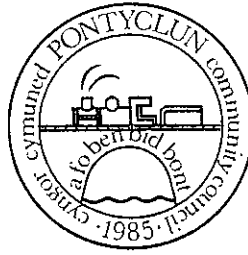


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 April, 1993.

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PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr G Moir and Mr R G Norman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Three members of the public.

1. Apology for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton Mr T J Burton, Mr V P James and Mrs O P Phillips

2. Retiring Chairman's Report

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the retiring Chairman this item of business be deferred to the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1993

3. Election of a Chairperson for 1993/4

RESOLVED: That Councillor Eric V Griffith be the Council's Chairperson for the 1993/4 municipal year.

4. Election of Vice-Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cyril G Bendle be the Council's Vice-Chairperson for the 1993/4 municipal year.

5. Chairperson's Allowance

RESOLVED: That the amount of the Chairperson's Allowance be fixed at £550.00 for the 1993/94 municipal year.

6. Appointment of Members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

*Eric V Griffith*

Finance Committee

The Chairperson together with Councillors C G Bendle, I D Bowen, G Moir and R G Norman.

District Council/Community  
Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor J R Dilworth together with the Clerk

Straving Animals Working Party

Councillors R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

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 Moir. If either of the two nominated Members are unable to attend a meeting then Councillor Mrs O P Phillips be the substitute Member.

Attendance at each of the above committees be regarded as an approved duty.

7. Calendar of Meetings for 1993/94

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 7 April, 1993

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 April, 1993, be approved as an accurate record.

10. Matters arising

(a) Footpath problems - Pontyclun to Tylagarw

- (i) The Clerk reported that he had contacted the County Council to request a site meeting over the unsatisfactory position of the footpath connecting Tylagarw with Pontyclun. He had been advised



that if Members were likely to be present at the meeting it would be necessary for the County Council to receive a formal request for a site meeting. The Clerk had agreed to send a formal request. Councillor Delme Bowen reported that he, too, had requested a site meeting through County Council channels. Councillor Bowen was optimistic that a site meeting would be held shortly.

(ii) Bailey bridge across the River Ely

The Council received representations from Mr and Mrs Graham Sharkey about the state of repair of the bailey bridge across the river Ely at the western end of Station Terrace. Mr and Mrs Sharkey were the proprietors of the Pontyclun Joinery and, together with industrialists sharing a common site, spoke of their frustration at their inability to get repair works carried out to the bailey bridge. They felt that industrialists who would otherwise locate their businesses in Pontyclun were discouraged from doing so by the extremely poor access road. Representations to the County Council and Welsh Development Agency had failed to produce any results. Mr and Mrs Sharkey sought the support of the Community Council in making further representations to the County Council in an effort to get repair work carried out to the bridge.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk's actions in arranging a site meeting with County Council representatives be approved.
- (ii) That the Council lend its support to the representations made by Mr and Mrs Sharkey for the County Council to assume responsibility for the maintenance of the bailey bridge across the river Ely.

(b) Proposed replacement of Pontyclun Community Centre

The Clerk reported that when the idea of a replacement community centre had been first mooted he had contacted the South Wales Constabulary to establish whether that authority had any wish to share accommodation in a new facility. The response from the police authority had been that while accommodation in Pontyclun would be welcomed

it was unlikely that any financial contribution could be made. As a result, in the Community Council's correspondence with the Borough Council on the possibility of a new community centre, no specific request for accommodation for the police had been made. The Clerk had now heard from the police to the effect that a financial contribution towards the new facility was possible. The Clerk had advised the police authority to take the matter up with the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer and the architect engaged on the design of the new centre.

The report was noted.

(c) Welsh Water

(i) Water Questionnaire

The Clerk informed the Council that he had arranged a meeting for the formulation of the Council's observations on the recent Welsh Water questionnaire for 9 June, 1993.

(ii) Proposed presentation on water quality

The Clerk informed the Council that he had contacted Welsh Water with a view to arranging a presentation on the quality of Welsh Water. A representative of Welsh Water had agreed to make a presentation at the Council's meeting on 7 July, 1993.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(d) Credit Union

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the recently appointed officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council whose function was to oversee the formation of a credit union within the Borough. The officer's name was Mr Gerald Howells and the Clerk had extended an invitation to Mr Howells to make a short presentation to the Council at its meeting on 2 June, 1993. Mr Howells had accepted the invitation.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.



(e) Parking on the pavement outside the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth reported that a section of pavement outside the Dipali restaurant had been recently re-surfaced. It was unclear whether that section of pavement was in private ownership or whether it was in the ownership of the proprietor of the Dipali restaurant. If it was in private ownership there was a clear danger to pedestrians using the pavement from drivers accessing the private section.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the section of pavement to establish whether it was in private ownership.

(f) Development at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

Councillor Dilworth reported that building work had begun at the Ivor Arms in Brynsadler. An access route had been created from the existing car park to link into the access road into the Hollies estate. There was a very real danger of Ivor Arms' patrons parking their vehicles on the entrance road into the Hollies rather than using the relatively small car park at the Ivor Arms. If this were to happen considerable congestion would be caused on the only access road into the Hollies. Councillor Dilworth felt that the access road into the Hollies should be designated as parking for residents only.

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that he had followed up the fears being expressed by Hollies' residents with officers of the County Council. A site meeting to discuss vision splays had already been requested. Councillor Bowen agreed that he would also pursue the matter of "residents only" parking at the site meeting.

The report was noted.

11. Pollution at the former Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen

The Council discussed the letter of 3 April, 1993, from HM Principal Pollution Inspector. The Council was extremely disappointed about the length of time it had taken the Inspectorate to reply that it had no direct role to play in the matter raised by the Community Council. Members felt that a simple telephone call from the Inspectorate would have been sufficient and several months delay would have been avoided. Councillor Bendle reported a further incident in the vicinity of the quarry. As a result of fears over

pollution of water at the quarry the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service had refused to extract water at the site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the Council's concerns with the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council.

12. Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Council discussed the response of the Llantrisant Community Council to the Pontyclun Community Council's letter of 22 March, 1993, in which the agreed pattern of representation to the Board of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant was reproduced.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Llantrisant Community Council pointing out that the formula agreed between the two Community Councils in 1989 was intended to be a permanent formula. The Pontyclun Community Council would not be prepared to re-negotiate representation on the Governing Body when the current 4 year term was completed.

13. Implications for the parking of vehicles in Station Terrace, Pontyclun, following the development of the westbound platform of Pontyclun Station and associated road improvements.

The Council received a further address from Mr L H Bailey of 4 Station Terrace, Pontyclun. Mr Bailey was concerned that following the development of the westbound platform of Pontyclun Station, drivers would be inclined to park their vehicles in Station Terrace instead of using the parking facilities provided by British Rail at the station.

Councillor Delme Bowen pointed out to Mr Bailey that twenty seven parking places were due to be provided around the westbound platform and that rail users would be positively directed into using the parking places. Councillor Bowen advised Mr Bailey that while the County Council would be seeking to improve vehicular access to the westbound platform, which would have some effect on Station Terrace, detailed plans were unlikely to have been finalised. He urged Mr Bailey to contact the County Council with constructive suggestions.

RESOLVED: That clarification of the implications in developing the westbound platform of Pontyclun Station be sought from the County Council representatives at the proposed site meeting to discuss the maintenance problems of the bailey bridge at the western end of Station Terrace.

14. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Newsletter No. 2

The Council received Newsletter No.2 from the Association of Community and Town Councils. Of particular interest was the article on the renewal of insurance policies following the merger of Municipal Mutual Insurance with Zurich Insurance Ltd.

The Clerk pointed out that the Community Council's insurance policy was due for renewal on 1 April, 1993, but unfortunately Newsletter No.2 was not received until 3 May, 1993. Consequently, it had not been possible to follow the Association's advice.

RESOLVED: That before the Community Council's insurance policy is renewed on 1 April, 1994, a quotations be sought from the companies recommended by the Association.

15. Application by the Pontyclun RFC for the renewal of the Club Registration Certificate

The Council discussed a letter from Godfrey Evans & Co, Solicitors, Talbot Green, which advised that they were making application for the renewal of the Club Registration Certificate for the Pontyclun RFC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request that a copy of the application and plan be forwarded to the Community Council for consideration.

16. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April and 7 May, 1993

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

Application No. 93/0300/10

The Community Council has no objection to the proposal but would urge the Borough Council to bring pressure on the Mid Glamorgan County Council to ensure that any further development on the Mwyndy Industrial Estate is preceded by the agreed improvements to the access road from the A4119.

17. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 8 to the Agenda.

18. Reports from Members

(a) Withdrawal of subsidy

Councillor Gordon Moir referred to the recent reductions

made in expenditure plans for 1993/4 by the Mid Glamorgan County Council. One of the areas chosen for reductions was in the level of subsidy paid for public transport. In particular, the grant paid to subsidise the Tonypany to Cardiff bus service had been withdrawn. Councillor Moir was of the view that care needed to be exercised in selecting services for withdrawal of subsidy to prevent areas such as Miskin, where there was no alternative public transport, being deprived of a service at certain times.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Community Council's concern to the County Council.

(b) School House, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir drew the Council's attention to the fact that School House, School Street, Miskin, had recently been advertised for sale by the County Council. Councillor Moir pointed out that the Community Council would like to have premises within the Community and School House could meet the Council's needs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk approach the County Council to find out if there was any possibility of the premises being donated to the Community Council in the public interest.

(c) Possibility of installation of a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen

Councillor Cyril Bendle again raised the need for a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen. He pointed out that to access the only play area in the village it was necessary for most of the village children to cross the very busy A4119.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again raise the matter with the County Engineer and Surveyor.

(d) Premises of the former Groesfaen Car Sales

Councillor Cyril Bendle informed the Council that commercial activities were taking place at the premises of the former Groesfaen Car Sales in Groesfaen. He wondered whether there was planning consent for commercial use of the site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain clarification on the planning position from the Borough Council.



(e) Improvement works on the Hendy estate

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had been successful in arranging for the erection of handrails and the cutting of grass verges on the Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.

(f) Steps, grass verge, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that a flight of steps on a grass embankment in Miskin, frequently used by Miskin residents, was in a poor state of repair. It was likely that a pedestrian would suffer injury unless repair work was undertaken soon.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries to establish if it would be in order for the Community Council to carry out repair work.

(g) 'Phone booth, A4119, Mwyndy

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that as a result of improvements to the A4119 at Mwyndy, which had resulted in the lay-by being consolidated into one of the carriageways the A4119, the 'phone booth adjacent to the former lay-by was now virtually inaccessible. Motorists wishing to use the 'phone booth could only do so by parking their vehicles in the inside lane of a very fast stretch of dual carriageway. Clearly this practice was very dangerous and it was likely that the 'phone booth would be removed shortly.

The report was noted.

(h) Felin Fawr, Pontyclun

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that following a recent County Council site meeting a decision had been taken to fence off premises at Felin Fawr, Pontyclun because of roof problems.

The report was noted.

(i) Old sewerage works, Miskin

The Chairman, Councillor Eric Griffith, reported that a drain had collapsed at the entrance to the former sewerage works in Miskin. It was hoped that remedial work would be carried out shortly.

The report was noted.

(j) Retiring Chairman

Councillor Gordon Norman proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Tudor Burton, for his hard work during his term of office. Councillor Norman's sentiments were supported unanimously by the Council.

(k) Clerk's Reports

(i) Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had given notice that Annual Audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1992/93 would take place during the fortnight commencing 21 June, 1993. Public notice of the Audit had been given and all accounts, statements and documents would be completed in time for the Audit.

(ii) Welsh Water

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Welsh Water and notified of a presentation which was to be held in the Miskin Manor Hotel, Miskin, at 6.30p.m. on Thursday, 13 May, 1993. The presentation would take the form of a question and answer forum on Welsh Water services and a welcome was extended to any member of the Council wishing to attend.

(iii) Purchase of lawn mower

The Clerk reported that there was an urgent need to provide the County Council's handyman with a lawn mower. Currently the handyman was using his personal lawn mower. The Clerk stated that a good, second hand, motorised mower would suit the Council's needs and he estimated that one could be bought locally for around £100. He estimated that the Council could expect several years hard work out of such a machine.

RESOLVED: That, initially, the Council make enquiries about hiring a lawn mower for the summer period.

19. Notice of Motion

The Chairperson, Councillor Eric Griffith, gave notice that at the next meeting of the Community Council he wished the Council to discuss the possibility of placing a cricket wicket on the Windsor Field, Pontyclun.

20. The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

*Eric Griffith*  
*E.G.*