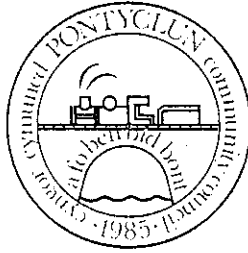


CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPENDIX No. 1

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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, 13 May, 1992

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Alan Gregory, the Community Council's nominee to the Taff Ely Police Consultative Committee

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor V P James

2. Retiring Chairman's Report

The retiring Chairman, Councillor Professor Delme Bowen, reminded the Council that 1991/92 had been an eventful year. He congratulated all Members on their hard work. In particular, he referred to the efforts by the Council's three new Members elected at the 1991. Sadly, the Council had lost the services of Elfyn Hopkin from Groesfaen. Elfyn had suffered increasing ill health in recent years but had always managed to retain his enthusiasm for public service. His death was a big blow to his family and the Council.

Councillor Bowen said that he was pleased that the tradition of the Council for getting things done in the Community had been continued during 1991/92. He pointed to the refurbishment of the Maesyfelin bridges, construction of the Groesfaen bus shelter, provision of off-street lighting to the rear of Llantrisant Road, and the preparatory works for the renovation of the Miskin War Memorial, Footpath No 341 between the river Ely and the Otters Brook Trout Farm, the installation of an access for the disabled to the Ivor Woods, and the provision of raised flower beds in Groesfaen.

The Council could also claim a first class record in assisting fund raising in the Community. The Walk for Life, in aid of Kidney Research, had been an outstanding success for the fourth consecutive year. To mark the consistent achievements of the Council the Kidney Research Unit Foundation had presented a cup to the Community Council. It was intended to display the cup for a month in Williams' chemists in Pontyclun.

Councillor Gordon Norman responded to Councillor Bowen's remarks and congratulated him on chairing the Council during a notable year of achievement. Councillor Bowen's contribution to the work of the Community Council was even more significant the light of the time which he had needed to devote to his General Election campaign.

The report was noted.

3. Election of Chairperson for 1992/93

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tudor J Burton be the Council's Chairperson for the 1992/93 municipal year.

4. Election of Vice-Chairperson

RESOLVED: That Councillor Eric V Griffith be appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Community Council for the 1992/93 municipal year.

5. Chairperson's allowance

Councillor T J Burton 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 1992/93 municipal year.

6. Appointment of Members and representatives

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:-

Finance Committee

The Chairperson 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

Straying 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

The Chairperson together with Councillor G M Moir. Additionally, that 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 1992/93

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

8. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 April, 1992

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 April, 1992, be approved as an accurate record.

9. Matters arising

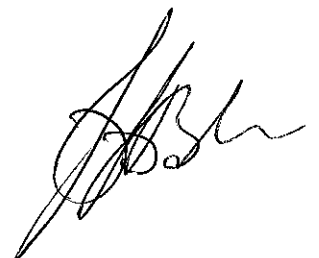
(a) Sponsored Walk in aid of Kidney Research

Councillor Professor Delme Bowen reported that he, together with Councillor Mrs Anita Burton attended a presentation ceremony organised by the Kidney Research Foundation for Wales for the receipt of moneys raised following the walk on 22 March, 1992. The Community Council had been instrumental in raising a sum in excess of £1,200. In recognition of the Community Council's record in raising money for the Foundation over the last four years Councillor Bowen was presented with a cup. It was proposed that the cup be placed on public view for a month.

The report was noted.

(b) Groesfaen sub post office

The Council discussed correspondence from Post Office



Counters Ltd in which possible solutions were considered for ensuring the continuation of a post office in Groesfaen after the closure of the temporary facilities in May. It was noted that, to date, response from the public in Groesfaen in offering premises for a permanent site for a post office had been limited.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council decline the invitation to directly subsidise a post office in the village.
- (ii) That the Council convene a public meeting of Groesfaen residents, in Creigiau, to explain the likelihood of the withdrawal of permanent post office facilities in the village in the absence of suitable alternative premises being identified.
- (iii) That the Clerk and Councillor Bendle arrange for each house in Groesfaen to be notified of the public meeting.
- (iv) That an invitation to attend the meeting be extended to Mr H T Isaac of Post Office Counters Ltd.

(c) Play areas within the Community

The Council discussed details of the ways in which the Borough Council foresaw Community Councils contributing towards the provision of play areas in the Borough. It appeared that primarily the Community Council would be required to undertake a range of duties which were the responsibility of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That as the Community Council's resources were already fully committed the Council decline the invitation of the Borough Council to provide additional resources for the maintenance of play areas in the Community.

(d) Windsor Woods, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth referred to the land in the Woods which had been the subject of pooling. He had met with the Clerk of Works employed by contractors Wallace Evans who had given an undertaking that all the sharp stones would be removed from the land and the ground would be re-seeded. The Clerk of Works was anxious that the land, presently in the ownership of the Land Authority for Wales, was in good condition prior to its transfer to



the Taff Ely Borough Council for the proposed extension to the Windsor Field.

The report was noted.

(e) Lawn at David's Court, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth commented on the new sewerage works being carried out at David's Court, Pontyclun, on behalf of Welsh Water. In particular, at the way the lawn had been ploughed up to enable pipes to be laid. Councillor Dilworth accepted that a certain amount of disruption was inevitable but the work which had been carried out in a callous way with little thought given to the aesthetic appearance of the lawn. Councillor Dilworth intended monitoring reinstatement works by the contractor.

The report was noted.

(f) Petroleum signs - No. 22 Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth reported that the signs indicating the storage of petroleum spirit at No. 22 Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun, were still in place. Officers from the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service had previously inspected the premises and were satisfied that no petroleum was being stored at the property. Nevertheless, neighbours in the vicinity were unsettled. Councillor Dilworth had raised the matter with the Fire Service again. He had been advised that they had no statutory powers to insist on the removal of the signs.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Dilworth and Bowen visit the occupier to convey the worries of neighbours and to ask the occupier if he would remove the signs in order to allay public concern.

(g) Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips referred to the representations of the Community Council to the Borough Council and the Local Government Boundary Commission for the inclusion of Ynysddu Farm Estate as part of the Community of Pontyclun. She said that the Llanharan Community Council, who opposed Ynysddu Farm Estate as being recognised as part of the Community of Pontyclun, were undertaking a survey of residents' views.

The report was noted.



10. Handyman's Conditions of Service

The Clerk reported on four items affecting the Handyman's Conditions of Service. He also reported that the Handyman had offered to sell to the Community Council a motorised lawn mower for the purpose of cutting grass in the vicinity of bus shelters and around the Pontyclun War Memorial.

RESOLVED: (i) That detailed consideration of the four items affecting the Handyman's Conditions of Service be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(ii) That further quotes be obtained from local lawn mower suppliers for the purchase of a lawn mower.

11. Replacement of kissing gate adjacent to Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun

The Council considered correspondence which had taken place between the Llantrisant Community Council and Welsh Water about the removal of a kissing gate on a footpath adjacent to Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun. The Council was pleased to note that as a result of public pressure the gate had now been re-erected. It was accepted that while, strictly speaking, the matter fell outside the Pontyclun Community Council's boundary, Pontyclun residents regularly used the public footpath in question and had a keen interest in seeing the gate re-erected.

12. Request for financial assistance

The Council considered an application for financial assistance from ChildLine Wales. Details of the charity's activities were provided.

RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the Council's annual grants allocation meeting.

13. Charges for the services of the District Valuer and Valuation Officer

The Council considered the letter of 8 May, 1992. from the Accounts Manager of the Valuation Office Agency, setting out details of the scale of charges which would apply from 1 July, 1992.

RESOLVED: That the revised scales be noted.

14. Licensing Act, 1964 - The Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

The Council received details of the applications for a Protection

Order and Transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquor at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the applications be noted.

15. Planning

- (a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 30 March, 13 and 27 April, 1992

Application No. 92/0221/05

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Councillor Moir on the formulation of the Council's detailed comments on the application for registration of I.D.O. permission by Wimpey Hobbs Ltd at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin.

Application No. 92/0236/10

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the development on the grounds that the proposal would lead to an over-development of the land.

Application No. 92/0237/10

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the development on the grounds that:-

- (a) it is an inappropriate development in a rural area.
- (b) considerable environmental damage could be caused to surrounding areas in the event of a fire at the site.

Application No. 92/0280/10

RESOLVED: That the Council object to the application on the grounds that:-

- (a) There is a danger to pedestrians and road users from vehicles accessing and leaving the premises.
- (b) There are inadequate parking facilities within the cartilage of the development.

(b) Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Course

The Council discussed the letter of 14 April, 1992, received from opponents of the plans to develop land at the Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Course, Talbot Green.

The Council sympathised with the situation now facing residents of Talbot Green since, if the application for consent were to be granted by the Borough Council, all residents of the village would be affected by the plans. They would be affected in many ways with increased traffic in the village, the loss of the only green space and a conglomeration of differing developments from Talbot Green to Ynysmaerdy. There were strong commercial interests promoting development on the golf course despite the clear indications in the Structure Plan and the Local Plan that the area should be retained as an open space.

Councillors Bowen and Dilworth referred to the recent public meetings which had been held to discuss the planning application. There was very strong opposition to development on the golf course. There was general agreement that if consent to develop the course was awarded some small section of the community might benefit but the majority of residents would suffer adversely.

The letter was noted.

(c) Planning Appeal

The Council received details of the findings of the Welsh Office Inspector who held an inquiry into the refusal of the Planning Authority to award planning consent to develop land at Talygarn for the purpose of a high tech laboratory. The Inspector had upheld the decision of the Planning Authority.

The contents of the report were noted.

16. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 16 to the Agenda.

17. Reports from Members

(a) Taff Ely Police Consultative Committee

The Council's nominee to the Taff Ely Police Consultative

Committee, Mr Alan Gregory, reported on the latest meeting of the Committee.

The objectives of the Committee had been clearly established and the Committee had learnt of some of the problems being experienced by Superintendent Webber in Pontypridd in policing his area. In response to questions Superintendent Webber stated that he had 77 men at his disposal. After allowance had been made for annual leave and sickness he was left with 63 officers. Effectively this was 21 men per shift to cover the whole of his area. Superintendent Webber was striving to gain an increase in his resources.

Mr Alan Gregory asked the Council for items of community interest which he could raise at the Committee. Mr Gregory promised that he would raise:-

- (i) the position on the appointment of Special Constables.
- (ii) the appointment of police officers proportionate to population.
- (iii) whether there was an extension to drinking hours on licensed premises in Pontyclun on 9 May, 1992.
- (iv) the present policy of the police authority towards under age drinking in licensed premises

Mr Gregory stated that he would report back to a future meeting of the Community Council.

(b) Mud on highway, Brynsadler

The Chairperson, Councillor Tudor J Burton, reported that the presence of large quantities of mud on the highway in Brynsadler. It was believed that the mud had come from the former Llanharry iron ore works.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Council's Highway Superintendent in Talbot Green.

(c) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Gordon Moir reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee. Copies were circulated of the BACMI Environmental Code

of Practice. The objectives of the Code were explained. It appeared that Wimpey Hobbs had already started applying the Code and all lorries entering or leaving their sites had to be sheeted. In addition, wheel washes were to be installed at all quarries.

The report was noted.

(d) Mwyndy industrial area

Councillor Professor Bowen informed the Council that the County Council was currently drawing up plans for a new access road to the industrial area at Mwyndy. The cost of the work would be borne by the industrialists. Councillor Bowen intended to ask for a detailed environmental assessment when the County Council's plans had been finalised.

The report was noted.

(e) New doctors' surgery, School Street, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that the former Church School in School Street, Pontyclun, had been demolished in preparation for the construction of the new doctors' surgery. It had been proposed that a photograph of Members of the Community Council be taken at the site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange with Mr Alan Gregory for a group photograph be taken at the site.

18. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Clerk's items

(i) Council's year end routines and annual audit

The Clerk informed the Council that during the previous six weeks he had been heavily involved in completing the Council's year end routines and preparing the Council's accounts for the annual audit. As a result it had been necessary to give priority to those items which, if not completed on time, would lead to the Council incurring financial penalties. Items of correspondence which the Clerk would normally have attended to between Council meetings had been given low priority until high priority items had been completed.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Finance Committee Meeting

The Clerk informed the Council that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 May, 1992.

The information was noted.

(iii) Miskin War Memorial

The Clerk reported that in the early hours of Thursday, 7 May, 1992, the Miskin War Memorial had been damaged by a car. The police were aware of the incident and the Clerk was pursuing the matter to see if there was any possibility of securing compensation for the remedial work which would have to be undertaken.

The report was noted.

(iv) "All Our Yesterdays"

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received by Councillor Norman inviting the Community Council to become a sponsoring authority in the staging of an exhibition in connection with the publication of a book "All Our Yesterdays". The book, to be published in conjunction with the Parish of Pontyclun and Talygarn, would provide a record of local history.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the extent of the financial commitment required from the Community Council.

(b) Members' items

(i) Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton reported that she had received a number of complaints about unkempt houses on the Hendy Estate.

RESOLVED: That the matter be pursued at Borough Council by Councillor Norman.

(ii) Refurbishment of building
at the rear of Pontyclun Post Office

Councillor Eric Griffith drew the Council's attention to the building work which was taking place in the building at the rear of the Pontyclun Post Office. He asked if anyone had information on the development.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the nature of the development.

(iii) Borough Council refuse tip, Miskin

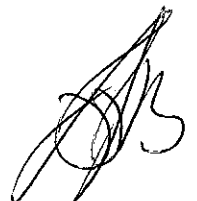
Councillor Gordon Moir drew the Council's attention to recently installed vents in the Borough Council's Miskin refuse tip. While it was believed that the vents had been installed to prevent a build up of methane gas at the tip, the absence of any form of explanation from the Borough Council had raised worries in the minds of Miskin residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain an explanation for the installation of the vents from the Borough Council and an assurance that there was no danger to Miskin residents.

(iv) Obstructions on pavements in Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth referred to the several reports which had been made to the highway authority about the obstruction of pavements in Pontyclun. He was unaware that any action had been taken in the matter and pavements continued to be obstructed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Council's concern about the continuing obstruction of pavements in Pontyclun to the County Council in writing.

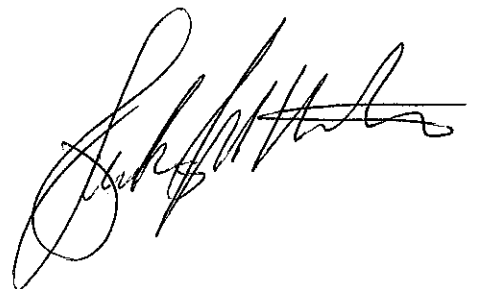


(v) Council's request for parking restrictions

The Chairperson, Councillor Tudor Burton, pointed out to the Council that there had been another accident at the junction of Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. The Community Council had previously asked the County Council to consider placing double yellow lines around and adjacent to the junction because it was recognised that the visibility of drivers emerging from Clun Avenue into Llantrisant Road was frequently hampered by parked vehicles near the junction.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council and establish the position on the Community Council's request.

19. The meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tudor Burton', written in a cursive style.