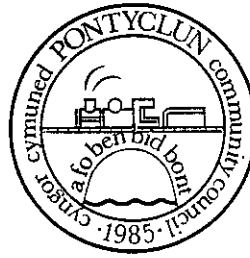


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 February, 1995.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr T J Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen and Mrs A Burton

2. Chairperson's business

(a) Mr David Speed, M B E

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported that he was very pleased to have been present at a function at the Bethel Baptist Church Centre, Pontyclun, on Saturday, 14 January, 1995, to mark the award of the M B E to Mr David Speed of High Street, Brynsadler, for his services to the community. The function was attended by over 200 residents and was an indication of the popularity of the award. The Chairperson had subsequently received a letter from Mr David Speed thanking him for the gift which was presented at the function.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk acknowledge Mr Speed's letter and formally congratulate Mr Speed on his award.

(b) Chain of Office

The Chairperson reminded the Council that it had yet to agree to the purchase of a chain of office for the Council's Chairperson. Councillor Bendle pointed out that on those civic occasions when the chairpersons of other local

authorities were present the absence of a chain of office lead to a certain degree of confusion and embarrassment.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk make enquiries about the likely cost of a chain of office.

(ii) That when the likely cost be known the Clerk contact Mr Gerald Leeke of Leeke's of Llantrisant to ascertain whether that company wished to make a contribution towards the cost of a chain of office.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 January, 1995

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 January, 1995, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Pontyclun Action Group

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries about the date for the next meeting of the Pontyclun Action Group. It appeared that at that time the Group had not arranged a date for their next meeting.

The matter was noted.

(b) Sponsored walk in aid of the Kidney Research Unit Foundation

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Clerk to the Llanharry Community Council about the possibility of that council joining the Pontyclun Community Council in the annual sponsored walk in aid of kidney research. The Clerk to the Llanharry Community Council intended raising the matter at the meeting of the Llanharry Community Council that evening.

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported that he had obtained permission for the Pontyclun Fire Station to be used as the starting and finishing point for the sponsored walk.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for sponsorship forms to be made available at the Pontyclun Community Centre and the Pontyclun Primary School.

(c) Blasting at Hendy Quarry

The Council discussed the reply from H M Inspector of Quarries at the Health and Safety Executive who confirmed that



Redland Aggregates were prosecuted on 12 October, 1994, for breaches of Sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974, as the result of the projection of stones beyond a quarry boundary on 24 March, 1994. The convictions had resulted in a fine of £10,000 under Section 2 and a fine of £15,000 under Section 3.

The Council was at a loss to understand how, when similar events occurred at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin, no prosecution had resulted. Furthermore, an Inspector involved in the Redland case appeared to be the same Inspector who had investigated the Miskin incident.

Strong vibrations from blasting at the Hendy Quarry continued to be a major source of nuisance to Miskin residents. On 31 January, 1995, a very powerful blast had taken place. The vibrations from the blast had been likened to an earthquake affecting a house in Elms Park.

Councillor John Dilworth reported that the subject of blasting at Hendy Quarry had been discussed at the last meeting of the Borough Council/ Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee. The Committee had approved a recommendation that the Borough Council should invest £5,000 in the purchase of permanent monitoring equipment in Miskin.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council urging the installation of the monitoring equipment as soon as possible.
 - (ii) That the Clerk write again to CADW encouraging that organisation to become involved in the preservation of St Cawrdaf's Monastery on the edge of the Hendy Quarry.

(d) Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War 2

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Father Martin Reynolds about the possibility of holding a service to commemorate the end of World War 2. Father Martin Reynolds had agreed to raise the matter at his next meeting with the Ministers of Bethel Baptist Church and Hope Presbyterian Church.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements to ensure that an invitation to join a joint service be extended to the congregations at the Tabernacle and Methodist Churches in Pontyclun.



(e) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor John Dilworth reported that the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre had arranged an open morning at the Pontyclun Community Centre for the morning of 18 February, 1995. It was planned to invite the Mayor of the Taff Ely Borough Council to the open morning when the Community Council's cheque for £20,000 towards the Centre's building costs would be presented. Councillor Dilworth extended an invitation to all Members of the Council to attend the open morning.

The report was noted.

(f) Local Government Reorganisation -
Welsh Office Draft Guidance on
Consultation with Community Councils

Councillor John Dilworth referred to the circular from the Welsh Office dealing with consultation between community councils and unitary councils which had been distributed at the last meeting of the Community Council. As Councillor Dilworth had not received any comments from Members on the document prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils at the end of January he had been unable to pass on any comments.

The matter was noted.

(g) Welsh Language Board - "Consultation on Draft Guidelines
as to the Form and Content of Welsh Language Schemes"

Councillor John Dilworth suggested to the Council that when the time was appropriate for printing further supplies of Community Council headed stationery consideration be given to ensuring that all headings are fully bilingual.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements with the printers for all further supplies of Community Council headed stationery to be fully bilingual.

5. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 24 January, 1995

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 24 January, 1995, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising save for clarification that it was not the intention of the Finance Committee to recommend the winding up of the Community Council's Sinking Fund.



7. Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations

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

8. Tenders for the construction of raised flower beds, Groesfaen

The Chairperson opened the three sealed tenders for the construction of raised flower beds in Groesfaen. The tenders were in the following amounts:

G L Sharkey (Builders) Ltd	-	£3,286.40 plus VAT
K W Jones & Co. Ltd	-	£3,730.00 plus VAT
P J Saunders Limited	-	£4,253.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED: That no action be taken to award a contract for the work pending the Clerk discussing with the Council's Handyman the possibility of the work being carried out by casual labour with the Handyman acting in a supervisory capacity.

9. Borough Council's/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor John Dilworth gave a report on the topics discussed at the meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee's meeting on Thursday, 26 January, 1995. Of particular importance was the recommendation for a strong letter to be sent to the Secretary of the Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Transition Committee criticising the Committee on its failure to coopt a representative of community councils to the Transition Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request that the matter of nuisance to Miskin residents from blasting at Hendy Quarry be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee.

10. Strategic Development Scheme

The Council discussed the letter of 6 January, 1995, from the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer listing the schemes which had been approved by the Secretary of State for Wales for grant aid under the Strategic Development Scheme for 1995/96.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

11. Use of rear lanes in Pontyclun by motorists

The Council considered the letter of 17 January, 1995, from the County Engineer and Surveyor about the use of back lanes in Pontyclun by motorists as short cuts. The Council was disappointed to note that the County Council saw little prospect of introducing effective measures to prevent motorists from using back lanes as short cuts. The County Engineer and Surveyor was, however, prepared to meet members on site to discuss the problems in greater detail.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for a site meeting.

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12. Name of the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Council discussed the letter of 3 January, 1995, from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer, in which the Community Council was informed that a decision had been taken by the Borough's Leisure and Recreation Committee not to agree to the Community Council's earlier suggestion for naming the Pontyclun Community Centre.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

13. Application for financial assistance

The Council considered a request for financial assistance from the Pontypridd (Taff Ely and Rhondda) Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

14. Planning

- (a) Applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 23 and 30 December, 1994, 7, 15, 22 and 29 January, 1995

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

Application No. 95/0004/10

The Council is not in favour of the proposal since it believes that a double garage on the site would be inappropriate and would create a precedent for other residents wishing to build similar garages.

Application No. 95/0010/10

The Council opposes the proposal on the grounds that:

- (i) There is insufficient parking in the vicinity.
- (ii) The proposed development would lead to the generation of a significant amount of litter.
- (iii) The proposal would lead to further late night rowdyism for residents in the area.

Application No. 94/0868/12

The Council unanimously endorsed the application but felt

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strongly that a condition should be placed on any consent to require the developer to retain the existing wrought ironwork name above the entrance gates to the Centre.

(b) Cefn-yr-Hendy development

The Council discussed the response of the Borough Council to the Community Council's previously expressed concerns about ground conditions at the new residential development at Cefn-yr-Hendy. In a letter from the Chief Planning Officer dated 20 January, 1995, it was pointed out that British Coal, in response to the Borough Council's initial outline application for residential development, indicated that the developer should satisfy himself as to the ground conditions prevailing on site before commencing work.

Consultation had also taken place with the Mineral Valuer at the Valuation Office (Inland Revenue).

Condition 13 imposed on the permission, dated 10 July, 1990, required the submission of ground investigation reports. These reports had been submitted and approved.

The Chief Planning Officer drew the Community Council's attention to Government advice contained in Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 14 (Development on Unstable Land). The advice suggests that the use of conditions is appropriate when considering ground stability issues.

RESOLVED: That the response of the Borough Council be noted.

15. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 14 to the Agenda.

16. Reports from Members

(a) Sign at Llwynypenna Cottages, Groesfaen

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report that the Borough Council had now erected the sign at Llwynypenna Cottages to which he had referred at the Community Council's last meeting.

The report was noted.

(b) Netball Court, Hendy Estate

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report

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that the Borough Council had started work on the installation of a netball court on the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun. It was hoped that work would be completed at the end of the week.

The report was noted.

(c) Hendy Quarry - Vibrations from blasting

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that he attended a sub committee meeting of the Borough Council on 17 January, 1995, when the matter of nuisance from blasting at the Hendy Quarry was discussed. There had been general dissatisfaction among Miskin residents over the way in which the Borough Council had handled the problems emanating from the quarry. The Borough Council had agreed to hold a site meeting where members could obtain a better understanding of the problems faced by Miskin residents.

The report was noted.

(d) Taff Ely Police Liaison Committee

Councillor Tudor Burton gave notice that he would be unable to attend the next meeting of the Taff Ely Police Liaison Committee scheduled for 9 February, 1995.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey Councillor Burton's apologies for his inability to attend the meeting.

(e) Pavement repairs, Maesyfelin Estate

Councillor Eric Griffith reported that work had commenced on the repair of pavements on the Maesyfelin Estate. It appeared that good repairs had been effected on one side of the highway but considerable work was needed on the other side, too. It was hoped that the County Council workmen would return soon to complete the repairs.

The report was noted.

(f) Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Liaison Committee

Councillor John Dilworth reported that Mr Warwick Butler, Town Clerk to the Pontypridd Town Council, and Secretary/Administrator to the Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Liaison Committee, had recently decided to retire. His duties with the Pontypridd Town Council had been taken on by the Mayor of the Council while his duties with the Liaison Committee had been taken on by Councillor Dilworth as a temporary measure. It was planned that Mr Paul Griffiths, Assistant Secretary of the



Association of District Councils, would address the next meeting of the Liaison Committee. Councillor Dilworth reported that throughout Wales some cooption of community council representatives on to Transition Committees had taken place, but overall cooption levels had been disappointing.

The report was noted.

17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Repairs to pavements

Councillor Gordon Norman was sad to have to report an incident where a senior citizen in the Pontyclun had stumbled and fell as the result of a defective pavement. He had reported the matter to the local office of the Highways and Transportation Department and within 12 hours 3 tonnes of tarmac had been delivered to repair the defective pavement.

The report was noted.

(b) Letter of condolences

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips wished to thank the Council for the expression of condolences on the recent death of her sister in law.

Councillor Mrs Phillips' comments were noted.

(c) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips drew the Council's attention to the Open Day which was planned for the Pontyclun Community Centre on 18 February, 1995. A presentation of a mock-up cheque would take place to a representative of the Taff Ely Borough Council for the Community Council's contribution of £20,000.00 towards the Centre's rebuilding costs. Councillor Mrs Phillips urged as many Members of the Council as possible to be present. It was planned that the morning presentation ceremony would be followed in the afternoon by a film show for children. In the evening a show had been arranged featuring Stan Stennett.

The report was noted.

(d) Listed building status

Councillor Tudor Burton drew the Council's attention to the

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historical significance of Caergwanaf Farm, Miskin. He wondered whether the premises had been designated as a "listed building"

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries on whether Caergwanaf Farm had been "listed" for its historical significance. In the event that the premises had not been "listed", the Clerk establish the relevant criteria for an application for listing.

(e) Police affecting the police

Members spoke of their concern on a number of matters affecting the police:

Councillor Gordon Norman: Vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Pontyclun.

Councillor Gordon Norman: Parking problems in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun.

Councillor Gordon Norman: Parking problems on the railway bridge in Pontyclun

Councillor Tudor Burton: The parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the Bute Arms, Pontyclun

Councillor Gordon Moir: Speeding vehicles in Miskin

In response to earlier complaints from the Community Council about parking problems on the highway outside the Leekes' Superstore PC Keddle informed the Council of a proposal to construct a bridge to link Leekes' premises with land at Y Pant Comprehensive School. PC Keddle was optimistic that when further parking spaces became available motorists would refrain from parking on the highway.

18. The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

