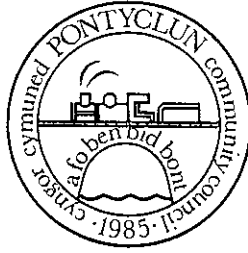


CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPENDIX No. 1

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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 1 November, 1989.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman), Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr T J Burton, Mr E Hopkin and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle

1. Death of Dr A D Mason

Councillor Norman informed the Council of the recent death of Dr A D Mason who had practised in Pontyclun for many years. The Council stood as a mark of respect in Dr Mason's memory.

RESOLVED: That the Council's condolences be sent to Dr Mason's widow.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 October, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 October, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Bulb planting programme

Councillor Norman reported that good progress had been achieved in the Council's bulb planting programme despite inclement weather. It was anticipated that planting would be completed at all the sites earmarked by mid to late November.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk send a letter of thanks to all the children in the Community who had helped to plant spring flowering bulbs.

(ii) That Members give consideration to other suitable areas within their wards for inclusion in a bulb planting programme for 1990

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(b) Proposed housing and ancillary development at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that a decision on the application for outline planning consent by the Land Authority for Wales had been deferred by the Borough Council until its meeting on 14 November, 1989. While the decision of the Borough Council could not be foreseen, the fact that the land in question had previously been allocated for housing under the Llantrisant Local Plan several years previously was likely to be a significant factor in the Borough Council's deliberations.

The Chairman, and Councillor Norman, reported on the representations they had made to the Borough Council on the application, and informed the Council that in the event of the application being approved there was a likelihood of "planning gains" for the Community.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Council's earlier wish to convene a public meeting to discuss the application he had made arrangements for a public meeting to be held in the St Paul's Church Hall, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 9 November, 1989. Notices advertising the meeting had been placed in each Community Council noticeboard and an advertisement had been placed in the Llantrisant Observer. Invitations to attend the meeting had been extended to the Chief Planning Officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council and the Planning Officer of the Land Authority for Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for the report of the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council on the application be available to members of the public attending the public meeting.

(c) Postal addresses

Members expressed their concern over two separate aspects of the use of "Pontyclun" in certain postal addresses. The first aspect concerned commercial vehicles, frequently articulated vehicles, seeking the Coedcae Lane Industrial Estate. Several of these vehicles were, daily, entering the village of Pontyclun, needlessly. These vehicles had, subsequently, to reverse in the village and be redirected via Talbot Green.

The second aspect involved visitors to the area who were seeking Bryna, Llanharan, Llantrisant, and other nearby villages who again needlessly required redirecting in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk again approach the

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County Council with a view to getting more effective signposting erected on the A4119 to ensure that commercial vehicles seeking Coedcae Lane Industrial Estate be directed towards Talbot Green.

- (ii) The the Clerk write to the Head Postmaster in Cardiff to find out whether it would be possible to give the villages of Bryna, Llanharan, Llantrisant, and other nearby villages, postal addresses which excluded Pontyclun.

(d) Recycling of waste materials

Councillor Kennard, while recognising the efforts made by the Community Council to encourage the recycling of glass and aluminium, wondered if it would be possible to encourage the recycling of waste paper and other discarded materials.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Cheshire Recycling Ltd to establish the extent of the service offered by that company.

(e) Skip Placements in the Community

Arising out of minute 15 (d) of the Council's meeting of 4 October, 1989, Councillor Kennard sought confirmation that it was not the policy of the Borough Council to provide a lesser service to the residents of the Community in the placement of skips for the disposal of rubbish. The Chairman, Councillor V P James, confirmed that it was not the intention of the Borough Council a lesser service. The intention was to organise the service on a regular and scheduled basis.

4. Report from the site meeting held at the Hendy Garages on the morning of Saturday, 7 October, 1989

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that following complaints from residents living in the vicinity of the Borough Council owned garages on the Hendy Estate, a site meeting had been held on the morning of Saturday, 7 October, 1989. It was found that a number of garages were in a poor state of repair while others appeared to have been used for a variety of purposes for which they were not intended. Enquiries of the Housing Department of the Borough Council had revealed that maintenance of garages had a very low priority over houses. Councillor Norman reported that in view of the concerns being expressed about the garages he had managed to get a commitment from the Borough Council that the children's playarea, adjacent to the garages, be fenced off.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Borough Council urging that the matter of garage tenancies be resolved as a priority. In the event of the Borough Council being unable to resolve the matter satisfactorily, The Community Council give consideration to referring the question to the Ombudsman.

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5. Hendy Quarry(a) Letter and enclosure from Dr Kim Howells, M.P.

The Council discussed Dr Howells' letter of 6 October, 1989, together with the accompanying letter from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

While Members were disappointed to find that responsibility for the inspection of quarries and the enforcement of legislation had been transferred to a much larger organisation, Her Majesty's Factory and Agricultural Inspectorate, there was some measure of satisfaction in that Wimpey Hobbs had given an undertaking to observe the provisions of the Approved Code of Practice.

RESOLVED: That the letter and enclosure be noted

(b) Liaison Committee(i) Draft Terms of Reference

The Council considered the draft terms of reference forwarded by the County Clerk and Coordinator.

RESOLVED: That the following amendments be proposed:-

- (a) The deletion of paragraph 1(d)
- (b) Under paragraph 2, a further sentence to be added "The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be appointed on a majority vote.
- (c) Under paragraph 4, the words "three monthly" be substituted by the word "monthly"
- (d) Under paragraph 5, the first sentence be amended to read "The terms of reference of the Committee shall be to discuss matters pertaining to the operation of the quarry and any effects on the local community and environment"

Additionally, the third sentence in paragraph 5 be amended to read "The minutes of the Liaison Committee shall be referred by the Clerk to the Liaison

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Committee to the representatives in 1(b) and 1(c) above and to Wimpey Hobbs Ltd."

- (e) Under paragraph 9, the first sentence to be deleted. The paragraph to now read "The Chairman of the Liaison Committee may call upon any person to attend a Liaison Committee meeting and give advice as and when necessary"

(ii) Membership of the Liaison Committee

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed membership of the Liaison Committee. The Community Council was deeply concerned to learn that the Borough Council, in selecting its representative, had chosen to ignore the obvious qualifications of Councillor Norman, a Borough Councillor whose Ward included the Hendy Quarry. Additionally, Councillor Norman had been intimately involved with the blasting problems over a number of years. It was understood that the Borough Council's nominee for the Liaison Committee lived outside the Ward and had limited experience of the blasting problems.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council's representatives on the Liaison Committee be the two Councillors for the Miskin Ward, that is Councillors Mr T J Burton and Mrs I V Evans.
- (ii) That the Community Council's substitute representative in the event of either Councillor Burton or Evans being unavailable to attend a meeting, be Councillor Norman.
- (iii) That following decisions by the residents' action committee, Mr G Moir, 6 Elms Park, Miskin, be notified as the residents' representative. In Mr Moir's absence, the substitute to be Mr Alan Jones of 2 Elms Park, Miskin.
- (iv) That the Community Council's deep concern at the Borough

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Council's failure to nominate Councillor Norman as its representative on the Liaison Committee be conveyed to the Borough Council with a request that the Borough Council reconsider its nomination.

- (v) That Members give further thought to what action could be taken in the campaign to end quarrying at Miskin and that the matter be placed on the Council's Agenda for its meeting on 6 December, 1989.

6. Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, Aberystwyth, 14 October, 1989

The Clerk gave a report on the attendance by Councillor Mrs Burton, and himself, at the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils held in Aberystwyth on 14 October, 1989. The report covered the controversy surrounding the re-election of Sir John Stradling Thomas, M.P., as Vice President of the Association, and the address to Conference by the Chairman of the Welsh Language Board, Mr John Elfed Jones. Of the motions debated at Conference during the afternoon, 17 were passed, including the Pontyclun motion, 1 was withdrawn, and 1 was lost. The motions passed at Conference became Association policy.

The report was noted.

7. Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Council was pleased to note that the Llantrisant Community Council had agreed to the Pontyclun Community Council's proposals to share the nomination to the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant.

8. Application for financial assistance

The Council considered the application for financial assistance from the Council of Churches for Wales and the Commission of Covenanted Churches.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline making a grant.

9. Weekly Planning Applications for Weeks 39, 40+41, and 42

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 39 and 40+41. Notification for Week No 42 had not been received by the date of the meeting.

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

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Application No 56/0935/89

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

- (i) the proposal would lead to an encroachment on to a public right of way.
- (ii) there are uncertainties about land requirements in the area arising out of the proposals to develop land at Cefn-yr-Hendy.
- (iii) it was likely that further expansion at the site would, in practice, lead to further land being devoted to the sale of cars.
- (iv) the existing premises are already badly sighted and further expansion at the site would exacerbate existing traffic hazards.

Application No 56/0979/89

That the Borough Council be asked to ensure that any development be in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Application No 56/0981/89

That the Community Council urge the Borough Council to exercise control over the proliferation of this unwelcomed form of development.

10. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Agenda.

11. Reports from Members

- (a) Board of Governors -
Maesyfelin Infants' and Pontyclun Junior Schools

Councillor Norman gave a report on his attendance at the latest meeting of the Maesyfelin Infants' and Pontyclun Junior Schools' governing body.

The report was noted.

- (b) 25th Anniversary of the Pontyclun Girls' Brigade

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips gave a report on her attendance at the 25th Anniversary celebrations of the Pontyclun Girls' Brigade. Councillor Phillips conveyed to the Council the appreciation of the Girls' Brigade at the Council's continued support.

The report was noted.

- (c) Dumping of pcb's in the Community

Councillor Mrs Burton drew the Council's attention to a recent television programme which gave information on the dumping of toxic pcb's in the Community of Pontyclun. In view of increasing public concern about

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the disposal of hazzardous substances, it was important that assurances were obtained that there were no hazards posed to residents of the Community as a result of the dumping of pcb's.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Environmental Health Officer asking for the location of the pcb disposal sites in the Community and requesting assurances that there is no threat to residents' health arising out of that dumping.

(d) Bute Quarry, Miskin

Councillor Bowen reported that the Borough Council had recently found itself in a deeply embarrassing position over the Bute Quarry, Miskin. A sum of public money in the region of £140,000 had been spent by the Borough Council on preliminary work to the Bute Quarry, Miskin, to prepare the site for a refuse disposal. It appeared that the Borough Council had omitted to sign a lease on the quarry and the owners were now refusing the Borough Council access to tip. It appeared that the issue was complicated by the current application to develop land at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(e) Upgrading of lane linking Groesfaen with Creigiau

Councillor bowen was pleased to be able to report progress on plans to upgrade the lane linking Groesfaen with Creigiau. There had been considerable development in both villages in recent years and an upgrading of the highway was long overdue.

The report was noted.

12. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Appointment of Handyman

Councillor Norman asked for the latest position on the appointment of a replacement Handyman.

The Clerk responded that of the eight candidates selected by the Council for interview, references were still awaited for three of the applicants.

RESOLVED: That interviews the five candidates who had produced references.

(b) Erection of bus shelter in Brynsadler

Councillor Kennard asked for the latest position on the Council's plans to erect a bus shelter in Brynsadler.

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The Clerk replied that the Council had, at an earlier meeting, decided to seek a joint tender to build the bus shelter in Brynsadler with the replacement bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. While the approval of the County Council had been received for the Community Council's plans for the Heol Miskin bus shelter, the Borough Council, who owned the land immediately the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, had yet to give its approval.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter as a priority with the Borough Council
- (ii) That Councillor Norman raise the matter with the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer.

(c) Re-roofing of the public conveniences, Pontyclun

Councillor Kennard asked for the latest position on the Council's plans to re-roof the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The Clerk replied that Bills of Quantities together with invitations to tender had been sent to three local builders considered capable of giving value for money. The closing date for the return of tenders was Friday, 10 November, 1989, and a meeting of the Council would be convened shortly after that date to award the contract.

(d) Proposed installation of footpath lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor Kennard asked for the latest position on the Council's plans to instal footpath lighting on the Windsor Field, Pontyclun.

The Clerk responded that he had been supplied with the names and addresses of three cotractors considered to be capable by the County Engineer and Surveyor of carrying out the work. A specification of the technical detail, prior to the invitation of tenders, was in the course of preparation. It was anticipated that tender documents would be sent out to contractors during December.

(e) Sewage problems in Brynsadler

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that due to an overload of the sewers in Brynsadler, recently, flooding had occurred in a number of gardens.

The report was noted.

13. The meeting ended at 9.30p.m.

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