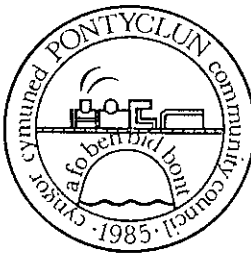


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 September, 1993

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Police Constable Steve Keddle

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. Chairperson's business

There were no items of Chairperson's business.

3. Minutes of the Council's meetings of 7 and 14 July, 1993

REESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meetings of 7 and 14 July, 1993, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising - Meeting of 7 July, 1993

(a) Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth reported that he continued to receive representations from residents living in the vicinity of the Dipali restaurant about the unhegienic practice of the proprietor in storing waste food. Councillor Dilworth reminded the Council that the proprietor had been the subject of several complaints previously. Temporary improvements had been achieved through the Environmental Health Department officers of the Borough Council but the improvements were short-lived. Recently residents had petitioned the Borough Council asking for permanent improvements to the way in which the proprietor stored waste food.

Councillor Dilworth reported that he had also contacted the Chairman of the Borough Council's Environmental Services Committee asking for a report on all the actions taken against the proprietor of the restaurant in recent years.

The matter was noted.

(b) Public footpaths in Talygarn

The Clerk reported that the public footpaths which had been blocked in Talygarn had been reopened. Additionally, the "No Trespassing" signs had been removed. Despite this, he believed that it was important to establish the reasons for the actions and had written to the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority seeking clarification of the matter.

The matter was noted.

(c) Taff Ely Community Order, 1984

The Council discussed the letter from the Llantrisant Community Council, dated 31 July, 1993, requesting that the Pontyclun Community Council reconsider its earlier decision not to make any financial contribution towards the cost of running the Cefnyparc cemetery. It was pointed out in the letter that residents of the Community of Pontyclun would continue to "enjoy the benefits of single fee" for a period of 25 years from 1 April, 1985, but that none of the costs of running the cemetery would be borne by Pontyclun residents.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken in the matter until the replies of the Borough Council and the Local Government Boundary Commission had been received in response to earlier correspondence.

(d) Proposed new access road, Mwyndy Industrial Estate

The Council discussed the response of the County Secretary and Solicitor to the Council's comments of 13 July, 1993, on the application for planning consent to construct a new access road to the Mwyndy Industrial Estate. It was noted that the application had been advertised more widely than previously understood but it was admitted that "consultation" with the Community Council had begun three days after the Community Council's comments on the application had been received by the County Secretary and Solicitor.



Councillor Delme Bowen informed the Council that he had been disappointed to learn that the Welsh Office did not regard the application as having strategic implications and, as a result, it was very unlikely that the Welsh Office would "call in" the application.

RESOLVED: That the Council monitor closely the progress of the application and that the Borough Council be urged to request the County Council to hold a site meeting before determining the application and to offer members of the Pontyclun Community the opportunity to attend that meeting.

(e) Application for planning consent for further residential development at Maesyfelin

Members reported on the site meeting which was held on 27 July, 1993. There was a consensus view that the meeting was not properly chaired with the result that it was one of the most unsatisfactory meetings in members' experience. It appeared that the developer had a number of vociferous supporters present at the meeting who had the effect of intimidating members of the public.

The County Council was satisfied with the developer's plans for accessing the site. The National Rivers Authority, despite the clear and authoritative evidence to show that the site was regularly prone to flooding, refused to object to the developer's proposals.

The Community Council believed that it had done everything it could reasonably have done, including a reference to the Ombudsman, to point out the dangers of building on a flood prone site. The Council was bitterly disappointed that its efforts were to no avail.

(f) Borough Council's Purolite Liaison Committee

Councillor John Dilworth reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Borough Council's Purolite Liaison Committee held on 29 July, 1993. He reported that at the outset representatives of Purolite had attempted to exclude members of the public from the meeting. The Chair ruled that the representatives of Purolite were being over sensitive and that it was in order for the public to remain at the meeting.



Complaints about obnoxious smells emanating from the Purolite plant continued to be received. In an effort to reduce the smells the plant management had commissioned the British Oxygen Company to introduce oxygen into the plant's effluent since this treatment had been successful elsewhere. Reservations were expressed about the likelihood of success in reducing the smells to an acceptable level.

The Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer was convinced that there was a massive under reporting of smells emanating from the plant. She believed that the reason for this was that many residents in the vicinity of the plant had become accustomed to the smells and had become resigned to failing to achieve improvements. The Environmental Health Officer stated that monitoring of smells from pre-determined locations would commence in a few weeks' time.

Her Majesty's Inspector of Pollution stated that the closing date for registration of process applications in the chemical industry had been extended to 31 October, 1993. Ultimately all applications would be available for scrutiny and comment by the public. Furthermore, processing consents issued by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution could contain restraints where this was considered necessary.

Bearing in mind that residents in the Community of Pontyclun were subjected to a considerable amount of the offensive odours emanating from the plant, it was considered a weakness that residents of the Community were not represented on the Liaison Committee.

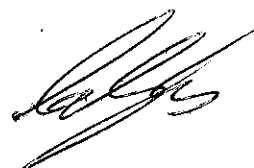
RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Dilworth be thanked for his comprehensive report on the meeting.

(ii) That the Clerk contact the Chief Executive and Clerk to the Borough Council to highlight the weakness in not having a resident of the Community of Pontyclun on the Liaison Committee and request that the Community Council be allowed to nominate Councillor Dilworth to the Committee.

5. Matters arising - Meeting of 14 July, 1993

(a) Late applications for grant

The Council discussed late applications for grant aid.



RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

- (i) £50 to Bobath Cymru
- (ii) £100 to Babell Calvinistic Methodist Church, Groesfaen

(b) Nomination to the vacancies on the South Wales Police (Taff Ely) and British Transport Police Consultative Committees

The Council discussed the vacancies caused by the resignation of the Community Council's representative, Mr Alan Gregory.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk approach Mr Tom Clarke of 1 Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun, to enquire whether he would be prepared to represent the Community Council on the Committees.

- (ii) That in the event of a Member becoming aware of another Community resident who might be willing to represent the Council on the Committees that member refer the resident to the Clerk.

6. Street lighting at River's Edge, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the District Auditor about the possibility of the Community Council taking responsibility for the provision of street lighting in River's Edge, Pontyclun.

The District Auditor advised that community councils had limited powers to provide footpath and footway lighting. The powers did not extend to providing street lighting. The District Auditor strongly advised the community council not to incur any expenditure on street lighting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the representative of the River's Edge residents and advise him that the Community Council was unable to help residents to restore the street lighting in River's Edge.

7. Dilapidated hut - north eastern end of Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth raised, as a matter of public concern, the condition of the dilapidated hut at the north eastern end of the Windsor Field, Pontyclun. Councillor Dilworth was aware that the structure had become unstable and posed a threat to public safety.

Councillor Eric Griffith agreed that the hut, which was in the ownership of the Pontyclun R.F.C., was in a poor state and was probably beyond economic repair. Councillor Griffith advised that it was the intention of the Pontyclun R.F.C. to have a bonfire at the site on the evening of the 5 November.

RESOLVED: That in the light of Councillor Griffith's information no further action be taken.

8. Nuisance of cats in the vicinity of Merthyr Street, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That as the Member who raised the item was not present there be no further discussion on the matter.

9. The practice of overestimating electricity bills

RESOLVED: That as the Member who raised the item was not present there be no further discussion on the matter.

10. Environment Week

The Council discussed the letter of 8 July, 1993, from the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council inviting the Community Council to participate in Environment Week.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

11. Paper Banks

The Council discussed the letter of 26 July, 1993, from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Services Officer advising that because of the high incidence of vandalism to paper banks in several parts of the Borough it had become necessary for the Council's contractor to remove his paper banks. Paper banks would remain at the Tesco's Stores in Talbot Green and Upper Boat. The Borough Council expressed concern that unless the mindless acts of vandalism to paper banks ceased potential contractors would not participate in waste paper recycling.

RESOLVED: (i) That members do everything reasonable to discourage members of the public from vandalising paper banks.

(ii) That in the event of a further waste paper contractor agreeing to site paper banks in the Borough, representations be made for one of the paper banks to be sited in the car park at the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

12. Newsletter No.3 - Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Council received Newsletter No. 3 from the Association of Community and Town Councils. The newsletter contained information on the Strategic Development Scheme, Compulsory Competitive Tendering during the period of local government reorganisation, the Countyside Council Public Rights of Way Survey and the "Jigso" Project.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

13. Erection of footbridge over the Afon Clun, Pontyclun

The Clerk referred to the earlier resolution of the Council to contribute the sum of £5,000.00 towards the cost of the erection of a footbridge across the Afon Clun. Contributions towards the project had also been promised from the Llanharan Community Council and the Mid Glamorgan County Council. The County Council was now asking for the contribution of the Pontyclun Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to forward the Council's contribution of £5,000.00 to the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

14. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 9, 16 and 23 July and 6 August, 1993.

Application No 93/0540/05

RESOLVED: That the Clerk enclose a copy of the comments which the Community Council had made direct to the County Council on 13 July, 1993.

Application No 93/0628/10

RESOLVED: That while it was unclear precisely what development might be expected at the site, in the event that the land would be used for a Sunday market the Community Council strongly urge the Borough Council to make any planning consent conditional upon the developer providing adequate car parking facilities.

(b) Appeal against the refusal to award permission

The Council received details of the inquiry which was to be held following the refusal of the Taff Ely Borough



Council to award planning consent for development on land at Caergwanaf, Hensol Road, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

15. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

16. Reports from Members

(a) Blasting in Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that complaints were again being received from Miskin residents about vibrations resulting from blasting at the Hendy Quarry. In particular, during the week ending 24 July, 1993, there was an enormous blast which resulted in St David's Church being covered in a white dust. Close examination led to the belief that the dust had been dislodged from the roof cavity. A formal complaint had been lodged with the Borough Council but no reply had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk also take the matter up with the Borough Council expressing the Council's surprise that no reply had been received by Miskin residents.

(b) Planning application to develop wetlands at the rear of Tesco stores, Talbot Green

Councillor John Dilworth reminded the Council of the application to develop land at the rear of Tesco Stores, Talbot Green, and of the considerable opposition that the proposal had generated. Councillor Dilworth was pleased to be able to report that the Borough Council had refused planning permission for the proposed development.

The report was noted.

(c) Heavy goods vehicles, Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that residents of Clun Avenue, Pontyclun, worried about the dangers from heavy goods vehicles constantly using their street, had drawn up a petition requesting the County Council to consider banning heavy vehicles from the road. Councillor Bowen would be presenting the petition at the following day's meeting of the Highways and Transportation Committee.



The report was noted.

(d) Highway access to Tylagarw

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that the County Council was giving serious consideration to improving highway access to Tylagarw. While no route had been settled it was planned to enter into negotiations with the Welsh Development Agency. It was hoped that a site meeting with the W.D.A. could be arranged shortly.

The report was noted.

17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Overgrown hedgerow opposite Police Houses in Miskin

Councillor John Dilworth was pleased to be able to report that he had traced ownership of the land opposite the police houses in Miskin. The land was in the ownership of the Land Authority for Wales. Councillor Dilworth had also been successful in getting the L.A.W. to cut back the hedge which had encroached on to the pavement as a result of not being cut back for some time.

The matter was noted.

(b) Obstruction of pavements by traders in Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth reported that despite the warnings which had been given by the County Council to traders in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, about placing obstructions on the pavements, numerous obstructions were regularly to be seen on the pavements and residents continued to be impeded and in some cases injured as the result of falls.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again take the matter up with County Council reminding that authority of its statutory responsibility to ensure that pavements were not obstructed.

(c) Speeding traffic, Brynsadler

P C Steve Kettle reported that following the concern of the Community Council about speeding traffic in Brynsadler the police had carried out surveillance. As a result, a number of drivers had been reported for



speeding. The area would continue to receive police attention.

The report was noted.

(d) Proposed replacement of the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter dated 26 August, 1993, from the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council setting out the present position on the replacement of the Pontyclun Community Centre. Copies of the letter were distributed to Members. The Clerk also drew the Council's attention to the sketches which had accompanied the letter.

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the letter be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for copies of the sketches accompanying the Chief Leisure Services Officer's letter to be distributed to every Member of the Council.

(e) Home Office News Release -
Blueprint for Parish Constables

The Clerk reported the receipt of a news release from the Home Office on plans for the creation of Parish Constables and inviting community and parish councils to submit their "blueprints". The news release had been received too late for inclusion with the Members' agendas. Copies were distributed at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Dilworth raise the matter at the Executive Meeting of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils scheduled to be held on 11 September, 1993.

(f) Draft Maintenance of Rights of Way Agency Agreement

The Clerk reported the receipt of a draft document for an agency agreement between the Community Council and the Mid Glamorgan County Council on the maintenance of rights of way. The Clerk stated his intention of making enquiries with other community councils for the purpose of comparing the proposed agreement with agreements already in existence and reporting back to the Community Council at a later date.




RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(g) Sponsored Walk in aid of Kidney Research Unit Foundation

The Clerk was pleased to be able to report that following the Community Council organised 1993 sponsored walk in aid of kidney research a further sum of sponsorship of approximately £400.00 had been paid into Lloyds Bank. The additional monies would bring the total raised in the Community for 1993 to £618.57. The Clerk would be contacting the signatories to the account to arrange the transfer to to K.R.U.F.

The report was noted.

18. The meeting ended at 10.40p.m.

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