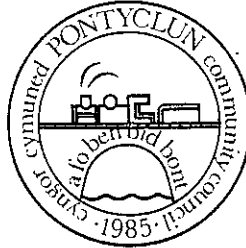


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 December, 1992

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton (Chairperson), 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: Six members of the public

1. Apology for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Tudor Burton, commented on the bulb planting exercise carried out by the Community Council in the Autumn. While the operation had been carried out successfully he believed that in future bulb planting programmes the Council could achieve even higher standards by designating selected areas for planting in advance.

RESOLVED: That a schedule of the sites planted with spring flowering bulbs during the Autumn of 1992 be prepared for future reference.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 November, 1992

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 November, 1992, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Neighbourhood Watch

The Council noted the letter from Mr Bob Humphries, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Taff Ely in which he thanked the Council for allowing him to make a presentation at the Council's meeting of 4 November. He sought the assistance of Members in directing to him enquiries about the creation of further Neighbourhood Watches.

(b) Obstructed footpath, Rhyd-y-Nant/Maesyfelin

The Clerk reported that he had written to the landowner, Mr Simon Pugh, but had not received a reply. The Clerk informed the Council that he had also received a telephone call from Mr Wynne Davies of Ceulan Farm, the landowner on the south bank of the river Ely. Mr Davies had read an account in the Llantrisant Observer of the earlier site meeting and had been perturbed by the reference to footpaths and "The Tump". Mr Davies wished to point out that there were no public rights of way over "The Tump". The Clerk has reassured Mr Davies that the reference to footpaths and "The Tump" was a reference to the public rights of way which skirted "The Tump" and not crossed it. Nevertheless, Mr Davies had chosen to express his concern in writing. The Clerk read out Mr Davies' letter.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk:

- (i) Respond formally to Mr Davies confirming that the discussion at the Council's site meeting about "The Tump", and footpaths, was a reference to the public rights of way which skirt "The Tump".
- (ii) Investigate the blocked footpath which was also referred to in Mr Davies' letter.
- (iii) Arrange for a report on the condition of the gate at the southern end of the Maesyfelin bridge.
- (iv) Notify Mr Davies that under the Highways Act, 1980, he is responsible for the maintenance of the four stiles on his property which he states are in a dangerous condition.

(c) Erection of a bin store, School Street, Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth raised the matter of the bin store for medical waste at the site of the new doctors' surgery in School Street, Pontyclun. Councillor Dilworth was aware that infringements of planning requirements had taken place but wished to make it clear that his involvement had only been as the result of being contacted by a resident of School Street who was aggrieved by the infringements.

The Council noted that a formal application for retrospective planning consent to regularise the development was due to be discussed under item 12 on the Agenda. The Council resolved that discussion on planning application No. 92/0808/10 be brought forward.

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

- (i) The Council is at a loss to understand how an important and essential feature came to be omitted from the original planning application. The omission prevented the Council from discussing the application in its entirety and assessing the effects on adjacent householders.
  - (ii) The Council is very concerned about the actions of the builder in erecting the store knowing that no planning consent had been obtained.
  - (iii) The Council is very concerned about the actions of the builder in continuing to build the store after the infringements of planning requirements had been brought to his attention.
  - (iv) The Council is disappointed at the failure of the Borough Council to take any effective action against the builder when he continued to flout planning requirements.
  - (v) That if the Borough Council agree to award retrospective planning consent for the development of a bin store for medical waste, such consent be subject to rigorous security conditions.
- (d) Proposed development at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

A deputation of Brynsadler residents addressed the Council about its opposition to the proposals to develop at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler. The residents were of the



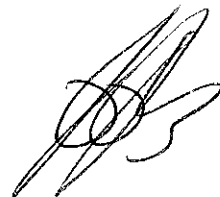
view that while an opportunity had been given to the developer to state his case at the last Community Council meeting, there had been little opportunity for residents living in the vicinity of the Ivor Arms to state their case.

The Clerk pointed out that when the matter was discussed at the Community Council's meeting on 4 November, no formal application for planning consent had been made. An application was not registered with the planning authority until 10 November. Consequently, no comment had been made to the Borough Council. Details of the application had now been received by the Community Council and were due to be discussed under item 12 on the Agenda.

The Council resolved that discussion on planning application No. 92/0832/10 be brought forward and that a spokesman on behalf of the deputation of Brynsadler residents be allowed to address the Council.

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

- (i) The plan to provide a restaurant at the premises will lead to an application for a late supper licence. This will result in residents living in the vicinity of the Ivor Arms being subjected to late night noise and disturbance.
- (ii) The expansion of the premises will lead to intense pressure on the limited car parking facility at the premises. As a consequence it is likely that local residents will be adversely affected by the increased demand for on street parking, especially at the junction of the access road into The Hollies and Cowbridge Road.
- (iii) If the premises is granted a late supper licence it is probable that late night revellers will be attracted from surrounding areas. This is likely to lead to an increase in theft and other anti social behaviour in the area.



- (iv) If a late supper licence is granted it would lead to a devaluation of property values in Brynsadler because of anti social behaviour.
- (v) Public concern about noise from the premises led to an order being served on the licensee in 1981 to reduce noise levels.

(e) Pontyclun Railway Station

Several Members raised a number of matters of concern about the recently opened railway station in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's representative on British Rail's Transport Police Consultative Committee, Mr Alan Gregory, be asked to raise the following points at the Committee's next meeting:

- (i) The inadequacy of the road junction at Station Approach and Llantrisant Road. (There was a strong feeling that traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing were needed.)
- (ii) The unsatisfactory nature of the temporary passenger access to the station's westbound platform.
- (iii) Whether some form of security could be introduced for those rail users who left their cars parked at the station.
- (vi) Whether it would be possible for British Rail to take action against car owners who parked in lanes adjacent to the railway station.
- (v) Whether, in view of the high speed of many trains passing through the station, and the considerable amount of air turbulence generated, it would be possible to instal an automatic gate on each platform which would prevent passengers accessing the platforms at periods of greatest turbulence.

Additionally, that the Clerk be requested to contact P C Tony Davies of the South Wales Constabulary to ask that he visit local schools to present his video warning of the dangers to children from playing near railway lines.

5. Amendment to Standing Orders

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the Council's next Annual Meeting.

6. Speed restriction on the A4119 in Groesfaen

The Council discussed the reply of the County Engineer and Surveyor for an extension of the 30 mph speed restriction on the A4119 in Groesfaen beyond its current limits:

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council note that the matter was under consideration by the County Council and that the County Council be asked to deal with the matter as a priority.

(ii) That the Clerk confirm to the County Council that the recent fatal accident occurred at the western end of the village and not the eastern end.

7. Possibility of the acquisition of a Community Council office

The Council considered a letter from Mr John Edwards, Managing Director of Recliners Unlimited, Pontyclun, in which he stated that he was in the process of buying the former doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. Mr Edwards said that he was aware that the Community Council was looking for premises and extended an invitation to the Council to view the accommodation which would be available at the former surgery.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to Mr Edwards declining his offer to view accommodation at the former surgery.

(ii) That the Clerk convene a special meeting of the Council in the New Year to decide on the Council's precise accommodation requirements and to decide on the most efficient way of funding those requirements.

8. Assembly of Welsh Counties -  
The Future of Local Government in Wales

The Council received a letter from the County Council enclosing a



paper produced by the Assembly of Welsh Counties which stated why, in their view, the proposal by the Secretary of State for Wales to establish 23 unitary authorities in Wales would not work effectively. The paper also proposed an alternative way forward.

RESOLVED: That the documents be noted.

9. Ogwr Health Unit - Application for Trust Status

The Clerk referred to the Special Meeting of the Council held in August, 1992, called to offer comments to the Secretary of State for Wales on the application by the Ogwr Health Unit for Trust Status. A letter from Mr G A Fagan, N H S Unit, N H S Directorate (Wales) at the Welsh Office referred to an enclosed Press Notice which set out the Secretary of State's reasons for approving 13 further National Health Service Trusts from 1st April, 1993. The Ogwr Health Unit was one of the 13. The Press Notice also stated that the Secretary of State had also invited applications from a further 14 hospitals, community units and ambulance services to become N H S Trusts in April, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

10. Application for a Transfer of a Justices Licence

The Council noted an intention to apply for a Transfer of a Justices Licence at the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun.

11. Application for financial assistance

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from the National Eisteddfod of Wales. The 1993 National Eisteddfod was due to be held at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Powys, in August.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £50.00 be made.

12. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November, 1992

(Copies of the notification for Week Ending 27th November, 1992 were distributed at the meeting.)

RESOLVED: That in addition to the comments on planning applications No.s 92/0808/10 and 92/0832/10 made earlier in the meeting, the following comments be made to the Borough Council:

Application No. 92/0798/13

That the Council is opposed to the application on the

grounds that the proposed development:

- (i) would be outside the Structure Plan
- (ii) would not be served by a mains sewer
- (iii) would be too near the M4 motorway

Application No. 92/0855/10

That the Council is unhappy about the proposal in view of the persistent reports of subsidence in the area.

13. Payment of creditors

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

14. Reports from Members

(a) Cesspit emptying

Councillor Viv James reported that the Borough Council would be spending around £600,000 during the current financial year on the emptying of cesspits throughout the Borough. A programme was underway to connect more premises to the mains sewers because this would be cost effective in the long term. In the meantime, the cost to householders for cesspit emptying in the next financial year was likely to increase significantly.

The report was noted.

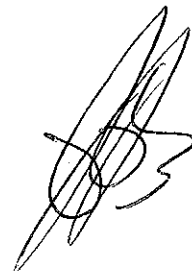
(b) Pontyclun Railway Station

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that he had attended a meeting of the County Council's Highways and Transportation Committee in the previous week where the subject of access problems to the westbound platform of Pontyclun Railway Station was discussed. It was agreed that the present access was very unsatisfactory and improved access was required for motorists as well as pedestrians. Councillor Bowen had urged the County Council to treat the improvements as a matter of priority.

The report was noted.

(c) Proposed further residential development at Maesyfelin

Councillor Eric Griffith reported that following the





voluntary liquidation of Evan G Jones (Builders) he had heard that plots of building land on the flood plain at Maesyfelin, were now for sale. Councillor Griffith was unsure whether the Section 106 Agreement, permitting development on the flood plain, had been issued by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer to establish whether the Section 106 Agreement had been issued and, if it had, who would be responsible flood prevention works to the river Ely. Additionally, that the Clerk provide the Chief Planning Officer with a photograph of the proposed development site showing it covered in floodwater as a result of the river Ely bursting its banks during the recent heavy rain.

(d) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

Councillor John Dilworth reported on his attendance at the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee's meeting of the previous evening where the guest speaker was Mr John Davies, Area Manager for British Rail. Mr Davies gave an extremely informative presentation on the role of Regional Railways and highlighted some of the major problems his organisation had to overcome in meeting targets set by the government.

Mr Davies was anxious to dispel the myth that that the railways were an outmoded form of transport and that management were constantly looking for ways in which to reduce services. Mr Davies pointed to several joint initiatives in recent years where considerable investment had taken place to re-open railway stations and to purchase new rolling stock. He cited the new railway station in Pontyclun as the latest in a long line of new stations. Mr Davies believed that community councils had a role to play in environmental aspects of their local railway stations. He quoted the improvement of footpath accesses, the provision of flower beds and the provision of notice boards. In all instances, however, the permission of Regional Railways should be sought in advance.

Councillor Dilworth also reported on the plans of the Executive Committee of the Association to appoint two



Development Officers, one for North Wales and one for South Wales, for an experimental period of one year. There was strong feeling at the Area Committee that while, in the long term, the appointments may be appropriate, the Association would derive better value for money in the short term by channelling resources into improved services for member councils. It was reported that a number of community councils within the Area Committee's boundaries had already opted for dual membership of the Association and its London based counterpart. The Area Committee saw this as an unsatisfactory trend. The Chairman of the Area Committee agreed to convey the Committee's feelings to the Executive Committee.

The report was noted.

(e) Pontyclun Primary School

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had been elected to the Chair of the Governing Body of the Pontyclun Primary School at its last meeting.

The report was noted.

(f) Remembrance Day Service, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that he had represented the Community Council at the Remembrance Day Service in Miskin on Sunday, 8 November, 1992. The service had been well attended and he felt privileged to have represented the Council.

The report was noted.

(g) Remembrance Day Service, Pontyclun

The Chairman, Councillor Tudor Burton, reported that he, together with other Members, had represented the Community Council at the Remembrance Day Service in Pontyclun on Sunday 8 November, 1992. The service was well attended and representatives were present from all the armed forces and many local voluntary groups.

The report was noted.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Board of Governors - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that it was the turn of the

Pontyclun Community Council to make a nomination to the Board of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant. Councillor Bowen invited the Council to make a nomination that evening.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk notify the District Education Officer that the nominee of the Council is Councillor John Dilworth of 3 Stryd-yr-Ysgol, Pontyclun.

(b) School Road, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that he continued to receive complaints about heavy vehicles using School Road, Miskin, in contravention of the weight restriction. In particular, a school bus operated by Thomas's of Pontypridd had been observed regularly using the road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the police.

(c) Kidney Research Unit Foundation -  
Sponsored Walk in 1993

The Chairman, Councillor Tudor Burton, informed the Council that an invitation had been received from the Kidney Research Unit Foundation, Cardiff, to participate in the 1993 Walk for Life.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the invitation to organise the 1993 Walk for Life in the Community of Pontyclun.

(d) Request to purchase the freehold reversion  
of Community Council owned land in Miskin

The Clerk read out a letter dated 26 November, 1992, from Norman Hughes & Co, Solicitors, Pontyclun, about the possibility of a client purchasing the freehold reversion of a plot of Community Council owned land in Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Council re-affirm its earlier decision not to sell the freehold reversion.

(e) The "Money Tree" myth

The Clerk referred to a chain letter which had been tabled at an earlier meeting of the Community Council by Councillor John Dilworth. Advice on the letter had been sought from the Trading Standards Department of the County Council. The advice received was to strongly discourage members of the public from participating in the "get rich quick" scheme.



RESOLVED: That the advice of the Trading Standards Officer be published in the next edition of "CLUN".

(f) Refusal of planning applications

The Clerk referred to two recent planning applications for permission to develop at the rear of commercial premises in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. The applications had been strongly opposed by neighbours and had resulted in the Community Council receiving delegations of protest. The Clerk had been notified by the Borough Council that both applications had been refused planning consent.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk notify Mr John Heath, 21 Castan Road, Pontyclun, of the refusals to grant consent.

(g) Upgrading of play areas

The Clerk read out a recent letter from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer in which he invited the Council to participate in a scheme to upgrade play areas in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline the invitation.

16. The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

