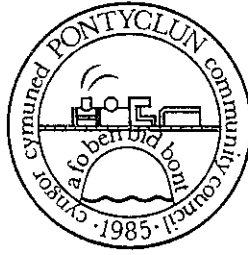


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 January, 1991.

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin, Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

2. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that item 7 on the Agenda be taken as the next item of business.

3. Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

Mr David Allen, Churchwarden of St Paul's Church, Pontyclun, and St Ann's, Talygarn, addressed the Council about the perceived need of the Parochial Church Council for a Youth Centre, a Community Centre - to supplement the existing Centre, and a Senior Citizens' Day Centre. It appeared that the Parish had some priority, amongst the would-be purchasers, for the former Church School in School Street, Pontyclun.

Mr Allen extended an invitation to the Community Council to join in exploratory discussions to establish whether there was any merit in pursuing the matter further.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council welcome the approach by Mr Allen, reviving the initiative originally taken by the Council.

(ii) That a sub committee, comprising the Chairlady together with Councillors I D Bowen and R G Norman, meet with representatives of the Parochial Church Council and report back to the Community Council.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 December, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 December, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

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5. Matters arising

(a) "Safe and Secure"

The Council noted the proposals which entitled each senior citizen to a free door chain, door viewer, property marking pen and an information booklet. As it was proposed to distribute the items through the Home Help Service, Old Age Pensioners' Clubs and through local community halls and libraries, concern was expressed about those senior citizens who would not be contacted through the above avenues.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Project Co-ordinator to find out how it was intended to contact every senior citizen who had an entitlement under the Scheme.

(b) Installation of Footway Lighting - Windsor Field, Pontyclun.

The Council noted the reply of the Chief Technical Services Officer of the Borough Council in which he stated that at the time the Borough Council gave the Community Council permission to instal footway lighting across the Windsor Field, he had no knowledge of the presence of methane gas in, or around the Field.

The Council also noted correspondence from the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council in which he stated that all relevant details regarding the lighting had been sent to the Health and Safety Executive on 4 December, 1990, and that a reply was awaited.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk continue to press the Health and Safety Executive for an early decision in the matter.

(ii) That the Clerk request the Chief Environmental Health Officer for a copy of his letter of 4 December, 1990, to the Health and Safety Executive.

(c) Discharge of effluent into the river Ely

The Council discussed the response of the National Rivers Authority to the allegation of effluent discharge into the river Ely. The N R A had asked

that in any future cases of effluent discharges immediate notification be made to the NRA on their 24 hour standby system.

RESOLVED: That the NRA be informed that a defective sewer at Castell-y-Mwnws, Brynsadler, had been the cause of raw sewage escaping into the Nant Felin Fach for many days. Further, that the Taff Ely Borough Council had been notified of the situation on 24 December, 1990, but had yet to take any remedial action.

6. Notices of Motion

(a) Footbridges over the river Ely

(i) Adjacent to existing bailey bridge

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the route of Footpath No 346. He pointed out that in former years the right of way over the river Ely was across a footbridge which ran parallel with the existing bailey bridge. Bearing in mind the problems pedestrians had experienced in recent years in crossing the bailey bridge he believed that the County Council should be requested to re-erect the original footbridge.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council about getting the original footbridge re-erected.

(ii) Adjacent to Victoria House, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reminded the Council that in former years a bridge across the river Ely had existed adjacent to Victoria House, Pontyclun. The bridge provided a link between a footpath in Station Approach, Pontyclun, with the footpath known as Lanelay Drive in the Community of Llanharan. The bridge had been washed away in a storm, but plans to erect a replacement bridge had been provisionally agreed between the former Llantrisant Community Council and the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council to establish the current position.

(b) Proposed new railway station in Pontyclun

Councillor Norman referred to the recent publicity about the plans to open a new railway station in Pontyclun. It appeared likely that the proposals would go ahead. In view of the fact that large numbers of pedestrians used areas adjacent to the new railway station, it was important for the Community Council to be satisfied that proper provision had been made to ensure pedestrians' safety.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council for a copy of the proposals to open a new railway station in Pontyclun.

7. Precepting arrangements for 1991/92

The Council considered two letters from the Borough Treasurer, both dated 20 December, 1990, dealing with precepting arrangements for 1991/92.

RESOLVED: That the letters be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee.

8. Review of Llantrisant Local Plan -
Community, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

The Council considered the letter of the Chief Planning and Industrial Development Officer of the Borough Council about the review which was taking place of community, leisure and recreation facilities during the period to 1996. The Community Council's views were sought about current shortfalls in provision or anticipated future requirements.

RESOLVED: That the following shortfalls in current and anticipated requirements be notified to the Borough Council:-

- (i) The existing Community Centre in Pontyclun is in urgent need of replacement.
- (ii) A new Community Centre is needed in Groesfaen.
- (iii) The existing doctors' surgery in Pontyclun urgently needs to be re-sited.
- (iv) The facilities for the elderly at St David's Court, Pontyclun, are in need of expansion.

- (v) The provision of nursery education in the Community needs to be a function of the Education Authority.
- (vi) There is an urgent need to increase off-street parking facilities.

9. Consultative document from Welsh Water on alternative methods of paying for water

The Council discussed the consultative document produced by the Customer Service Committee for Wales entitled "Paying for water - A time for decisions". The document had been produced because after 1st April, 2000, water and sewerage companies would no longer be able to charge for their services on the basis of rateable value. The document sought to promote public debate on alternative methods of charging for water services.

RESOLVED: That the Customer Services Committee be notified that:-

- (a) The Council resented the implication that water charges are "cheap" at present.
- (b) The Council is of the view that Welsh Water is not making the best use of its existing money. The Council feels strongly that recent money spent by Welsh Water on the aquisition of electricity shares would have been better used in improving water services.
- (c) The Council is not convinced that the three alternative methods proposed for charging for water services were the only three alternatives available.
- (d) The Council found parts of the leaflet confusing and of limited assistance.
- (e) The tenor of the leaflet, and the accompanying letter, is a reflection of central government dogma.
- (f) As a consequence of having limited information on alternative methods of charging for water services, the Council believes that it is not in a position to comment on the preferrable method.

10. Maintenance of Rights of Way - Agency Agreement with the County Council

The Clerk reminded the Council that when the County Council resumed

direct responsibility for the Agency Agreement for the Maintenance of Rights of Way, the Community Council had been advised that the maximum grant available for 1989/90 would be £480.00. This figure was substantially lower than the grant income which had been received under previous arrangements with the Taff Ely Borough Council. The Clerk informed the Council that he had calculated the grant claim for 1989/90 on the same basis as in previous years. A claim for £729.29 had been made on the County Council. The claim had been paid in full by the County Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

11. Spectacle Theatre

The Council received details of the Spectacle Theatre's winter newsletter.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

12. Planning Applications for Weeks 48,49,50 and 51

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 48,49 and 50. It was noted that Weekly Notification for Week No. 51 had not been received at the date of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following comment be made to the Taff Ely Borough Council:-

Application No. 56/0956/90

That the Community Council is opposed to the application on the same grounds as previously, that is,

- (a) There would be difficulty in accessing the site.
- (b) Vehicles emerging from the site on to the B.4264 would constitute a traffic hazard.
- (c) The proposal would constitute an intrusion into the countryside.

13. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 18 to the Agenda.

14. Reports from Members

(a) Upgrading of Tynant Road, Groesfaen

Professor Bowen reported that the proposal to upgrade Tynant Road, Groesfaen, was still being actively considered by the County Council. A further meeting to discuss the matter was due to be held on Thursday, 3 January, 1991.

The report was noted.

(b) Talbot Green By-pass

Professor Bowen reported that despite construction work being well advanced on the Talbot Green By-pass, there was still discussion taking place about the suitability of the road junction near the Leekes superstore in Cowbridge Road.

The report was noted.

(c) Talbot Green roundabout

Professor Bowen reported that arising out of the County Council's plans to carry out major road improvements around Talbot Green, a proposal had been put forward which would have meant that the existing roundabout would have been significantly increased in size. The proposal would have involved removing the mature trees and shrubs growing on the roundabout. Representations had been made to the County Engineer and Surveyor and the proposal had now been dropped.

The report was noted.

(d) Repairs to footway

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that after considerable lobbying of the County Council's highways maintenance yard in Talbot Green, maintenance work had been carried out on the footway from Talbot Green to Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. He intended continuing his lobbying to get the opposite side of Heol Miskin repaired and the footway into David's Court.

The report was noted.

(e) Additional car parking facilities

Councillor Norman reported that schemes to provide

additional car parking facilities at Llwyn-y-Pennau Cottages, Groesfaen, and Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun, had recently gone out to tender. Councillor Norman promised to bring further details back to the Council in due course.

The report was noted.

(f) Additional litter bins

Councillor Norman reported that he had been successful in obtaining a further five litter bins for the Community. They had been sited at the following locations:-

- (i) Adjacent to the wayside seat near the bridge over the river Clun.
- (ii) On the footway outside the former Bethell Chapel, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (iii) At the junction of School Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (iv) Adjacent to the wayside seat opposite the war memorial in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.
- (v) At the junction of Heol Miskin and Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun.

Arrangements had been made with the Borough Council for the regular emptying of the litter bins.

The report was noted.

(g) Possibility of additional public transport route

Councillor Norman reported that there was a possibility of a local public transport operator providing a bus service which would pick up passengers on the Hendy Estate en route for Cowbridge. The Council expressed its support for the initiative.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Traffic Commissioners conveying the Council's support for the initiative.

(h) David's Court, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that provision had been

included in the Taff Ely Borough Council's Capital Revenue Programme for David's Court to be connected to the main sewer in 1991.

The report was noted.

(i) Tree Preservation Order, Mwyndy.

Councillor Norman reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council was progressing a Tree Preservation Order for woodland near the industrial estate in Mwyndy. He promised to report back the detail at a later date.

The report was noted.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Member for the Groesfaen Ward

The Clerk reported that the member for the Groesfaen Ward of the Council, Councillor Elfyn Hopkin, who had been suffering from poor health, had failed to attend six consecutive meetings of the Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That a casual vacancy be declared for the Groesfaen Ward of the Council and that the Clerk seek the advice of the Returning Officer on filling the vacancy.

(ii) That the Clerk convey the Council's gratitude to Councillor Hopkin for his considerable contribution to the work of the Council since 1987.

(b) Donation of plots of land - Miskin

The Clerk reported that the plots of land in Miskin had been conveyed to the Council. Registration of Title had been applied for but it seemed likely that because of the complicated nature of the conveyance registration would not be effected for another eighteen months.

The matter was noted.

(c) Pedestrians emerging from the Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun.

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, drew the Council's

attention to the hazardous conditions faced by pedestrians emerging from the Ynysddu Farm Estate. It was felt that little thought had been given to the needs of pedestrians when the estate was planned with the result that pedestrians joining the footway on the A4222 ran a serious risk of being struck by traffic.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Llantrisant Community Council, the Llanharan Community Council and Councillor Eddie Thomas of the Mid Glamorgan County Council drawing attention to the hazard and inviting proposals for making the junction safer for pedestrians.

and suggesting the erection of a footbridge to run "inside" the stone bridge

16. The meeting ended at 9.43p.m.

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