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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on 2 November, 1988.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, E Hopkin, V P James, R G Norman, Mrs O P Phillips (Chairlady) and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans and R C Kennard.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Sergeant Matthews

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 October, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 October, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Hendy Quarry - blasting

The Clerk gave a report on the site visit which had taken place on 24 October, 1988, at which Mr Crabbe of the Health and Safety Executive was present. A full and frank discussion took place about the problems which were being experienced by Miskin residents. Mr Crabbe, for his part, emphasised to members that his responsibilities were confined to ensuring that the Hendy Quarry management observed its statutory responsibilities. Mr Crabbe said that he had made his own enquiries into the quarry's operations, with particular emphasis on the health and safety duties, and could find no evidence to suggest that the quarry management were not complying with its statutory duties.

The Clerk posed Mr Crabbe a number of detailed questions, and the responses to those questions were read out at the Council's meeting.

The Clerk's report was noted.

At the end of the Clerk's report an invitation was extended by the Chairlady to residents of Miskin present at the Council's meeting to put their points of view to the Council.

Mr Gordon Moir of Elms Park, Miskin, spoke of the feeling of frustration felt by some Miskin residents at the apparent lack of support being given to their case by those bodies who had responsibilities in the matter. Residents' frustrations were deepened by an apparent

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acceptance by an insurance company that damage to property was due to blasting at the Hendy Quarry.

(b) Ivor Woods - laying of pipes

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the Taff Ely Borough Council, the Welsh Water Authority, Evan G Jones, builders, and Haiste Ltd, consulting engineers, about the laying of pipes, and associated damage, in the Ivor Woods. Negative replies had been received from the first three bodies. Haiste Ltd., had acknowledged that they had sunk boreholes and that they contained standpipes used to monitor ground water pressure.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Haiste Ltd, drawing attention to the damage to trees and saplings and reminding the company of its earlier promise to make good any damage caused. Furthermore, that the Council were of the view that the damage caused to saplings could only be made good by the planting of replacement saplings.

(c) Community Watch

Sergeant Matthews reported that P C Keddle had made arrangements, involving pupils of Y Pant Comprehensive School, for the design of a poster advertising the meeting of 5 December, 1988, at which it was intended to promote Community Watches. It was anticipated that the posters would be available in about a fortnight's time and that P C Keddle would visit shops in Pontyclun asking for the posters to be displayed. It was agreed that the Chairlady and P C Keddle would discuss the format of the meeting before 5 December.

The matter was noted.

(d) Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society

Councillor Norman, Secretary of the Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society, thanked the Community Council for its continuing financial support. He distributed copies of a list of prizewinners of the Society's 1988 Show.

Councillor Norman's comments were noted.

3. Car Park at the Ivor Park

The Council discussed the letters dated 8 and 16 of October, 1988, received from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club. The Council also discussed the letter of 21 October, 1988, from the Director of Land and Buildings of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk reassure the Secretary of the

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Pontyclun Football Club that the Council would honour its undertaking to erect a gate in the Ivor Park.

- (ii) That the Clerk impress upon NACRO the urgency of erecting the gate and suggesting that a gate be purchased "off the peg" from an agricultural supplier.
- (iii) That the views of the Mid Glamorgan County Council on the agreement to construct the car park be forwarded to the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club.
- (iv) That in the event of NACRO being unable to erect the gate the Clerk make arrangements for the Community Council's handyman to undertake the work.

4. Land slippage at Ivor Woods, Brynsadler

The Council considered Municipal Mutual Insurance's letter of 4 October, 1988, in which the company felt that it was unable to comment upon a suggestion that a tree in the Wood be removed since the company had insufficient information.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk make arrangements to fell the tree with the tenderer who had previously submitted the lowest tender provided that the tenderer's price had not increased by more than 5%.
  - (ii) That residents of The Hollies, in the vicinity of the tree, be informed of the Council's plans.

5. Erection of a Community Council Noticeboard in Miskin

The Clerk told the Council that following earlier agreement with the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council of St David's Church, Miskin, on the erection of a Community Council Noticeboard in the grounds of the Church, he had written to Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams, the landowner, seeking formal consent. Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams had replied to the effect that she had been glad to be able to accede to the Council's request.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the erection of the noticeboard.

6. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - 1988 Annual Conference held at Aberystwyth, 15 October, 1988

(a) Report by the Clerk

The Clerk, together with the Chairlady, gave the Council a report on their attendance at the Annual Conference of the Association of Community and Town Councils held at Aberystwyth on 15 October, 1988.

A synopsis of the address to Conference by Mr Ian Grist MP, and a schedule of the motions debated was available with the Clerk.

The report was noted.

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(b) International Fund Appeal

The Clerk reported that the International Secretary, Mr Gwyn Bowyer, had, due to increasing business commitments, been forced to tender his resignation. A schedule of donations to the International Fund Appeal was distributed to all delegates and reproduced at Appendix 10 to the Agenda.

The matter was noted.

7. Litter bins in the Community

The Clerk referred to the earlier decision of the Council to instal four additional litter bins in the Community and reported that the bins had been received and installed in position.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk arrange to purchase three further litter bins to be sited at:-

(a) the Hendy Stores, Pontyclun

(b) near the wayside seat outside St Paul's Church, Pontyclun.

(c) near the bus stop on the green in Groesfaen.

(ii) That the Clerk obtain the necessary permissions from the County Council and make emptying arrangements with the Borough Council.

8. Talbot Green By Pass

The Council noted that arrangements had been made for a Public Local Inquiry to be held in connection with the proposed Talbot Green By Pass, at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre, Southgate Park, Llantrisant, on 22 November, 1988, at 10.00a.m.

9. Request for financial assistance

The Council considered a request for financial assistance towards the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Conwy Valley and District, 1989.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a contribution of £25.00 /

10. Society of Local Council Clerks - 1989 Annual Conference

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the 1989 Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks and that his attendance be regarded as an official duty.

11. Conference on the regeneration of the South Wales Valleys

The Council noted that Planning Practice and Research intended holding a major conference in Maesteg on 18 November, 1988, entitled "Regeneration of the South Wales Valleys".

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RESOLVED: That the Chairlady and the Clerk be authorised to attend the Conference and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

12. Reports from Members

(a) Koinonia Centre, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke informed the Council that a coffee evening would be held in the Koinonia Centre, Pontyclun, on the evening of Thursday, 10 November, 1988, when an opportunity would be available for members of the public to view the newly-completed youth facilities. An invitation was extended to all to attend.

The report was noted.

(b) "Care and Repair" for the elderly

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently attended a conference at the Welsh Office on "Care and Repair". The objective of the conference was to bring to the attention of the ever-increasing number of elderly home owners the assistance which was available to improve their basic housing standards. Councillor Norman told the Council that he would pass his conference papers to the local senior citizens' organisation.

The report was noted.

(c) Groesfaen Village Hall

Councillor Norman referred to the recent petition from residents in Groesfaen to the Taff Ely Borough Council for the refurbishment of the Groesfaen Village Hall. The matter was now the subject of a feasibility study and would be considered by a committee of the Borough Council shortly.

The report was noted.

(d) Effects of blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin.

Councillor Norman referred to the discussion which had taken place at the beginning of the meeting and informed the Council that he had been appointed to a sub committee of the Borough Council to discuss the problems in Miskin. He spoke of his deep disappointment that the sub committee had not yet met and told the Council that he had sent a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Borough Council.

The report was noted.

(e) Street Names - Brofiscin Farm Estate, Groesfaen

Councillor James referred to the subject of street

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naming in Groesfaen which he had brought to the Council's attention at its September meeting. He was able to report that at a meeting of the Borough Council which had taken place the previous week, Welsh names for four streets on the Brofiscin Farm Estate in Groesfaen had been approved.

The report was noted.

(f) Next issue of "CLUN"

Councillor Bowen reported that the next edition of the Community Council's magazine "CLUN" was well advanced and that copies would be available during week commencing Monday, 7 November, 1988.

RESOLVED: That Members of the Council be responsible for the distribution of the magazine within their wards and that the Clerk post copies to farms and other outlying properties in the Community.

13. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 14 to the Agenda.

14. Planning Notifications for Weeks 39, 40, 41+42

The planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 39,40, 41+42 were discussed by the Council.

RESOLVED: (A) That application No 56/0805/88 be opposed on the following grounds:-

- (a) the land forms part of the floodplain of the river Ely.
- (b) any action to raise the level of the ground would:-
  - (i) have the effect of diverting floodwater to the opposite bank of the Ely and flood Community Council land at Ivor Woods.
  - (ii) have the effect of diverting floodwater into the fishfarm adjacent to the Ivor Woods
  - (iii) have the effect of diverting floodwater to the opposite bank of the Ely and might exacerbate the existing land slippage below the Hollies Estate.
- (c) there would be a significant loss of amenity to the residents of Maes-yr-Afon, Pontyclun.

- (B) That detailed consideration of application No 56/0806/88 be referred to members attending the site meeting of 6 November, 1988. Additionally, that the Council delegate authority to those members attending the site meeting to formulate and convey the Council's views to the Borough Council.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Taff Ely Drug Support

The Clerk reported that an invitation had been extended to the Community Council to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting on 24 November, 1988, at the Llantwit Fardre Sports Club, Church Village, at 7.00p.m.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the meeting by either Councillor Norman or Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke and that the attendance be regarded as an official duty.

(b) Town Twinning

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council in which an invitation was extended to the Council to attend a presentation on Town Twinning at the Municipal Hall, Pontypridd, at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3 November, 1988.

RESOLVED: that the letter be noted.

(c) Hinkley Point Inquiry

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the Public Inquiry taking place on the proposal to build a further nuclear power station at Hinkley Point, Somerset. The Clerk told the Council that as a result of the considerable number of objections lodged from organisations on the Welsh side of the Severn Estuary it had been decided to hold an informal inquiry at the New Theatre, Cardiff, on 22 and 23 November, 1988.

The information was noted.

(d) Community Charge

Councillor Norman informed the Council that Mr Rhodri Morgan would be attending the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on Friday, 4 November, 1988, to give a presentation on the effects and implications of the Community Charge.

The information was noted.

16. The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.

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