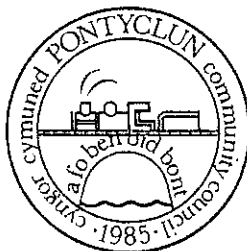


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APPENDIX No. 2

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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, 3 April, 1991.

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr V P James and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

2. Chairlady's announcement

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Anita Burton, reminded the Council that the meeting was the last meeting of the Council during her term of office. She wished to thank all Members for their hard work and support during the year.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 13 March, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 13 March, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council. There had been no contact from the Parochial Church Council, or Father Martin Reynolds, since the Community Council's meeting on 13 March, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council re-affirm its earlier decision to await the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council.

(b) Installation of footway lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun.

The Clerk reported that he had continued to urge the contractors and South Wales Electricity to complete the installation of the footway lighting as soon as possible. It appeared that South Wales Electricity

had attended site to make the final connections only to find that an essential item of equipment had not been installed by the contractors. The contractors had given an assurance that they would return to site during the week to complete all outstanding work.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(c) Sponsored Walk in aid of Kidney Research

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Anita Burton, gave a report on the third, highly successful, sponsored walk in aid of kidney research. The Chairlady thanked everybody associated with the walk for their efforts and was pleased to announce that the total sum raised was likely to be in the region of £1,300.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(d) "Community Councils in Wales"

The Council considered the document entitled "Community Councils in Wales". The document had been commissioned by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and produced by Mr M P Griffiths and Mr A Lawton of the Polytechnic of Wales.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council welcome the recognition of community councils as important providers of services at grass roots level in local government. In addition, that the Council support the call for additional functions to to be given to community councils to strengthen their roles in communities.

(ii) That the views of the Council be conveyed to the Secretary of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

(e) Wayleave through the Ivor Woods

The Council discussed the undated letter from J & G Developments (South Wales) Ltd, received on 23 March, 1991, in which it was stated that the Council's actions were to be referred to the company's solicitors and the District Auditor.

RESOLVED: (i) That the letter from J&G Developments (South Wales) Ltd be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk seek legal advice about the two additional services which had been laid in the trench without the Community Council's authority

(f) Former British Rail Goods Yard, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with British Rail about the future of the former goods yard in Pontyclun. Separate enquiries had been made with the passenger and freight divisions of British Rail. Enquiries with the passenger division had revealed that apart from the existing plans to build on the site of the former Llantrisant railway station, there were no plans to build on the former goods yard. Enquiries with the freight division had shown that they, too, had no plans to build on the former goods yard.

RESOLVED: That in view of the concern being expressed by certain residents in the Community, the Clerk make enquiries about the possible use of the former goods yard as a wagon repairing depot.

4. Ynysddu Farm Estate

The Council discussed a letter from the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council about the approaches which had been made to the Pontyclun Community Council in an attempt to improve access and exit from the site for pedestrians.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Llanharan Community Council thanking that authority for the interest it was displaying in the well-being of the residents of Ynysddu Farm Estate.

(ii) That the Clerk provide the Llanharan Community Council with an outline of the problems facing the pedestrians emerging from, and gaining access to the site, and asking for the support of the Llanharan Community Council in requesting the highway authority to address the problems.

5. Land slippage in the Ivor Woods

The Council discussed the letter of 26 March, 1991, received from

Howard Humphries and Partners Ltd about the reinstatement of the landslip at the Ivor Woods. It was noted that the exercise was being carried out in order to stabilise that part of the Hollies Estate which had previously been the subject of land slippage.

RESOLVED: (i) That the details submitted by Howard Humphreys and Partners Ltd be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk make enquiries of Howard Humphries to establish where it was proposed to gain access to the Woods.

6. Annual Audit of the Community Council's Accounts

The Clerk reported that in previous years the annual audit of the Community Council's accounts had taken place from mid June to September. This year notification had been received from the District Auditor that the audit for the 1990/91 would be taking place on 7 May, 1991. Effectively, there was only a period of five weeks from the closure of the financial year to the date of the audit. During the five weeks there were two Bank Holidays. The Clerk pointed out that while he was confident that the District Auditor's deadlines could be met, it would mean that certain other work of the Council would not be dealt with as promptly as he would have wished.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

7. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Agenda.

8. Planning Notifications for Weeks 10, 11 and 12

RESOLVED: That the applications for planning permission contained in Weekly Notifications 10, 11 and 12 be noted.

9. Reports from Members

(a) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips reported on her attendance at the latest meeting of the Borough Council's Straying Animals Working Party.

The report was noted.

(b) 50th Annual Pontyclun Flower Show

Councillor Norman reported that the 50th. Annual Pontyclun Flower Show had been scheduled to take place in the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club on Saturday, 17 August, 1991.

The report was noted.

(c) Age Concern - Llantrisant Town Ward

Councillor Norman reported that Age Concern would still like to hear from members of the public who could assist in the work of the Association. He asked that if any Member of the Council was in a position to volunteer help they should contact him.

The report was noted.

(d) Leaking pipes - Maesyfelin Infants' School

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had been pleased to be of assistance in resolving a problem of leaking pipes at the Maesyfelin Infants School, Pontyclun. He was glad to be able to report that the pipes were now functioning properly.

The report was noted.

(e) Condition of main thoroughfare, Pontyclun

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had continued to lobby for the main thoroughfare in Pontyclun to be re-surfaced. He was pleased to be able to report that the County Council now planned to re-surface Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. It was hoped that work would commence shortly.

The report was noted.

(f) Contamination of land adjacent to Y Pant school

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that Borough Council members had pressed for a systematic monitoring of contaminated land adjacent to Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun. Contamination had recently been discovered in the School's boilerhouse although the source of the contamination was unknown. The Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer would be responsible for the monitoring.

The report was noted.

(g) Junction of Llantrisant Road and Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton referred to the decision of the Council at its meeting on 3 April, 1991, when it was resolved to write to the County Council requesting parking restrictions at the junction of Llantrisant Road and Clun Avenue. He reported that an accident had taken place at the junction on 4 April, 1991, and that the Council were justified in seeking parking restrictions.

The report was noted.

10. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Break - in, Pontyclun Junior School

Councillor Norman reported that there had been a break-in at the Pontyclun Junior School on the evening of Tuesday, 2 April, 1991. The police were investigating the incident.

The report was noted.

(b) Footway in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that a resident had suffered injury outside the chemist shop in Pontyclun when she had fallen over broken paving stones. He had immediately reported the incident to the County Council.

The report was noted.

(c) New bus shelter, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that the new bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, had been subjected to vandalism since its completion. There had been incidents where empty bottles had been pushed into the eaves. These posed a danger to the public.

RESOLVED: ~~That~~ the matter be reported to the police.

(d) Litter bins

Councillor Norman reported that during a recent night of heavy rain the free standing litter bin in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, had been carried away by flood water. A search of the river bank had failed to locate the bin. He had asked the Borough Council to provide a replacement litter bin. He had also asked the Borough Council to

provide more post-mounted litter bins.

The report was noted.

(e) New Sewer works near Castell-y-Mwnws

Councillor Kennard referred to the newly installed sewer near Castell-y-Mwnws. He pointed out that the reinstatement works had not incorporated satisfactory drainage with the result that during periods of rain large areas of land were subject to "pooling"

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of the Welsh Water with a request that adequate drainage be incorporated into reinstated areas.

(f) Overflowing sewers at Castell-y-Mwnws

Councillor Kennard reminded the Council of the inadequate state of the existing sewers at Castell-y-Mwnws. He asked that the Council establish from the Borough Council the plans for providing a sewerage system which was not prone to regular overflows and surcharges.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to establish the plans for an adequate sewerage system for Castell-y-Mwnws.

(ii) That a copy of the letter be sent to Councillor Kennard for his information.

(g) Highway lighting - Castell-y-Mwnws to Brynsadler

Councillor Kennard expressed his concern that at night time, the highway between Brynsadler and Castell-y-Mwnws was poorly lit. He understood that at that time approximately six lighting columns were not working.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the County Council.

(h) Former Jehovah's Witness Hall,
off Merthyr Street, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton reported that the applicant for planning permission to develop at the site of the former Jehovah's Witness Hall, off Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, had appealed against the refusal of the Borough Council to award planning permission. The developer was appealing

to the Welsh Office.

RESOLVED: That when notification of the appeal was received the Council advise the Welsh Office of the grounds for its opposition to the proposal.

(i) Obstruction of footways, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to the obstruction of footways in Pontyclun by shopkeepers' advertisements. A number of accidents had befallen pedestrians who had had the misfortune to walk into the advertisements.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk refer the matter to the highways authority.

(j) Parking restrictions, Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr John Dilworth of 3 Stryd-yr-Ysgol, Pontyclun. The letter had been received too late for inclusion with the Agenda.

Mr Dilworth stated that he felt that the parking restrictions in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, were originally introduced to control the parking of parents' vehicles near the schools. He felt that the restrictions were unduly harsh outside Mondays to Fridays.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council to raise the possibility of varying the traffic restrictions in order that parking in Palalwyf Avenue be allowed on Saturdays.

(k) Jeux Sans Frontieres, 1991

The Clerk referred to the decision of the Council on 13 March, 1991, to circulate details of Jeux Frontieres, 1991, to youth organisations in receipt of a grant from the Community Council. He wished to report that due to the very tight deadline set by the Borough Council for the receipt of entries to the competition it had not been possible to contact youth organisations within the specified deadline.

The matter was noted.

(l) Retiring Members

Councillor Professor Bowen drew the Council's attention

to the fact that the present meeting would be the last meeting for a number of Members. He moved that all retiring Members be thanked formally for their services to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send each retiring Member of the Council a letter thanking them for their services to the Community Council.

11. The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

