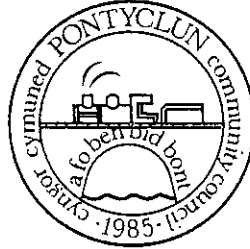


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 3 December, 1990

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James, 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 Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr E Hopkin and Mrs D Richards-Clarke.

2. Chair

In the absence of the Chairlady, Mrs A Burton, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Professor I D Bowen.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 November, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 November, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

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

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had taken place earlier that day at the Windsor Field. Representatives of the Community Council, the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council, South Wales Electricity and Thorn Lighting had been present. The Health and Safety Executive had declined an invitation to attend. A full exchange of views had taken place during which the South Wales Electricity representative stated that the columns could be energised within a matter of hours of obtaining an assurance from the Health and Safety Executive that there was no danger to the public. Although the one meter reading taken by the Borough Council had shown a very small presence of methane gas, that reading had not been made available to the Health and Safety Executive. The meeting had concluded with the representative of the Environmental Health Department agreeing that she would provide a copy of the meter reading to the Health and Safety Executive, asking whether the Executive considered it was safe to install footway lighting across the Windsor Field.

The report was noted.

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(b) Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre

The Council considered a copy of a letter sent by a Community resident to the Area Health Authority protesting at the proposed change of use for the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(c) Planning applications deferred from the meeting of 7 November, 1990

Application No. 56/0847/90

RESOLVED: That as the Scheme was being carried out in conjunction with the County Council no objection be made to the proposals.

Application No. 56/0866/90

RESOLVED: That as the Scheme was being carried out in conjunction with the County Council no objection be made to the proposals.

(d) Discharge of effluent into the river Ely

The Clerk reported that he had followed up his verbal report to the National Rivers Authority of effluent discharge into the river Ely with a formal notification to the NRA office in Cilfynydd. A reply had been received from the NRA to the effect that the matter had been referred to their St Mellons office.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(e) Erection of bus shelter, Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler

A discussion took place on the Council's plans to erect a bus shelter on the grass verge outside the brewery in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. The Clerk informed the Council that County Council had no objections to the plans and that "deemed" consent had been obtained from the Borough Council in late 1987. It had been hoped that the bus shelter would have been erected under the Community Programme.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk invite tenders for the erection of the bus shelter stipulating that all work be completed by the end of the Council's financial year.

(ii) That the Clerk urge the contractor currently erecting the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, to complete work as soon as possible.

- (iii) That after the contractor had completed his work at the Heol Miskin bus shelter, the Clerk arrange for the Council's Handyman to construct a fence at the top of the embankment at the rear of the bus shelter.

4. Traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the response of the Borough Council to the Community Council's request for the introduction of measures to alleviate traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. The Chief Technical Officer of the Borough Council had reproduced copies of an exchange of correspondence between the Community Council, the Borough and the County Council four years earlier. The Chief Technical Officer advised that if the Community Council was of the view that traffic conditions in Clun Avenue had worsened during the four years, the matter should be taken up direct with the County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again take the matter up with the Council, asking that a site meeting be held in Clun Avenue at 4.00p.m. on any weekday in order that the County Council representatives could see the problems first hand.

5. Community facilities in Pontyclun

The Council discussed a letter dated 12 November, 1990, from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Branch of the Labour Party about "a desperate shortage of facilities". The letter suggested a co-ordinated approach to obtain more premises in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to the Secretary of the Labour Party asking for clarification of the facilities she had in mind.

6. Applications for financial assistance

The Council considered three applications for financial assistance.

RESOLVED: (i) That a grant of £50.00 be made to the Pontyclun Centre of the British Red Cross.

- (ii) That the Council make a donation of £50.00 to the Taff Ely & Rhondda Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal.
- (iii) That the Council decline making a grant to the Miskin Appeal Committee for the Urdd National Eisteddfod, to be held at Tonyrefail in May, 1991, on the grounds that a substantial donation towards the Eisteddfod's costs had already been made.

7. Licensing

(a) Miskin Manor, Miskin

The Council noted the application for a transfer of the Liquor License at the Miskin Manor, Miskin.

(b) 3 & 5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council noted the application for a transfer of the Justices' License for the premises at 3 & 5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

8. Planning Applications for Weeks 44, 45 and 46, and 47

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

Application No. 56/0876/90

In the light of the amalgamation of the two organisations providing satellite television, the Council believe that there is no longer a need for the erection of a second satellite dish.

Application No. 56/0894/90

The Council oppose the application for approval to provide an additional unit at the converted Talygarn Farm building. Additionally, the Council remind the Borough Council of the unfavourable comments recently made by the Prince of Wales against the conversion of farm buildings.

Application No. 56/0909/90

The Council draw to the Borough Council's attention

to the need to safeguard the route of the footpath from the estate into Pontyclun. The existing footpath crosses a British Rail owned bridge, and with the likely development of a railway station in Pontyclun it is conceivable that British Rail would withdraw permission for the public to cross the bridge.

9. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 to the Agenda.

10. Reports from Members

(a) Road-widening in Brynsadler

Councillor James reported that he had been informed that the County Council proposed widening Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. It was anticipated that work would start on the scheme in 1992.

The report was noted.

(b) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Norman reported that a desk study of geological conditions around the Hendy Quarry had recently been produced. It was intended that the report be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee.

The report was noted.

(c) Welsh Disablement Conference

Councillor Norman reported on his attendance, on 29 November, 1990, at the Welsh Disablement Conference. A major thrust at Conference had been to impress upon attendees the special needs of the disabled when designing new buildings.

The report was noted.

(d) "Safe and Secure"

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to a project being promoted jointly by the Welsh Office, the County Council and Age Concern known as "Safe and Secure". The project was designed to help elderly people live more safely and securely in their own homes.

Under the scheme each senior citizen would be entitled to a door chain, door viewer, property marking pen and an information booklet. Further details of the scheme would be available shortly.

The report was noted.

(e) Car park, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman reported that the County Council had carried out re-surfacing work in front of the Community Council's bus shelter in Groesfaen. However, the area to the rear of the of the bus shelter, which was used by the residents of Llwynypennau Cottages as a car park, had not been resurfaced, despite being in urgent need of repair. Councillor Norman was actively pursuing the matter.

The report was noted.

(f) Additional car parking facilities, Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that, after considerable pressure, the Borough Council had agreed to provide additional car parking facilities on surplus land at the end of Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun. The scheme would be put out to tender in the near future.

The report was noted.

(g) "Safe and Secure"

Councillor Mrs Phillips referred to Councillor Norman's earlier report and added that it was the view of Age Concern that Community Councils should play an active role in the promotion of the scheme. In particular, it would be of assistance if the Pontyclun Community Council's noticeboards could be used for the display of posters.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council would assist in the promotion of "Safe and Secure" and that Members be encouraged to give help in their respective Wards.

(h) Proposed development at Mwyndy

Councillor Kennard informed the Council that, following a telephone call from a Mwyndy resident, he, together with Councillor Norman, had visited the area of the proposed development and been given further information. It appeared that the developer had considered it likely that his application would be refused by the Borough Council. The developer had pre-empted the decision by withdrawing the application. Effectively, this allowed the developer to submit further applications unhindered by an application which had been refused.

RESOLVED: That the Council revise its views about development at Mwyndy and that any further applications for development be subject to close scrutiny in conjunction with Mwyndy residents.

11. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Cattle crossing, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman reminded the Council that despite an assurance which had been given by the County Council many months previously, work had not yet started on the cattle crossing on the A4119 in Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk remind the County Engineer and Surveyor of the County Council's commitment and find out when work on the crossing was likely to commence.

(b) Otters Brook Trout Farm

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter he had received, too late for inclusion on the Council's Agenda, from Mrs M Davies, Otters Brook Trout Farm, Brynsadler, seeking permission from the Council for a wayleave through the Ivor Woods for the purpose of laying an electricity cable to the new bungalow at the site.

RESOLVED: That the wayleave be granted subject to:-

- (i) The excavation work being carried out by hand or small digger to limit disturbance.

(ii) The replacement of any tree, shrub drain, footpath, or any structure in, or on the boundary of the Wood, damaged in the course of the works, to the full satisfaction of the Council.

(iii) All reinstatement work and re-seeding of disturbed areas to be carried out to the full satisfaction of the Council.

(iv) Mrs Davies agreeing to fully indemnify the Council in the event of any claims arising.

(c) Disposal of litter

The Clerk circulated a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer, which had been received too late for inclusion on the Agenda, in which it was stated that in the absence of specific authority from the Borough Council, it was not possible to waive the charges for the disposal of Community Council collected litter at the Bute Quarry, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make application for dispensation from the charges direct to the Environmental Health and Control Committee of the Borough Council.

(d) Planning Appeal

The Clerk circulated details of a planning appeal against the refusal of the Borough Council to allow development at the disused Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That details of the Council's opposition to the development proposals be forwarded to the inspector holding the appeal.

(e) Purchase of chainsaw

The Clerk informed the Council that the Council's handyman had made enquiries about the possible purchase of a chainsaw to assist him in carrying out his duties.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk make suitable arrangements for the purchase of a chainsaw.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the handyman to be provided with training in the handling of the tool.



12. Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were given:-

- (i) To discuss a proposal to erect a footbridge over the river Ely in Pontyclun.
- (ii) To discuss the implications for the Community on the proposal to construct a new railway station in Pontyclun.

13. The meeting ended at 9.15p.m.

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