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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 Wednesday, 3 January, 1990.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman), Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman, Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and Mr Phil Blanche of the Llantrisant Observer.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton and Mr E Hopkin

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 December, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 December, 1989 be approved as an accurate record subject to the substitution of "Councillor D C Jones" by Councillor L Carter in minute 3 (a).

3. Matters arising

(a) Proposed Cefn-yr-Hendy development

Members noted the appreciation of the Council's support expressed by Elizabeth Price on behalf of the Pontyclun Ward Action Committee.

RESOLVED: That information on the detailed planning application be shared with farwards to the Action Committee when it became available.

(b) Emissions from Purolite, Talbot Green

The Clerk reported on the arrangements being undertaken by Councillor A C dunstall of the Llantrisant Community Council for a guided tour of the Purolite factory in Talbot Green. While the arrangements were yet to be finalised it seemed likely that there would be three places

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in the party available to the Pontyclun Community Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bowen, Norman and Phillips be nominated to represent the Council on the tour.

4. Appointment of Handyman

The Council interviewed applicants for the vacant post of handyman.

RESOLVED: That Mr D M Tookey of 17 Heol Ddeusant, Yorkdale, Beddau, be appointed to the post.

5. Precept arrangements under Community Charge legislation

RESOLVED: (i) That the information provided by the Borough Treasurer be noted.

(ii) That a Finance Committee meeting be convened soon after definitive guidance is received.

6. Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun

The Council was disappointed to note that the Llanharan Community Council was not prepared to support a re-alignment of the community boundary to allow the new housing development at Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun, to be formally recognised as falling within the Community of Pontyclun.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk take up the matter of the boundary anomaly with the Borough Council.
- (ii) That in the event of complaints about community council services being received from residents of Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun, the complaints be referred to the Llanharan Community Council.

7. Recycling of discarded drink cans and waste paper

The Clerk reported on the information he had received from the Aluminium Can Recycling Association. It was noted that the parent/teacher association at the Maesyfelin Infants' School had recently instituted a fund raising scheme for the collection and return of aluminium cans.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk contact the Secretary of the Maesyfelin Infants' School P.T.A. with a view to the Council liaising with the P.T.A. in the collection of aluminium cans in the Community.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the organisation jointly responsible for placing the waste paper skip in Talbot Green to find out if it would be possible to site a similar skip in the Community of Pontyclun.
- (iii) That Councillor James pursue the matter of recycling with the Borough Council.

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8. Reports from the Clerk

(a) Re-roofing of public conveniences, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that all the preliminary professional and administrative work necessary for the re-roofing of the public conveniences in Pontyclun had been completed. The contractor who would carry out the work had given an undertaking that he would commence work on 5 February, 1990. The Clerk also reported that arrangements had been finalised to site a temporary public convenience at the site for the duration of the building works.

The report was noted.

(b) Installation of footpath lighting across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk presented a summary of the correspondence which had taken place between the Community Council, the Taff Ely Borough Council, the Mid Glamorgan County Council, South Wales Electricity and the Pontyclum R.F.C. since a decision to install footpath lighting across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, had been taken. The Borough Council, in agreeing that the Community Council could proceed with the scheme on 27 July, 1988, had sought certain unspecified "safeguards". It was still not clear what those safeguards were, although the Clerk believed that the Borough Council's reservations had probably been accommodated in the detailed specification which had been produced. The specification had been forwarded to the Borough Council, and an ultimatum given that if no comment had been received by 9 January, 1990, the Community Council would take it that the "safeguards" had been met.

The report was noted.

(c) Erection of new bus shelters

The Clerk presented a report on the Council's scheme to build a bus shelter outside the Brewery in Brynsadler and a further bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. All necessary permissions for the bus shelter in Brynsadler had been obtained, but permission was still awaited from the Borough Council to demolish, excavate and rebiuld at Heol Miskin. The Community Council's proposals and drawings had been submitted to the Borough Council on 20 September, 1989. Despite reminders the Community Council had still not received the Borough Council's permission to proceed. The Borough Council had recently asked for copies of all

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correspondence, since it appeared that they had mislaid their copies. Copies had been provided and it was understood that the matter was the subject of a report to the Leisure and Recreation Committee on 2 January, 1990. Nothing had been heard from the Borough Council by the date of the Community Council's meeting.

The report was noted.

9. <u>Licencing - Transfer of Licence - Castell-y-Mynach Inn</u>

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

10. Dr David Mason (decd)

The Council noted the acknowledgement from the family of the late Dr David Mason in response to the earlier expession of sympathy.

11. Planning - Weekly Notification No 47

The Council discussed the application for detailed planning permission contained in Weekly Notification No 47, application reference 56/1120/89.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council be requested to ensure that:-

- (i) sufficient car parking facilities be provided within the curtilege of the development.
- (ii) provision be made for a wide vision splay at the point where the access road joins Heol Miskin.

12. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 8 to the Agenda.

13. Reports from Members

(a) Improvement of back lanes

Councillor Norman reported that it was likely that two back lanes in Pontyclun, namely the back lanes adjacent to Lewis Street and Merthyr Street, would be improved by the Borough Council in the near future. Councillor Norman also reported that the lane giving access to the car park and rugby club in Pontyclun would also be improved shortly.

The report was noted.

(b) Garages on the Hendy Estate

Councillor Norman reported that the forecourt of the

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Borough Council owned garages on the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun, was likely to be re-surfaced in the near future.

The report was noted.

(c) Lay-by, Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman reported that he had made representations to the Borough Council about the poor condition of the surface of the lay-by in front of Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen. He had obtained agreement in principle that re-surfacing works would be carried out after the current gas installations had been completed.

The report was noted.

(d) Polytechnic of Wales, Treforest

Councillor Professor Bowen referred to the recent decision of the Mid Glamorgan County Council to hand over responsibility for the Polytechnic of Wales to the Welsh Office. Concern had been expressed at what was seen as a "messy compromise" and the opposition group on the County Council had called for an inquiry on mis-management at the Polytechnic.

The report was noted.

(e) Traffic flows - Talbot Green By Pass/Mwyndy

Councillor Professor Bowen referred to the surveys which were currently taking place to rstablish the effects on traffic flows at Mwyndy. He promised that he would make the results of the surveys available to the Community Council at the earliest opportunity.

The report was noted.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Subsidence - Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke drew the Council's attention to the recent subsidence in the highway near the junction of Cerdin Avenue and Llwynfen Road in Pontyclum. She pointed out that while remedial work had been carried out to the highway in Cerdin Avenue, no repairs had been carried out to the adjacent pavement.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Council.

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(b) Children's playground, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman expressed his concern over the dilapidated state of the perimeter fence at the children's playground in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. He was fearful that if urgent repairs were not carried out, a serious injury would occur. He wondered, too, if consideration could be given by the Borough Council to a more realistic siting of the benches in the playground.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pusue both matters with the Borough Council.

(c) Speeding vehicles between Castell-y-Mwnws and Brynsadler

Councillor Kennard referred to the earlier representations made by the Community Council for speed restrictions on the road between Llanharry and Brynsadler. He said that in December, a car which had been speeding on the section of road between Castell-y-Mwnws and Brynsadler had overturned. Fortunately there was no loss of life. Photographs had been taken of the overturned car and could be produced to support the strong local feeling that there should be a speed restriction on the road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again take the matter up with the County Council and offer to produce the photographs in support of the case to introduce speed restrictions.

(d) Litter in the Community

Councillor Norman referred to the problem of litter in the Community. He commented that recently, near the Hendy Stores, he had collected half a sack of litter in a very short period of time. Councillor Norman asked for the policy of the police in the matter. P C Keddle commented that an internal circular in the police force had stressed the importance of litter prevention.

RESOLVED: That P C Keddle obtain clarification on whether it would be possible for the Community Council to have sight of the circular with a view to giving it publicity in the Community.

(e) <u>Community Charge</u> - Rebate Forms

Councillor Norman expressed concern that despite the imminence of the introduction of the Community Charge, no rebate forms were available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Treasurer.

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(f) Llantrisant Observer Reports by the Pontyclun correspondent

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to some of the reports which had appeared in the Llantrisant Observer about matters discussed at Community Council meetings. He believed that in some cases matters had been reported out of context and could give rise to misleading impressions.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk contact the Pontyclun correspondent of the Llantrisant Observer to advise that if clarification of any matter discussed at a Community Council meeting was required, that clarification could be obtained from the Chairman or the Clerk.

15. The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

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