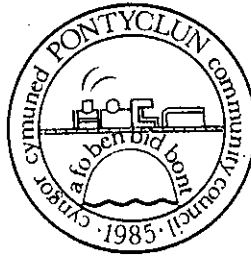


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 July, 1996

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Mr T J Burton,
 Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T Flood, Mrs M M Griffiths,
 and Mr R G Norman (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle (for part of the meeting) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Councillor Gordon Marks Moir**

The Chairperson, Councillor R G Norman, advised the Council formally that Councillor Gordon Marks Moir passed away at his home in Miskin on 18 June, 1996. Councillor Norman further advised that he was in touch with Mrs Lilian Moir, who had asked that the Council be thanked its floral tribute and many expressions of sympathy. Councillor Norman wished to thank those Members who had been able to attend the funeral. The Council stood in silence as a tribute to Councillor Moir.

(b) **"Crossroads" - Caring for the Carers**

The Chairperson advised the Council of the formation of a new group in the Community called "Crossroads". The organisation aimed to provide support for carers to enable them to continue to care. The scheme aimed to supplement and complement, but not to replace, statutory services and to work closely with them and strive to maintain high standards of care.

The local coordinator of "Crossroads" was available at Rose Cottage, Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

R G Norman

The Chairperson asked that a leaflet giving greater detail of the organisation's services be circulated to Members with the Agenda for the Council's September meeting.

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Rhondda Cynon Taff Police/
Community Consultative Group**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that he had attended the last meeting of the newly formed Rhondda Cynon Taff Police/Community Consultative Group which was held in the Park and Dare Theatre in Treorchy on Thursday, 20 June, 1996.

While it appeared from the conduct of the meeting that the presentation was aimed at Rhondda residents it subsequently transpired that the content was appropriate to the whole of Rhondda/Cynon/Taff. It appeared that the police representatives present were unaware that invitations to attend the meeting had been sent to community council councils throughout Rhondda/Cynon/Taff.

It was explained that the police had a statutory duty to consult the public over the way in which it intended carrying out its policing duties. Discussion took place on the Annual Plan of the South Wales Police Authority and was followed by a display of modern weaponry. Of significant interest to residents of Rhondda/Cynon/Taff were the proposals to pilot an experimental scheme aimed at controlling the consumption of alcohol outside licensed premises.

The police representatives answered a number of questions from the public about policing strategies within South Wales and concluded by saying that the next meeting of the Group was scheduled to meet in the Cynon Valley on 15 August, 1996, and would be followed by a meeting in the Taff Ely area on 17 October, 1996, although venues for the meetings had not been finalised. Councillor Burton reminded the meeting that the new Catholic Church in Miskin, Pontyclun, was an excellent venue and could be made available for the Group's Taff Ely meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) **Unruly behaviour outside licensed premises**

Councillor Bendle drew the attention of P C Keddle to a recent late night incident outside licensed premises in Pontyclun when a glass was thrown at a car being driven by a local resident.

P C Keddle responded that he was unaware of the incident but that he would make further enquiries.

(c) **Nuisance at 1 Llwynypennau, Groesfaen**

Councillor Edwards reported incidents of nuisance at Groesfaen, as the result of footballs being kicked from a nearby playarea into the garden of No 1 Llwynypennau. It had been reported to him that following a recent incident, to which the police had been called, a gentleman had been knocked unconscious after being struck by a ball.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring the nuisance to the attention of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(d) **Pontyclun Junior School Fete**

Councillor Bendle referred to the annual fete of the Pontyclun Primary School which was held on the previous Saturday and wished to thank the police for their attendance in making the occasion a highly successful event.

(e) **Rhondda Cynon Taff Police Division**

P C Keddle, in response to enquiries from Members, said he believed that the size of the new Rhondda Cynon Taff police division was not generally appreciated. He stated that the total allocation of officers was in excess of 300. Even so, the Llantrisant area's allocation of officers was only 16 when the allocation was at full strength. This limited number of officers had responsibility for providing police cover for a very wide area for 24 hours a day.

P C Keddle believed that as a result of the very diverse nature of calls upon the police, the limited number of officers available at any one time, and the facilities available at the Talbot Green police station, it was unlikely, in his view, that the police office in the Pontyclun Community Centre would ever be permanently manned. Nevertheless, the office provided an useful addition to the accommodation available to the police to carry out its duties.

The report was noted.

(f) **Speeding lorry in Brynsadler**

Councillor Flood reported a recent incident in Brynsadler when a speeding lorry, laden with stone and travelling in the direction of Pontyclun, had narrowly avoided a collision with a pedestrian crossing the road. The incident was not an isolated one since heavy lorries regularly sped downhill through Brynsadler.

The resident had been shaken up by the near miss and had subsequently bought shares in the company supplying the stone with the purpose of turning up at the company's annual meeting and asking questions about the transportation of stone and the safety of the public. The resident had also written about the incident to the Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary, the Welsh Office and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

P C Keddle responded that he would report the incident.

4. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 June, 1996**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 June, 1996, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Siting of grit bins**

Members reported that work on identifying suitable sites for grit bins was almost complete. Details of the locations would be forwarded to the Clerk shortly.

(b) **Unauthorised erection of greenhouse in the Ivor Woods**

The Clerk reported that he had instructed the District Valuer and Valuation Officer, with whom the Community Council had had previous dealings, to act on behalf of the Community Council to produce a report. In anticipation of further encroachments into the Ivor Woods the Clerk had requested the District Valuer and Valuation Officer for a clear indication of the boundary between the Woods and adjacent residential properties.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk be approved.

(c) **Application for an off licence - Royal Stores, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle reported that, as a private citizen, he had attended court on two occasions in Merthyr to oppose the application of the potential buyer of the Royal Stores, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, for an off licence to sell alcohol. Councillor Bendle made it clear that his attendance at court was because he believed that alcohol was already too readily available in the Community and that another outlet would merely add to the problems of the Community in dealing with drink-related behaviour.

Councillor Bendle was pleased to inform the Council that the the court, after deliberation, refused to award an off licence for the sale of alcohol at the Royal Stores.

The matter was noted.

(d) **Temporary assistant for Council's Handyman**

The Clerk reported that he had recruited a temporary assistant for the Council's Handyman for the summer months. His name was Matthew Rogers and he lived at 22 Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun. Mr Rogers had been employed by the Council during the summer of 1995 and had rendered excellent service.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Siting of portacabin at No.9 Heol Hendy, Pontyclun**

The Clerk advised the Council that since the last meeting of the Council three letters had been sent to departments of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a further letter to the South Wales Fire Service. A reply from the Fire Service was enclosed at Appendix No. 2 to the Agenda.

Since the despatch of agendas to Members further replies had been received from the Director of Planning and the Director of Environmental Services. Both letters were read out.

RESOLVED: That the responses be noted.

RGN

(f) **“Lost” heavy goods vehicles in Talygarn**

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Griffiths the Clerk reported that a reply had not been received from the Highway Authority about the Community Council’s proposal for a directory of industrial estates in the vicinity of Llantrisant and Pontyclun to be erected in a lay by off the A4119. The directory would assist in keeping those heavy vehicles seeking factories outside the Community from entering Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a reminder letter to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

6. **Casual vacancy in the Miskin Ward of the Community Council**

The Clerk referred to the vacancy in the Miskin Ward of the Community Council caused by the death of Councillor Moir.

He informed the Council that he had been in contact with the Director of Legal and Administrative Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council who had advised that notice of the vacancy should be advertised within the Ward. Provided that 10 or more electors for the Ward, within a period of 14 days of the date of the vacancy being displayed, requested a poll, then an election would be held. If an election was not claimed then the Community Council would be requested to fill the vacancy by cooption.

RESOLVED: (I) That the Clerk arrange for notices of the vacancy to be displayed within the Ward from 10 July, 1996.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for a letter to be sent to Mrs Lilian Moir expressing the Council’s appreciation for the services rendered to the Community by her late husband and that the letter be signed by each Member of the Council.

7. **Mineral Local Plan of the former Mid Glamorgan County Council**

The Clerk advised that a copy of the Inspector’s Report on Objections to the Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying in Mid Glamorgan had been received by the Community Council. The earlier comments of the Pontyclun Community Council had been incorporated into the document at pages 20, 21, 65 and 66. The report was available for inspection by any Member.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

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8. **Dog fouling in the Community**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths informed the Council that she had received a number of complaints about the fouling of pavements and footpaths by dogs.

Councillor Griffiths was aware that the former Borough Council had been instrumental in promoting campaigns in other parts of the former Borough to reduce the incidence of dog fouling. As part of the campaigns pooper scoopers had been handed out to dog owners.

Councillor Griffiths believed that it would be a constructive move forward to invite the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to conduct a similar campaign in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the Director of Environmental Services Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council inviting him to conduct an anti dog fouling campaign in Pontyclun.

(ii) That the Clerk request the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council dog warden to erect "No fouling" signs in Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

9. **Communities - Alternative Form of Names or Alternative Names**

The Council discussed the letter of 10 June, 1996, from the Director of Legal and Administrative Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council drawing attention to a provision in the Local Government (Wales) Act, 1994, providing that where the name of a community is given only in its English form or only in its Welsh form but there is a generally accepted alternative form of that name or an alternative name for the community in Welsh or English, then the principal council shall take the prescribed steps to secure that there is both an English and a Welsh name for the community.

RESOLVED: That as the name "Pontyclun" is bilingual the Council offer no views on the matter to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

10. **Weekly planning notifications for weeks ending 31 May, 7, 14, and 21 June, 1996**

Application No. 96/2069/15

RESOLVED: That the Council object to the proposal since, if granted, it would result in yet more heavy lorries passing through Pontyclun.

Application No. 96/2119/10

RESOLVED: That the Council object strongly to the removal or variation of conditions attaching to the consent since the conditions had been imposed after taking due regard of comments by the Highway Authority. Any removal or variation of the consent would cause a hazard on the A4222.

Application No. 96/2120/15

RESOLVED: That the Council object strongly to the removal or variation of conditions attaching to the consent since the conditions had been imposed after taking due regard of comments by the Highway Authority. Any removal or variation of the consent would cause a hazard on the A4222.

11. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No.4 to the Council's agenda.

12. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Renewal of kerbstones, Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to the very poor workmanship in the recent renewal of kerbstones in Lon yr Awel.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Director of Property Services, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, highlighting the poor quality of the repair work and asking whether the standard of the repair is acceptable to the authority.

(b) **Brunel Arms, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle informed the Council that he had recently learned that a licence had been granted to the landlord of the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun, to hold late night discotheques. Furthermore, only one letter of objection had been received opposing the application.

The Clerk advised the Council that there appeared to be a misunderstanding. He had intended, later that evening, to bring to the Council's attention a notification he had received from the Director of Environmental Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on 27 June, 1996, asking for the Council's comments on an application for a Public Entertainment Licence from the landlord of the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun. The Community Council had been asked to provide comments on the application within 14 days.

The Council discussed the application with particular reference to the additional noise, rowdyism and inconvenience which would be caused to residents living in the vicinity of the Brunel Arms.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that residents in the vicinity of the Brunel Arms should not be subject to late night rowdyism, vandalism and the anti social behaviour of drunken youths. Furthermore, residents should not be subject to nuisance from the banging of car doors in the early hours and the sight of youths urinating in the highway.

The Council takes the view that there are already sufficient late night licensed premises in the locality and that it is unrealistic to place a further burden on police resources.

Note: Following a request for a recorded vote the following Members of the Council voted in favour of the resolution - Councillors Bendle, Edwards, Flood, Griffiths and Norman.

Those voting against the resolution were Councillors Burton and Davies

(c) **Groesfaen playarea**

Councillor Edwards drew the Council's attention to a nuisance being suffered by Mr and Mrs Anthony of Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen. It appeared that the residents were regularly subject to the inconvenience footballs from the nearby playarea being kicked into their garden. Councillor Edwards enquired whether the Community Council had any powers to erect a fence to prevent the nuisance.

RESOLVED: (i) That as the playarea was now the responsibility of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, a letter be sent to the Director of Leisure Services outlining the problem and asking whether the authority would consider erecting a suitable fence to overcome the problem.

(ii) That a copy of the letter be sent to Mr and Mrs Anthony for their information.

(d) **Purolite Liaison Committee**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths reported on her attendance at the last meeting of the Purolite Liaison Committee. While there was general agreement that the Committee should continue to meet, differing views were heard on suitable venues. Some members of the Committee wished to meet at the Purolite plant in Pontyclun while others wished to hold meetings at the offices of the Llantrisant Community Council in George Street, Llantrisant.

The report was noted.

(e) **Building work at the Pontyclun RFC headquarters**

Councillor Flood reported that building work had commenced at the Pontyclun RFC but that little thought appeared to have been given to the needs of residents wishing to access the children's playarea from the public footpath.

Councillor Flood reported that it was necessary to descend the steep embankment to access the playarea, whereas if some thought had been given to the needs of residents a fence could have been erected at a more suitable point and accommodated the needs of everyone. To compound matters, the contractors had failed to erect any signs.

RESOLVED: That the observations be conveyed to the secretary of the Pontyclun RFC.

(f) **Speeding vehicles in Brynsadler**

Councillor Flood expressed his deep concern about the dangers of heavily loaded lorries speeding through Brynsadler. A further

recent incident had resulted in a Brynsadler resident being narrowly missed by a speeding lorry.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again convey the Council's grave concern to the police and the highway authority.

(g) **Overgrown tree, Miskin green**

Councillor Burton advised of a large tree on Miskin green which had become overgrown and was in need of pruning to prevent branches causing damage to the roofs of nearby houses.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for the overgrown branches to be pruned to prevent damage to nearby houses.

(h) **Juggernauts in School Road, Miskin**

Councillor Burton advised that since the lifting of the weight restriction on School Road, Miskin, a large number of juggernauts were now regularly using School Road. The result had been considerable nuisance to a large number of Miskin residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish when the weight restriction in School Road, Miskin would be reintroduced.

(i) **Public Right of Way Footpath No. 333**

Councillor Burton referred to the site meeting which was scheduled for the following evening to discuss a possible re-alignment of Public Right of Way Footpath No. 333. Councillor Burton advised that one of the landowners involved, Dr Wynne Davies, wished to tender his apologies for non attendance due to a prior commitment.

The report was noted.

(j) **Bollard - Lewis Street, Pontyclun**

Councillor Burton advised that the dislodged bollard in Lewis Street, Pontyclun, had still not been replaced in its original position.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up again with the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering

(k) **Miscellaneous items - Councillor Davies**

Councillor Graham Davies advised that he had a list of 9 separate items that he wished to bring to the Council's attention.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Davies liaise with the Clerk on the list and that the Clerk take the appropriate action.

13. **Any other business of an urgent nature**

(a) **Pontyclun War Memorial**

The Chairperson, Councillor Norman, drew the Council's attention to the recently renewed fence around the Pontyclun War Memorial. The order for the fence renewal had been placed by the former Taff Ely Borough Council before its demise on 1 April, 1996.

The matter was noted.

(b) **RCT In Bloom Competition**

The Chairperson, Councillor Norman, suggested to the Council that, in view of the recent work carried out at the Pontyclun War Memorial, and the excellent display of summer bedding plants around the Memorial base, the War Memorial should be entered into the "RCT in Bloom" competition being organised by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

(c) **Pontyclun War Memorial - re-blackening of engravings**

In response to a question from the Chairperson the Clerk advised that an order for the re-blackening of the engravings on the War Memorial had been placed with Leric Artistic Sculptors several months earlier.

RGN

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Lerici Artistic Sculptors to remind the company that the work necessary to the War Memorial had still not been carried out.

(d) **Diaries for Members**

The Chairperson, Councillor Norman, drew attention to the practice of the former Taff Ely Borough Council to supply its Members, and members of community councils with diaries. The Chairman asked whether the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council would be following the same practice.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(e) **Councillor Gordon Moir**

The Clerk read out a letter which he had received earlier that day from Mrs Lilian Moir, the widow of the late Councillor Gordon Moir, in which she expressed her thanks for the floral tributes and the messages of support she had received from Members of the Council following her recent bereavement. Mrs Moir also wished to thank Members for their attendance at the funeral service.

The letter was noted.

(f) **Public Right of Way - Footpath No.333**

The Clerk reminded the Council that a site meeting had been arranged for the following evening to discuss a possible re-alignment of Footpath No.333. The Footpaths Officer for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council would be in attendance.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Taff Ely Local Plan: Deposit**

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of the Taff Ely Local Plan which was now publicly available for the making of observations. The period for making formal objections to the Plan expired on 9 August, 1996.

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It was noted that as a consultee to the Plan during its draft stage the Community Council had already provided its observations on the document.

RESOLVED: In the unlikely event that further comments were necessary on the Plan, the Chairperson, in consultation with the Clerk be authorised to make those comments on behalf of the Council.

(h) **Directory of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council offices and addresses**

The Clerk circulated, for Members' information, copies of a directory giving the names and addresses of the major offices of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The contents of the directory were noted.

(I) **Annual Grants Meeting**

The Clerk reminded the Council that the 1996 annual grants meeting would be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 July, 1996.

The matter was noted.

(j) **Community Questionnaire**

The Clerk advised the Council that distribution of the Community Questionnaire was at an advanced stage. Arrangements for the receipt of completed Questionnaires had been made with the manageress of the Community Shop in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The matter was noted.

(k) **Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales**

The Clerk advised of the receipt of an invitation to renew the Council's annual subscription to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales at a cost of £30.00.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the renewal of the subscription.

14. The meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

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