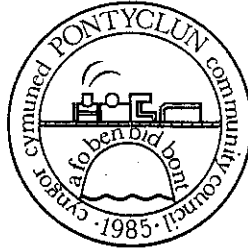


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 4 April, 1990.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mrs A Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman), Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs D Richards-Clarke.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Phil Blanche of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin and Mrs O P Phillips. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 March, 1990

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

3. Matters arising

- (a) Installation of footpath lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the contractors, BEI Roadway Lighting, Bridgend, it had been agreed that work on the installation of the footpath lighting would commence on Wednesday, 2 May, 1990.

The report was noted.

- (b) Age Concern - Installation of smoke detectors for the over eighties

The Clerk reported that he had again raised with the practice manager at the Pontyclun Surgery the possibility of obtaining a list of Community residents over eighty years of age. While the practice manager was sympathetic to the request, she had reservations about divulging personal information from patients' records. However, she proposed that when statutory visits were made to the elderly, the service offered by Age Concern would be mentioned.

The report was noted.

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(c) Possible vacancy on the Council -
Statement by the Clerk

The Clerk stated that at the last meeting of the Council he had outlined the statutory position in the event of a vacancy arising on the Council. He had also referred to the administrative procedures which would need to be followed. Since the last meeting of the Council he had not received any notice of resignation. Consequently, there was no vacancy on the Council.

The report was noted.

(d) Next edition of "CLUN"

The Clerk referred to the decision of the Council at its meeting on 7 March, 1990, to publish the next edition of "CLUN" in early summer. He pointed out that he had not yet received any articles for inclusion in the next edition.

RESOLVED: That members forward their articles to the Clerk as soon as possible.

(e) Former NACRO base, Ivor Woods

The Clerk was pleased to be able to report that the temporary building erected by NACRO as a base in the Ivor Woods had been removed. Certain re-instatement work in the Woods had been carried out by the Council's handyman.

The report was noted.

(f) Planning Application No 56/0104/90

The Clerk reported that he had only been able to obtain brief additional details of the planning application to establish a workshop in Talygarn. It appeared that the proposal would involve:-

- (i) the production on animal products
- (ii) animals requiring to be on site
- (iii) small quantities of domestic equipment on site.
- (iv) small quantities of chemicals on site.

The Council was disappointed that the Borough Council had been able to provide the minimum of detail on the proposal. It was felt that the Community Council could not make any worthwhile comment on the application without having greater detail.

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, and Councillor Gordon Norman, commented that the application had come before the planning committee of the Taff Ely Borough Council the previous evening. Both members

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had opposed the application and had been successful in getting the matter deferred for decision to a later meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer and ask for comprehensive details of the application.

- (g) Proposal to instal an asphalt plant in the Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter from the County Planning Officer which had been received on 3 April, 1990. A general discussion took place on the contents of the letter. It was felt that the County Council was making a considerable effort to discount the nuisance and environmental effects of the proposed asphalt plant.

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had opposed the application at County Council level. He had been successful in achieving some support from other County Council members. He had managed to force a vote on the issue but had been out-voted. The County Council had awarded permission for the development.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the County Planning Officer conveying the dismay of the Community Council that both the local members's views and the Community Council's views had been given little consideration

(ii) That a copy of the letter be sent to the Chairman of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee.

(iii) That the Clerk write to the Inspector of Pollution drawing his attention to the plans for residential development on the Hendy and seeking his assurances that residents on the site would not suffer pollution from the asphalt plant.

4. Inaugural meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

The Council considered the letters from Wimpey Hobbs, dated 1 March, 1990, Taff Ely Borough Council, dated 2 March, 1990, and the County Clerk and Coordinator dated 16 March, 1990, and 26 March, 1990. It had not been possible to hold the meeting within the Community, and, as a result, arrangements had been made to hold the meeting in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre at 7.00p.m. on 25 April, 1990.

The information was noted.

5. Additional litter bins in the Community

The Clerk reported that four additional litter bins had recently been sited in the Community. They had been placed:-

- (i) opposite the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler
- (ii) in the children's playground off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun
- (iii) on the grass verge at the junction of Heol-y-Felin and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.
- (iv) adjacent to the bus shelter in Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk consult with the Taff Ely Borough Council and the County Council with a view to obtaining permission to site a further four litter bins. The sites to be:-

- (i) Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun
- (ii) Adjacent to the wayside seat near the bridge over the river Clun
- (iii) at Miskin Crescent, Miskin
- (iv) at the junction of School Road and Beechlea Close, Miskin

6. Heavy vehicles using Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

The Community Council discussed the County Council's response to the request for heavy vehicles travelling through Pontyclun to be routed via Heol Miskin rather than Clun Avenue. The Community Council was disappointed that the County Council was unable to agree to the request, especially as the Community Council was of the view that a traffic hazard resulted from the use of Clun Avenue by heavy vehicles.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the County Council asking for a site meeting to discuss the matter.

(ii) That the views of the police be sought.

7. Agency arrangements with the County Council in the maintenance of public rights of way

The Council discussed the letter of 28 February, 1990, from the County Engineer and Surveyor about the agency arrangements in the maintenance of rights of way. The Community Council expressed surprise at the significant reduction in the amount of grant money available during 1989/90 compared with previous years.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Engineer and Surveyor:-

- (i) drawing attention to the inadequacy of the grant
- (ii) asking for the reasons for the reduction in the grant over amounts paid in previous years
- (iii) pointing out that the Community Council had, necessarily, undertaken work on the clearance of footways in 1989/90 which was the responsibility of the County Council

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8. Invitation to attend a public meeting on the proposal to develop the Talbot Green golf course for housing

The Council noted the invitation to attend the public meeting from the Ely Valley Association.

Councillor Professor Bowen had attended, and spoken at the meeting earlier that evening. Councillor Bowen told the Council that the application to develop the golf course for housing was the subject of an appeal to the Welsh Office. The appeal had resulted from the failure of the Taff Ely Borough Council to determine the application within the prescribed period. The public meeting had been well attended with over 300 residents present. It was the intention to instruct a barrister to oppose the application at the appeal hearing.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the actions of the Ely Valley Association in opposing the plans to develop land at the golf course.

9. "Wales in Bloom"

The Council noted the letter from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer on the opportunity to participate in the "Wales in Bloom" competition being sponsored by Phostrogen. The Council felt that if the letter had been received earlier it may have been possible to nominate the Community Council's spring flowering bulbs for the competition.

RESOLVED: (i) That the invitation be declined
(ii) That in the event of an allocation of flowering bulbs being made available, the Council would wish to be considered.

10. Licensing - Proposed structural alterations to the Windsor Arms, Pontyclun.

The Council noted the plans submitted by Bass and Welsh Brewers relating to the proposed structural alterations to the Windsor Arms, Pontyclun.

11. Planning

- (a) Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks No.s 8 and 9, 10, 11 and 12

The Council discussed the applications for planning permission contained in Weekly Notifications 8 and 9, 10, 11 and 12

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

Application No 56/0167/90

That the Council object to the proposal on the grounds that:-

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- (i) the proposed access would be inadequate.
- (ii) land earmarked for a future highway development would be affected
- (iii) it has been acknowledged that the Local Plan over-generous in its allocation of land for housing.

Application No. 56/0180/90

That the Council object to the proposal on the grounds that considerable environmental damage is likely to be caused by way of airborne dust.

- (b) Unauthorised storage of tyres - Former Iron Ore Works, Llanharry

The Clerk reported that he had been approached about the unauthorised storage of large quantities of tyres at the site of the former Iron Ore Works in Llanharry. The Community Council was mindful that, in the event of a fire at the site, the prevailing winds would carry pollution in the direction of the Community. The point took on additional significance in the light of the recent tyre dump fire in Canada.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Planning Officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council objecting to the unauthorised dump and requesting that enforcement action be taken against the site proprietor.

12. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 12 to the Agenda.

13. Reports from Members

- (a) Age Concern - Smoke detectors

Councillor Norman reported that a limited number of smoke detectors were available for distribution to the over eighties in the Community. He sought the cooperation of Members in compiling a list of residents in the Community who would be eligible for a free smoke detector.

The report was noted.

- (b) Proposed Cefn-yr-Hendy development

Councillor Norman reported that, following exhaustive searches and inquiries, he had compiled a

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comprehensive plan of the underground workings at the site of the proposed Cefn-yr-Hendy development. Councillor Norman was prepared to share the results of his investigations with any member of the Council or the public.

The report was noted.

(c) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor Norman referred to the need for the Pontyclun Community Centre to receive a complete refurbishment. He had taken up some of the more urgent matters which required attention with the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council and was hopeful that some work would be completed in the near future. Councillor Norman believed that the Centre's Management Committee could become more active in competing for finances for the Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chairman of Management Committee asking that local members of the Taff Ely Borough Council be notified of the dates of Management Committee meetings.

(d) Refuse/litter collection

Councillor Norman referred to the recent problems experienced in the collection of refuse and in the emptying of litter bins. He believed that some of the problems resulted from the Borough Council having rationalised its labour force.

The report was noted.

(e) Access road to the Windsor Park, Pontyclun.

Councillor Norman reported that although the re-surfacing of the approach road to the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, had not yet been started, he was keeping a careful check on the matter. He would be reporting progress to the Community Council in due course.

The report was noted.

(f) Babell Chapel Fete, Groesfaen

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke reported that plans were in hand to hold a chapel fete in Groesfaen in June. It was proposed to hold the fete in an adjacent field, subject to the permission of the landowner, Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams, being received.

(g) Structure Plan - Liaison with the Taff Ely Borough Council

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that a liaison

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committee had been established between the County Council and the Borough Council to achieve more effective coordination. A definitive statement on the plans for Mwyndy Cross/Hendy development was awaited. It appeared that the matter was currently in the hands of consultants.

The report was noted.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Fairview Close, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman, reporting a matter on behalf of Councillor Mrs O P Phillips, brought the Council's attention to the need for a "no through road" sign in Fairview Close, Pontyclun. Residents reported that there were regular instances of drivers seeking through access from Fairview Close. Councillor T J Burton voiced similar concern about vehicles attempting to gain through access in Merthyr Street, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request the County Council to erect a "no through road" sign at the entrance to Fairview Close and Merthyr Street.

(b) Vehicles parking near the junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton again expressed his concern about the hazardous conditions faced by vehicle drivers on emerging from Merthyr Street into Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Drivers' vision was severely curtailed as the result of parked cars at the junction.

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

(c) Wrongly delivered mail

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported that mail intended for 17 Manor Hill, Miskin, was frequently delivered to 17 Miskin Crescent. A factor in the confusion was believed to be the absence of street nameplates.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Clerk take up the matter of the wrongly delivered mail with the Post Office.

(ii) that, in an effort to avoid confusion, the Clerk request the Borough Council to erect street nameplates.

(d) Alleged dangerous tree - Ivor Woods, Brynsadler

The Clerk reported that he had received a request

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from Evan G Jones (Builders) to fell a tree in the Ivor Woods. It was alleged that following recent high winds, the tree had become unstable and was in danger of falling on to new buildings being constructed by Evan G Jones (Builders). The Clerk had taken the matter up as a matter of urgency with the Chairman and the local ward member. It was felt that there was no danger posed by the tree.

The report was noted.

- (e) Inspection of the Community Council's Tax and National Insurance returns

The Clerk reported that the last inspection of the Community Council's Tax and National Insurance returns to the Inland Revenue was made in 1986. He had received notification that the Council's Tax and National Insurance records were due for inspection again. The inspection would take place on 10 April, 1990.

The report was noted.

- (f) Miss Gail Walker - Operation Raleigh

The Clerk reported that Miss Gail Walker of Pontyclun, who was participating in Operation Raleigh, and who had been sponsored by the Community Council, had sent the Council a greetings card from Chile in which she had outlined some of her achievements to date.

The report was noted.

- (g) Clerk's change of address

The Clerk advised the Council that with effect from 20 March, 1990, he had moved to his new address at "Mandalay", Cowbridge Road, Talygarn, Pontyclun. His telephone number, Llantrisant 227094 remained the same.

The report was noted.

15. The meeting ended at 9.30p.m.

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