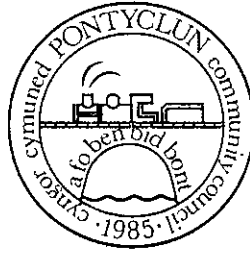


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 4 July, 1990.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton (Chairlady), Mr T J Burton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs I V Evans, Mr E Hopkin, Mr R C Kennard, Mr V P James and Mrs O P Phillips. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle.

2. Order of business

**RESOLVED:** That the order of business be revised and that item No 5 on the Agenda be discussed first.

3. Proposed closure/Change of use - Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre

Mr Derek Kingham, former Administrator at the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre, spoke to the Council in support of his letter dated 25 June, 1990. Mr Kingham said that he was not opposed to a college of nursing being established at Talygarn. Rather, he, and a large body of local opinion, wished the Centre to be retained in its present form because the range of facilities offered was unique in Wales. Indeed, the Centre was one of only six in the whole of the United Kingdom. Mr Kingham was confident that the proposed nursing centre could exist in parallel with the existing Rehabilitation Centre.

A discussion ensued and it was unanimously agreed that the Centre provided an invaluable resource within the National Health Service. It was extremely unlikely that a comparable range of facilities could be provided at any of the hospitals in the vicinity.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Area Health Authority urging that the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre be kept open in its present form. In addition, that the Council support the idea of a nursing college, either as an adjunct to existing facilities at Talygarn, or as part of the proposed new hospital at Ynysyplwm near Talbot Green.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 June, 1990

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 June, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

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5. Matters arising

(a) Litter bins in the Community

The Clerk reported that following the purchase and siting of the latest batch of litter bins, he had made arrangements with the Borough Council for litter collection and disposal. The arrangements had worked well for a number of weeks. It had subsequently been brought to the Community Council's attention that the Borough Council was insisting on receiving written application for emptying facilities. No further emptying would be carried out until written application was made, and approved. Application had been made immediately but no reply had been received from the Borough Council. Temporary emptying was being undertaken by the Community Council's handyman.

The matter was noted.

(b) Potential development of land adjacent to the L'Oreal factory, Talbot Green

(i) Site visit of 13 June, 1990

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, together with Councillors T J Burton and Mrs O P Phillips reported on their attendance at the recent presentation made by L'Oreal management on the plans to expand the plant. Representatives of the Llantrisant, Llanharan and Llanharry Community Councils were also present at the meeting. It appeared that L'Oreal proposed expanding on about 10 acres of land, and that part of the proposal involved making a cutting into the nearby hillside. Undertakings were given at the meeting that:-

- (i) No additional fumes would result from the expansion.
- (ii) There would be no significant additional noise from the development.
- (iii) The area around the new development would be landscaped
- (iv) At its nearest point, the development would be 75 metres away from the nearest house

RESOLVED: That while the Council would not oppose the application for development, the Borough Council be urged to safeguard the interests of local residents by placing conditions on any permission granted.

(ii) Statement of opposition

The Council noted the statement of opposition by the Bedw Bach Action Committee against the proposals for development by L'Oreal.

(c) Roadworks in Brynsadler

The Council expressed its deep concern about the current state of the highway in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. Many months of continual roadworks, coupled with temporary reinstatements, parking restrictions, unreliable traffic lights, and debris left on the highway, had made life very difficult for Brynsadler residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council to find out when the roadworks were likely to be complete, seeking an assurance that the permanent reinstatement works would leave the highway in as good a condition as it was before the roadworks began.

(d) Report on the site meeting  
at the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler, 20 June, 1990

Councillor Norman reported on the site meeting which had taken place at the Ivor Woods on the evening of 20 June, 1990, at which a representative of Evan G Jones (Builders) had been present. It was the view of the members present that there was no immediate threat posed by the tree in question. However, in view of the significant amount of cracking in the tree trunk, it was felt that a certain amount of surgery was probably needed. The recommendation of the site meeting to the Council was that the Council should engage a tree surgeon for advice, with a view to retaining the tree but carrying out such surgery as was considered necessary in the interests of safety. Furthermore, that the costs of carrying out the tree surgeon's advice be borne by Evan G Jones (Builders).

RESOLVED: That the recommendations be adopted.

6. Claim for damages against the Council

The Council discussed a letter from The Central Claims Administration And Records Bureau in which it was alleged that the Council may carry liability for an accident to an infant at the Maesyfelin playingfields.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk in referring the matter to the Council's insurers be confirmed.

7. Donation of plots of land to the Council

The Council discussed the letter of 4 June, 1990, and accompanying location plan, from John Hogg and Company, Solicitors, about the proposed transfer of plots of land in Miskin to the Community Council from Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams.

RESOLVED:

That the Council proceed with the transfer.

8. Footway lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Council was surprised to learn that the Chief Environmental Health Officer appeared to be unaware of the Community Council's plans for the erection of footway lighting across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun. The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council was aware of the Community Council's plans. Indeed, it was the Borough Council, as owners of the land, who had given permission for the Community Council to erect the lighting. The matter had been minuted by the Borough Council. In addition, discussions had taken place with the Mid Glamorgan County Council and South Wales Electricity. Notification of the Council's plans had also, as a matter of courtesy, been sent to the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club. The Clerk reported that, in reply to the Chief Environmental Health Officer's letter, he had outlined all the steps taken by the Community Council prior to any work commencing on site.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Clerk be approved.

9. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(a) 1990 Annual Conference

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the Conference by the Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, Councillor Mrs I V Evans, and the Clerk

(b) Motion for debate

RESOLVED: That a motion for debate be submitted to Conference calling upon county councils in Wales to devote more legal resources towards resolving cases of deliberate infringement of public rights of way.

10. Prince of Wales Committee - Environmental Projects

The Council discussed the letter of 4 June, 1990, from the Borough Council's Chief Planning and Industrial Development Officer, drawing attention to the availability of grant aid for certain environmental projects. It appeared that the take up of grant aid from the Prince of Wales Committee from groups in Taff Ely had been particularly low. It was felt that this stemmed from a lack of awareness of what the Committee could offer.

RESOLVED: That the Council make application to the Committee for grant aid for the two bus shelters which the Council intended erecting in the near future.

11. The National Code of Conduct for Members of Local Authorities

The Community Council considered the National Code of Local Government Conduct which had been issued jointly by the Secretary of State of the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

RESOLVED: That every Member of the Council be urged to read the Code and follow its guidelines in carrying out Council business.

12. Saunders Lewis Appeal

The Community Council discussed the proposals to commemorate the late Saunders Lewis by establishing scholarships for promising youngsters in Wales.

RESOLVED: That the application be referred to the annual grants meeting of the Community Council.

13. Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 22/23, 24, and 25

The Council discussed the applications for planning consent contained in Weekly Notifications 22/23, 24, and 25.

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

Application No 56/0496/90

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (a) The application is outside the Local Plan
- (b) There would be difficulty of access
- (c) The Structure Plan is already acknowledged to have been over generous in identifying land for housing

14. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda

15. Reports from Members

Highways

Councillor Professor Bowen referred to the construction of the Talbot Green By Pass. He reported that the work was scheduled

to be completed in September, 1991. Shortly after, it was intended that the A4119 from Talbot Green to the Ynysmaerdy roundabout would be dualled.

Councillor Bowen also reported that the County Council highway planners had given some thought to a Pontyclun By Pass. The proposal was that a by pass would run from Talygarn to Tylygarw and would relieve Pontyclun of much of the heavy traffic presently passing through the village.

The reports were noted.

#### Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Norman reported that the first meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee had recently taken place. The Liaison Committee was a useful vehicle for Miskin residents to have their say about quarry activities, although it was to be regretted that the Committee did not have any executive powers. The asphalt plant had been erected at the quarry and would be brought into production when final clearance had been obtained. Quarrying of stone was taking place at the eastern end of the quarry at that time and, consequently, fewer complaints from residents had been received of late. Dr Gandi, of the Planning Department of the County Council, proposed carrying out a further geological survey of the area.

The report was noted.

#### Age Concern - Llantrisant and Town Ward

Councillor Norman reported that, in conjunction with the local branch of Age Concern, a scheme was currently being introduced whereby senior citizens could obtain draught-proofing for an entire house for only £3.00. The work would be carried out by dependable workmen. Application forms to participate in the scheme were circulating in the Community.

The report was noted.

#### Tipping facilities for Handyman

Councillor T J Burton expressed his concern that, with the closure of the refuse tip at Llanharry, the Community Council's handyman had to make a return journey to the public refuse tip at Penycoedcae to dispose of refuse he accumulated in the course of his work. It was accepted that new tipping facilities would shortly be available in Miskin, but as the facility at Miskin was likely to be relatively short-term, the Community Council should make enquiries about providing a lockable skip for its handyman.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the cost of a lockable skip.

#### Hazardous driving conditions

Councillor T J Burton reported, with regret, that a further accident had taken place at the junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Fortunately nobody had been injured, but the incident served as a reminder of the hazardous driving conditions which vehicle drivers frequently encountered on emerging from Merthyr Street into Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Many drivers, aware of the dangers at the junction, had taken to driving through the backlanes to avoid the spot. This practice had resulted in greater dangers for pedestrians in the backlanes.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again take the matter up with the County Council, suggesting that Merthyr Street be made "ACCESS ONLY" and that parking restrictions be introduced into a section of Llantrisant Road at the junction with Merthyr Street.

#### Tree in river Ely

Councillor Norman, on behalf of Councillor Mrs Phillips, reported that there was a large tree in the river Ely adjacent to Merthyr Street. It was felt that while water levels were relatively low there was no danger, but when water levels begin to rise in the autumn there was a possibility of flooding.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the National Rivers Authority.

#### Car boot sales, Ivor Park

Councillor Norman reported that he had received a number of queries about the holding of car boot sales on the Ivor Park. Nobody present had any information which might assist.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the car boot sales.

#### Community Allotments Competition

Councillor Norman reported that judging of the allotments in the Community Allotments Competition was due to have taken place that day. However, it had not been possible to complete judging as planned but it would be completed before the end of the week.

The report was noted.

16. Any other business of an urgent nature

Assistance for Handyman

Councillor T J Burton raised the matter of assistance for the Community Council's Handyman during busy periods. The Clerk responded that the Council had previously agreed to provide assistance for the Handyman at busy periods and during the following week, or so, the Community Council's former handyman, Mr Ron Milsom, would be assisting to site new wayside seats in the Community

The matter was noted.

Audit of Community Council's Accounts, 1989/90

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had recently completed his audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1989/90. The Auditor had certified that the audit had been carried out in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Finance Act, 1982, and the Code of Audit Practice. In the auditor's opinion the accounts recorded fairly the financial transactions of the authority.

The matter was noted.

Annual Conference of C.N.D.

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the literature which had been received from C.N.D. He pointed out that it was open for the Council to attend the Annual Conference and to submit motions for debate.

The literature was noted.

Press release from the Wales

Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk distributed copies of a press release he had received from the Secretary of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The release called upon the government to ensure that legislative provisions for community councils in Wales were consistent with the legislative provisions for parish councils in England.

The press release was noted and the member of the press present at the meeting was invited to publish the release in the next edition of the Llantrisant Observer.

Footpath No 346 over the river Ely, Pontyclun.

The Clerk distributed a letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor which said that remedial works to the bailey bridge over the river Ely had been completed. Consequently, the footpath across the bridge was open again for public use.



The information was noted.

Annual Grants Meeting

The Clerk advised the Council that the annual meeting to decide upon applications for grant-aid would be held on Wednesday, 11 July, 1990, and that the closing date for the receipt of applications was Friday, 6 July, 1990.

The information was noted.

17. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.