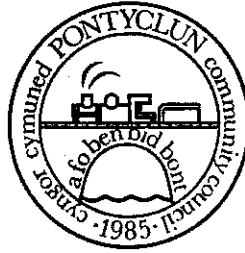


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 4 October, 1989.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman) and Mrs O P Phillips

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Croakham (for part of meeting)

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 September, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 September, 1989, be approved as an accurate record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs A Burton on the list of members who had tendered their apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Matters arising

(a) Bulb planting programme

The Council was disappointed to learn that despite being invited to participate in the bulb planting programme under the Valleys Initiative by the Prince of Wales Committee, the Committee had subsequently advised that the Community fell outside the boundary of the Valley Initiative and was ineligible to participate.

RESOLVED: That the Council proceed with its own bulb planting programme.

(b) No.s 3/5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council learned with interest that the alterations which had recently taken place at No 5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, had not required planning permission for a change of use since planning consent had been granted in 1974. It appeared that the installation of a new shop front would, however, require consent, and the Borough Council was pursuing this point.

The matter was noted.

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(c) Recycling of discarded drink cans

The Clerk reported that in addition to contacting ALCOA about recycling of discarded aluminium drink cans, a Member had brought to his attention the services offered by the Aluminium Recycling Association. He had written to the ARA to request details of their service.

The matter was noted.

(d) Justices' Licence - The Old Post, Groesfaen.

Following clarification on the location of The Old Post, Groesfaen, the Council expressed reservations on whether the grant of an off licence would create parking problems on the highway outside the premises. On balance, it was felt that if traffic congestion was caused it was unlikely to be solely attributable to the grant of an off licence.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(e) East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Council noted the letter from the Area Secretary, Mr Alan Rosser, in which he thanked the Council for expressing its appreciation of the way in which he had carried out his duties as Honorary Secretary over the previous five years.

3. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 20 September, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 20 September, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matter arising

Letter and enclosures from
Dr Kim Howells, M.P. on Quarrying in South Wales

The Council received a letter and enclosures from Dr Kim Howells, M.P., which gave details of proposed modifications to planning guidelines for quarries in the Mid Glamorgan Structure Plan. The Council welcomed the proposed modifications.

Reference was made to the problems being experienced in the vicinity of the Hendy Quarry, Miskin. Councillor Bowen reported that the liaison committee, which was shortly to be established, would provide for County and Borough representation in addition to two representatives from the Community Council. There would also be a place on the committee for a local resident.

RESOLVED: (a) That Dr Howells letter be noted.

(b) That the Community Council's representatives on the liaison committee be the two Miskin Ward members

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5. Proposed housing development at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Taff Ely Borough Council with a view to getting a representative to attend a public meeting to explain the proposals for development at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun. The view of the Borough Council was that the appropriate person, or persons, to attend a public meeting would be a representative/s of the Land Authority for Wales, the applicant for planning permission. The role of the Borough Council was to decide planning applications in accordance with the law and central government guidelines.

The Clerk had subsequently contacted the Land Authority for Wales. The Deputy Planning Officer had pointed out that the land in question had been earmarked in the Llantrisant Local Plan for housing development, and the application submitted by the Land Authority for Wales was for outline planning consent. He indicated that the Land Authority for Wales would not be averse to receiving constructive proposals from the community which, assuming outline permission was granted, could be embodied into a later application for detailed planning consent.

A further wide ranging discussion took place on the implications of the application.

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

- (a) That no houses should be built in areas prone to subsidence, or in the immediate vicinity of the Bute Quarry, Miskin.
- (b) A green belt should be maintained between Miskin and Pontyclun to prevent ribbon development.
- (c) That the matter of subsidence at the site be thoroughly investigated.
- (d) That the developer be encouraged to provide houses and gardens and that the rents of those houses be fixed at reasonable levels.

6. Proposal to extend speed restriction in Brynsadler

The Council discussed the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 6 September, 1989, in which he said that he felt that a recommendation to extend the speed restriction would be inappropriate. However, it was noted that the County Engineer and Surveyor had recommended that a warning sign be erected on the approach to Danybryn with "SLOW" in the carriageway alongside.

7. Replacement of road signs

- (a) New road sign for Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

The Council was pleased to note that the Borough

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Council had undertaken to replace the dilapidated sign. It was hoped that the new sign would be in position in about eight weeks' time.

(b) Village name sign - Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

The Council was pleased to note that the County Engineer and Surveyor would be arranging the replacement of the village nameplate on the Pontyclun to Talbot Green road near the Ynysddu Farm Estate.

8. Street lighting maintenance

The Council noted the information provided by the County Engineer and Surveyor on the improved arrangements for the maintenance of street lighting in the Community.

9. Town Twinning Association

The Council noted the invitation extended by the Taff Ely Town Twinning Association to the Community Council to attend a Wine and Cheese Evening at the Hawthorn Leisure and Recreation Centre on 4 October, 1989.

10. C N D Cymru

RESOLVED: That the Council renew its annual subscription to C N D Cymru.

11. Audit of Community Council's Accounts for 1988/89

The Clerk reported that the audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1988/89 had been completed on 15 September, 1989. The District Auditor had certified that he had completed the audit of the authority's accounts for the year ended 31 March, 1989, in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Finance Act, 1982, and the Code of Audit Practice. In his opinion the accounts recorded fairly the financial transactions of the Community Council.

The information was noted.

12. Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 35+36,37 and 38

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 35+36,37 and 38.

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

Application No 56/0806/89

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:-

- (a) The area of development is too close to the Hendy

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Quarry and would be affected by blasting.

- (b) The proposed development is outside the areas identified for residential development in the Llantrisant Local Plan.
- (c) It is likely that at least part of the site forms part of the floodplain of the river Ely.
- (d) Construction works would lead to an unacceptably high number of heavy lorries using the quiet residential streets of Miskin.

Application No 56/0850/89

That while the Council is not opposed to the application, it is felt that every effort should be made to encourage the applicant to erect a sign which is in keeping with its surroundings.

Application No 56/0859/89

That the Council is unanimous in its opposition to the application as the applicant has shown himself to be an unfit person to operate a tip. In addition:-

- (a) The proposed land filling/tipping operation will seriously affect the quality of the environment in this attractive area of countryside by reason of visual intrusion, noise, traffic generation and general disturbance.
- (b) The use of the site for tipping operations could lead to pollution of the Nant Dyfrgi.
- (c) The use by heavy vehicles of the narrow country lane leading to the site, which are also statutory public footpaths, would seriously impair the enjoyment of walkers using these thoroughfares and would constitute a serious hazard to pedestrians and riders.
- (d) The proposed tipping operations could result in interference to the public right of way (Footpath No 311) which adjoins the southern boundary of the site.

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13. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 14 to the Agenda.

14. Reports from Members(a) Pollution of the river Clun

Councillor T J Burton referred to the earlier report he had made about pollution of the river Clun. In addition to the white foamy substance he had complained of previously, he now wished to report the presence of rats in the river Clun. He felt that because of the close proximity of Y Pant Comprehensive School there was a strong possibility of pupils contracting Wheale's Disease.

RESOLVED: That the rat infestation in the river be brought to the attention of the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

(b) Induction of new members of the County Council

Councillor Bowen reported that he, together with other new members of the Mid Glamorgan County Council, had attended an induction course at Mid Glamorgan County Hall, Cardiff.

The report was noted.

(c) Polytechnic of Wales

Councillor Bowen reported that he had recently attended an emergency meeting at the Polytechnic of Wales arising out of allegations of mismanagement.

The report was noted.

(d) Residential development in Talygarn

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, reported that despite the strong opposition of the Community Council, the Borough Council had recently granted planning consent for the construction of two further houses in Talygarn Drive, Talygarn.

The report was noted.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Girls' Brigade, Pontyclun

The Clerk read out a letter which had been handed to him at the beginning of the meeting. It was from Mrs Janine Berry, Captain of the Girls' Brigade at the Bethell Baptist Church, Pontyclun, extending an invitation to the Council to attend a celebratory function at the Church.

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RESOLVED: That the Council nominate Councillor Mrs O P Phillips to represent the Council at the function.

(b) Refuse dumping at the Bute Quarry, Miskin

Councillor Bowen expressed his deep concern at the situation which had arisen at the Bute Quarry, Miskin, where the Borough Council, after spending some £100,000 on preparatory works, were now having difficulty in gaining access to the site to tip refuse. It appeared that the lease on the Quarry had not been negotiated properly. Councillor Bowen promised to report further developments to the Community Council.

The report was noted.

(c) Garages on the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips told the Council that she was very worried about the dilapidated condition of a number of garages on the Hendy Estate. Several garages were in an extremely poor state of repair, others had been vandalised, while others again had been misused and contained large amounts of rubbish. Repeated complaints to the Borough Council had failed to resolve matters. There were now fears that vermin were breeding in the accumulations of rubbish.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held at the garages at 10.30a.m. on Saturday, 7 November, 1989.

(d) Skips in the Community

The Chairman, Councillor Viv James, informed the Council that the Borough Council were in the process drawing up schedules for the regular placement of skips in the Community. Residents would be informed of the schedules in due course.

The report was noted.

(e) Transfer of Licence - Brunel Arms, Pontyclun

The Clerk read out a notification he had received since the Agendas for the Council's meeting had been prepared. The notification advised of the transfer of the licence at the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun.

The matter was noted.

(f) Postal addresses - Pontyclun

Several Members spoke of their concern at the

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confusion caused to many people by the use of "PONTYCLUN" in the postal addresses of some villages several miles distant from Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Council's meeting of 1 November, 1989.

16. The meeting ended at 9.15p.m.

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