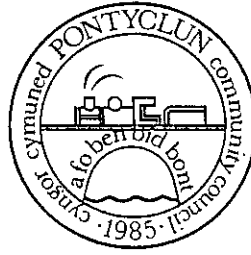


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 September, 1991.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen (Chairperson), Mr T J Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr G M Moir, and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss Angela Griffiths of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James and Mr R G Norman

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 July, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 July, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Beacon Europe, 1992

The Clerk reported on the difficulties he had encountered in attempting to secure a site for Beacon Europe, 1992.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk make a final attempt to secure a site on elevated land near the site of the Hendy Quarry in Miskin.

(ii) That in the event of the Clerk's enquiries proving abortive, the Council await the decision of the Borough Council in the matter.

(b) Mineral Local Plan for Limestone - Hendy Quarry

Councillor Moir reported on the meeting of the Liaison Committee which had taken place on 25 July. He was pleased to be able to report that following complaints about the operation of heavy machinery during the early hours a noticeable improvement had taken place.

Councillor Moir also reported on the public meeting which had been convened by the Mid Glamorgan County Council on

the evening of 14 August in St Paul's Church Hall as part of a public participation exercise. He had sought the County Council's permission to mount a counter display adjacent to the County Council's display. Permission had been refused. Councillor Moir's counter display had subsequently been held on the approach to the Church Hall.

At a well attended meeting the County Council representatives received considerable criticism for calling the meeting at a time when many Miskin residents were on holiday. In recognition of this point the County representatives agreed to hold a further display in the Scout Hall, Miskin, during September. The County representatives pointed out that the closing date for the receipt of comments on the Draft Plan was 30 September, 1991, and that all comments made by that date would be considered by the County Council.

- RESOLVED: (i) That a public meeting be convened in the Scout Hall, Miskin, at 7.30p.m. on 18 September, 1991, with the intention of formulating Miskin residents' comments on the Draft Plan.
- (ii) That, subject to clearance by the District Auditor, the Community Council assist Miskin residents in formulating valid planning comments on the Draft Plan by commissioning a planning consultant.
- (iii) That the maximum amount of financial assistance by the Community Council under (ii) above be limited to £150.00.
- (iv) That any expenditure incurred in excess of £150.00 be funded by Miskin residents.

(c) Ploughing of footpath, Miskin

The Council discussed the letter of the County Engineer and Surveyor dated 29 July, 1991, about the proposal to divert Footpath No. 333.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose a diversion along the suggested route on the grounds that there would be insufficient room for pedestrians and farm machinery to pass safely along the footpath.

(d) Proposed Tree Preservation Order, Brynsadler

The Clerk reported that the application for planning consent on land at the rear of No.s 6 and 7 The Paddocks, Brynsadler, had been refused. The Council might now wish to request the Borough Council to place a Tree Preservation Order on the land.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request the Borough Council to place a Tree Preservation Order on the small area of woodland on the land.

(e) Unauthorised laying of services, Ivor Woods

The Council considered the advice of the District Valuer and Valuation Officer in his letter of 6 August, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the District Valuer and Valuation Officer be instructed to act on behalf of the Community Council to regularise matters.

(f) Tree felling, Miskin Drive

The Clerk reported that he had investigated claims that mature trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders had been felled in Miskin Drive. He had ascertained that contractors laying a new sewer in the Drive had accidentally damaged mature trees in the course of their work. The damaged trees had been felled. He had further established that young trees would be planted in the Autumn to replace the damaged trees.

The report was noted.

(g) Condition of Miskin Drive

The Clerk referred to the new sewer which was being laid in Miskin Drive and reported that he had raised the difficulties being experienced by the Miskin Manor Cricket Club in accessing their ground, with the Borough Council. The Clerk stated that Borough Council representatives were prepared to discuss the state of the Drive with anyone who had a material interest in it. He had arranged for representatives of the Borough Council to meet representatives of the Miskin Manor Cricket Club.

The report was noted.

(h) Condition of pavement, Pontyclun

The Clerk said that he was pleased to be able to report

that the dangerous state of the pavement outside "Clun Fruits" in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had been attended to and that the pavement at this point was now in good order.

The report was noted.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 10 July, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 10 July, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Late applications for grant

RESOLVED: That the following organisations be awarded the grants indicated:-

	£	p
St David's Church, Miskin	100	00
Pontyclun Mini-Junior RFC	200	00
Ysgol Feithrin Llantrisant a'r Cylch	100	00
Ist Pontyclun Brownie Pack	100	00
Pontyclun Community Wheels	300	00
Hope Presbyterian Church	50	00

(b) Dipali restaurant

The Clerk informed the Council of the some of the concerns being expressed by residents living in the vicinity of the Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun. The complaints had resulted in Councillor Mrs Burton making representations to the Chief Environmental Health Officer and the Clerk conveying formal concern at the nuisance being experienced by residents. The Chief Environmental Health Officer's staff had visited the premises and pointed out certain matters which required the proprietor's attention. A further visit to the restaurant was planned by the Chief Environmental Health Officer after a month had elapsed.

The report was noted.

(c) National Forum of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Dilworth gave a verbal report on his attendance at the National Forum of Community and Town

Councils held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 13 July, 1991. The Forum had been convened to discuss the Welsh Office Consultative Paper on The Structure of Local Government in Wales and to formulate the Association's comments on the document. The Association identified six major areas where comments were to be made. They were:-

1. The setting up of an elected senate for Wales which would democratise the functions of the Welsh Office and its associated 42 quangos.
2. The setting up of statutory community and town councils in every community throughout Wales.
3. Augmented powers for community and town councils in the new pattern of local government with clear definitions and the statutory requirement to consult fully and responsibly with community and town councils.
4. Adequate funding for community and town councils.
5. The setting up of an independent commission for local government in Wales.
6. That the Secretary of State direct that no community or town council be abolished until such time as the restructuring of local government is complete.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dilworth's report be noted.

6. Notices of Motion

(a) Off street lighting - rear of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Chairman, Councillor Bowen, drew the Council's attention to the large number of residents who regularly use the lane running parallel with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Councillor Bowen believed that the Community Council ought to assist residents using the lane by providing illumination along its length.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make suitable arrangements for the installation of off-street lighting in the lane.

(b) Traffic hazard, Talygarn Drive

Councillor Dilworth informed the Council that residents in Talygarn Drive had made representations about the dangerous highway conditions which presently existed in Talygarn Drive. Vehicles entering the Drive from the direction of the Otters Brook Fish Farm frequently did so at excessive speeds. This, coupled with the fact that the part of the Drive nearest the Fish Farm had always been used by local drivers as a turning area, had created a very real traffic hazard. Residents in the Drive were fearful for their safety, and for the safety of their children.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council with a view to getting "sleeping policemen" installed at the Fish Farm end of the Drive.

(c) Offensive odours, Bute Lane, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth drew to the Council's attention the offensive odours emanating from drains in Bute Lane, Pontyclun. Councillor Dilworth pointed out that this was a matter which he had taken up with the County Council on an earlier occasion. He had been told that the County Council suspected that a sewer had been illegally connected to a surface water drain. The County Council had said that it would make enquiries and report back to Councillor Dilworth.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Engineer, enclosing a copy of the last letter to Councillor Dilworth, and asking whether the County Council had now completed its enquiries.

7. Consultative Paper on the
Structure of Local Government in Wales

(a) Views of the Wales Association
of Community and Town Councils

The views of the Association on the Consultative Paper were noted.

(b) Views of the Pontyclun Community Council

The Council discussed the contents of the Consultative Paper produced by the Welsh Office.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Secretary of State for Wales:-

- (i) The Community Council is in favour 24 unitary authorities in Wales.
- (ii) The Community Council is of the view that community and town councils' powers in relation to planning, the environment, leisure and recreation should be strengthened
- (iii) Minor planning matters should be determined by community and town councils.

8. Bus shelter - western end of Groesfaen

The Council discussed the state of the bus shelter at the western end of Groesfaen. It was suggested that in view of the need to carry out considerable repair work to the bus shelter, it might be more practical to demolish the existing shelter and construct a new stone shelter at the site. Another view was that the shelter should be demolished and a new stone shelter constructed in the centre of the village.

RESOLVED: (i) That the timber bus shelter at the western end of Groesfaen be repaired.

- (ii) That in the next edition of the Community Council's magazine "CLUN" the views of Groesfaen residents be sought on the proposal to replace the timber bus shelter in the centre of the village with a stone bus shelter.

9. Proposal for a Chairperson's Chain of Office

The Council again discussed the desirability of having a Chairperson's chain of office. There was no clear consensus in favour or against the proposal although there was some agreement that the chairperson of the Council was placed at a disadvantage when he, or she, represented the Community Council at civic functions.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Phillips would make representations to a local businesslady to see whether her company would be prepared to sponsor the purchase of a chain of office.

10. Joint Initiative on Community Walks

The Council discussed the letter from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer, dated 13 August, about the initiative to produce, in consultation with community councils, leaflets on walks within communities.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor T J Burton advise the Clerk of suitable walks in the Community of Pontyclun for inclusion in the leaflets.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the matter to be placed on the Agenda for the Council's November or December meeting in order that notification of the final selection of walks can be made to the Borough Council by mid December.

11. Pontypridd and District Housing Association

The Council considered the letter of 25 July from the Pontypridd and District Housing Association which required details of housing needs of community residents.

RESOLVED: That the request be referred to the Borough Council since detailed needs of community residents were not kept by the Community Council.

12. Carnegie United Kingdom Trust

The Council received details of the assistance available to the management committees of village halls under the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

RESOLVED: That the information be forwarded to the Secretary of the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre.

13. 1st International under 15s Roller Hockey Tournament

The Council discussed the invitation from Julia Cook, Development Officer of the Welsh Roller Hockey Association, to attend the 1st International Roller Hockey Tournament in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on 26 and 27 October, 1991.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillors Bendle and T J Burton be nominated to represent the Community Council at the event.

14. Parking problems at the junction of
Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council noted that the County Engineer and Surveyor had

arranged for the problems complained of at the junction of Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun to be monitored.

15. Weekly planning applications for week Nos 26,27,28,29,30,31,32+33,34 and 35

The Council discussed planning applications contained in weekly notifications 26,27,28,29,30,31,32+33,34 and 35.

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

Application No.56/0508/91
(residential development on land adjacent to Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun)

RESOLVED: That the Council offer the same comments to the Borough Council as those offered when the earlier application was considered, and that additional emphasis be placed on the subsidence problems experienced in the area.

16. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 13 to the Agenda.

17. Reports from Members

Dualling of A4119 at Talbot Green

Councillor Dilworth reported on his attendance at a meeting convened by the County Council in Penygawsi School, Llantrisant, to discuss plans to dual the A4119 in Talbot Green and the effect the proposal would have on local residents. The Chairman of the meeting had ruled that the meeting had been convened primarily for the benefit of local residents affected by the proposals and as a result he was not prepared to allow any local councillors the opportunity to speak at the meeting. The meeting had ended inconclusively. The Chairman announced that there would be a further meeting with local residents shortly.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk clarify with the County Council the right of Councillor Dilworth to speak at the next meeting.

18. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Planting of conifers

Councillor Dilworth reported that he had written to the County Council about the planting of conifers outside a private residence in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. There was a strong belief that the conifers had been planted without obtaining the views or permission of the Highway Authority.

The matter was noted.

(b) Interference with cars, Miskin

Councillor Moir reported that there had been recent incidences in Elms Park, Miskin, of interference with residents' cars. It had been found that grass and mud had been forced into the exhaust pipes of parked cars.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the matter to the police.

(c) Hensol Road, Miskin - Heavy vehicles

Councillor Moir reported that there had been a spate of heavy vehicles, including articulated lorries, using the narrow Hensol Road in Miskin on a recent Sunday. It appeared that the vehicles were using Hensol Road to avoid a police check on heavy vehicles at Junction 34 on the M4 motorway.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the matter to the police.

(d) War Memorial, Miskin

Councillor T J Burton raised the matter of the proposed restoration works to the War Memorial in Miskin. He asked for the present position. The Clerk responded that following site visits by monumental masons it had been established that considerably more restoration work was required to the Memorial than had originally been envisaged. The Clerk had asked each of the monumental masons for revised quotations to take into account all work needed to the Memorial. The Clerk was hopeful of being in a position to advise the Council of the revised quotations at the next monthly meeting.

The matter was noted.

(e) Vandalism in Pontyclun

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to the increasing incidence of vandalism in Pontyclun on Saturday evenings. He reported that many local residents were very concerned about mindless acts of vandalism.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the police.

(f) Dog fouling - playareas in Pontyclun

Councillor Bendle reported that there had been no progress by the Borough Council in erecting signs in Pontyclun discouraging dog owners from allowing their pets to foul playareas.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up again with the Borough Council.

(g) Proposed Tree Preservation Order,
Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to an area of woodland in Maelog Close, Pontyclun, which he believed was worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk approach the Borough Council with a request for the creation of a Tree Preservation Order on the area of woodland identified by Councillor T J Burton.

19. The meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

