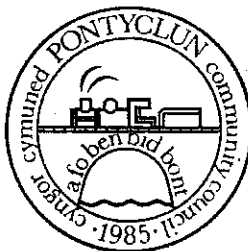


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 5 April, 1989.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mrs O P Phillips (Chairlady), and Mrs D Ricards-Clarke

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor R G Norman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Sergeant Matthews and Police Constable Keddle (for part of the meeting)

1. Indisposition of Councillor Norman

The Council was concerned to learn of the indisposition of Councillor Norman.

RESOLVED: That the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery, together with a bouquet of flowers be sent to Councillor Norman.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 March, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 March, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) St David's Walk for Life - Transplant Walk

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips, together with the Clerk, were pleased to be able to report on the resounding success of the St David's Walk for Life - Transplant Walk on the morning of Sunday, 5 March, 1989. Over 100 enthusiastic walkers had taken part in the event and it was predicted that in excess of £2,500 had been raised for kidney research in around two hours. The event had been recorded on video and copies

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of the video were available for purchase or hire. All profits would be contributed to kidney research.

The Chairlady wished to record her appreciation of the help and hard work of the members of the Council, and residents of the Community, in organising the event.

RESOLVED: That the Chairlady and Clerk arrange for letters of thanks to be sent to residents who had assisted in organising the Walk.

(b) Tree felling near Llwynypennau Farm, Groesfaen

The Clerk informed the Council that he had reported the felling of trees near Llwynypennau Farm, Groesfaen, to the Planning Officer of the Borough Council. The Planning Officer had promised to investigate the matter and let the Community Council have a reply as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

(c) Official opening of the Nant Dyfrgi bridge

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Nature Conservancy Council to find out if that organisation would be prepared to assist in a low key, formal opening of the bridge. The Nature Conservancy Council had been highly appreciative of the Community Council's offer and had readily agreed to assist. It was hoped that the official opening would take place in early summer.

RESOLVED: (i) That a list of potential guests be drawn up.

(ii) That a further reminder be sent to the Borough Council about the outstanding diversion of Footpath No 341.

(iii) That the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's meeting of 3 May, 1989.

(d) Erection of bollards and "private" signs on the green at Y Parc, Groesfaen

The Clerk reported that he had pursued the erection of the bollards and "private" signs at both Borough Council and County Council levels. He reported that the Borough Council had no knowledge of the erection of bollards or signs. The County Council were aware of the erections. The Clerk had established that the green at Y Parc had been adopted by the County Council, the highway authority, and there was no question of the green being in private ownership of any of Y Parc residents. However, the County Council were pleased

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that the green was maintained to a high standard. The County Council had no plans to remove either the bollards or the "private" signs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish whether any squatter rights accrued to any of the residents as a result of the apparent occupation of the green.

- (e) Dumping of refuse at the junction of the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road and Tir Afon Court, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had raised the matter with the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer who felt that the most effective course of action was the erection of a fence. However, before a fence could be erected, it would be necessary to obtain the permission of the respective landowners. It was not clear to the Chief Environmental Health Officer who owned the land in question.

RESOLVED: (i) That as the matter of ownership of the land had been discussed some years earlier by the Llantrisant Community Council, the Clerk make enquiries of the Llantrisant Community Council to find out the owners' names.

- (ii) That the matter be placed on the agenda of the Community Council's meeting of 3 May, 1989.

- (f) Premises for Handyman

Councillor James referred to the earlier requests made by the Community Council to the Borough Council for assistance in finding suitable premises in the Community for the Community Council's handyman. Councillor James produced a letter, dated 29 March, 1989, from the Borough Council's DLO Manager. The letter stated that the Borough Council had been unable to offer the Community Council facilities at the Borough Council's Pontyclun Depot. It appeared that it was the intention to close the Pontyclun site for operational purposes as soon as a suitable alternative had been found. It was anticipated that the entire Pontyclun Depot site would be made available for redevelopment. It was felt that the plans for redevelopment would be prejudiced if any part of the site was occupied by another organisation.

The Council noted the contents of the DLO Manager's letter but expressed its concern at the apparent centralisation of Borough Council activities in Pontypridd.

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4. Request for support by the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club

The Council discussed a letter, dated 12 March, 1989, from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club in which the Community Council's support was sought in obtaining improvements to the access road to the rugby club and drainage in a corner of the Windsor Park.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That letters be sent to the Borough Council and the County Council supporting the request made by the Pontyclun R.F.C. for improvements to the access road and drainage at the Windsor Field.
 - (ii) That copies of the Community Council's letters be sent to the Secretary of the Pontyclun R.F.C.

5. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils(a) Newsletter No 1

The Council noted the first newsletter issued by the Association and also noted the Association's intention to publish a similar letter alternatively with the issue of "BRO"

RESOLVED: That a letter, along the lines suggested in the newsletter, be sent to the Secretary of State for Wales protesting against the plans to introduce the Community Charge.

(b) Report by the Clerk on the Area Committee's meeting of 7 March, 1989

The Clerk gave a verbal report of the discussions which took place at the Area Committee's meeting on 7 March, 1989.

The report was noted.

6. Society of Local Council Clerks - 1989 Annual Conference - Report by the Clerk

The Clerk gave a verbal report to the Council on the addresses given to the Conference by Mr Michael Mylod, Deputy Chief Constable for Hampshire, Mr Peter Woods, District Auditor for Dorset and Mr Gordon McCarthy, Secretary of the District Councils Association. Each address was of a very high standard and was presented in a way which highlighted the importance of communities and parishes as units of local government. Each speaker gave his views on the changes and challenges facing communities in the next ten years. The Clerk had no doubt that there were significant advantages accruing to the Community Council in his attendance at the conference.

The report was noted.

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7. Community Environment Programme - Environment Week 1989

The Council discussed the letter from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer advising that the week 22 April, 1989 to 29 April, 1989 had been designated Environment Week. The Community Council were invited to make a contribution towards Environment Week.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the librarian with a view to arranging a display in the Pontyclun Library on the dual themes of litter prevention and the hazards of dog fouling.

(ii) That the Clerk contact the headteacher of the Pontyclun Junior School offering a prize for the submission, by pupils, on the best ideas for a Spring Clean Day Theme.

8. Request for financial assistance - Mid Glamorgan Commonwealth Games Appeal

The Council considered the request of the Chairman of the Mid Glamorgan Commonwealth Games Appeal Committee for financial assistance towards sending a team to the 1990 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the Community Council's annual grants allocation meeting in July.

9. Association of Councillors' Welsh Branch - Invitation to attend seminar and meeting, 8 April, 1989

The Council noted the invitation to attend the seminar and meeting. Due to the prior commitments of many members it was unlikely that the Council would be represented at the meeting or the seminar.

RESOLVED: That approval be given for the attendance at the meeting and seminar of any member who found himself in a position to attend.

10. Licensing(a) Transfer of Licence - Henty Stores, Pontyclun

The application for transfer was noted.

(b) Renewal of Gaming Licence - Van's Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun

The application for renewal was noted.

11. Planning(A) Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 8,9,10+11 and 12

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 8,9,10+11. The Clerk

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reported that the Weekly Notification for Week 12 had not been received from the Borough Council at the date of the meeting.

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

Application No 56/0162/89

- (a) The Council is, in principle, in favour of the application.
- (b) The Council urge the Borough Council to ensure that any developer:-
 - (i) Makes provision for new access roads to the development since existing roads on the Hendy estate are already severely congested.
 - (ii) Makes provision for social amenities on the development
 - (iii) Connects the sewerage system to the main sewerage system and not to any private plant.
- (c) The Community Council would prefer to see a development providing starter homes rather than executive housing.
- (d) The Community Council would prefer to see a private development offering houses for sale rather than a development offering houses to let.

(B) Refusal of permission for development

(a) Sportsground, Talygarn.

The decision of the Borough Council was noted.

(b) The Chestnuts, Miskin.

The decision of the Borough Council was noted.

(C) Decision of the Secretary of State for Wales - Land to the east of Cowbridge Road, Talygarn.

The decision of an inspector, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Wales, refusing permission for development on land east of Cowbridge Road, Talygarn was noted.

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12. Reports from Members(a) Pontyclun Park

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke reported that some of the Park furniture had been replaced but that the climbing frame was in a rusty condition and needed to be painted. Additionally, there was an absence of a litter bin in the park and this had led to accumulations of litter.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk request the Borough Council to renovate, and paint the climbing frame.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the placement of a litter bin in the park.

(b) By election - Beddau

Councillor Professor Bowen informed the Council that following the resignation of a member of the Borough Council, a by election in the Beddau Ward would take place on Thursday, 20 April, 1989.

The report was noted.

(c) "Pontyclun" sign - A4222

Councillor Mr T J Burton reported that the village name sign "Pontyclun", on the right hand side of the A4222 when travelling from Talbot Green to Pontyclun, had been removed. It was believed that the removal was connected with the residential development at Ynysddu Farm.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council asking that the sign be re-erected.

13. Payment of Creditors

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

14. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Vehicle accident - Brynsadler

Councillor Kennard reported that there had been a recent accident vehicular accident near the bus shelter in Brynsadler. While the damaged vehicles had been removed, Councillor Kennard noted with concern that there were still many small fragments of glass in the vicinity of the collision. The fragments posed a hazzard to other vehicles and to pedestrians crossing the road.

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- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk report the presence of glass on the highway to the highway authority.
- (ii) That the Clerk establish the policy of the highway authority for dealing with such incidents.

(b) "Heol Miskin" sign, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

Professor Bowen reported that the "Heol Miskin" sign near the Community Council's bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, had become dilapidated and needed replacement.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council and ask that the sign be replaced.

(c) Traffic and parking conditions - Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor Mr T J Burton raised the subject of traffic and parking conditions in Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontyclun. He asked whether the County Council had responded to the Community Council's request for signs to be erected advising drivers that there is no through route through Merthyr Street and Maelog Close. The Clerk replied that there had been no further correspondence from the County Council.

RESOLVED: That the matter be again raised with the County Council.

(d) "Dipali" restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of the meeting he had been handed a letter which indicated that the Borough Council had, conditionally, allowed an extension of opening hours at the "Dipali" restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, to midnight.

The matter was noted.

(e) Council's meeting of 3 May, 1989 - Agenda items

Councillor Kennard gave notice that at the Council's meeting on 3 May, 1989, he wished to raise the following matters:-

- (i) Siting of a bottle bank in Pontyclun.
- (ii) Proposed erection of bus shelter opposite the Ivor Arms, Pontyclun.
- (iii) Land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

15. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.

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