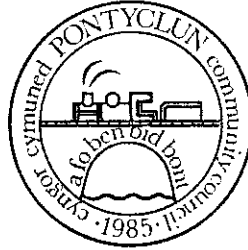


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APPENDIX No. 1

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

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman), Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin, Mr T J Burton and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Community Constable P C Steve Keddle

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 June, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 June, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Post of Handyman

(Councillor Norman declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the deliberations of the Council)

The Clerk advised the Council that the vacant post of Handyman had been advertised in the local press and in the local Jobcentre. Since the advertisement had gone to press he had discovered that Mr Milson, the Council's former handyman, had resigned from his new employment and was in need of a full-time job. The Clerk sought the Council's instructions in the matter.

RESOLVED: That the process for the filling of the vacancy continue and that a short list of applicants for the vacancy be drawn up at the Council's September meeting.

(b) Official opening of the Nant Dyfrgi bridge

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, gave a report

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on the official opening of the Nant Dyfrgi bridge which took place on 29 June, 1989. The opening had been carried out jointly by the former Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips, together with Mr Mel Watkins of the Nature Conservancy Council and had been well attended by a good cross section of the Community. The Chairman paid tribute to the considerable assistance rendered by N.A.C.R.O. in the construction of the bridge and regretted that the Community Programme had ended. It was hoped that press coverage of the opening would appear in both Llantrisant Observer and South Wales Echo.

The report was noted.

(c) Sewage smells in Brynsadler

The Council discussed the Borough Council's letter of 6 June, 1989, in which it was stated that the tank in The Hollies, Brynsadler, was understood to be still in the ownership of the builders, that is, Messrs Ideal Homes.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter of the offensive odours emanating from the tank with Messrs Ideal Homes.

(d) Proposals for development at Tylagarw

Councillor Norman reported that he, together with the Chairman, Councillor V P James, attended a recent site meeting at Tylagarw of Borough Council and County Council representatives about the proposals for development. A number of concerned residents were also in attendance. The residents were able to produce the results of traffic counts which had been undertaken in an attempt to oppose the plans. It appeared that little progress was made at the meeting since the respective Borough Council and County Council representatives believed that the meeting had been convened for different purposes. The meeting was deferred pending clarification.

The report was noted.

(e) Dumping of refuse - land at the rear of Llwynfen Road and the junction of Tirafon Court, Pontyclun

The Clerk referred to the earlier request made by the Borough Council to establish the owner/owners of the land at the rear of Llwynfen Road, and at the junction of Tirafon Court, Pontyclun. The Clerk reported that, following investigations, it was believed that the owners had been traced.

RESOLVED: That the information be passed to the Borough Council.

N.P.J.

3. New residential development at Ynysddu Farm, Pontyclun

A discussion took place on the new residential development at Ynysddu Farm, Pontyclun. While technically, the development was on a relatively small and isolated parcel of land on the eastern boundary of the Llanharan Community Council, it was felt that the residents on the new estate would be looking towards Pontyclun, rather than Llanharan, for their community life and services. Indeed, the only entrance into the estate was via a new bridge opposite Pontyclun Fire Station.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk informally discuss the position with the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council.

4. Planting of Spring flowering bulbs in grass verges in the Community

The Council discussed the possibility of planting Spring flowering bulbs in grass verges in the Community during the Autumn. It was felt that there were many sites in the Community which would benefit from a show of Spring blooms. Sites provisionally earmarked for planting were:-

- (i) The war memorial in Pontyclun
- (ii) Beneath the trees in Maesyfelin Crescent, Pontyclun
- (iii) Station Terrace, Pontyclun
- (iv) Village Green, Groesfaen
- (v) Various grass verges in Brynsadler

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, and Councillor Norman expressed their strong support for the proposals and agreed to donate two hundredweights of bulbs each as personal gestures.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk contact both the Borough Council and the County Council to establish that there is no objection to the Community Council's proposals.
- (ii) That Councillor Norman approach the headteacher of the Pontyclun Junior School with the intention of involving schoolchildren in the exercise.
- (iii) That the sites for planting be finalised at the Community Council's meeting of 6 September, 1989.
- (vi) That, in addition to the donations of Councillors James and Norman, the Clerk make enquiries about supplies of Spring flowering bulbs.
- (v) That the Council's appreciation of the donations by Councillors James and Norman be placed on record.

5. Further application for an extension of opening hours at the Dipali Restaurant, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the further application by the proprietor of the Dipali Restaurant, Pontyclun, for an extension in the opening hours his restaurant was permitted to be open. The Council also considered a letter on the matter which had been received from Mr J Dilworth, 3 School Street, Pontyclun, opposing the application.

W.P.J.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council oppose the application for the further extension and that the Clerk notify the Borough Council.
- (ii) That Mr Dilworth be informed of the Council's decision.

6. Plot of land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

The Council discussed Ideal Homes' letter of 15 June, 1989 in which it was stated that the company did not wish to dispose, or donate, the plot of land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the information be noted
- (ii) That the matter of the abandoned vehicles on the land be referred to the police.

7. Signposting in Merthyr Street, Pontyclun

The Council received the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 13 June, 1989 in which he stated that the Community Council's request for no through road signs would be investigated. It was suggested in the letter that it may be appropriate to reduce the "clutter" of posts in the footway and incorporate a no through road sign into the street plate sign. The County Engineer and Surveyor suggested that a request be made to the Borough Council in the first instance.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council
- (ii) That Councillor Professor Bowen follow the matter up at County Council level.

8. Morgannwg Health Unit - Carnival Week

The Council received the invitation of the Morgannwg Health Unit to attend its carnival week from 13 July, 1989, to 20 July, 1989.

- RESOLVED: That any member of the Community Council wishing to attend the carnival be allowed to do so and the attendance be regarded as an official duty.

9. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

- (a) East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee's Annual General Meeting and Quarterly Meeting of 20 June, 1989

The Clerk gave verbal reports on the matters discussed at the Association's Annual General Meeting and Quarterly Meeting held at the Municipal Offices, Pontypridd, on 20 June, 1989.

The reports were noted.

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(b) 1989 Annual Conference, Aberystwyth

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council be represented at the Conference by the Chairman, Councillor V P James, the Vice-Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, together with the Clerk.

(ii) That the Council submit the following motion for debate:-

"Placing of double yellow lines on roads at the present time is progressed through county councils' highways departments without any reference to community councils. This Association calls upon the Welsh Office to institute a proper procedure to ensure that community councils are consulted before introducing parking restrictions."

10. Licencing

(a) Application for off licence -
Royal Stores, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted

(b) Application for restaurant licence -
3/5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

That as the application appeared to be for premises which had not yet been granted planning permission for a change of use, the Council oppose the application.

11. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 21,22,23 24+25

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications Nos 21,22, 23, 24+25

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

Application No 56/0510/89

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

- (i) the development would be outside the Local Plan
- (ii) it would lead to an intrusion into the countryside
- (iii) it would exacerbate the sewage problems being experienced in the area.

W.P.J.

Application No 56/0581/89

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

- (i) the proposed development is not in keeping with the surrounding residential properties.
- (ii) the proposal would lead to a further loss of residential accommodation in Pontyclun.

(b) Permission for development -
land rear of 68 The Drive, Miskin

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its deep concern that permission had been granted for the development because:-

- (i) work on the development had started considerably in advance of an application for planning permission being submitted.
- (ii) the development is on the fringe of the Hendy Quarry where residents were continually complaining about the effects of blasting on their properties.

12. Payment of Creditors

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

13. Reports from Members

(a) Pontyclun Junior School -
Shortlisting for post of Deputy Head

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently sat on the panel which shortlisted applicants for the vacancy for Deputy Head in the Pontyclun Junior School.

The report was noted.

(b) Litter problems experienced by district councils

Councillor Norman referred again to the litter problems being experienced by many district councils. He reported that the matter had been referred to the Association of District Councils for advice.

The report was noted.

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(c) Annual Pontyclun Flower Show

Councillor Norman informed the Council that the Annual Pontyclun Flower Show in 1989 would be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Saturday, 19 August. Provisional arrangements had been made to hold the Show in the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club, but due to unforeseen difficulties the Show would revert to its former venue in the Community Centre. The Community Allotments Competition would be judged by a representative of the Mid Glamorgan School of Horticulture, Pencoed.

The report was noted.

(d) Litter Bins

Councillor Norman reported that the recently sited new litter bins in the Community had been well received by residents. He believed that the Council should arrange for the siting of further litter bins at strategic points in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements to install further litter bins at the following locations:-

- (i) On the grass verge at the junction of Footpath No 345 and Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.
- (ii) On the grass verge at the junction of Heol-y-felin and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.
- (iii) Adjacent to the bus shelter in Brynsadler.

(e) Blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that a meeting of the County Council's Planning Committee had taken place on 19 May, 1989, when the problems experienced at the Hendy Quarry were discussed. He was aware that the report placed before Committee was incomplete and inaccurate. A further meeting, comprising the chairman, vice chairman of the Planning Committee, together with the local member was scheduled for 15 August, 1989. It was unclear whether the County Council were liaising with the Taff Ely Borough Council in the matter.

The report was noted.

(f) Request for two additional pedestrian crossings in Pontyclun

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had

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(g) Llanharry Road, Brynsadler - Speed restrictions

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had received representations from residents in Danybryn, Brynsadler, about speeding vehicles travelling from the direction of Llanharry. Little regard appeared to be paid by many drivers to the 30 m.p.h. restriction when passing Danybryn.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council with a view to extending the 30 m.p.h. speed restriction to the whole length of the road between Llanharry and Brynsadler.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Footpath at the end of Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman raised the matter of the footpath at the end of Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun. He pointed out that the public had used the footpath for many years yet it was not recognised as an official right of way.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the appropriate representations in order that the footpath be recognised as an official right of way.

(b) Talygarn Churchyard

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received an enquiry about the possibility of the Council rendering assistance to maintain the Talygarn Churchyard. The enquirer had pointed out that in previous years it had been possible to utilise some of the labour resources of NACRO trainees under the Community Programme. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the provisions contained in the Local Government Act, 1972, relating to disused churchyards.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond that the Council would not be in a position to assist in the maintenance of the churchyard.

(c) Allocation of financial grants - 1989/90

The Clerk reminded the Council that a special meeting of the Council to discuss the annual allocation of financial grants would be held on Wednesday, 12 July, 1989. It would not be possible to hold the meeting in the Pontyclun Community Centre but the venue would be notified to Members as soon as possible. The Clerk further reminded the Council that the closing date for the receipt of grant applications was Friday, 9 July, 1989.

The matter was noted.

Norman P. Jones