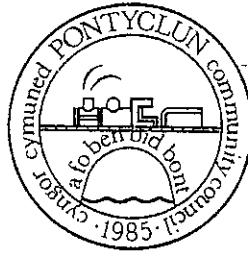


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00p.m. on Wednesday, 5 June, 1991.

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

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mr V P James. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of community constable P C Steve Keddle.

2. Chairperson's business

- (i) The Chairperson expressed his condolences to Councillor Norman at the recent sad loss of his father-in-law.
- (ii) On a lighter note, the Chairperson was pleased to be able to congratulate Councillor Norman on the birth of his first grandchild.
- (iii) The Chairperson announced his intention of using his Chairperson's Allowance for the purpose of holding a social evening at the Athletic Club in Pontyclun to which representatives from neighbouring community councils would be invited. He recognised a need for improving liaison between neighbouring councils and providing a facility to help new members with their duties.

The Chairperson informed Members that he had asked the Clerk to explore the availability of facilities in the Athletic Club, Pontyclun, on a Friday evening in early Autumn.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 8 May, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 8 May, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Calendar of meetings for 1991/92

The Clerk reported that he had investigated the possibility of holding Council meetings on evenings other than Wednesdays, while attempting to accommodate demands on the time of those members of the Council who were also members of the Borough Council. He had made little progress and suggested that the Council might consider putting back the time for the commencement of Community Council meetings from 7.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

RESOLVED: (i) That meetings of the Council continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month but the starting time be put back to 8.00p.m.

(ii) That the appropriate amendment be made to the Council's Standing Orders.

(b) Fly nuisance, Miskin

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Chief Environmental Health Officer's Department about the fly nuisance in Miskin. The matter was being investigated by the Department.

The matter was noted.

(c) Medical care in the Community - Fund Holding Practice

Doctors Robinson and Duffin-Jones of the Central Surgery, Pontyclun, addressed the Council about the implications of their practice being designated a "fund holding practice". It was understood that the practice was one of five practices in the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority area to receive such status.

Dr Robinson was anxious to emphasise that the practice had not "gone private" or "opted-out". Instead, it had been given a sum of money to pay for patients' care as doctors thought fit. Savings had been effected by prescribing generic drugs rather than expensive brand-name drugs. Projections had shown that by a more cost-conscious approach to drug prescription significant sums of money could be saved each year. Savings were passed on to patients by the ability to buy into other aspects of health care.


Dr Robinson then answered a series of questions from Members about the changes.

The Chairperson, Councillor Bowen, thanked both doctors for taking the time to come along and explain the changes to the Council.

(d) Proposed route of the Pontyclun By Pass

The Chairperson, Councillor Bowen, presented and explained Appendix 2 to the Agenda about the proposal for a Pontyclun By pass. He underlined that the map which he had obtained from the County Council only outlined a proposed route. Construction work was many years hence and a definitive route would only be established after a full public participation exercise had been undertaken. For his part, he would be making representations to the County Council to secure an earlier intersection with the A4222 on the Cowbridge side of the M4 in order to avoid potential traffic problems in Brynsadler and to make the Bypass a more attractive short-cut to heavy vehicles and lorries. COUNCILLOR DILWORTH STATED HE HAS SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS FOR THE DANLYBRYN RESIDENTS IF THE PROPOSED ROUTE FOLLOWS THE LINE OF THE MINERAL/COWBRIDGE LINE.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the principle of a Pontyclun Bypass subject to a full public participation exercise.



(e) Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

(Councillor Dilworth disclosed an interest in the matter and took no part in the Council's deliberations.)

A deputation of School Street residents, led by Mrs Gillian Price, addressed the Council about residents' fears on the dilapidated condition of the former School and the recent notice which had appeared advertising the property for sale.

Residents were aware that children had already gained access to the school and there were reports that fires had been started inside the building. There was grave concern that a serious fire incident could occur and affect adjacent properties. It was understood that the police had already been involved.

There was also deep concern among residents that now that the premises had been advertised for sale with the benefit of existing planning consent for industrial use, there was a very real prospect industrial processes taking place in a predominantly residential area.



The Chairperson, Councillor Bowen, replied that the Council was very surprised to hear that the premises were now being advertised for sale since the Community Council had entered negotiations with the Parochial Church Council on a possible joint venture to establish a community facility on the site.

Councillor Bowen stressed that the Community Council's powers in the situation were very limited. Industrial consent for the site was a matter of fact. Similarly, the Community Council had no control over the disposal of the premises by the Church in Wales.

However, Councillor Bowen promised to bring the parking problems being experienced by residents to the attention of the County Council. Additionally, that if any application was made for a change of planning consent for the former school, residents' views would be sought before the Community Council's comments were forwarded to the Borough Council.

5. Notices of Motion

(a) Proposed pedestrian crossing, Miskin

Councillor T J Burton informed the Council that he had received representations about the need for a pedestrian crossing in Miskin to cater for residents in Manor Hill wishing to access the centre of the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council to find out if it would be possible to locate a pedestrian crossing in Miskin which would allow residents of Manor Hill to cross the B4264 in safety.

(b) Proposal to erect a bus shelter in Miskin

Councillor T J Burton informed the Council that he had received representations about the possibility of erecting a bus shelter in Miskin.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held in Miskin at 10.00a.m. on Saturday, 8 June, 1991 to discuss possible sites.

(c) Proposal to install wheelchair access facility to the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips drew the Council's attention

to the considerable work carried out in the Ivor Woods in recent years and the oversight which had denied access to the Woods for the disabled in wheelchairs. Councillor Phillips urged the Council to give serious thought to laying a concrete path from the Cowbridge Road, along the route of the existing footpath, to the first picnic table in the Ivor Woods. Councillor Phillips pointed out that there would need to be adequate safeguards to prevent the abuse of the path by motorcyclists.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk carry out preliminary enquiries with the landowners to see if they would have any objections to the proposal.

6. Minutes of the Council's special sub committee meeting of 15 May, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's special sub committee meeting of 15 May, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

(a) Audit of Accounts - 1990/91

The Clerk reported the completion of the audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1990/91. The District Auditor had issued a certificate to the effect that the Community Council's accounts had been audited in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act, 1982, and the Code of Audit Practice. In the auditor's opinion the accounts recorded fairly the financial transactions of the Pontyclun Community Council for 1990/91.

The matter was noted.

(b) Reference to the District Auditor

The Clerk referred to the complaint made to the District Auditor by Mr Evan G Jones, a director of Castle Developments (South Wales) Ltd, in which it was alleged that the Community Council had acted improperly in its handling of the wayleave application in the Ivor Woods.

The District Auditor, after an examination of the Community Council's files, had reported that he was completely satisfied with the way in which the application had been handled. The District Auditor

intended replying to the complainant to tell him that in his view there was no substance to his allegations.

The matter was noted.

8. Possibility of extending the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to an area of poor quality land to the south east of the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, where trees had been blown over by the wind. He believed that the area could be used to extend the Windsor Field and thereby provide much needed additional recreational facilities in Pontyclun. Councillor Burton also pointed out that as there was heavy plant on the Field at that time, it might be possible to use that plant to carry out the extension at minimal cost.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter with the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer.

9. Beacon Europe, 1992

The Council discussed the letter from Bruno Peek, European Organiser for Beacon Europe, 1992, included at Appendix 4 to the Agenda, in which the Community Council was invited to join in the celebrations to mark the advent of the Single European Market on 31 December, 1992.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Llantrisant Community Council about the possibility of staging a joint celebration to mark the occasion.

10. Application for financial assistance

The Council considered an application for financial assistance from the Pontyclun Football Club towards the cost of grasscutting at the Ivor Park.

RESOLVED: (i) That the application be deferred to the Council's annual grants distribution meeting in July.

(ii) That the Clerk attempt to discover the location of the disbanded Pontyclun Cricket Club's grass-cutting equipment.

11. Planning

(a) Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 18, 19, 20 and 21

It was noted that the Weekly Notification for Week No 18 contained no applications which were considered to have an effect on the Community of Pontyclun. The Notification for Week No 21 had not been received at the date of the meeting.

Application No.56/0302/91

The Council discussed the proposal to develop land at Mwyndy for residential purposes. It was pointed out that following a similar application some months earlier the Borough Council had refused the application on the grounds that under the Structure Plan the land in question had been allocated for industrial purposes. In the absence of an amendment to the Structure Plan it was highly probable that the current application would also be refused.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that the proposal lay outside the current Structure Plan

(ii) That the access to the proposed site was inadequate.

(Note: Councillor T J Burton was in favour of the development and gave notice of his intention to canvass support for the application)

(b) Planning appeal

The Council noted details of the appeal against the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse planning consent for a Category 1 OAP bungalow on land at the rear of Merthyr Street, Pontyclun. The Clerk confirmed that the Welsh Office inspector conducting the appeal would have a statement of the Community Council's views on the application.

The matter was noted.

12. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No.7 to the Agenda.

13. Reports from Members

(a) Re-launch of McMillan Cancer Care Appeal

Councillor Mrs Phillips reported on her, and Councillor T J Burton's attendance, at the re-launch of the McMillan Cancer Care Appeal at the Municipal Hall, Pontypridd, on Monday, 3 June, 1991.

Councillor Phillips said she was deeply impressed with the work of the organisation commended the plans to build a special cancer care unit at the Cottage Hospital in Pontypridd. Councillor Phillips said she was moved by the enthusiasm displayed within the organisation and was pleased to have been chosen to represent the Council at the function.

The report was noted.

(b) Parking facilities - Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report the completion of work on additional parking facilities in Lon-yr-Awel, Pontyclun. The works had also resulted in improved vehicle turning facilities in the street.

(c) Repairs to sewerage plant

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that remedial works had been carried out to the sewerage plant in the Hendy Woods and that it was now functioning properly.

The report was noted.

(d) Repairs to fence - Hendy Farm, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that repairs had been carried to a fence on the Hendy Farm, Pontyclun, thus alleviating the problem of escaped cattle wandering through the Hendy estate.

The report was noted.

(e) Planning application - Glan-yr-Afon, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to let the Council know that the Borough Council, as Planning Authority, had refused an application for for an extension to a property in Glan-yr-Afon, Pontyclun. The application had been vociferously opposed by a number of residents and had resulted in a deputation addressing the Community Council at an earlier meeting.

The report was noted.

(f) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Dilworth reported that he had been elected

as Secretary to the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Association of Community and Town Councils as successor to former Councillor Ivron Evans of the Pontyclun Community Council. Councillor Dilworth reported on the Area Committee's Annual General Meeting and the Area Committee's quarterly meeting. At the latter meeting the Area Committee's comments on the Association's document "Community Councils in Wales" were formulated, with the Committee expressing its choice for Model Three.

Councillor Dilworth also reported that a special conference of the Association was to be held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 13 July, 1991, for the purpose of formulating the Association's views on the reorganisation of local government in Wales. Each member council was entitled to send two delegates to the conference.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Dilworth's reports on the Area Committee's meetings be noted.

(ii) That delegates for the special conference be selected at the Council's meeting on 10 July, 1991.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Notice of Motion

The Chairperson, Councillor Bowen, gave notice of his intention to raise the matter of the painting of both footbridges across the river Ely at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Notice of Motion

Councillor T J Burton gave notice of his intention to raise the matter of a footpath in a ploughed field near Caergwanaf Farm, Miskin at the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Notice of Motion

Councillor Phillips gave notice of her intention to raise the shortage of facilities in the Community for young motorcycle riders at the next meeting of the Council.

(d) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Moir informed the Council that the re-arranged date for the next meeting of the Liaison Committee was 20 June, 1991. As 20 June, 1991, was also the date for the Annual General Meeting of the Committee, it was expected that the ordinary meeting would follow the Annual General Meeting.

The matter was noted.

(e) Parking of cars on the Maesyfelin Playing Field

Councillor Norman expressed his concern about the practice of some car drivers in driving on to the Maesyfelin Playing Fields while there was an unused nearby car park.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Griffith pursue the matter with the Pontyclun RFC.

(f) Assistance for Handyman

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the rapid growth of grass along footpaths maintained by the Community Council during the summer months and suggested that the Council employ a student to assist the handyman with his duties.

RESOLVED: That the Council engage a student during the summer months to assist the handyman in his grass cutting duties.

(g) Litter problems in Pontyclun - Sunday mornings

Councillor Norman again expressed his concern about the accumulation of litter in the main shopping area in Pontyclun on Sunday mornings. If no action was taken on Sunday mornings to clear the litter it frequently blew in the wind presenting an unsightly scene in the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to find out if it would be possible for the Borough Council to make an arrangements to collect the litter each Sunday morning.

(h) Ownership of land in Groesfaen

Councillor Norman, jointly with the Clerk, reported

that South Wales Electricity proposed to alter the route of an electricity supply cable near Redgate Cottages in Groesfaen. Extensive enquiries by SWE had failed to trace the owners of the land.

RESOLVED: That SWE be advised to make enquiries about the ownership of the land with the Llantrisant Community Council.

(i) Dipali Restaurant, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs A Burton again expressed her concern about the practice of the proprietors of the Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun, of placing waste food in polythene sacks and accumulating those sacks in a garage at the premises.

RESOLVED: That the matter be again taken up with the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council.

(j) Notice of Motion

Councillor Dilworth gave notice that he wished to raise the matter of a tree preservation order in Brynsadler at the Council's next meeting.

(k) Vandalism in Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth spoke of his increasing concern at the amount of vandalism in Pontyclun. He was aware of several instances of damage to property and believed that the Council and the public should be alerted to the increasing threat.

15. The meeting ended at 10.05p.m.

