

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 5 October, 1988.

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

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillors E Hopkin, R C Kennard and R G Norman.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Sergeant Matthews

1. Minutes of the Council's Meeting of 7 September, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 September, 1988, be approved as an accurate record subject to minute 4 (b) being amended to read:-

"The Council noted with concern a letter which had been received suggesting that the calculations contained in the report were incorrect.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the author of the report to identify where the alleged errors occur"

2. Matters arising

(a) Employment Training

The Council noted a letter, dated 21 September, 1988, received from Mr Phil James, Scheme Manager of NACRO, in which he described the main differences between the former Community Programme Scheme and the new Employment Training Scheme. The Council also noted that NACRO had been granted a period of grace to complete any outstanding work under the former Community Programme Scheme.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Scheme Manager's report be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk provide a list of outstanding work under the former Community Programme Scheme for the Scheme Manager.

(b) Premises for Handyman

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone

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call on behalf of Mrs Jeffs, the owner of the former Mission Hall, off Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, to the effect that Mrs Jeffs had sold the premises and was not, as a result, interested in entering into a lease with the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to find out:-

- (i) whether the Borough Council had any surplus land in Pontyclun which would be suitable for the siting of a suitably converted security container/ portakabin.
- (ii) whether the Borough Council had any surplus buildings in Pontyclun which would be suitable as a workshop/store for the Community Council's Handyman.

(c) Application for Urban Grant

The Council noted that the Borough Council had been unable to support the project put forward by the Community Council in the Borough Council's submission to the Welsh Office for aid under the Urban Programme for 1989/90.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to find out how a scheme for the replacement of the Pontyclun Community Centre could be incorporated into the Borough Council's capital estimates.

(d) Taff Ely Drug Awareness Week

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mrs Ann Allen, local fieldworker for the South Wales Association for the Prevention of Addiction to discuss the possibility of arranging a presentation of SWAPA's work, during the week 24/29 October, 1988. Mrs Allen had been grateful for the Council's offer but regrettably, because of prior commitments, would not be able to make the presentation. Mrs Allen had hoped to be able to make a presentation at a later date.

The Clerk's report was noted.

(e) Planning Application No 56/0593/88

The Clerk reported that details of the planning application were still awaited

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council and pass the details of the application to the interested member.

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(f) Community Watch

Sergeant Matthews reported that preliminary arrangements had been made to hold a presentation on the formation of Community Watches in the Pontyclun Community Centre on the evening of Monday, 5 December, 1988. Sergeant Matthews was hopeful of obtaining the printing services of the police printer for the production of posters to publicise the event.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for a poster design and for that design to be made available to Sergeant Matthews in order that posters would be available for display in mid November.

(g) Ivor Woods - Report of the site meeting of 12 September

The Clerk gave an outline of the discoveries made in the Ivor Woods on the evening of 12 September. The members at the meeting had expressed their deep concern at what they had found and believed that it was important to identify who was responsible for laying pipes and causing damage to trees and watercourses. The Clerk reported that he had already made enquiries with the Borough Council and the Welsh Water Authority in addition to giving a press release to the Llantrisant Observer and the South Wales Echo.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the action of the Clerk be approved.
- (ii) That the Clerk also make enquiries of Haiste Ltd, Consulting Engineers.
- (iii) That legal advice in the matter be sought from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

(h) Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society

In the absence of Councillor R G Norman, Secretary to the Society, consideration of the item was deferred.

3. Application for financial assistance

The Council considered a request for financial assistance from the Cleft Lip and Palate Association.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a grant of £50.00 to the Association.

4. Licencing - New Justices Licence

The Council noted the application for the grant of a New Justices Licence for No 79 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

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5. Reports from Members(a) Hendy Quarry - blasting - Report of the Polytechnic

Councillor Evans reported her disquiet upon discovering that the Polytechnic of Wales had no knowledge of a letter, ostensibly written by Jane Iwanicki, the author of the report on blasting at the Hendy Quarry, which stated that the figures and calculations contained in the report were incorrect.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Polytechnic of Wales to find out:-

- (i) if the figures and calculations in Jane Iwanicki's report were correct.
- (ii) if the figures and calculations were incorrect, what the correct figures should be.
- (iii) if the Polytechnic was aware of the letter, ostensibly written by Jane Iwanicki.

(b) Planning applications/Building work

Councillor T J Burton expressed his concern at the situation where the Borough Council allowed builders to commence building work before formal planning consent had been given. Councillor Burton was of the view that by allowing work to commence in advance of the award of planning consent, the right of the Community Council to make any meaningful comment on the application was severely curtailed.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's concern be conveyed to the Borough Council.

(c) Entertainment organisations - financial support

Councillor James reported, for information, that Borough Councillors had been requested by the Borough Council to nominate one entertainment organisation within their wards for the receipt of financial assistance.

The report was noted.

(d) Next issue of "CLUN"

Professor Bowen reported that preparations for the next issue of "CLUN", the Community Council's bulletin, were well advanced. It was intended to distribute copies to all homes in the Community at the end of October or beginning of November.

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(e) Lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Richards-Clarke reported that despite assurances that action would be taken by the Borough Council to eliminate dangers to lane users, nothing had happened.

RESOLVED: That the members of the Community Council who are also members of the Borough Council take the matter up again at Borough Council level.

(f) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Annual Conference, 15 October, 1988

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs O P Phillips, drew the Council's attention to a list of motions for debate at the Annual Conference which she had been sent in the last few days. The Chairlady sought guidance from the Council on how to vote on the motions.

RESOLVED: That any person representing the Council at the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils' Annual Conference be allowed to vote according to his, or her, conscience.

6. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 34+35, 36, 37+38

The Council noted the applications contained in Weekly Notifications 34+35 and 36. There were no planning applications contained in Weeks 37+38 which were considered to have an effect on the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council be advised that the Community Council oppose applications 56/0693/88 and 56/0697/88 on the grounds that there would be:-

- (a) A considerable increase in the number of heavy vehicles travelling through the Community.
- (b) There would be an increased risk to public safety.
- (c) There would be a loss of amenity to residents.

7. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Agenda.

8. Any other business of an urgent nature

There was no business of an urgent nature.

9. The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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