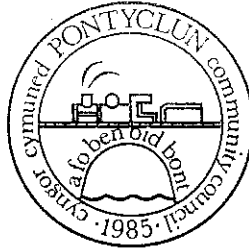


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 September, 1990.

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James and Mrs D Richards-Clarke. An apology for absence was also received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle.

2. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be rearranged and that item 10 on the Agenda be taken as the first item of business.

3. Dog fouling in the Community

A lengthy discussion took place on the problems, and dangers to health, caused by dog fouling. Several Members felt a deep sense of frustration that the law on dog fouling, as it presently stood, was virtually unenforceable. A number of complaints had been made to the Borough Council, the authority with responsibility in the matter, only to find that little, if any, action was taken against the owners of offending dogs. Nevertheless, the Council was of the view that it should take a positive line and encourage all dog owners to be responsible for their pets.

RESOLVED: (i) That every effort be made to encourage dog owning residents of the Community to purchase poop-a-scoops for use in the event of their pets fouling public places.

(ii) That the Clerk obtain a sample, and photographs, of a poop-a-scoop.

(iii) That the Clerk write to the local chamber of trade urging shopkeepers to stock poop-a-scoops.

(iv) That the Clerk arrange for posters to be displayed in the Council's noticeboards drawing attention to the dangers of dog fouling and the availability of poop-a-scoops to minimise potential problems.

A. Burton

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 July, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 July, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

Matters arising

(a) Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre

The Council noted that the future of Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre was to be the subject of a formal consultation exercise by the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority and that a public consultation document was in the course of preparation.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk bring the consultation document to a future meeting of the Council.

(ii) That a copy of the Health Authority's letter of 23 August, 1990, be forwarded to Mr Derek Kingham, former administrator at Talygarn.

(b) Roadworks in Brynsadler

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Highways and Transportation Department of the County Council about the roadworks which had taken place in Brynsadler over previous months and the resulting severe traffic congestion. The Clerk had been advised that when the current scheme to renew the gas main in Brynsadler was completed the traffic controls would be taken away and there would be a free flow of traffic. While further excavations by the public utilities would need to be carried out from time to time, on an ad hoc basis, the County Council was not aware of any further plans for major works in the highway in Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain clarification from the County on the nature of the current roadworks in Brynsadler, and request that the the whole length of Cowbridge Road be swept to remove the accumulation of debris on the highway.

(c) Donation of plots of land to the Council

The Clerk reported that the solicitor acting on behalf of the Council in the conveyance of the plots of land had told him that in cases of donation it was quite normal to find that the recipient paid the legal costs of the donor in arranging the transaction. The Clerk had asked the solicitor to obtain an estimate of the likely costs before proceeding any further. To date, no reply had been received from the donor's solicitor.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred pending receipt of the estimate of the donor's legal costs.

(d) Footway lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Council considered Appendices 3 and 4 to the Agenda which set out the difficulties experienced in getting the contractors to connect the lighting to the mains supply, and the steps which had been taken to overcome the problems.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Clerk and Chairlady in dispensing with the services of BEI Roadway Lighting, and engaging the services of South Wales Electricity, be approved.

(e) Tipping facilities for Handyman

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries about the possibility of hiring a lockable skip solely for the Handyman's use to avoid the necessity of making journeys to the Borough Council's tip at Pencoedcae. The Clerk gave details of the hire charges and the basis of their calculation.

RESOLVED: (i) That no further action be taken to provide a lockable skip for the handyman.

(ii) That as the new Borough Council tip at Miskin was operational, the handyman be advised to deposit further rubbish at Miskin.

(f) Car boot sales, Ivor Park, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries about the car boot sales which had taken place during the summer on the Ivor Park. He had established that it was not proposed to hold any further car boot sales for the remainder of the year. Whether any further sales took place would be for the Pontyclun Football Club to decide.

The matter was noted.

5. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 11 July, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 11 July, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

(a) Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society -
Community Council Allotments Competition

The Council received the thanks of the Committee for the Council's financial support and noted details of the prizewinners at the three sites in Pontyclun.

(b) Late application for grant -
Miskin Manor Junior Cricket Club

RESOLVED: That no grant be made during the current financial year.

7. Award of contract for the construction
of the new bus shelter, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the sealed contracts be opened by the Chairlady and Clerk.

8. Report on the meeting of representatives of the
Community Council with the committee of the
Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club

The Clerk reported that a joint meeting had taken place to discuss the dilapidated condition of the former cricket pavillion on the Maesyfelin playingfields. It was believed that each of the sporting organisations using the field held a separate lease from the County Council setting out their responsibilities. With the disbandment of the Pontyclun Cricket Club it was not clear precisely what the situation was regarding the former cricket square, and the obligation to maintain that section of the field. There was no doubt that

ownership of the former cricket pavillion lay with the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club. The Club committee gave an undertaking that it would attend to the removal of the pavillion to prevent injury. In addition, enquiries would be made with the County Council to clarify the uncertainties surrounding the various leases. Following receipt of the clarification, a further meeting would take place with representatives of the Club before a meeting was called with all the sporting bodies using the playingfields.

The report was noted.

9. Obstruction of pavements in Pontyclun

The Council discussed a letter from Mr John Dilworth of 3 School Street, Pontyclun, who wished to draw the Council's attention to the hazards faced by pedestrians in Pontyclun as the result of the practice of shopkeepers in placing advertisement boards on pavements.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the local chamber of trade for comment.

10. Grounds Maintenance Functions - Borough Council

The Council discussed a letter from the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council seeking clarification on the areas of land which the Community Council maintained. The information was required by the Borough Council to enable that authority to compile a schedule prior to inviting tenders for the maintenance of public grounds.

RESOLVED: That a sub committee be convened to finalise the matter. Members of the sub committee to be the Chairlady, Councillors James, Norman together with the Clerk.

11. Skip placements

The Council considered a schedule, which had been received from the Llantrisant Community Council, which appeared to list the sites in the Community of Pontyclun where it was proposed to site skips for the collection of rubbish during October, 1990. The Clerk reported that as soon as he had received the schedule he had written to the Borough Council seeking clarification on the list's authenticity. A reply was awaited.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk be approved.

12. Transfer of Licence

The Council received notification of an application for a Transfer of Liquor Licence for the Miskin Manor Hotel.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

13. Planning

(a) Appeals under Section 36 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971

(i) Land adjacent to Fairview House, Talygarn

The Council noted that an appeal had been held into the refusal of the Borough Council to grant planning permission for development on land adjacent to Fairview House, Talygarn, on 26 July, 1990. It was understood that the appeal had been disallowed by the Welsh Office.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Land adjoining Fairview House, Talygarn

The Council noted that an appeal was to be held on 2 October, 1990, against the refusal of permission by the Borough Council for tipping at Talygarn.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the Inquiry by Councillors Bowen, James and Norman, together with the Clerk. Additionally, that the Clerk write to the Inspector conveying the Council's strong objections to the proposals.

(iii) Crossroads Cottage, Groesfaen

The Council noted that an appeal was to be held against the refusal of the Borough Council to grant permission for the erection of a garage at Crossroads Cottage, Groesfaen.

(b) Planning Applications for Weeks No.s 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34

The Council discussed the applications for planning consent contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

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

Application No 56/0569/90

That the Council is opposed to the application since the land forms part of the flood plain of the river Ely.

Application No 56/0605/90

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that the proposal would lead to development above the skyline and would result in development close to residents' homes.

Application No 56/0626/90

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

- (i) Further residential development outside the Local Plan is unnecessary as sufficient land has already been earmarked.
- (ii) Sewerage facilities in the vicinity are grossly inadequate and further development would exacerbate existing problems.
- (iii) Proposals have been made by the County Council to use part of the site as a by pass for Pontyclun.
- (iv) The proposal would destroy the natural green belt boundary between the Communities of Llanharry and Pontyclun.

Application No. 56/0627/90

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

- (i) Sufficient land for residential development has already been identified in the Local Plan. Development outside the Local Plan is unnecessary.
- (ii) Existing sewerage facilities are already grossly overloaded. Further development will exacerbate the problems.
- (iii) Proposals have been made by the County Council to use part of the site as the route of a by pass for Pontyclun.
- (vi) The proposal would destroy the natural green belt boundary between the Communities of Llanharry and Pontyclun.

(c) Other matters

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the action of the Chairlady and Clerk in conveying views to the Borough Council on application No 56/0584/90 during the August recess.

14. Payment of Creditors

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

15. Reports from Members

(a) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Mrs Ivron Evans reported on her attendance at the last Executive Committee meeting of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils in Aberystwyth. Recent events at the Barry Town Council and the Rhigos Community Council figured prominently in the Committee's discussions. There was a request for Executive Committee proceedings to be conducted bilingually, and a call for the strengthening of the Association at local level.

The report was noted.

(b) Mid Glamorgan County Council's Education Committee

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Education Committee. An otherwise straightforward meeting was enlivened by a suggestion that a comprehensive school in Llanharry ought to be allowed to recruit staff through the medium of the Welsh language.

The report was noted.

- (c) Councillor Norman reported that Borough Councillor Norman James of Llantrisant had passed away during August. Councillor James had suffered indifferent health for a number of years, but despite his health he had continued to provide a stalwart service for his constituents and was highly regarded throughout the Borough of Taff Ely.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's action in sending a wreath to the funeral be approved.

16. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Mrs Ivron Evans reported on her attendance at the meeting of the Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils on the previous evening. An interesting discussion took place on the advantages to be gained from town twinning. Caerphilly Town Council representatives were particularly enthusiastic about the beneficial effects for Caerphilly resulting from their twinning with a town in Brittany.

Councillor Evans also reported on the concern of the Area Committee at a report which had been received about the policy of the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority in the treatment of elderly patients at hospitals. It had been alleged that the Health Authority had issued guidelines in the treatment of elderly patients to the effect that only patients under 70 years of age should be considered for treatment in general hospitals. Those over 70 years of age should be admitted to geriatric hospitals. Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Wales had been unable to produce a denial that such a policy existed.

The report was noted.

(b) Overhanging trees in Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to overhanging trees in Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bowen take the matter up with the County Council.

(c) "Pontyclun" nameplate, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

Councillor T J Burton reminded the Council that many months earlier, the County Council had given an undertaking that the village nameplate "Pontyclun" would be re-erected in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, near the site of the Ynysddu Farm development. Despite the undertaking, the sign had not been re-erected.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again pursue the matter with the County Council.

(d) Junction of Merthyr Street with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton asked if the County Council had responded to the Community Council's earlier request for action to be taken to eliminate the hazardous driving conditions facing vehicle drivers emerging from Merthyr Street into Llantrisant Road. The Clerk replied that no reply had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again pursue the matter with the County Council.

(e) Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, reported that there had been a number of complaints about waste food awaiting collection by the refuse collectors in the vicinity of the Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun. It appeared that the premises should be served by two refuse collections per week, but of late had only been receiving one collection each week.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Borough Council and that a copy of the letter be sent to the proprietor of the Dipali restaurant.

(f) Traffic congestion, doctors' surgery, Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Kennard asked if there had been any progress regarding the Community Council's complaints about traffic congestion in the vicinity of the doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Community Council meeting.

(g) 1990 Salaries Agreement for Clerks

The Clerk reported receipt of the 1990 Salary Scales for clerks of local councils. The revised rates in the circular had been implemented.

The matter was noted.

17. The meeting ended at 9.50p.m.