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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, 6 April, 1988.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman, (Chairman) Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mrs I V Evans, and the Community Policeman, P C Ian Guildford

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Footpath No 341 - Proposed footbridge

The Clerk reported on the site meeting which had taken place earlier that afternoon with a representative of the Welsh Water Authority.

RESOLVED: That following receipt of information on flood levels, the design of the proposed bridge be submitted to the Welsh Water Authority for approval.

(b) Off street lighting - Footpath connecting Maelog Close and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that formal approval had been received from the County Council for the installation of footway lighting on the footpath connecting Maelog Close and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to place an order for the work.

(c) Talbot Green Bypass - Footpath No 311(Llantrisant)

Arising out of minute 5(i) of the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1988, the Clerk informed the Council that, after contacting the Llantrisant Community Council he had established that suitable safeguards were proposed for the route of Footpath No 311 (Llantrisant).

The matter was noted.

(d) Planning: Details of application No 56/0064/88

Details of planning application No 56/0064/88 were noted.

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(e) Community Programme - Assistance for the disabled

The Clerk informed the Council that he had made enquiries with NACRO and the Manpower Services Commission about the possibility of undertaking work in the Community for the disabled. The Clerk had been told that while a wide range of work could be undertaken under Community Programme schemes, it was a pre-requisite of all schemes that work content was approved by the Manpower Services Commission in advance. Additional work identified during the currency of a scheme could be submitted for approval by the Manpower Services Commission for a future scheme.

The matter was noted.

(f) Minute 4(c) of the Council's meeting of 2 March, -1988

Professor Bowen referred to the discussion which had taken place at the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1988, and pointed out the the references to "Glan-yr-Afon" should, in fact, have been references to "Maes-yr-Afon"

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the necessary action.

3. Post of Handyman

The Clerk reported that the Council's handyman, Mr Charles Larcombe, had submitted notice of his intention to resign from his employment with effect from 5 April, 1988.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to Mr Larcombe to thank him for his services to the Community Council.

(ii) That the action of the Clerk and Chairman in advertising the vacancy be confirmed.

4. Report of the Council's representatives on the March meeting of the Governing Body of the Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior Schools

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mr R G Nomman, gave a verbal report on the March meeting of the Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior Schools.

The report was noted.

5. Report of the Council's representative on the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils- Area Committee Meeting of 8 March, 1988

RESOLVED: That in the absence of Councillor Mrs I V Evans the report of the Area Committee's meeting of 8 March, 1988 be deferred to the Council's meeting of 4 May, 1988.

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6. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils(a) Nomination to Welsh Consumer Council

The action of the Area Committee in nominating Councillor Colin Mann of the Llanbradach Community Council as a representative on the Welsh Consumer Council was noted.

(b) Nomination to the East Glamorgan Community Health Council

Following the ballot to elect a nominee to the East Glamorgan Community Health Council it was noted that Councillor Norman Follis of Pentyrch Community Council had been declared the successful candidate.

(c) Alterations to electricity supplies

A discussion took place on the Association's letter of 23 February, 1988.

- RESOLVED: (i) That a letter be sent to the South Wales Electricity Board urging that any alterations to electricity supplies occasioned by the needs of builders or developers should be incurred only at the cost of that builder or developer, and that no cost be passed on in any form to a local community council.
- (ii) That a copy of the Council's letter be forwarded for the information of the Secretary of the Area Committee with a request that the Area Committee approve the sending of a similarly worded letter to the South Wales Electricity Board.

(d) Changes in the composition of schools' governing bodies

The Council considered the details of changes in the composition of schools' governing bodies effective from September, 1988.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Chairman, Councillor R G Norman, be nominated as the Council's representative on the governing body of Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior Schools

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- (ii) That the names of Councillors Mrs I V Evans and Mr E Hopkin be submitted as persons interested in becoming coopted members of the governing body of Maesyfelin Infants/ Pontyclun Junior School
- (iii) That, subject to her agreement, the name of Dr S M Bowen of 12 Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun, be submitted as a person interested in becoming a coopted member of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant.

It was noted that Councillor Professor I D Bowen had already been nominated from within the community for co-option on to the governing body of Y Pant Comprehensive School.

(e) Community Charge proposals

The Council considered a letter from the Treasurer of the Borough Council about the distribution to community councils of a proportion of the proposed new revenue support grant. It was noted that no decision had yet been taken by the Borough Council on the matter but that once a decision was taken then community councils would be notified.

7. Blasting at Hendy Quarry

The Clerk reported that arrangements to monitor vibration levels in Miskin had been finalised with the Polytechnic of Wales. It was expected that monitoring would be completed at the end of May and that the results would be available during June. A brief resumé of the situation had been delivered to every house in Miskin and Mwyndy and a number of additional offers of assistance had been forthcoming as a result of the exercise. Residents had been advised about the need to complain direct to the quarry management when vibration levels from blasting were considered to be excessive.

The matter was noted.

8. Litter bins in the Community

A lengthy discussion took place on the problems of litter in the Community and how the upgrading and resiting of litter bins undertaken by the Community Council had made a significant contribution to the lessening of the problem.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk explore the feasibility of siting five further bins in the Community at the following locations:-

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- (i) Outside the Chinese restaurant in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (ii) Adjacent to the bus shelter outside No 20 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (iii) Outside the Royal Stores in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.
- (iv) On the village green in Miskin.
- (v) Outside the post office in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

9. Footpath No 323 - M4 Motorway

The Clerk reported that he had made preliminary enquiries with the Welsh Office about the possibility of pedestrians using the culvert underneath the M4 motorway as a means of regaining access to the footpath which formerly connected Pontyclun with Talygarn. The response to the enquiries had been to direct the Council to the Welsh Water Authority. Initial enquiries of the Welsh Water Authority had proved encouraging and the matter was being pursued further.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That in the event of an agreement being secured for the use of the culvert by pedestrians, negotiations be entered into with the landowners on either side of the culvert, and the County Council, for a diversion of the route of Footpath No 323.
 - (ii) That a letter of thanks be sent to the Welsh Office.
 - (iii) That a letter of thanks be sent to the Welsh Water Authority.

10. Legislative changes affecting the payment of gratuities and pensions

The Council considered the joint circular, dated November, 1987, received from the Society of Local Council Clerks and the National Association of Local Councils.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council designate the post of Clerk to the Council as pensionable under the Local Government Superannuation Regulations.
 - (ii) That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the appropriate statutory resolution to be placed before the Council.

11. Community Environment Programme

The Council discussed the letter of 9 March, 1988, received from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Officer about Environment Week, 1988.

RESOLVED:

That as the Council's contribution to Environment Week:-

- (i) Local headteachers be contacted and asked if schoolchildren could be encouraged to make greater use of the litter bins in the Community.
- (ii) That enquiries be made about the ownership of the dilapidated garage near the Community Centre.
- (iii) That enquiries be made with the Pontyclun R F C about the dilapidated state of the former changing rooms on the Maesyfelin rugby field.
- (iv) That the Clerk write to the Chief Technical Services Officer asking for his assistance to rid the children's park, off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, of the problem of molehills.

12. Dog fouling of Pavements and Backlanes

The Council discussed the letter of 10 March, 1988, from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer about dog fouling. The Council noted the the subject was due to be discussed at a meeting of the Borough Council on 11 March, 1988.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council.
- (ii) That the Clerk establish the position regarding local authority byelaws.

13. Renewal of C N D affiliationRESOLVED:

That the Council renew its affiliation to C N D.

14. Payment of CreditorsRESOLVED:

That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 15 to the Agenda.

15. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 8, 9+10, and 11+12

The planning applications contained in weekly notifications No.s 8, 9+10 and 11+12 were noted.

16. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Community Council Noticeboards

Councillor James drew the Council's attention to the problem of heavy condensation in the Community Council's Noticeboards obscuring notices.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about replacing the noticeboards with a design which would be less prone to suffer from condensation.

(b) Possibility of erecting a Noticeboard in the Pontyclun Library

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke raised the possibility of erecting a noticeboard in the Pontyclun Library.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of the Librarian.

(c) Mini Rugby Team's Achievements

The Chairman, Councillor Mr R G Norman, drew the Council's attention to the recent successes of the Pontyclun Mini Rugby Team.

RESOLVED: That the Council's congratulations be conveyed to the Mini Rugby Team.

(d) Ivor Park Football Field

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club which told of an accident to a child which was playing near the football club changing rooms when a section of perimeter fence fell on him.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council's concern about the incident be conveyed to the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club.

(ii) That the Council arrange for the NACRO supervisor to ensure that all remaining sections of fence were in a safe condition.

(iii) That the Clerk make enquiries with the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club about the earlier offer of a Trustee of the Football Club to provide concrete posts at the rear of the changing rooms.

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17. Exclusion of the public and accredited representatives of the press

RESOLVED: That the public and accredited representatives of the press be excluded during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that disclosure of terms under consideration by the Council might prejudice their position in negotiations concerning land, property, goods or services.

18. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

RESOLVED:

- (i) That clarification be obtained from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd on the third paragraph of their letter of 23 March, 1988.
- (ii) That the advice of Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd be sought on the matter of the alleged unstable tree.
- (iii) That no action be taken to fell any further trees until the advice of the Council's insurers is obtained.

19. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.

GP. Philips