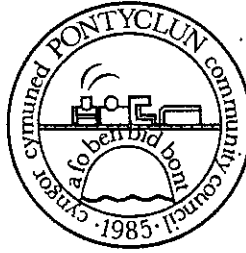


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 January, 1992/3

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors E V Griffith, G.M.Moir and R G Norman

2. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Tudor Burton, informed the Council of the sad death, on 31 December, 1992, of William Royden Griffiths, caretaker of the Council's public conveniences in Pontyclun. Mr Griffiths had rendered excellent service to the Pontyclun Community Council and the Llantrisant Community Council over many years. The Chairman commented that Mr Griffiths would be very difficult employee to replace. The Clerk informed the Council that he had visited Mr Griffiths' next of kin and had expressed the Council's condolences.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a wreath on behalf of the Council.

(ii) That the vacant post of caretaker be advertised and that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk be given authority to make an appointment.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 December, 1992

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 December, 1992, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Proposed further residential development at Maesyfelin

The Clerk reported that his enquiries with the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer had established that the Section 106 Agreement, which had been delayed for several months, had now been issued. In a further conversation with Mr Baugh of Maes-yr-Afon, Maesyfelin, it appeared that whereas the outline planning consent for the site had been in the name of Evan G Jones (Builders) Ltd, a company which had gone into voluntary liquidation, the Section 106 Agreement had been entered into with a private individual. Mr Baugh had queried the legality of a Section 106 Agreement entered into by a party which did not hold the outline consent. Mr Baugh had written to the Borough Council to query the point but had not received a reply.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to establish the facts and to obtain a definitive statement on whether a person who had not been awarded outline planning consent could subsequently enter into a Section 106 Agreement.

(b) Application for planning consent - Ivor Arms, Brvnsadler

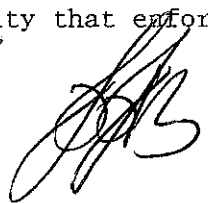
Councillor James referred to the representations which had been made to the Community Council at its previous meeting about the proposals to develop at the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler. Councillor James was able to report that the Borough Council had rejected the application for planning consent at a recent meeting.

The matter was noted.

(c) Application for planning consent -
Bin store - New surgery, School Street, Pontyclun

Councillor James referred to actions of the building contractor at the new doctors' surgery in School Street, Pontyclun, in building a bin store without having obtained planning consent. A retrospective planning application had been submitted to the Borough Council. The application had been refused by the Borough Council and there was a possibility that enforcement action would now ensue.

The matter was noted.



(d) Pontyclun Railway Station

Councillor Delme Bowen reported on a letter he had received from the County Engineer and Surveyor about the new Pontyclun railway station. Both the County Council and British Rail were pleased by the level of patronage that the station had enjoyed during its opening weeks. However, in view of the special opening promotion, it was felt that a realistic assessment of the general use of the new rail facilities could not be undertaken until the New Year.

Councillor Bowen had been notified that the outstanding work at the station, that is, the construction of a permanent bridge to link both platforms coupled with the creation of 27 additional parking spaces behind the south platform and improved vehicular access, was scheduled to start in the Spring of 1993.

Councillor Bowen had a meeting planned with the County Engineer and Surveyor for 7 January, 1993. At that meeting Councillor Bowen intended raising the possibility of an access road from the railway station to the proposed Pontyclun by-pass.

The report was noted.

(e) Board of Governors - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

Councillor Dilworth raised the matter of his nomination to the shared place on the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant. As the place on the governing body was shared with the Llantrisant Community Council he had offered to make a verbal report to the Llantrisant Community Council following each meeting of the governors. He awaited the response of the Llantrisant Community Council to his offer.

The report was noted.

(f) Proposed meeting on circular walks

The Clerk reported that since the date of the last Council meeting and Christmas he had attempted to convene a meeting of the sub committee set up to identify circular walks in the Community on three separate occasions. Due to Members commitments in the pre-Christmas period it had not been possible for the sub committee to meet.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for a meeting of the sub committee and in the event on the nominated Members being unavailable the Clerk be authorised to call upon a substitute member of the Council.

5. Precept arrangements 1993/94

The Council considered the Borough Treasurer's letter of 17 December, 1992, on precept instalments and Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 1993/94.

RESOLVED: That the matters be referred to the Council's Finance Committee.

6. Response of the Welsh Office and the MP for Pontypridd on the need for controls on long held planning consents for the extraction of minerals

The Council discussed the responses of the Welsh Office and the MP for Pontypridd, Dr Kim Howells, on the need for controls on long held planning consents for the extraction of minerals. The need for controls had been a matter which the Community Council had highlighted, and gained support for, at the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils in the previous Autumn.

RESOLVED: That the replies of the Welsh Office and the MP for Pontypridd be noted.

7. Invitation to participate in a footpaths initiative by the Countryside Council for Wales

The Council discussed the Countryside Commission for Wales' letter of 11 December, 1992. The Council was pleased that of the several hundred community councils in Wales, the Pontyclun Community Council had been selected to participate in the initiative.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the invitation.

8. Footpath problems - Pontyclun/Tylagarw

The Council considered the letter of 7 December, 1992, from the Clerk of the Llanharry Community Council drawing attention to the problems being experienced by users of the footpath connecting Pontyclun with Tylagarw.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to a joint meeting between representatives of both community councils at which the County Council's Footpaths Officer would be present.

9. Association of Councillors - Welsh Branch

The Council discussed an invitation from the Secretary of the Welsh Branch of the Association of Councillors to send a representative to the next meeting of the Branch. It was proposed that the meeting be preceded by a seminar to be addressed by Mr M B Mehta, Barrister at Law, member of the Welsh Office Working Group on local government reorganisation. Mr Mehta was also an adviser to the Council for Welsh Districts.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor John Dilworth be nominated to represent the Community Council at the seminar and branch meeting.

(ii) That Councillor Dilworth's attendance be designated as an approved duty.

10. Applications for financial assistance

The Council discussed applications for financial assistance for financial assistance from Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Shelter Wales.

RESOLVED: That the each organisation be awarded £50.00

In awarding these grants the Council took into account the following factors:

- (a) whether the payment was of direct benefit
- (b) whether the benefit was in proportion to the payment made
- (c) whether the organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils; and
- (d) the money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
- (e) the impact of the award of grants made and in particular of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups.

11. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 27 November, 4, 11 and 25 December, 1992

The Council discussed applications for planning consent contained in Notifications for Weeks Ending 27 November, 4, 11 and 25 December, 1992.

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

Planning Application No. 92/0866/13

The Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (i) The development would constitute an intrusion into the countryside.
- (ii) The existing development at the site was approved because of agricultural connections. The proposed new development would have no agricultural connections.
- (iii) The application, if approved, would be the fore-runner of many other planning applications on adjacent land owned by the applicant.
- (iv) The application, if approved, would lead to applications for residential development in open countryside by adjacent landowners.
- (v) The applicant has failed to regularise the provision of services to the existing development at the site.
- (vi) The approach road to the proposed development is sub standard. Additional pressures ought not to be placed on this deficient access road.

Planning Application No. 92/0875/08

That while the Community Council welcomes the creation of additional off street parking facilities, the Council urge the Borough Council to ensure that the new facilities are not used by commercial vehicles.

Planning Application No. 92/0877/08

That while the Community Council welcomes the creation of additional off street parking facilities, the Council urge the Borough Council to ensure that the new facilities are not used by commercial vehicles.

Planning Application No. 92/0878/08

That while the Community Council welcomes the creation of additional off street parking facilities, the Council urge the Borough Council to ensure that the new facilities are not used by commercial vehicles.

12. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

13. Reports from Members

(a) Footpath off Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

Councillor Pam Phillips reported that a regularly used footpath, off Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, over Borough Council owned land, had become difficult to traverse. Councillor Phillips asked what help the Community Council might be able to give to improve the condition of the footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Councillor Norman to establish whether the Taff Ely Borough Council could offer assistance in improving the condition of the footpath.

(b) New electricity poles

Councillor Pam Phillips reported that Councillor Norman, who was unable to be present at the meeting, had earlier contacted her over complaints he had received from residents about the siting of new electricity poles outside some residents' homes. It appeared that the siting of the new poles had caused considerable concern since they were not being sited in the same positions as the existing poles.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Delme Bowen raise the matter with the County Engineer and Surveyor at the meeting scheduled for 7 January, 1993.

(c) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor James reported that at a recent meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Taff Ely Borough Council a sum of £140,000 had been earmarked in the 1993/94 capital estimates for the replacement of the Community Centre in Pontyclun.

Councillor James pointed out that while a decision had been taken in principle to provide funds for the scheme a considerable amount of detailed work would need to be carried out and investigations were being undertaken by Borough Council officers.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk arrange for the report to the Leisure and Recreation Committee to be included with the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

(d) Borough Council/Community
Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor James gave a verbal report on the meeting of the Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee which took place on 5 January, 1993.

In an effort to control dog fouling in public places the Borough Council was considering introducing byelaws which would apply to all pavements, footpaths and certain pedestrian areas. Byelaws would also be introduced to secure a dog ban for certain children's play areas in the Borough.

The Borough Council was also keen to promote the replacement of sub standard public conveniences throughout the Borough. Consideration was being given to assisting those community councils providing public toilets in the purchase automatic public conveniences. The estimated purchase cost of an automatic toilet was in the region of £60,000 while the running costs were in the region of £7,100 p.a.

The report was noted.

(e) Former Brofiskin Quarry

Councillor Cyril Bendle referred to the undertaking given by the Borough Council to carry out a survey of the Borough with a view to identifying all sites where potential hazardous chemicals had been dumped. Councillor Bendle asked whether there was any further information from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer.

(f) Next edition of "CLUN"

Councillor Delme Bowen urged Members to hand in their articles for the next edition of "CLUN" as soon as possible in order to meet a late winter/early spring distribution deadline.

The matter was noted.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun

Councillor Dilworth expressed his concern at the way in which planning permission had been obtained for an extension to the premises at the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. It appeared that the application had been included with an application for an extension of opening hours. In the wake of protests from local residents the application for an extension of opening hours had been withdrawn. It appeared that the application to extend the premises had not and subsequently planning permission had been awarded by the Borough Council. The permission had lain dormant for a number of years until recent building work began.

Councillor Dilworth also expressed his concern at the practice of certain vehicle drivers in parking their vehicles on the pavement outside the Dipali restaurant. It was considered that this was a very dangerous practice especially as the pavement was in constant use by the public.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council scrutinise all future dual purpose planning applications in detail.

(ii) That the practice of parking vehicles on the pavement be reported to the police.

(iii) That Councillor Delme Bowen also raise the parking of vehicles on the pavement at County Council level.

(b) Footpath problems at Ynysddu Farm Estate

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Llanharan Community Council about problems being faced by residents

in using a footpath from the estate into Pontyclun. He had also drawn attention to the dangers facing pedestrians in accessing and emerging from the Estate in the absence of a footbridge at the junction of the A4222. No reply had been received and a reminder letter had not produced a response.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write again to the Llanharan Community Council proposing a joint meeting with the County Council's Footpath Officer, in an attempt to resolve the footpath access problem into Pontyclun.

(ii) That the absence of a safe route for pedestrians at the junction of the A4222 be taken up by Councillor Delme Bowen with the County Engineer and Surveyor.

(c) Theft of Community Council equipment/tools

The Clerk advised the Council that sometime during the evening of 3/4 January, 1993, the garage of the Community Council's Handyman had been broken into and a number of items had been stolen. The theft was discovered on the morning of the 4 January and the police were immediately informed. Scenes of crime officers attended the premises.

The full extent of the theft was uncertain but it was clear that a generator and a minigrinder and drill had been stolen. The handyman was in the process of compiling a list of missing items. The Clerk had informed the Council's insurers of the theft and was in the process of making a claim.

RESOLVED: That as the Community Council had no other premises in which to store tools the Clerk be authorised to contact the local crime prevention officer with a view to preparing a report on additional security measures which could be implemented to make the Handyman's garage more secure.

15. The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

