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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6 July, 1988.

PRESENT: Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs I V Evans, Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman, Mrs O P Phillips, (Chairlady), and Mrs D Richards-Clarke.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr T J Burton and Mrs A Burton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle was in attendance for part of the meeting

1. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be rearranged and that item No 16 on the Agenda be taken first.

2. Justices Licence - "Ty Mwyndy" Mwyndy, Pontyclun

The Council noted the application.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 June, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 June, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Premises for Handyman

The Council noted that the Borough Council regretted that the Community Council's planning application to use the former Mission Hall off Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, as a base/workshop and store would not be determined within the statutory eight week period.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council agree to an extension of the period for the determination of the application.

(ii) That the Clerk request that the application be determined at a full planning committee of the Borough Council in order to afford those members of the Borough Council representing the Pontyclun Ward an opportunity to support the application.

(b) Footpath No 300 - Groesfaen

The Council noted that the Borough Council had published the diversion order for the public right of way, Footpath No 300, in Groesfaen.

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5. Blasting at Hendy Quarry(a) Monitoring Report of the Polytechnic of Wales

The Council discussed the report produced by the Polytechnic of Wales on the effects of blasting at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin. Tribute was paid to the considerable effort and hard work of Miss Jane Iwanicki in researching and compiling the report under difficult circumstances. The Council believed that the contents of the report should be widely available.

RESOLVED: (i) That a copy of the report be placed in the Pontyclun public library.

(ii) That as the report had implications for both the Environmental Health Department and the Planning Department of the Borough Council a copy of the report be sent to the Chief Executive and Clerk.

(b) Footpath No 309

The Council considered a letter from the manager of the Hendy Quarry, dated 3 June, 1988, in which he stated that he was fully aware of the quarry's responsibilities towards the public. He claimed that the stones which had been found on the footpath adjacent to the quarry, Footpath No 309, had "been collected and placed on top of the ground.....
....by misguided maliciousness on behalf of persons unknown". The Council was unhappy about the quarry manager's letter especially in view of the report that damage from flying stones, following blasting at the quarry, had been caused to a greenhouse on the opposite side of the A4119.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write the Health and Safety Executive with a view to arranging a meeting with Mr Crabbe, the Inspector of Quarries.

6. Urban Programme - Capital and Revenue Projects starting in 1989/90

The Council considered Welsh Office Circular No 22/88 dealing with the Urban Programme for 1989/90.

RESOLVED: (i) That detailed consideration of the Circular be referred to the meeting of the Finance Committee on Wednesday, 20 July, 1988.

(ii) That, in view of the deadline of 9 September, 1988, for the receipt of applications by the Welsh Office the Finance Committee be given authority to initiate an application on behalf of the Council under the Urban Programme.

7. Appointment of Handyman

The Clerk reported that he had received written references on behalf of four of the six short listed applicants for the post of Handyman. He sought the Council's guidance on whether to send further reminders to the applicants for whom he had not received references.

- RESOLVED: (i) That further reminder letters be sent to those short listed applicants for whom references had not been received.
- (ii) That interviews for the post of Handyman be held at the Council's Special Meeting of 11 July, 1988.

8. Proposals to improve parking facilities on the Hendy Estate

The Council considered the letter of the County Engineer and Surveyor, dated 1 June, 1988, and was pleased to note that the County Council did not have any objection in principle to the Community Council's proposals to create additional parking facilities on the Hendy Estate.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange to provide the County Council with full details of the Community Council's proposals.

9. Proposed erection of Noticeboard in Pontyclun Library

The Council discussed a letter, dated 10 June, 1988, from the County Librarian in response to the Community Council's earlier request to erect a Community Council Noticeboard in the foyer of the library. The Council were of the view that it was important to communicate with the public passing the library in addition to those members of the public who used the library.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council retain the noticeboard outside the library in Heol-y-Felin.
- (ii) That instead of having a noticeboard in the library foyer, the Clerk contact the librarian about the possibility of creating a Community Council file, or dossier, in the library.

10. Siting of additional litter bins in the Community

The Council discussed the letter of the County Engineer and Surveyor dated 6 June, 1988, in which permission was given for the siting of four further litter bins in the Community.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk order four further litter bins of the type previously ordered.
- (ii) That the Clerk consult the Borough Council about the plans to site the additional litter bins and to make arrangements for the regular collection of litter.

11. Ivor Park - Letter from the Pontyclun Football Club

The Council considered the request from the Pontyclun Football Club to provide assistance in completing an extension to thier changing rooms and to carry out various maintenance works at the Ivor Park.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Pontyclun Football Club advising him that although the Council was sympathetic to the request of the Football Club it would not be in a position to offer the assistance sought.

12. M.4 Motorway - Footpath No 323

The Council noted that the Welsh Water Authority would have an interest in the Community Council's plan to divert the route of Footpath No 323 through the culvert only when a Land Drainage Consent became necessary. Until that time, negotiations would need to take place with the landowners on either side of the culvert.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the landowners on either side of the culvert with a view to seeking their agreement for a diversion of Footpath No 323 across their land to a point at the entrance of the culvert.

(ii) That the Clerk, together with the Chairlady of the Council, meet Dr Wynne Davies, the landowner to the north of the culvert, to discuss the Council's proposals and to offer reassurances on other matters connected with footpaths on Dr Davies' land.

13. Proposed diversion of Footpaths Nos 308 and 311

The Council noted the proposals of the Consulting Engineers, acting on behalf of the late Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, for the diversion of Footpaths Nos 308 and 311. The Council had no adverse comments to make on the proposals.

14. Pontyclun Community Centre - Public Address System

The Clerk referred to the removal of part of the public address system at the Pontyclun Community Centre and the enquiries he had made with the Borough Council about a possible claim on the building's contents insurance policy. Contents insurance was arranged by the management committees of the community centres in Taff Ely. The Clerk told the Council that he had contacted the Secretary of the management committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre. The Secretary had promised to make further enquiries and report back to the Clerk.

The matter was noted.

15. Proposed development at Talygarn Rugby Field

It was noted that the proposed development of Talygarn Rugby Field would be raised by the National Union of Mineworkers at the next meeting of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre Management Committee.

16. Entry into the County Council's Superannuation Fund

The Clerk reported that 28 days' notice had been given of the Community Council's intention to become an employing authority within the Mid Glamorgan County Council's Superannuation Fund.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B1(5) and Schedule 2, part iv of the Local Government Superannuation Regulations, 1986, the Clerk and Handyman of the Pontyclun Community Council be specified as pensionable employees.

17. Audit of Accounts - 1987/88

The Clerk reported that the audit of the Community Council's accounts for 1987/88 would be undertaken by the District Auditor on Monday, 1 August, 1988, and that notice of the audit, in the prescribed form, had been given.

The matter was noted.

18. Planning(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 21+22, 23+24, and 25

RESOLVED: That the planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications Nos 21+22, 23+24, and 25 be noted.

(b) Planning Inquiry

The Council noted that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State for Wales against the decision of the Taff Ely Borough Council to refuse planning permission for the use of the Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen, for the storage of used cars, disposal of spare parts and disposal for scrap. It was also noted that the appellant was also appealing against the decision of the Borough Council to issue an Enforcement Notice.

19. Reports from Members(a) Miskin residents - Appeals against valuation assessments

Councillor Norman reported that he had been involved as an observer, on behalf of the Borough Council, in the campaign by Miskin residents to secure a reduction in the valuation assessment of their properties as a result of the nuisance caused by blasting from Hendy Quarry. It was likely that further

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appeals against valuation assessments would take place when a disused quarry in Miskin was used for refuse disposal.

The report was noted.

(b) Groesfaen Community Hall

Councillor Norman reported that an assessment of the costs involved in refurbishing the Groesfaen Community Hall would shortly take place by the Borough Council. In parallel with the survey, an exercise was taking place in Groesfaen to determine the likely level of public support for the village hall.

The report was noted.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

Councillor Mrs Evans reported that the Annual General Meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils had been scheduled to take place on 21 June, 1988,. However, due to poor attendance it had been decided to postpone the Annual General Meeting to the date of the Area Committee's next meeting in September.

The report was noted.

(d) Plot of land at The Drive, Miskin

Councillor James reported that he, together with Councillor Norman, had attended a recent site meeting at The Drive, Miskin, over the Borough Council's plans to sell off the land for building development. The Community Council had previously asked for the land to be made available for the Community Council to provide a playarea in Miskin. The decision of the site meeting had been to oppose the selling-off of the site for building development. However, at planning committee, the recommendation of the site meeting had been ignored and permission for building development was granted.

The report was noted.

(e) Community Programme - NACRO

Councillor James reported that the content of the government's Community Programme would shortly be altered. In future government sponsored employment programmes there was to be a greater emphasis on training. The effects of the changes on NACRO and of the operation of the Community Programme Scheme in the Community were presently being considered.

RESOLVED: That representatives from NACRO be

invited to the September meeting of the Community Council to appraise the Council of the changes.

(f) Land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

Councillor James reported that there was a possibility that the developers of "The Hollies", Brynsadler, would offer to the Community Council, a plot of land at the rear of the Ivor Arms for the purpose of a children's playarea.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda of the Council's September meeting.

(g) Local Government Act, 1988 - Competition

Councillor Kennard alerted the Council to the impending changes arising out of the passing of the Local Government Act, 1988. The Act was designed to secure greater competition in the provision of local services. Services affected by the legislation included the cleaning of schools and public buildings, the provision of school meals and the maintenance of playing fields. Strenuous efforts were being made to keep the services "in house" by making the existing providers of the services leaner and more efficient. If "in house" tenders were unsuccessful there would be a likelihood of a loss of jobs within the Community.

The report was noted.

(h) Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Phillips, reported on her attendance at a recent meeting of Age Concern and was pleased to be able to inform the Council of the likelihood of the opening of local premises of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The report was noted.

20. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 18 to the Agenda.

21. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Ivor Woods - Use of by motorcyclists

Councillor Norman spoke of his concern over the use of Ivor Woods on Sunday afternoons by young motorcyclists. He pointed out that damage was being caused to footpaths, and at a time when the Council

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was encouraging greater use of the Woods by the public it was disconcerting to find that the public were being placed in potential danger.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Community policeman.

(b) Condition of pavements in Pontyclun

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Phillips, drew attention to the poor condition of the pavement in Pontyclun from St David's Court to the Windsor Arms.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again take the matter up with the County Council.

(c) Labour Party Posters - Community Council Noticeboards

The Clerk reported that he had been asked by the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party if he could arrange for the display, in Community Council Noticeboards, of posters advertising a meeting convened by the Pontyclun Labour Party. The Clerk had advised that in accordance with Community Council policy, only matters of a non-partisan nature were displayed in Community Council Noticeboards. As a result, the Clerk was unable to comply with the request.

The matter was noted.

(d) Closure of business premises in Pontyclun

Councillor Norman drew attention to the increasing number of business premises in Pontyclun which were closing. He asked members to give thought to any action the Council could take to arrest the closures.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Agenda of the Council's September meeting.

22. The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

GP. Phillips
7/9/88