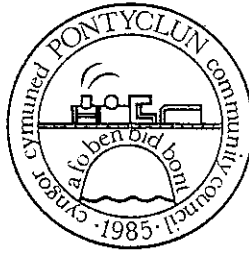


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 6 June, 1990.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr. R C Kennard and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

2. Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 2 May, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 2 May, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Department of Social Security -  
 Advice on National Insurance liability

The Clerk reported that he had obtained clarification on the Department of Social Security letter considered by the Council at its last meeting. The advice received indicated that any potential National Insurance liability lay with the subscriber. Where a community council was the subscriber there was no liability for National Insurance contributions.

(b) Seminar on Children's Play in Wales -  
 Report by the Chairlady

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, gave a full report on her attendance at the seminar. She spoke of the importance of play for young children and of the initiatives being taken by voluntary groups in promoting play. Speakers at the seminar were keen to highlight the difference between play and sport. The Chairlady advised the Council of the free advice service which was available and the back-up service for organisations promoting children's play. Mrs Burton tabled brochures and leaflets for the Council's information.

The report was noted.

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- (c) Bailey bridge across the river Ely - Footpath No 346

The Council discussed the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 31 May, 1990. Surprise was expressed that, in view of the Community Council's statutory role in footpath matters, the County Engineer and Surveyor should state that "...It has not been, up to the present time, the usual practice of the County Clerk and Coordinator to notify a community council of the closure of any public rights of way within its area". The Community Council was pleased to note that in future affected community councils would be notified by the County Council.

The Council was informed that repair works to the bridge had been completed and it appeared that the footpath was safe for use by residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Engineer and Surveyor for reassurance that the bridge was safe for pedestrian use.

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) Litter bins in the Community

Councillor Norman spoke of his concern about the delay in emptying litter bins in the Community over a Bank Holiday. It appeared that the regular day for refuse collection was a Monday but as the refuse collectors did not re-commence work until a Wednesday following a Bank Holiday the litter bins were not emptied until the following Monday. Effectively a fortnight had elapsed since the previous collection. During the fortnight most litter bins were overflowing and gave a very poor impression of the Community.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council's Technical Officer to find out what alternative collection arrangements could be made over a Bank Holiday.

(ii) That when the Council site further litter bins in the Community, a site outside the post office in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler be earmarked as suitable.

- (b) Maesyfelin Playingfields

Councillor Norman commented that he was disappointed that the Pontyclun Cricket Club had disbanded since the club provided an useful source of recreation for Community residents. As a result of the club

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disbanding the cricket square on the Maesyfelin playingfields had become overgrown and the former cricket pavillion had fallen into disrepair. The situation was complicated by the fact that the playing fields were owned by the County Council and leased to the respective sports clubs. The cricket pavillion, it was understood, was in the ownership of the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club. The pavillion, in its dilapidated state, posed a threat to the safety of young children playing in the area.

It was understood, too, that concern was being expressed about the long term prospects for the rugby and cricket sections on the playingfields, especially as the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club's floodlighting was in urgent need of renewal and both cricket and rugby sections required regular grasscutting in the summer months.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the secretary of the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club with a view to arranging a meeting between a delegation from the Community Council, comprising Councillors Bowen, James and Norman, to discuss the dilapidated state of the cricket pavillion.

(ii) That, following the meeting with representatives of the Institute and Athletic Club, a meeting be arranged with the sporting organisations using the rugby and cricket sections of the playingfields.

(iii) That enquiries be made of the County Council about the possibility of that Council cutting the grass on the playingfields during the summer months.

(c) Pollution of the rivers Clun and Ely

Councillor T J Burton again raised the matter of the polluted state of the rivers Clun and Ely. It was pointed out that despite assurances that when the Coslech sewerage works was fully operational an improvement in water quality would take place, little or no improvement had been noted. There was a feeling that sewage problems may even have become worse. The problems being experienced at the Hendy sewage plant was cited as an example. While Members accepted that the water quality of the Clun and Ely rivers would beinfluenced, largely, by the discharges from industry and small sewerage plants, a responsibility

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lay with the community council to make every effort to improve the water quality of both rivers.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council and the National Rivers Authority, enclosing a copy of Dr Maureen Bowen's report on pollution in the river Ely, and asking what progress had been made towards improving the quality of the water in the rivers Clun and Ely since the opening of the Coslech sewerage works.

(d) Procedure for making Tree Preservation Orders

The clerk explained that the matter had initially been raised by Councillor Kennard who was aware of several mature trees in the Community which made a significant contribution to the landscape. Councillor Kennard believed that the trees should be identified to prevent their removal in the event of development.

RESOLVED: That in the first instance the Clerk obtain a comprehensive list of all trees in the Community which already had Tree Preservation orders placed upon them.

5. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 23 May, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 23 May, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

Insurance of Community Council tools

The Clerk reported that he had sought clarification from Municipal Mutual Insurance Co, the Council's insurers, on certain aspects of cover for Community Council tools. He had established that they were covered anywhere in the United Kingdom and that the cover was not on a "new for old basis"

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for the tools covered on a "new for old" basis.

7. Adoption of recommendations of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

8. Unauthorised storage of tyres at the site of the Llanharry Iron Ore Mine, Llanharry

The Council had previously expressed its concern to the Borough Council about the potential pollution threat to the Community of Pontyclun arising out of the unauthorised storage of tyres at the site of the former iron ore works in Llanharry.

The Council noted that despite all efforts by the Borough Council

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to persuade the developer to apply for planning permission for development, no application had been made. The Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer had advised the developer's agent that if an application was not forthcoming in 14 days enforcement action would be commenced.

The matter was noted.

9. Potential development of land adjacent to the L'Oreal plant in Talbot Green

The Council considered an invitation from Wyn Thomas and Partners, Architects, acting on behalf of L'Oreal, for members of the Council to meet the managing director on 13 June, 1990, to discuss development proposals at the site. The Clerk pointed out that although the land in question fell outside the Community of Pontyclun's boundaries, it was felt that as a significant number of potential employees would be drawn from adjacent community council areas, the company's proposals should be explained in detail to the representatives of those communities.

RESOLVED: That the invitation be accepted and that Councillors Professor Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Chairlady, Mr T J Burton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips be nominated to represent the Council.

10. Storm damaged premises in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The structural damage caused to premises by the storms of January and February was discussed by the Council. It was known that certain premises in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun had suffered considerable damage and there was a possibility of debris falling from those premises. Councillor James reported that the Borough Council was aware of the situation and it was likely that they would become involved in the next few days.

The matter was noted.

11. Pontypridd Community Theatre Project

The Council considered the letter from the Joint Secretary of the Pontypridd Community Theatre Project requesting the support of the Community Council in producing a celebratory play in July, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to become involved in the project.

12. Royal National Institute for the Blind

The Council considered a request by the Royal National Institute for the Blind for the names and addresses of the users of the Pontyclun Community Centre who might be in a position to contribute a little of their time for the benefit of the visually handicapped.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to the Royal National Institute for the Blind that, as the Community Council is not responsible for the hiring of the Centre, it is not in a position to supply the information sought. The Institute be further advised that the Borough Council would have a comprehensive list of Centre users.

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13. Licencing

- (a) Application for transfer liquor licence - Miskin Manor

The Council noted the application for the transfer of the liquor licence at Miskin Manor.

- (b) Application for a transfer of a Club Licence, "Fredericks", Miskin Manor

The Council noted the application for the transfer of the Club Licence at "Fredericks", Miskin Manor.

14. Planning

- (a) Weekly Notifications Nos 18,19, 20 and 21

The Council discussed the planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 18,19,20 and 21

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

Application No. 56/0399/90

That before the Council could adequately discuss the matter it would be necessary to receive further details of the conditions to be removed.

Application No. 56/0399/90

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

- (i) it is outside the Local Plan
- (ii) the site is well known to contain buried toxic pcb's
- (iii) access to the site is inadequate.

- (b) Public Inquiry - 28 June, 1990

The Council considered notification of a Planning Inquiry due to be held on 28 June, 1990, to determine an appeal against the decision of the Taff Ely Borough Council not to grant planning permission for development of land adjacent to the Crown Brewery, Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: (i) That as the views of the Council had been conveyed to the Borough Council at an earlier date, those views be also conveyed to the inspector conducting the appeal

- (ii) That Councillor Norman be authorised to represent the Council at the Inquiry.

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- (c) Application for planning permission - Pontyclun Community Council to erect bus shelter at Heol Miskin - Request for extension of period

The Council considered the request of the Borough Council for an extension of the period of time for the determination of the Community Council's application to carry out works at the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be granted.

15. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 16 to the Agenda.

16. Reports from Members

- (a) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Esat Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported on her attendance the previous evening at the Annual General Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting of the Area Committee of the Association of Community and Town Councils

The reports were noted.

- (b) Traffic survey - Proposed developments at Ynysplwm and Talbot Green

Councillor Professor Bowen referred to the plans to build a new hospital at Ynysplwm and the application by Barratts to build houses on the golf course at Talbot Green. Councillor Bowen expressed concern that a traffic survey had taken place and that Barratts had made a contribution towards the cost of that survey. He felt that as Barratts was a commercial organisation it would seem reasonable that they would be expecting a return on their investment. Councillor Bowen felt that as Barratts already had a vested interest in developing the golf course it would have been preferable if the survey had been carried out independently.

The report was noted.

- (c) Sewage problems on the Hendy Estate

Councillor Norman reported that problems at the sewage plant on the Hendy Estate had caused large quantities of sewage to escape. He had made a number of representations to the Borough Council and it was likely that remedial works would be carried out shortly.

The report was noted.

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(d) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that he had been informed of the plans to hold the next meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee on 19 June, 1990. He had been provided with a draft agenda but there were other items which also wanted discussed at the meeting.

The report was noted.

(e) Age Concern

Councillor Norman reported on his attendance at the last meeting of Age Concern. The meeting had been told about the availability of lower insurance premiums in certain cases. Councillor Norman was firmly of the view that that the Llantrisant branch of Age Concern was well advanced in its objectives and compared very favourably with other branches of Age concern.

The report was noted.

(f) Taff Ely Borough Council - Widdecombe Report

Councillor James reported that the Annual Meeting of the Taff Ely Borough Council had taken place the previous evening. Councillor James was pleased to be able to report that the Borough Council had implemented one of the recommendations of the Widdecombe Report on the allocation of membership of committees. With immediate effect, political party membership on committees would reflect the political membership of the Borough Council.

The report was noted.

(g) Draughtproofing of homes

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips reported on a scheme which would shortly be introduced into the Community whereby residents in need would be able to get their homes draught-proofed at a maximum cost of £3.00. Councillor Phillips promised to bring further details of the scheme to the Council as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

(h) Work of community councils

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, reported that the Llantrisant Community Council, in response to a petition currently circulating in that community, had prepared a statement setting out the work of the Council. Copies of the statement were being widely circulated by the Community Council.

The report was noted.

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(i) Next edition of "CLUN"

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that a number of articles had been received for inclusion in the next edition of "CLUN". Councillor Bowen suggested that in addition to the articles it would also be worthwhile reviewing the Community Council's list of achievements since the last edition of "CLUN".

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bowen's suggestion be adopted.

(j) Roadworks in Brynsadler

P C Keddle reported that the management at the Crown Brewery, conscious of the roadworks, and the resulting traffic congestion in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, had offered use of the brewery car park to residents of Cowbridge Road in an effort to reduce traffic congestion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk notify the residents of Cowbridge Road of the facility.

17. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Dumping of builders' rubble, Maesyfelin

Councillor Mrs Ivron Evans referred to a wall which had recently been built at Maes-yr-Afon, on the Maesyfelin Estate. In front of the wall, large quantities of builders' rubble had been deposited. It was hoped by residents that the rubble would be covered over.

RESOLVED: That a watching brief be kept and that in the event of the rubble not being covered over the matter be taken up with the Borough Council.

(b) Access to river Ely and Maesyfelin Bridge, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Evans reported that a further house was in the course of construction on the Maesyfelin Estate. While the precise boundaries of the new property were unclear, concern was expressed that access to the Maesyfelin Bridge and the river Ely would be blocked.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Borough Council to establish whether there would be sufficient room for vehicular access to the river Ely and the Maesyfelin Bridge.

(c) Footpath No 333

Councillor Mrs Evans referred to a complaint she had received about Footpath No 333. The complainant had pointed out that the Footpath had been diverted from

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its usual route alongside the M4 motorway fence and now followed a more difficult route some distance away. The Clerk responded that the "diversion" had been correctly carried out and the footpath now followed its proper, if considerably more difficult, route. From time to time the Council had cleared the footpath of some of the stones and debris which littered it.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Council's handyman to attend to the footpath to remove stones and other minor obstacles.

- (d) Motorbike riding - Windsor Field, Hendy Woods and Ivor Woods

Councillor Professor Bowen again referred to the nuisance caused by motorcyclists riding over the Windsor Field and adjacent Hendy Woods. Several complaints had been received from residents about noise and the danger posed to walkers in both the Hendy Woods and the Ivor Woods.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the police.

- (e) Boundary fence, Pontyclun Fire Station

Councillor Norman reported the damaged fence on the river Clun side of the Pontyclun Fire Station boundary. Councillor Norman asked that if the County Council were not prepared to repair the fence the community council should repair it and render an invoice for the work to the County Council.

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

- (f) Blocked drain near the junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, reported on the blockage of a drain near the junction of Merthyr Street and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Councillors present at the meeting pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

18. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.

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