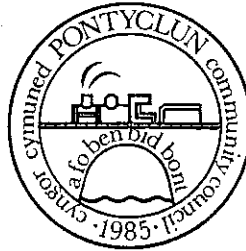


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 6 September, 1989, at 7.30p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillor Mr E Hopkin and the Community Policeman, P C Steve Keddle

1. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that item 8 on the Agenda be taken first.

2. Proposal to build houses on land adjacent to the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

A deputation of residents opposed to the proposals to build houses on land adjacent to the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun, attended the Community Council meeting. The Chairman, Councillor V P James, asked that the deputation nominate a spokesperson to state the deputation's objections to the proposals.

Mrs Liz Price, as spokeslady, stated that the deputation was totally opposed to the plans to develop the land for reasons which she claimed had been communicated to all Members. She said that she understood that the Community Council had commented that it was, in principle, supportive of the development proposals. Mrs Price pointed out that it was not too late for the Council to reverse its views. She requested that if the Council was not prepared to reverse its views, reasons for the refusal should be given.

The Chairman advised Mrs Price that he was postponing discussion on the matter until the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council had been able to explain the development proposals, fully, to a special meeting. Having had the benefit of the Chief Planning Officer's advice the Chairman was confident that the Community Council would be in a better position to discuss the proposals and make any amendments thought necessary.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 July, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 July, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

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4. Matters arising(a) Residential development at Ynysddu Farm, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had discussed, on an informal basis with the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council, the anomalous situation now existing where residents on the new residential development at Ynysddu Farm, Pontyclun, would be looking towards Pontyclun, rather than Llanharan, for their community life and services. Technically, the new development fell within the boundary of the Llanharan Community Council. It was felt that a formal approach by the Pontyclun Community Council to the Llanharan Community Council would be the first step towards regularising the situation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Llanharan Community Council drawing attention to the anomaly and suggesting that a joint approach be made to the Borough Council seeking support for a realignment of the boundaries between the two communities.

(b) Bulb planting programme

The Council learned with interest that in addition to the plans already formulated by the Community Council for the planting of Spring flowering bulbs throughout the Community, the Prince of Wales Committee was also undertaking a similar project throughout the South Wales valleys under the Valleys Initiative.

RESOLVED: (i) That in addition to its own plans to plant Spring flowering bulbs in grass verges, the Council also participate in the Valleys Initiative Bulb Planting Programme.

(ii) That in addition to the sites already earmarked for planting, bulbs be planted:-

- (a) On the village green in Miskin
- (b) At Miskin Crescent
- (c) Near the Pontyclun Fire Station
- (d) At Mwyndy Cross
- (e) Near the Castell-y-Mynach public house
- (f) At the rear of the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

(c) Licencing - 3/5 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that in response to a request from a Member he had established from the Borough Council

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that no planning application for a change of use of premises had been made.

RESOLVED: That the development which had taken place at 3/5 Llantrisant Road be formally notified to the Borough Council with a request that enforcement action be taken.

(d) Blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

Professor Bowen referred to the meeting between representatives of the County Council, Borough Council and quarry management on 15 August, 1989. It had been agreed that a joint liaison committee would be established. It was likely that the committee would comprise representatives of the County Council, Borough Council, Community Council and quarry management.

The matter was noted.

5. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 12 July, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 12 July, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

Late applications for grant

RESOLVED: That all late applications for grant be deferred for consideration to a Special Meeting of the Council.

7. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 16 August, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 16 August, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

8. Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations

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

9. Matters arising

Sundry expenses of Members

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries about the possibility of the Council making a contribution towards the telephone expenses of Members carrying out their official duties. His enquiries had revealed that the subject was something of a "grey" area. The National Association of Local Councils had advised against making any payment, while the District Auditor had advised, informally, that a "reasonable" contribution towards a Members telephone expenses was unlikely to be queried at an annual audit. The Clerk had established

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that both the Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Community Councils made contributions to members telephone costs.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk introduce a system for the payment of a reasonable contribution towards Members' telephone expenses along the lines of the Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre community councils.
- (ii) That the onus for claiming a contribution towards telephone expenses would rest with Members.

10. Applications for the post of Handyman

RESOLVED: That consideration of applications for the post of Handyman be deferred to a special meeting of the Council.

11. Blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Council received, and noted, the covering letter dated 17 July, 1989, and enclosures, from Dr Kim Howells, M.P. The enclosures were illustrative of the correspondence which Dr Howells had received and generated since his election in February, 1989.

The Clerk reported that in addition, he had received a further letter from Dr Howells, dated 5 September, 1989, which contained amendments on stone quarrying policies in the Mid Glamorgan Structure Plan. The letter was read out to the Council.

- RESOLVED: (i) That Dr Howells' letter of 5 September, 1989, be placed on the Agenda of the Council's Special Meeting.
- (ii) That a copy of the letter be displayed in the Pontyclun Library.
- (iii) That the Clerk write to the Mid Glamorgan County Council requesting that the Community Council be notified of any further changes in the Mid Glamorgan Structure Plan.

12. Nomination to the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Council discussed the letter of 17 July, 1989, from the Llantrisant Community Council.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council agree to make a nomination to the Governing Body for 1988/89 and 1990/91 with the Llantrisant Community Council making a nomination for 1989/90 and 1991/92.
- (ii) That the Clerk write to the Llantrisant Community Council expressing disquiet that it had failed to respond to the Pontyclun Community Council's suggestion for the 1988/89 nomination for several months.

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13. Offer to donate land in Miskin to the Community Council

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams of Gadairwen House, Groesfaen, who proposed donating a number of small plots of land in Miskin to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held at 10.30a.m. on 9 September, 1989 to view the land.

14. Sewer at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Council discussed the Borough Council's letter of 18 August, 1989. The Borough Council claimed that the sewer at Castell-y-Mwnws was adequate, yet complaints continued to be received from residents about surcharges of raw sewerage and stench from drains.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk continue to press the Borough Council for improvements in the sewer at Castell-y-Mwnws.

15. Re-cycling of discarded drink cans

Councillor Mrs Burton spoke of her deep concern at the large number of discarded drink cans littering the Community. It was felt that there were sufficient discarded cans to investigate the possibility of re-cycling.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk make enquiries about the possibility of re-cycling discarded drink cans.
  - (ii) That as an environmentally conscious body, the Community Council accept in principle the policy of re-cycling of discarded materials such as glass, paper and cans.

16. Heavy vehicles using Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Burton raised the problem of heavy vehicles using Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. A large number of these vehicles were lorries whose loads were not "sheeted down" with the result that when they negotiated the junction of Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, quantities of materials were shed over the road and pavement. It was felt by the Council that these incidents were likely to lead to pedestrians being injured. There was also the problem of shed materials blocking drains.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk report the incidents to the police.
  - (ii) That the Clerk contact the County Council with a view to getting a weight restriction placed on vehicles using Clun Avenue.

17. Cardiff Valleys Rail Development Strategy

The Council received and noted with interest a schedule from the County Council setting out the views of other local authorities and outside bodies on the Cardiff Valleys Rail Development Strategy. Of particular interest was the bid for

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assistance made to the Welsh Office by the County Council which could result in a new railway station in Pontyclun.

18. Footpaths - Agency Agreement

Following the termination of the agency arrangement which applied in Taff Ely for highway maintenance, including routine maintenance of public rights of way, the County Council enquired whether the Community Council would wish to enter into a formal arrangement, to commence from 1 October, 1989, in accordance with the financial basis referred to in an appendix to the County Clerk and Coordinator's letter of 21 August, 1989.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council enter into an arrangement as outlined by the County Clerk and Coordinator and that the Clerk take the necessary action.

19. Rural Transport Innovation Grant

The Council received details from the Welsh Office of Rural Transport Innovation Grant.

RESOLVED: That the information be passed to Pontyclun Community Wheels.

20. Welsh Branch of the Association of Councillors

The Council received details of the next meeting of the Association of Councillors due to be held in Flint on 30 September, 1989.

RESOLVED: That the Council not be represented at the meeting.

21. MEGA week in Taff Ely

The Council received details of the Mid Glamorgan Energy Unit "MEGA" week in Taff Ely from 11 September to 16 September, 1989.

The information was noted.

22. Justices Licence - The Old Post, Groesfaen

The Council received details of the application for a Justices Licence for The Old Post, Groesfaen. It was not clear where the premises were located in Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the matter be deferred until the location of the premises was established.

23. Planning

(a) Notification of Appeal

The Council learned with concern that the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority had appealed against the decision of the Taff Ely Borough Council to refuse planning permission for residential development on the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre playing fields. A Public Inquiry was due to be held at "Danygraig" Llantrisant, on 2 and 3 November, 1989.

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- RESOLVED: (i) That the Welsh Office be notified of the Community Council's opposition to the plans to develop at Talygarn
- (ii) That the Council be represented at the Public Inquiry by Councillors Kennard and Norman.
- (iii) That copies of the Council's objections to the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority's development plans be sent to both the Taff Ely Borough Council and the General Secretary of the South Wales Branch of the National Union of Mineworkers.
- (iv) That Councillor I D Bowen acquaint County Councillor Eddie Thomas with the problem to elicit support for the Community Council's stance.

(b) Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 26+27; 28,29 and 30; 31; 32; 33 and 34

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 26+27, 28,29 and 30; 31; 32; 33and 34.

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

Application No 56/0648/89

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

- (i) the site is designated for industrial use in the Llantrisant Local Plan
- (ii) the site would be difficult to access
- (iii) due to the close proximity of industrial premises and processes the site is unsuitable for residential development

Application No 56/0709/89

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

- (i) further commercial development at the site would lead to additional congestion on the single track lane approach
- (ii) the safety of pedestrians using the single track lane would be compromised
- (iii) the proposal would lead to an intrusion into the countryside

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- (iv) proposals to further develop Talygarn Drive have already been refused by the Borough Council.

Application No 56/0726/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that in certain circumstances when calcium sulphate is buried a very poisonous gas is produced which can endanger lives. This point is particularly relevant bearing in mind the close proximity of the river Clun, Y Pant Comprehensive School and several large nearby commercial premises.

Application No 56/0731/89

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

- (i) there would be difficulty in accessing the site
- (ii) vehicles emerging from the site on to the B 4264 would constitute a traffic hazard
- (iii) the proposal would lead to an intrusion into the countryside

Application No 56/0771/89

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

- (i) there is inadequate access to the site
- (ii) the proposal would lead to a serious loss of privacy for many residents in the vicinity.

24. Payment of creditors

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

25. Reports from Members

(a) Trees near the war memorial in Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips reported that the trees on the green near the war memorial in Pontyclun were becoming seriously overgrown and several branches were touching the ground.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council with a view to getting the trees pruned.

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(b) New Bosch factory in Miskin

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a representative of the Pendoylan Community Council who was concerned about the much larger development at the Bosch factory site than had originally been planned. It was believed that the development would now incorporate two chimney stacks and there was a fear that lead batteries would be manufactured on site. An action group had been formed in Pendoylan and assurances had been received that lead batteries would not be manufactured on the site. The action group in Pendoylan intended monitoring developments closely. The Chairman had pledged the support of the Pontyclun Community Council to Pendoylan Community Council.

The report was noted.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported on her attendance at the previous night's meeting of the Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The main feature of the meeting was an interesting presentation by Mr Webb of CADW on the work of that body. Mrs Evans also reported that, regrettably, the Area Committee's Secretary, Mr Alan Rosser, had been forced into tendering his resignation through pressure of work. A Area Committee was now in the process of seeking a successor to Mr Rosser.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Evans' report be noted and that the Clerk write a letter to Mr Rosser thanking him for his excellent service to the Area Committee over the previous five years.

(d) Annual Pontyclun Flower Show

Councillor Norman reported that the Annual Pontyclun Flower Show had been highly successful again in 1989. Despite the late withdrawal of Mr A Symes, one of the judges, a substitute judge had been found at short notice.

(e) Pontyclun Fete

Councillor Norman reported that on the same day as the Annual Flower Show a village fete had been held in Pontyclun. He understood that the fete had been very well received by residents and had been an outstanding success.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's congratulations be passed on to the fete's organisers.

(f) Proposed industrial development - Tylagarw

Councillor Norman reported that despite strong protests

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from local residents, planning permission had been given by the Taff Ely Borough Council for industrial development at Tylagarw.

The report was noted.

(g) Annual Taff Ely Horticultural Show

Councillor Norman reported that the Annual Taff Ely Horticultural Show had been held in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre at the end of August. It had been another successful show and the event was gaining in strength each year.

The report was noted.

(h) Footpath crossing the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to recently erected signs at the railway end of the footpath crossing the Windsor Field, Pontyclun. The signs implied that the track over which the footpath crossed was in the ownership of British Rail. It was feared that vehicle drivers accessing the public car park nearby, and who were obliged to use part of the track, would not, in the event of an accident, be covered by insurance.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council and with British Rail.

(i) Proposal to improve access road to industrial premises at Mwyndy

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that arising out of concern about the narrow access road to industrial premises at Mwyndy, a joint meeting of road users and County Council representatives was due to take place on 7 September, 1989. It was likely that a proposal to share road widening costs would be made.

The report was noted.

26. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Starting times of Community Council meetings

Councillor Kennard requested that the Council consider the possibility of bringing forward the starting times of Community Council meetings from 7.30p.m. to 7.00p.m.

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

(b) Motorcycling in the woods adjacent to the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had received a number of complaints about the practice of motor cyclists in

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using the woods adjacent to the Windsor Field as a sraambling area There was a clear danger to walkers in the woods in addition to a noise nuisance to residents to residents in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the matter be again reported to the police.

- (c) Ceremony to mark the commencement of work on the Talbot Green By Pass

The Clerk reported that he, together with the Chairman, had been invited to attend a ceremony to mark the commencement of work on the Talbot Green By Pass on 13 September, 1989.

The matter was noted.

27. The meeting ended at 10.50p.m.

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