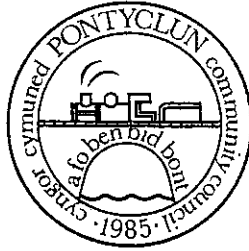


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 7 February, 1990.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Phil Blanche of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton and Mr E Hopkin

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 January, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Meeting of 3 January, 1990, be approved as an accurate record subject to the substitution of the words "shared with" by the words "forwarded to" in minute 3(a)

3. Matters arising

(a) Precept arrangements under Community Charge legislation

RESOLVED: That the details provided by the Borough Treasurer about the payment of community councils' precepts be noted.

(b) Appointment of Handyman

RESOLVED: That the revised date of the new handyman's commencement of employment be noted.

(c) Installation of footpath lighting across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that tenders had been invited from four contractors for the installation of footpath lighting across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun. The contractors were:-

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- (i) B E I Roadway Lighting, Bridgend
- (ii) Taff Ely Direct Labour Organisation
- (iii) Mid Glamorgan Civil Engineering
- (iv) South Wales Electricity

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to open the tenders, and award the contract, before the date of the next Council meeting.

(d) Erection of bus shelter, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that despite having obtained the Borough Council's approval to carry out works at the site of the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, he was disappointed to find that the Borough Council believed that it was necessary to obtain planning permission for the development. This advice was contrary to the advice offered by the Borough Council when the Community Council undertook the construction of bus shelters in Brynsadler and Castell-y-Mwnws.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make a formal application for planning permission as required by the Borough Council.

(e) Community Charge rebates

Councillor Norman reported that, following further enquiries with the Borough Council, he was pleased to be able to report that Community Charge rebate forms were now available from the Borough Treasurer at "Danygraig", Llantrisant.

(f) Subsidence - Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Professor I D Bowen informed the Council that no remedial work had been carried out to the pavement in Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun, where subsidence had caused several paving stones to become uneven. Councillor Bowen was aware that an elderly lady had recently stumbled on the uneven paving stones and had suffered injury. He had advised the lady to pursue the matter with the County Council.

4. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 24 January, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 24 January, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

6. Adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendations

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee's recommendations be adopted.

7. Disposal of p.c.b.s in the Community

The Council discussed the information provided by the Chief

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Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council. While the Council was partially reassured to find that regular monitoring of water took place at the Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen, where it was known that p.c.b.s had been dumped in previous years, it was unclear what the results of the monitoring had revealed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Chief Environmental Health Officer to ask for the results of the monitoring exercises.

8. Access lane to the car park and Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Council noted that the Borough Council intended re-surfacing the access lane and regularising the matter of public access with British Rail.

9. Contribution by the Council to Members' telephone accounts

The Clerk referred to minute 9 of the Council's meeting of 6 September, 1989. He reported that the practice of the Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Community Councils was to make a contribution to members' telephone accounts. The contribution was equal to the system annual rental, plus VAT, on a May to April basis.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council contribute towards Members' telephone accounts, upon the receipt of an appropriate claim form; the contribution to equate to the annual system rental plus VAT.

(ii) That the effective date of the Council's decision be 6 September, 1990.

10. Signing of Rights of Way

The Council discussed the County Council's letter of 8 January, 1990, which gave further details of the programme to erect signs in advance of the County Council's scheme.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council participate in the programme to erect signs indicating rights of way terminating on County Council roads.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the Community Council's handyman to carry out a survey to establish the number of signs required throughout the Community.

(iii) That when the number of signs had been established, the Clerk ask the County Council to supply either bilingual signs, or signs illustrating a walker.

11. Obligations of shop proprietors wishing to sell take-away food from their premises

The Council noted the letter of 9 January, 1990, from the Borough Council's Chief Planning and Industrial Development Officer which

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clarified that no licence was required for the sale of take-away food, albeit that planning permission may be required where hot take-away food became the predominant use of the premises.

12. Waterlogging in Miskin

The Council noted the response of the National Rivers Authority about waterlogging problems in Miskin. It was further noted that the relevant Drainage Body for the watercourse in question was the Taff Ely Borough Council, and that a copy of the Community Council's letter of 16 December, 1989 had been passed to the Borough Council's Chief Technical Officer.

RESOLVED: That the matter be raised again at the Community Council's meeting on 5 May, 1990.

13. Applications for financial assistance

RESOLVED: That the applications contained in Appendices 12, 13, and 14 be deferred to the Council's next annual grants allocation meeting.

14. Renewal of Gaming Licence - Van's Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

15. Bilingual place names on traffic signs in the Community

The Council noted that as a result of representations made by the Community Council, the names Castell-y-Mwnws and Mwyndy would now be included in a list for Welsh Office approval.

16. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 48+49, 51+52,1,2,+4

The Council discussed the applications for planning permission contained in Weekly Notifications 48+49, 51+52, 1,2 and 4.

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

Application No.s 56/1149+1150/89

That the Council express its disappointment that the County Council had failed to give any observations on highway matters in view of the fact that commercial development at the nearby trout farm would lead to a significant increase in the use of the only access road.

(ii) That when details of application no. 56/0053/90 were received, the Clerk contact Councillor Norman to formulate the Council's observations.

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(b) Public Inquiry - Land at Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen

The Council noted that a public inquiry was to be held in the Council Offices, "Danygraig", Llantrisant, on 23 March, 1990, to hear an appeal against the decision of the Borough Council not to award planning permission for development at Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen.

17. Payment of Creditors

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

18. Reports from Members(a) Resurfacing of backlanes

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that work had started, and was progressing satisfactorily, to resurface selected backlanes in Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(b) Layby, Groesfaen.

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently been told by the Borough Council that the resurfacing of the layby in the centre of the village was a County Council matter. Pressure would continue to be exerted on the County Council to complete the resurfacing as soon as possible.

(c) Children's playarea, Brynamlwg, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that the Borough Council had commenced fencing work at the children's playarea in Brynamlwg, Pontyclun. On completion of the work, the children's playarea would be separated from the adjacent garages.

The report was noted.

(d) Potholes in highway, Talygarn

Councillor Norman reported that he had been successful in getting the County Council to fill in a number of particularly bad potholes in Talygarn.

The report was noted.

(e) Litter in Talygarn

Councillor Norman spoke of his concern at large accumulations of litter in Talygarn. It appeared that much of the litter had been blown from the direction of the nearby M4 motorway.

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

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(f) Planning

Councillor Norman reported that an application to tip at Talygarn had been deferred pending a site meeting by members of the Borough Council. The Community Council members who were also members of the Taff Ely Borough Council would continue to strongly oppose the application. Residents in Talygarn were also violently opposed to the application.

The report was noted.

(g) Herbicides in use by the County Council

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that he had been successful in getting two herbicides, in general use with the Mid Glamorgan County Council, withdrawn. They were MAZARIN and 24D.

The report was noted.

(h) "Wheely bins"

The Chairman, Councillor James, together with Councillor Norman, reported on the latest developments in the provision of "wheely bins". The Borough Council had agreed that where handicapped persons experienced difficulty with their wheely bins they would be able to use black plastic sacks. Similarly, those residents who did not want to wheel their bins through their homes would also be allowed to black sacks. Councillor Norman was hopeful that existing collection arrangements would continue.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write the Chief Technical Services Officer of the Borough Council to obtain an assurance that existing collection arrangements would continue.

(i) Highway improvements at Mwyndy

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that the County Council's plan to improve the highway at Mwyndy would not be available for about two months. He agreed to keep the Community Council abreast of developments.

The report was noted.

19. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Construction of Talbot Green Bypass-
Emergency fire cover for Talbot Green

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from the County Council in response to a letter from the Community Council seeking clarification on

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emergency fire cover arrangements for Talbot Green after the Talbot Green Bypass had been completed. The Community Council was surprised to find that the County Engineer and Surveyor's view was that response time for fire emergencies in Talbot Green would be improved following the completion of the bypass.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Professor Bowen raise the matter at the next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Committee on 8 February, 1990.

(b) C.N.D. Cymru

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the 1990 Annual Conference of C N D Cymru and the opportunity to submit motions for debate.

The report was noted.

(c) Footpath across the bailey bridge over the river Ely, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had received several complaints that an attempt had been made to prevent the public from using the footpath across the bailey bridge over the river Ely. The matter had been reported to the County Council, and while no response had yet been received from the County, it was understood that the offending sign had been removed and that the public were using the footpath unhindered.

The report was noted.

(d) Community Skip

The Clerk raised the possibility of providing a lockable rubbish skip solely for the use of the Council's handyman. Such a provision would avoid the need for the handyman to make repeated journeys to the Borough Council's public tip at Pencoedcae.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make appropriate enquiries with the Borough Council.

(e) Boundary fence of the Pontyclun Fire Station

Councillor Norman reported that the boundary fence of the Pontyclun Fire Station had been severely damaged and that a grave risk existed of someone falling into the river Clun. Bearing in mind the large number of children who daily passed the spot it was important to get remedial work carried out as soon as possible.

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

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(f) Former school premises in School Street, Pontyclun

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that there was a possibility that the former school premises in School Street, Pontyclun, would become available for purchase in the near future. There was agreement that the premises could provide an excellent base for the Community Council's handyman.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about whether the premises were likely to become available.

(g) Kidney Research Unit Foundation -
Sponsored Walk, 4 March, 1990

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips reported that arrangements to hold another sponsored walk in aid of kidney research on 4 March, 1990, were well advanced. Councillor Phillips sought the cooperation of all Members in participating in the Walk and seeking sponsorship. It was hoped that the walkers would be able to follow the same route as in the previous year.

RESOLVED: That the clerk contact the Superintendent of Ploice in Pontypridd to ascertain whether the proposed route would be acceptable to the police.

20. The meeting ended at 9.35p.m.

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