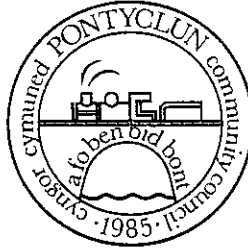


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 7 March, 1990.

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

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, Mr E Hopkin and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1990

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1990, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

- (a) Kidney Resarch Unit Foundation for Wales-
Sponsored Walk of 4 March, 1990

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips gave a report on the sponsored walk held on 4 March, 1990, in aid of kidney research. Over 50 enthusiastic walkers had taken part in the walk and it was confidently predicted that asum in excess of £1,000 would eventually be raised. The Chairman, Councillor V P James, told the Council that he had been unable to take part in the walk, but as an adjunct, had organised a "litter pick" on the morning of 3 March, 1990, involving a number of local residents and children.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council be represented by Councillor Mrs O P Phillips at the ceremony for the presentation of plaques to participating community councils on 12 April, 1990.

- (ii) That the Community Council underwrite the expenses incurred in organising the sponsored walk

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(iii) That a vote of thanks be extended to Councillor Mrs Phillips in recognition of hard work she had freely given in organising the sponsored walk.

(b) Installation of footpath lighting, Windsor Field

The Clerk reported that three tenders had been received for the installation of footpath lighting at the Windsor Field, Pontyclun. The tenders had been opened by the Chairman and the contract had been awarded to the lowest tenderer, that is, BEI Roadway Lighting Ltd, Bridgend.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) Planning application No 56/0053/90

The Clerk provided further details on planning application No 56/0053/90.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the following grounds:-

- (i) That the proposed development is outside the Local Plan.
- (ii) That the development would constitute an intrusion into the countryside.
- (iii) That the proposed access point on to the public highway would be hazardous.

(d) Bus shelter, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that formal application had been made to the Borough Council for planning consent to demolish and build a new bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (i) That the information be noted

- (ii) That the Council rescind its earlier decision and proceed with the erection of the bus shelter opposite the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler, independently of the Heol Miskin bus shelter.

(e) Subsidence in Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had again taken up with the County Council the matter of the subsidence in the pavement at the junction of Llwynfen Road and Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun. Some work had been carried out and it appeared that the immediate dangers had been removed. However, the general condition of the pavement still gave cause for concern.

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RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the Council's agenda for its June meeting.

(f) Footpath No 346 across the River Ely, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that following complaints from residents he had made enquiries with the County Council's Footpaths Officer about the appearance of a sign indicating that the footpath over the bailey bridge across the river Ely was closed. It appeared that the sign had been removed but had subsequently been re-erected. A further sign had also been erected at the Pontyclun end of the bridge. The Footpaths Officer had pointed out that some of the timbers in the bridge had rotted, and that the owners were being requested to carry out repairs as a matter of urgency. The Footpaths Officer believed that the temporary closure of the footpath was connected with repair works on the bridge.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up again with the County Council in an attempt to:-

- (i) clarify the precise route of the footpath across the bridge
- (ii) ascertain how long remedial works to the bridge were likely to take.

(g) Former school, School Street, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the Llandaff Diocesan Church Trust, the owners of the former school in School Street, Pontyclun, about the possibility of the premises becoming available for purchase. He had been referred to Robertsons, solicitors acting for the Trust, who confirmed that they were dealing with matters affecting the premises but that the school was not for sale at that time. The Clerk had asked that the Community Council's interest in the premises be noted by the solicitors and that the Community Council be contacted in the event of the Trust deciding to sell the property.

The report was noted.

(h) Former NACRO base, Ivor Woods, Brynsadler

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Scheme Manager of NACRO, Mr Steve James, about the cabin which had been left in the Ivor Woods. Mr James had confirmed that cabin had not been overlooked and that plans were in hand to donate it to the Boys Village near St Athan.

The report was noted.

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4. Proposal to instal asphalt plant, Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Clerk reported that on 10 February, 1990, he had received a letter from the County Planning Officer notifying the Community Council of a proposal to instal an asphalt plant in the Hendy Quarry, Miskin. The County Planning Officer had asked that any comments on the proposal should be submitted by 2 March, 1990, five days before the next scheduled meeting of the Community Council. Due to the shortage of time, and the pressing need to make observations to the County Council, executive action had been taken to convey comments to the County Council.

Several members were disappointed that the application had been made, bearing in mind the unsatisfactory way in which Miskin residents had been treated over blasting problems at the Quarry. The promised Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee had yet to hold its first meeting despite the nomination of Community Council representatives to the Committee during late 1989.

While members were overwhelmingly against any further development at the Quarry, a view was expressed that it was wrong that the County Council should adjudicate the application since it could be argued that the County Council had a vested interest in the application in that during the course of the construction of the Talbot Green Bypass, large quantities of asphalt would be required. It was felt that the application should be decided by an independent party.

Councillor Professor Bowen advised the Council that a preliminary meeting had been held by the County Council to consider the Community Council's views on the proposed constitution of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee that day. While the final decisions would be taken by the County Council's Planning Committee, there were indications that a number of the Community Council's proposals had been accepted and were likely to be written into the Liaison Committee's constitution.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council approve the comments sent to the County Council on 27 February, 1990.
 - (ii) That the Council await a response to its comments on the constitution of the proposed Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee.
 - (iii) That any further correspondence from the County Council on either the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee or the proposal to instal an asphalt plant at the Quarry be made available to the Miskin Action Committee.

5. Community Environment Programme

Members discussed the Borough Council's letter of 5 February, 1990, inviting the Council to participate in the 1990 Environment Week.

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- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council respond to the Borough Council that as a contribution to Environment Week it had already organised a "litter pick"
- (ii) That in its efforts to improve the environment, the Community Council urge the Borough Council to expedite the installation of a "paper igloo" in the Community, and take steps to speed up the delivery of "wheely bins" to all households.

6. Association of Councillors

The Council considered an invitation to send representatives to next meeting of the Association of Councillors to be held in Cwmbran on 7 April, 1990.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the meeting by the Chairman, Councillor V P James, together with the Clerk and their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

7. Application for financial assistance - Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Tonyrefail, 1991

The Council discussed the letter of 1 February, 1990, from the Executive Committee of Urdd Gobaith Cymru seeking financial assistance towards staging the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol of the Urdd in Tonyrefail in 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £250.00

8. Licensing

- (a) Renewal of Gaming Permit, Brunel Arms, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

- (b) Transfer of Justices' License, Brunel Arms, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

9. Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks 5,6,7,8 and 9

The Council discussed the planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 5,6,7,8 and 9.

Application No 56/0104/90

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council be asked to provide further details about the application. In particular, details of the work to be undertaken on the premises and the hours when work would take place. In the event of the application being placed before the Planning Committee at an early date, authority be given for executive action to be taken on the Council's observations.

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Application No 56/0136/90

RESOLVED: That the observations already provided to the County Council be also provided to the Borough Council.

10. Payment of creditors

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

11. Reports from Members(a) Spring flowering bulbs

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that exercise to brighten up the Community's grass verges with Spring flowering bulbs had been a limited success. While the appearance of daffodils and narcissi had been welcomed, it had been disappointing to find that in some parts of the Community the flowers had been subject to vandalism.

The report was noted.

(b) Access lane to the Mwyndy Estate

Councillor Professor I D Bowen reported that a grant to improve the access lane to the industrial premises on the Mwyndy Estate had been refused. Alternative improvements were now being considered. One of these involved creating a new road junction near the Corner Park Garage.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council to express the view that in any new proposals, School Road, Miskin should be prohibited from use by heavy vehicles.

(c) Age Concern, Llantrisant

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently been appointed Chairman of Age Concern, Llantrisant. An exercise was being conducted by the organisation to identify the elderly at risk in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make further enquiries with the doctors' surgery in Pontyclun to ascertain what assistance could be rendered by the doctors in compiling the at risk list.

(d) Application for planning consent - St Anne's, Talygarn, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that a planning application for development at St Anne's, Talygarn,

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was due to be decided shortly. It appeared that the recommendation to the Planning Committee would be that approval should be granted, although local members were opposed to the application. Furthermore, the County Council did not regard the development as "infill", and local residents regarded the proposed site as part of a bridleway.

The report was noted.

(e) Purolite factory, Talbot Green

Councillor Norman referred to a meeting which had taken place at the Purolite factory in Talbot Green, and an earlier visit he had made following public concern over the emissions from the plant. There was general agreement that the plant was not sited in a satisfactory position. A preliminary assessment of the cost of re-locating the factory had been made and it had been estimated that a sum in the region of £100 million would be required.

The report was noted.

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

Councillor Mrs Ivron Evans reported upon her attendance at the previous night's meeting of the Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The meeting had been addressed by Mr Ballsden, a chief officer in the Highways Department of the Gwent County Council, who gave an extremely informative presentation of the role of County Councils in highways matters. Mr Ballsden also covered the responsibilities of the Welsh Office, and district councils. He touched upon capital and revenue financing and spoke of his deep concern at wide powers to lay cables in highways which were presently being conveyed to the providers of cable television. Mr Ballsden's view was that in addition to the road works carried out by the public utilities, considerable additional traffic disruption would be caused by the increasing demand for cable television.

Mrs Evans also reported that she had been elected as Secretary to the Area Committee following the resignation of the previous secretary, Mr Allan Rosser.

The reports were noted.

(g) Community Charge

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that the Community Charge for the Community of Pontyclun had recently been fixed by the Borough Council. The charge

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for 1990/91, per eligible adult, would be £214.35.

The report was noted.

(h) Application to tip at Talygarn.

The Chairman, Councillor V P James was pleased to be able to report that the application for planning permission to tip at Talygarn, which had been the subject of much vociferous opposition, had been refused by the Borough Council.

The report was noted.

12. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Lay-bys near junction 34 of the M4 motorway

Councillor R C Kennard drew the Council's attention to the problems created by the unusually high number of vehicles using the lay-bys on the A4119 near junction 34 on the M4 motorway. Councillor Kennard pointed out that both lay-bys were probably used to capacity but that there were no facilities for vehicle drivers. The result was that there were often large amounts of litter strewn around, and some drivers had used the lay-bys as toilets. Both lay-bys had become eyesores.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Council, the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council and the police.

(b) Possible vacancy on the Council

The Clerk reported that, following consultation with the Chairman, it appeared that there was a possibility of a vacancy arising on the Council as a result of Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke moving away from the area.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Next edition of "CLUN"

Councillor Bowen proposed that the Council should aim to get its next edition of "CLUN", the Community Council's own magazine, published during early summer.

RESOLVED: (i) That members submit articles for inclusion of the next edition to the Clerk as soon as possible.

(ii) That the matter be placed on the Council's agenda for its April meeting.