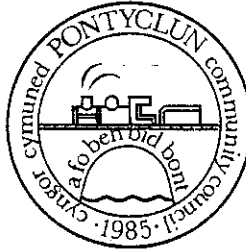


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 November, 1990.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I.D. Bowen, Mrs A Burton (Chairlady), Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans and Mrs O P Phillips

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard Mr R G Norman and Mrs D Richards-Clarke. An apology for absence was also received from P C Steve Kettle

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 October, 1990 be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Donation of plots of land

The Council noted that it had been possible to obtain a reduction in the contribution towards the donor's legal costs of £100.00

(b) Plans to lay a new sewer under the Council owned public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council noted that Welsh Water now intended to lay the new sewer by tunneling below the conveniences and that no demolition would be necessary.

(c) Proposed development at Ynysyplwm

The Council noted the views of the Ely Valley Association on the proposed development at Ynysyplwm. The Council further noted that, as a result of public concern at the haste with which the plans had been given outline approval, a public meeting was to be convened in Talbot Green on 21 November, 1990

4. The Bute Quarry, Miskin

The Council discussed complaints from local residents about the management of the landfill site at the former Bute Quarry, Miskin. There had been reports of rats in the vicinity, insufficient soil cover for refuse, and deposits of mud caused by surface water escaping from the site on the approach roads. It was understood that the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council had already taken action to control vermin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk:-

- (a) Draw the Borough Council's attention to the apparent insufficiency of soil cover for refuse.
- (b) Ask the Borough Council whether it would be possible to install a drain near the entrance of the site to control the amount of surface water escaping during wet weather.
- (c) In the event of a negative reply from the Borough Council, raise the matter of the mud deposits on the highway with the County Council.

5. Footway lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the correspondence which had taken place since its last meeting and reproduced at Appendices 5,6,7,8, and 9 to the Agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for a site meeting with all the affected parties.

6. Consultation Document - Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre

The Council considered the Consultation Document of the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority on the future of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre, Pontyclun. Members were disappointed to find that it was proposed to disperse existing rehabilitation facilities at Talygarn to other health authority premises in the County. While the Council had no objection to the establishment of a nursing college at Talygarn, it was felt that the college could co-exist with the rehabilitation centre on the same site. Concern was expressed too, about the claimed reduced demand for Talygarn facilities. At a time when demand for almost every sector of the health service was increasing it was difficult to believe that demand for Talygarn was in decline. Indeed, Health Authority statistics of usage of Talygarn facilities appeared to be deficient in that some patients' details were not fully recorded.

RESOLVED: That the Council's views be conveyed to the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority.

7. Talygarn - Conservation Area

The Clerk reported that during the month he had received correspondence from a resident in Talygarn asking for the implications of the Borough Council's decision to designate part of Talygarn as a Conservation Area. The resident had also drawn the Council's attention to an overgrown footpath in the area. The Clerk had sought guidance from the Borough Council on the implications of Conservation Area status. The Borough Council's reply was attached

at Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

- RESOLVED: (i) That a copy of the Borough Council's reply be sent to the Talygarn resident.
- (ii) That arrangements be made to cut back the overgrown footpath.

8. Refuse collection arrangements

The Council noted the replies of the Borough Council on refuse collection arrangements at the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, and for the newly installed litter bins in the Community.

9. Re-erection of village nameplate "Pontyclun"

The Council noted the reply of the Mid Glamorgan County Council that the village nameplate "Pontyclun" would be re-erected in Cowbridge Road, "within the next month".

10. Roadworks in Brynsadler

The Council noted the reply of the Mid Glamorgan County Council that the highway in Brynsadler, following completion of all outstanding work by the public utilities, would be thoroughly cleaned and resurfaced in November, 1990.

11. Prince of Wales Committee

(a) Erection of bus shelters

The Council noted that the Prince of Wales Committee were not able to give grant aid to build bus shelters in the Community.

(b) Tree and Shrub Planting Grants

The Council considered the information from the Committee on the availability of grants for planting trees and shrubs in the Community.

- RESOLVED: (i) That application be made for assistance to plant trees and shrubs in the Ivor Woods.
- (ii) That Councillor T J Burton undertake a survey of Groesfaen to establish whether there are any suitable sites to plant trees and shrubs in the Ward.

12. Sewerage plans for the Merthyr Street area

The Council noted the reply of Welsh Water in which it was clarified that after a new trunk sewer, on the opposite side of the

River Ely had been constructed, much of the pressure on the existing sewer in Merthyr Street would be relieved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make further enquiries of Welsh Water to establish the flow of the new sewerage plant proposed for the Hendy estate.

13. Re-surfacing of backlanes, Pontyclun.

The Council expressed its concern that there were still four backlanes in Pontyclun which had not been resurfaced by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillors James and Norman, both members of the Borough Council, be requested to bring pressure on the Borough Council for the urgent re-surfacing of the four outstanding backlanes in Pontyclun.

14. Appeals for financial assistance

The Council considered appeals for financial assistance from the following bodies:-

(a) Canolfan Iaith Genedlaethol Nant Gwrtheyrn

RESOLVED: That the Council award a grant of £25.00

(b) Commonwealth Games Council for Wales

RESOLVED: That the Council defer consideration of the application pending determination of an application for financial assistance to the Borough Council.

(c) John Grooms Association for Disabled People

RESOLVED: That the Council award a grant of £50.00

(d) Llantrisant Folk Club

RESOLVED: That the no grant be made for 1990/91 but that the Club be advised to resubmit an application in June, 1991.

(e) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru - Bro Delyn, 1991

RESOLVED: That the Council award a grant of £50.00

(f) The Spectacle Theatre

RESOLVED: That the Council decline making an award

15. Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, Aberystwyth, 13 October, 1990

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the thirteenth Annual Conference of the Association of Community and Town Councils held in the College of Librarianship at Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth on 13 October, 1990.

The report was noted.

16. Annual Meeting of Taff Ely Dugs Support

The Council considered an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of Taff Ely Drugs Support.

RESOLVED: That Councillors T J Burton and Mrs D Richards-Clarke be nominated to represent the Council and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

17. Planning Applications for Weeks 39,40,41,42 and 43

The Council discussed the applications for planning consent contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 39,40,41,42 and 43.

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

Application No. 56/0762/90

That while the Council was not opposed to the application in principle, reservations were held about the need for yet another petrol filling station in the area.

Application No. 56/0822/90

That the Council was opposed to the felling of mature trees in the Community. However, as the scheme was due to be implemented in conjunction with the Planning Department of the Mid Glamorgan County Council, and a programme of selective replanting was due to take place, the Council waive its objection on this occasion.

(ii) That consideration of applications No.s 56/0847/90 and 56/0866/90 be deferred to the Council's next meeting.

18. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 27 to the Agenda.

19. Reports from Members

(a) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor Phillips reported on her attendance at the last meeting of the Committee but expressed her concern about her continued attendance in view of the shortage of agenda items affecting the Community of Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That note be taken of the lack of items presently being considered which had a direct affect on the Community but that Councillor Phillips be urged to retain her membership of the Committee.

(b) Age Concern

Councillor Phillips reported on her attendance at the last meeting of Age Concern.

The report was noted.

(c) Payment of Poll Tax - Borough of Taff Ely

Councillor I D Bowen gave a report of a recent meeting of the Finance Committee of the Borough Council where the position of those residents in the Borough who had decided not to pay the poll tax was discussed. He reported that there were a number of residents with deeply held convictions that the tax was morally wrong and needed to be opposed.

The report was noted.

(d) Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP

Councillor Bowen reported that Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP, would be giving an address at the Windsor Arms, Pontyclun, on 27 November, 1990, and a welcome to attend was extended to all.

The report was noted.

(e) "Paper Igloos"

Councillor T J Burton reported that he had been unable to attend the demonstration of "paper igloos" recently held by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council requesting that a "paper igloo" be sited adjacent to the bottle bank in Pontyclun.

(f) Cowbridge Road/Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton reported on the confusion caused by the absence of prominent signs indicating where Cowbridge Road ended and Llantrisant Road began. He quoted cases of acute embarrassment arising out of the confusion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council in an attempt to get prominent signs erected for both roads.

(g) Discharge of effluent into the river Ely

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, reported a recent case where walkers using a footpath alongside the river Ely had observed large quantities of effluent being discharged into the river. It was not clear whether the effluent was being discharged legally.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the National Rivers Authority to establish whether the discharge was legal.

20. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Proposed bus shelter, Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had been hoped to form a judgement on the building of the new bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, with the intention of making rapid progress on erecting a new bus shelter in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. However, progress at Heol Miskin had been slow and the Clerk suggested that in order to maintain momentum with the bus shelter programme, the Council invite tenders for the Brynsadler bus shelter as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred and placed on the agenda for the Council's December meeting.

(b) Payment of Attendance Allowances

The Council's practice of not having paid any Attendance Allowances since its inception was raised.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred for detailed consideration to the next meeting of the Finance Committee

(c) Trees adjacent to Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton reported that he had received a

of complaints about trees adjacent to Maelog Close, Pontyclun, becoming overgrown and blocking out the light from a number of properties.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council.

(d) Ynysddu Farm Estate

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, drew the Council's attention to the potential danger faced by children who, daily, needed to cross the river Ely, and the adjacent busy road junction, in order to get to local schools.

RESOLVED: That the Council explore the possibility of erecting a footbridge at the site.

21. The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

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