

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday, 7 September, 1988.

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

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Mr T J Burton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle. Mr Phil James, Manager, NACRO, was present for part of the meeting.

1. Order of business

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

2. Community Programme/Employment Training Scheme

Mr Phil James, the new manager of Cardiff NACRO, addressed the Council. He told the Council that with effect from 5 September, 1988, the former Community Programme, run under the auspices of the Manpower Services Commission, had been wound up. The former Community Programme had been replaced by the Employment Training Scheme. Under the Employment Training Scheme the government intended that greater emphasis would be placed on training for the individual rather than the carrying out of work for community benefit.

Mr James was confident that all the outstanding work for the Pontyclun Community Council could be accommodated within Employment Training because Pontyclun had been treated as a special case until February, 1989.

Mr James reported that as an interim measure it had been necessary to take resources away from the Pontyclun project to ensure that work in Cardiff was completed on schedule. He stated that despite staffing changes, NACRO was fully committed to Pontyclun and that the new "link" person for the Pontyclun project would be Mr Maurice Gifford.

Mr James emphasised the special case of Pontyclun and the concession which had been given to allow outstanding work to be completed by February, 1989. Mr James promised that he would attend a further meeting of the Council where he could outline and discuss post February, 1989, plans.

RESOLVED: That Mr James' report be noted.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

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4. Matters arising(a) Premises for Handyman

The Council noted the letter dated 18 August, 1988, from the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council in which it was reported that it would not be possible to determine the request for planning permission within the statutory eight week period. The Council agreed to an extension of the time limit. Councillor Norman reported that the matter had been discussed by the Borough Council again on 6 September, 1988, and that it had been decided to defer a decision until a site meeting had been held.

(b) Hendy Quarry - Blasting - Report of the Polytechnic

~~The Council noted with concern that the figures and calculations contained in the Polytechnic's report were incorrect.~~ *a letter which had been received suggesting that the calculations contained in the report were incorrect.*

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the author of the report to identify where the alleged errors occur.

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(c) Pontyclun Library - Community Dossier

The Clerk reported that he had made arrangements with Mrs Sue Saunders, the Librarian in Pontyclun Library, for the creation of a Community Dossier where Community Council meeting agendas, minutes, and other items of local interest could be made available to the public.

(d) Pontyclun Community Centre - Public Address System

The Clerk referred to the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1988, and reported that he had obtained confirmation from the secretary of the Community Centre Management Committee that that Committee did not arrange contents insurance for the Centre. The Clerk had informed the secretary that the Borough Council had not arranged contents insurance for the Centre in the belief that the matter was dealt with by the Management Committee. The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the secretary a copy of the Borough Council's letter and had suggested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Management Committee.

The matter was noted.

5. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 11 July, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 11 July, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

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6. Matters arising(a) Late applications for grantRESOLVED: (i) That the following awards be made:-

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Pontyclun Group of the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust	25	00 ✓
Canolfan Iaith Genedlaethol Nant Gwrtheyrn	50	00 ✓
Ysgol Feithrin Llantrisant A'r Cylch	100	00 ✓
* Taff Ely and Town Ward Age Concern	50	00 ✓
* Councillor Norman declared an interest in this application and reserved his right to speak without taking part in the vote.		

(ii) That the Clerk remind all late applicants for grant that in any future application, the deadline for the receipt of applications would be strictly enforced.

(b) Invitation to apply for grant

The Clerk read out a letter which he had received from Mr Paul Griffiths of Lake View, Talygarn, Pontyclun, in which it was claimed that the procedure adopted by a Council member for advertising the availability of grant application forms was misleading.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Mr Griffiths pointing out that in the view of the Council the procedure adopted was not misleading, and that the process of advertising the availability of grant application forms was separate from the decision of the Council to award, or not to award, grants.

7. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 20 July, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 20 July, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

8. Adoption of the Finance Committee's minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 20 July, 1988, be adopted by the Council.

9. Matters arising

Members of the Council who are also members of the Borough Council reported that the Community Council's application for Urban Aid Grant Aid had not received the support of the Borough Council. It appeared that the Borough Council were of the view that any proposals which the Community might have to provide a new community centre in Pontyclun should first be channelled through the Borough Council's estimating and capital allocation processes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that confirmation of the Borough Council's position be awaited.

10. Surplus land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

Members of the Council who are also members of the Borough Council reported that the developers of The Hollies, Brynsadler, had offered a plot of surplus land at the rear of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler, to the Borough Council for development as a playarea. It was understood that the matter would be considered by the Borough Council's Leisure and Recreation Committee.

Councillor Bowen reported that a number of families on the estate favoured a playground development although there was some support for other use of the plot.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council await the response of the Borough Council

(ii) That in the event of the Borough Council declining to accept the land, the Community Council consider the possibility of creating a playarea for local children.

11. Closure of business premises in Pontyclun

Councillor Norman spoke of his deep concern at the increasing number of business premises in Pontyclun which were closing. He feared that if the trend continued, the residents of Pontyclun and surrounding areas would have little or no choice but to use the supermarkets in Talbot Green. Many residents were old and infirm and could not conveniently travel to Talbot Green.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

12. Proposals to instal zebra crossings in Pontyclun

A discussion took place about the ever increasing volume of traffic passing through Pontyclun. Members were aware that previous requests for pedestrian crossings had been refused for a variety of reasons. However, it was felt that with the increasing volume of traffic the time was opportune to make further requests. It was also felt that with the recent introduction of parking restrictions in Heol Miskin, pedestrians were now in greater danger from traffic than previously. P C Kettle informed the Council that experience had shown that pelican crossings were safer than zebra crossings.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Mid Glamorgan County Council requesting that pelican crossings be installed at :-

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- (i) a point near the wayside seat in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (ii) a point where the footpath from the Hendy Estate meets Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

13. Possibility of installing lighting along the footpath crossing the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Council noted that the Borough Council, subject to certain safeguards, had granted permission for the Community Council to instal lighting along the footpath crossing the Windsor Field, in Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council agree in principle to the installation.
 - (ii) That consideration be given to including the necessary monies in the Council's precept for 1989/90.

14. Traffic problems in Park Crescent, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the letter of 20 July, 1988, received from the County Engineer and Surveyor and were pleased to note that the County Council intended erecting signs in the vicinity of Mwyndy to direct vehicles seeking the Coed Cae Lane Industrial Estate via Talbot Green.

- RESOLVED: That if the matter had not been finalised by the Community Council's next meeting it would be included on the Agenda for the Community Council's next meeting.

15. Possibility of creating vehicular access between Station Approach and Ely Street, Pontyclun

The Council noted that as the land upon which the kissing gates and iron bars were erected was in private ownership it would not be possible for the County Council to create a through route for vehicular traffic.

16. Possibility of re-siting bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

The Council noted the response of the County Engineer and Surveyor in which he said that there would be an objection to the Community Council's plans to re-site the bus shelter in Heol Miskin to a point twenty yards nearer the junction with Miskin Crescent.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That, in conjunction with NACRO, the possibility of building a new bus shelter on the existing site be investigated.
 - (ii) That, if necessary, the new bus shelter be set into the bank at the rear of the existing bus shelter.
 - (iii) That provision for the work be made in the Council's estimates for 1989/90.

17. Bottle Bank Containers

The Council discussed the Borough Council's letter of 27 July, 1988, in which it was stated that a decision would be taken by the Environmental Health and Control Committee on the siting of the one remaining bottle bank container.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council requesting that the remaining bottle bank be placed in Pontyclun on the site previously identified by the Community Council.
 - (ii) That in the event of a negative reply from the Borough Council, the Community Council investigate the possibility of installing its own bottle bank.

18. Taff Ely Drug Awareness Week

The Council discussed the letter of 17 August, 1988, from the Wales Association for the Prevention of Addiction. The plans to heighten public awareness of SWAPA's services in combating drug misuse were noted with interest.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk contact Mrs Ann Allen, SWAPA's local fieldworker, to discuss the possibility of arranging a presentation on SWAPA's work during the week 24/29 October, 1988.
 - (ii) That any charge incurred in the hire of the Pontyclun Community Centre be borne by the Community Council.

19. Licensing

The Council noted the following applications for licence variation:-

- (i) Castell-y-Mynach Inn - Transfer of Licence
- (ii) 3 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun - Transfer of Licence
- (iii) 57 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun - Protection Order

20. Audit of Accounts for 1987/88

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Community Council accounts for the 1987/88 financial year had taken place on 1 August, 1988. The District Auditor had issued a certificate to the effect that the accounts had been audited in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Finance Act, 1982, and the Code of Audit Practice. In the District Auditor's opinion the accounts recorded fairly the financial transactions of the Community Council.

The matter was noted.

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21. Planning Notifications for Weeks 27,28+29,30,31,32 and 33

The Council considered the planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 27,28+29,30,31,32 and 33.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council object to the proposals to build a house opposite Pantaquesta Cottages in Hensol Road, Miskin, on the grounds that the proposed house would be out of character with existing properties. The Council would have no objection to the building of a dormer-type bungalow.
- (ii) That additional details be requested for application No 56/0593/88.

22. Reports from Members(a) Community Watch

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips, together with P C Keddle, reported that following the plans to establish a Community Watch in Brynamlwg, Pontyclun, interest had been shown in establishing further community watches in The Hollies, Brynsadler, and in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun. P C Keddle outlined how community watches were organised and commented that a video was now available for showing to residents who were interested in setting up community watches.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk, in conjunction with P C Keddle, make arrangements to hire the Pontyclun Community Centre for the purpose of showing the police video to potential participants in community watches.
- (ii) That the cost of hiring the Community Centre be borne by the Community Council.

(b) Ivor Woods, Bryndsadler

Councillor Kennard reported that on a recent visit to the Woods he had discovered that damage had been caused to trees and that what appeared to be a water main had been laid. No permission had been sought from the Community Council. It was not clear who was responsible for the actions.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held in the Woods on the evening of Monday, 12 September, 1988, at 7.00p.m.

(c) Naming of streets - Groesfaen

Councillor James reported that he had been handed a list of proposed names for the streets at the new housing development off Y Parc, Groesfaen. He believed that it would have been appropriate to

have a balance of English and Welsh names. Instead, all the proposed street names were in English, and, any moves to obtain a balance at that stage was likely to be resisted since some of the new houses were already occupied.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the developers, Llanmor Homes, asking if consideration could be given to a balance of English and Welsh street names for any further developments in the Community.

(d) Planning applications

Councillor Kennard alerted the Council to two applications for planning permission currently being made to the Borough Council, in respect of a quarry in Llanharry and another quarry near the Elms Farm, Castell-y-Mwnws. Permission was being sought to fill in the quarries. Councillor Kennard pointed out that a similar application to fill in the quarry at Llanharry had been refused. Both developments, if allowed, would have consequences for the Community and could result in the disturbing situation which was experienced at Talygarn.

RESOLVED: That details of the applications be sought from the Borough Council.

(e) Parking problems outside the doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke drew the Council's attention to the problem of parked cars outside the doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun. It was considered to be in everyone's interests to ensure that the access to the surgery was kept clear of parked cars at all times.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the County Council to see if the problem could be resolved by the introduction of further parking restrictions.

(f) Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society

Councillor Norman, as Secretary of the Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society, reported that the 47th Annual Flower Show had been a resounding success. On behalf of his committee he wished to thank the Community Council for its continued support. Councillor Norman hoped to be in a position to provide each member of the Council with a list of prizewinners at the next Council meeting.

22. Payment of Creditors

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

23. Any other business of an urgent natureProposed erection of footbridge - Nant Dyfrgi

The Clerk reported that he, together with the Chairlady, Councillor Pam Phillips, visited Dr Wynne Davies of Ceulan Farm, Miskin, on the evening of 5 September, 1988, to discuss matters in connection with the proposed erection of a footbridge across the Nant Dyfrgi. Dr Davies had confirmed, subject to certain reservations, that he was prepared to give his permission for the bridge to be erected.

The matter was noted.

24. The meeting ended at 9.50p.m.

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