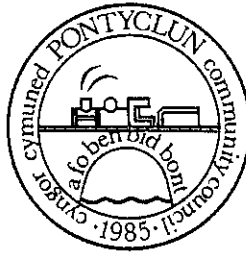


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on 8 July, 1992

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton (Chairperson), Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James, Mr G M Moir and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Burton and R G Norman

2. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Tudor J Burton, commented that he believed that the bus shelter in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun was in need of a coat of paint to make it more presentable.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the bus shelter to be given a coat of metallic grey paint.

3. Allocation of financial grants for 1992/93

The Council considered the schedule of organisations who had made application for financial assistance.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:-

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Pontyclun Senior Citizens' Organisation	300	00	*
Monday After 50 Club	50	00	*
Welsh Canoe Association	20	00	
Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society	300	00	
Pontyclun Rugby Football Club	200	00	#
7up + 11 plus Clubs	100	00	
St. Paul's Church Nursery	100	00	
Brynsadler and Talygarn Cricket Club	50	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	50	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club (Junior Section)	100	00	
North Miskin Neighbourhood Watch	20	00	
Miskin and Mwyndy W.I.	20	00	*
Pontyclun Darby and Joan Club	20	00	

Llantrisant and Town Wards - Age Concern	100	00 *
Pontyclun Mini and Junior R.F.C.	200	00 #
Cantorion Pontyclun	50	00
Pontyclun and District		
Allotments Association - Maesyfelin Site	60	00
Childline Wales (deferred from 13/5/92)	100	00

Note:

1. Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips declared her interest in the applications denoted \* and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
  2. Councillor Eric V Griffith declared his interest in the applications denoted # and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
  3. The application for financial assistance for the Schools and Police Liaison Activities for Summer Holidays was deferred to the Council's September meeting.
4. Application for Interim Development Order permission - Hendy Quarry

The Council discussed the letter of 25 June, 1992, from the County Planning Officer, in which the main provisions of the Planning and Compensation Act, 1991, were explained. The Council noted that an application for registration of I.D.O. permission had been submitted on behalf of the Hendy Quarry in respect of planning consent awarded in 1947. It was also noted that a scheme of conditions must be submitted within a year which would enable the Mineral Planning Authority to impose modern working, restoration and aftercare conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council asking that when a scheme of conditions is submitted, the Community Council be offered the opportunity to contribute in defining what conditions would be appropriate.

5. Planning consent for further residential development at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun.

The Council was very disappointed to learn from the Secretary of State for Wales that the subject of planning consent for further residential development at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun, was considered not to "involve planning issues of more than local importance nor does it otherwise warrant taking the matter out of local hands" The Secretary of State did not propose to intervene.

It was pointed out that while the Secretary of State considered the application to be only of local concern there was a strong case for national guidance for dealing with planning applications on designated flood plains.

In the Maesyfelin case, officers from the National Rivers Authority had conceded that hydrology "is not an exact science" and that safety margins were "not absolute". In practice, there could be a substantial variation from the report prepared by the hydrologist acting on behalf of the planning applicant. The N.R.A.'s original

objection to planning consent had been relaxed only in the light of the planning applicant's hydrologist's report.

A further point, on which no satisfactory answer had been obtained by Maesyfelin residents, was an explanation on why the projected level of the area proposed for development was scheduled to be nine inches higher than the land on which existing houses had been built.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write again to the Secretary of State for Wales pointing out that in the absence of any guidelines dealing with development on designated flood plains, and the inherent dangers involved when such planning applications are approved, the Council considered the application to be one of national importance. Further, that the Clerk ask the Secretary of State to reconsider his decision not to call in the application for determination.

(ii) That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to delay signing a Section 106 Agreement.

(iii) That a copy of Mr S Baugh's letter to Councillor Delme Bowen be placed on the agenda for the Council's September meeting.

6. Planning applications - Notification for Week ending 26/6/92

The Council discussed the planning applications contained in the notification for Week ending 26 June, 1992.

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

(a) Planning application No. 92/0399/14

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

- (i) The development is inappropriate to a rural area.
- (ii) The development is outside the Local Plan.
- (iii) There is a potential health risk from the development
- (iv) There are difficulties in accessing the site.

(b) Planning application No. 92/0502/12

That the Council urge the Borough Council to attach stringent conditions on any consent granted to ensure the preservation of the many fine architectural features at the House.

7. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 4 to the Agenda.

8. Reports from Members

(a) Society of Cremation Officers - Annual Conference

Councillor James reported that in his capacity as a Borough Councillor he had recently attended the annual conference of the Society of Cremation Officers. He had found the conference to be very informative and had it given him a deeper appreciation of some of the issues facing the Society.

The report was noted.

(b) Proposed restructuring of local government - Taff Ely Borough Council's case for unitary status

Councillor James reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council had prepared its formal response to the Secretary of State's statement on 3 March, 1992 relating to his proposals for the future of local government in Wales. The Borough Council had produced a document supported by independent statistics which argued very forcibly for the Borough to be recognised as an unitary authority under any restructured system of local government in Wales.

The report was noted.

(c) County Council's expenditure

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that despite requests by the County Treasurer to all spending committees of the County Council for restraint in their spending plans only two committees had achieved savings, with a sub committee of the Education Committee managing to save £2.7million. The County Treasurer was of the view that the County Council was unlikely to escape being rate capped by the Secretary of State in 1993. The Treasurer had highlighted areas for possible savings to committees.

The report was noted.

(d) Highways matters, Pontyclun

Councillor Bowen reported that a recent proposed site meeting with members of the County Council's Highways and Transportation Committee in Pontyclun to discuss highways matters had been cancelled by the County Council at very short notice. He was very disappointed that this should have happened since a number of residents had been advised of the meeting and intended lobbying members of the Committee. However he was pleased to be able to report that a new date for the meeting would be arranged shortly and he would ensure that members of the public were notified again.

The report was noted.

9. Any other business of an urgent nature


(a) Proposed restructuring of local government

Councillor Dilworth raised the apparent lack of support given by the Council of Welsh Districts for the Taff Ely Borough Council case for unitary status. He believed that Taff Ely Borough Council could reasonably expect the same level of support that the C.W.D. had given to most other district councils in Wales.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the C.W.D. to establish whether the Borough Council's case for unitary status was being supported by the C.W.D. and, if not, the reasons for the lack of support.

(b) Parking restrictions at the junction of the entrance to the Maesyfelin Estate and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Griffith again raised the matter of the inadequacy of the parking restrictions at the junction of



the entrance to the Maesyfelin Estate and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. He pointed out that the existing restrictions did not extend far enough into Cowbridge Road with the result that the vision of drivers emerging from the estate was impeded by parked cars in Cowbridge Road.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be convened on the morning of Saturday, 11 July, 1992 at 10.00 a.m. to view the problem and similar problems experienced with other road junctions in Pontyclun. Further, that Councillor Bowen be asked to bring these matters to the attention of the County Council at the re scheduled site meeting in Pontyclun.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk advised the Council that he had, that morning, received notification of the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. All motions and nominations for the Conference had to be received by the General Secretary before 3 August, 1992.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council be represented at the Conference by the Chairman, Councillor Tudor Burton, and Councillor John Dilworth and that their attendance be designated an approved duty.

(ii) That a motion be submitted to Conference calling for a change in planning legislation so that quarrying companies intending to take advantage of planning consents granted many years earlier would not be able to do so oblivious to other local developments since those consents were originally awarded .

(iii) That Councillors Dilworth and Moir be authorised to draft the motion in precise terms for submission to Conference.

10. The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

