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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 1 June, 1988 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, 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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton and Mr T J Burton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Matthews and P C Steve Keddle

1. Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 4 May, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 4 May, 1988, be approved as an accurate record

2. Matters arising

(a) Footpath No 296 - Groesfaen

RESOLVED: That the action of the County Council in insisting upon a proper diversion order for Footpath No 296 be noted.

(b) Footpath No 300 - Groesfaen

RESOLVED: (i) That the action of the Taff Ely Borough Council in arranging the publication of diversion proposals be noted.

(ii) That Councillor Norman pursue the matter further with the Borough Council.

(c) Dog Fouling

RESOLVED: That the proposals of the Borough Council for the appointment of a dog warden with ancillary facilities be noted. However, the Council expressed its concern that the appointment would, apparently, serve only to control stray dogs within the Borough and would not make a significant contribution to the problem of dog fouling.

(d) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Council's representatives on the Association's East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

The Clerk referred to the nominations made at the Council's Annual Meeting and informed the Council

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that Councillor James, because of his work commitments, would not be in a position to represent the Council at Area Committee meetings.

RESOLVED: That no further nomination be made but in the event of the Council's other representatives being unable to attend an Area Committee meeting Councillor Kennard would, subject to commitments, represent the Council.

3. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 23 May, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 23 May, 1988 be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Off street lighting - Maes-yr-Afon, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the contents of the Borough Council's Chief Technical Officer's letter of 4 May, 1988, in detail. It was understood that his reference to "Glan-yr-Afon" was, in fact, a reference to Maes-yr-Afon.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk contact the Chief Technical Services Officer to obtain confirmation that his remarks referred to Maes-yr-Afon and not Glan-yr-Afon.
  - (ii) That the Clerk draw the Chief Technical Services Officer's attention to the presence of two telephone poles in Maes-yr-Afon and seek his views on whether light brackets could be affixed to those poles.

6. Proposed construction of footbridge over the Nant Dyfrgi, Pontyclun.

The Council discussed Dr Wynne Davies' letter of 23 May, 1988, in which he reiterated that before he would give his consent for the construction of the footbridge on his land he would need assurances on the provision of a stock-proof gate and the ability to cancel the agreement in the event of the sale of his land.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That Dr Davies be reassured that the conditional consent that he is prepared to offer is in accordance with the Community Council's original understanding.
  - (ii) That it be placed on record that the report which appeared in "Tafod Elai" did not emanate from Professor Bowen.

7. Traffic problems in Park Crescent, Pontyclun

The Council discussed a letter dated 28 April, 1988, received from Mr C J Jones, 8 Park Crescent, Pontyclun, who sought the Council's assistance in preventing Park Crescent from being increasingly used as a "turning circle" for cars and large lorries. Several members spoke in support of Mr Jones' letter and there was a strong feeling that a large part of the problem was attributable to goods vehicles entering the village of Pontyclun in the mistaken belief that they could gain access to the Coed Cae Lane Industrial Estate.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk write to the Mid Glamorgan County Council to find out if it would be possible to erect "Access Only" signs at either end of Park Crescent, Pontyclun.
  - (ii) That Professor Bowen, as Borough Council Ward Member for the Coed Cae Lane Industrial Estate, pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

8. Premises for Handyman - Former Mission Hall, Pontyclun

Several members spoke of the concern being expressed by residents living in the vicinity of the former Mission Hall, Pontyclun, about the Council's plans to use the Hall as a store/base/ workshop for its handyman. It was believed that many of the residents' worries were centred around the mistaken belief that the Council planned to turn the Hall into a depot and joinery with an attendant increase in noise and traffic. The Council re-affirmed its original intention that if planning permission were granted by the Borough Council then activities at the Hall would be of a very low key and little, or no, additional noise and traffic would be generated.

- RESOLVED: That as the Borough Council had been provided with full details of the Community Council's plans for the Hall, no further action be taken until the outcome of the planning application was known.

9. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

- (a) Nomination of Officers to the Association's East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be made:-

Chairman - Mr Colin Mann

Vice Chairman - Mr L Harris

Secretary - Mr A Rosser

Treasurer - That no nomination be made.

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- (b) Proposed construction of Hinckley Point "C" -  
Statement of preliminary objections of the  
Somerset County Council

RESOLVED: That the statement be noted.

10. Proposal to establish a permanent joint  
committee of local councils in Taff Ely

The Council considered the letter of 12 May, 1988 from the  
Llantwit Fardre Community Council.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council nominate the Chairlady, the  
Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to attend meetings  
of the joint committee
- (ii) That the Council agree to the suggestion that  
each participating council on the committee  
be entitled to one vote.

11. Alterations to Electricity Supplies - Residential Developments

The Council were pleased to note that South Wales Electricity  
had altered their policy and that in future charges incurred  
a result of the need to alter electricity supplies would fall  
upon developers.

12. Taff Ely Drug Support - Annual Report

The Council noted the Annual Report of the Taff Ely Drug Support  
group.

13. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed  
in Appendix 14 to the Agenda.

14. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 17, 18, 19&20

It was noted that there were no planning applications in Weekly  
Notifications 18 and 20 which were considered to have an effect  
on the Community. The planning applications contained in Weekly  
Notifications 17 and 19 were noted.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

- (a) Blasting at Hendy Quarry

Councillor Evans reported on progress in the monitoring  
of blasting levels at the Hendy Quarry by the Polytechnic  
of Wales. A sense of frustration was being experienced  
since each time the quarry management were aware that  
a blast was to be monitored the blast levels were  
considerably lower than those for un-monitored blasts.

RESOLVED: (i) That the monitoring exercise continue  
and that the Council decide on what  
further action is appropriate after  
receipt of the monitoring report.

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- (ii) That the Clerk obtain clarification on whether residential development in Miskin should have been allowed to take place within one kilometre of the Hendy Quarry.

(b) Wayside Seats

Councillor Norman reported that the recently purchased wayside seats had been painted and sited at the agreed locations. Initial reaction from residents had been favourable.

(c) Summer Playschemes

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke referred to the initiatives being taken in other areas and asked whether a summer playscheme could be established in the Community. Sergeant Matthews advised that Llanharan Community Council were currently investigating the feasibility of a playscheme in their community. Other members were aware that Llanharry Community Council had organised, and run, a successful summer playscheme over a number of years.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke contact Councillor Mrs Janet Davies of the Llanharry Community Council to establish how their scheme was organised and run.

(d) Bottle Banks

Councillor Kennard drew the Council's attention to the high cost of glass for the manufacture of bottles. He pointed out that bottle banks were a sensible idea but despite having been contacted by the Borough Council to locate a suitable site in the Community many months earlier nothing appeared to have happened.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to find out whether it was intended to locate a bottle bank in the Community and, if so, when the siting would be likely to take place.

16. Exclusion of the public and accredited representatives of the press

RESOLVED: That the public and accredited representatives of the press be excluded during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that disclosure of terms under consideration by the Council might prejudice their position in negotiations concerning land, property, goods or services.

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17. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

The Council considered Municipal Mutual Insurance Company's letter of 12 May, 1988, and a copy of the Clerk's reply dated 21 May, 1988. The Clerk read out a further letter from Municipal Mutual, dated 26 May, 1988, which had been received too late for circulation with the Agenda.

RESOLVED: That the response of Municipal Mutual Insurance Company be noted.

18. The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

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