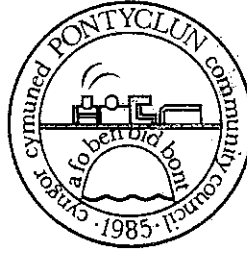


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 March, 1991.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs A Burton (Chairlady), Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Kettle and Miss Angela Griffiths of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, R C Kennard and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 February, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 February, 1991, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that the special meeting of the Council's Finance Committee, scheduled to be held earlier that evening, had been postponed because the Community Council had not received the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council. Details were also awaited from the Welsh Office on possible grant aid for the proposed scheme.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, Father Martin Reynolds, who was present at the meeting, agreed that he would provide written details of the proposals to the Council shortly.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council re-affirm its earlier decision to await the written proposals of the Parochial Church Council.

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- (ii) That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Community Council meeting on 3 April, 1991

(b) Installation of Footway Lighting, Windsor Field

The Council considered recent correspondence from a Community resident, the response of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, and a letter of clarification from the Clerk.

The Clerk was pleased to be able to report that, after several conversations with a principal inspector at the Health and Safety Executive, a letter had been received that morning from the HSE authorising the Community Council to proceed with the installation. South Wales Electricity plc had stated that they would be able to carry out the final connections in about 7 to 10 days.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(c) Miskin village sewerage alterations

The Council noted the correspondence received from Welsh Water about the plans to construct a public sewer over land owned by the Community Council in Miskin.

RESOLVED: (i) That the plans of Welsh Water be noted.

- (ii) That the actions of the Clerk in drawing the attention of Welsh Water, and the Borough Council, to the presence of trees covered by a tree preservation order in the area of the proposed works be confirmed.

(d) Miskin War Memorial

The Council considered the quotations received for carrying out restoration work to the names on the Miskin War Memorial. The Clerk informed the Council that during the site meetings with two of the tenderers it had been pointed out to him that significant restoration works were urgently required to the carved stone figures and other features at the top of the memorial.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact each of the tenderers again asking for an inclusive price for all restoration works needed to the memorial.

(e) Sponsored Walk in aid of Kidney Research

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, reported that plans for the third sponsored walk in aid of kidney research, due to be held on Sunday, 17 March, 1991, were at an advanced stage. Preliminary consultations with the police had highlighted the need to select a route which avoided the need to cross the busy A4222 at Mwyndy. A route was being chosen where walkers would be able to traverse pavements for most of the walk. Councillor Burton urged Members to support the event in every way possible.

RESOLVED: That the Council underwrite the expenses of organising the walk to the extent of £50.

(f) Debris on the banks of the river Ely

Councillor V P James presented a paper to the Council on his proposal to clean up the banks of the river Ely in the Community. Councillor James was particularly disturbed by the large accumulations of unsightly debris on the banks of the Ely, and on the branches of overhanging trees.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillors James and T J Burton be authorised to organise a Community Environment Week aimed primarily at tidying up the banks of the river Ely.

(ii) That the project be timed to coincide with school holidays in order gain the assistance of local schoolchildren.

(iii) That the facilities of the Community Council be placed at the disposal of the project organisers.

(g) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(i) "Community Councils in Wales"

RESOLVED: That detailed comment on the document be deferred to the next Community Council meeting.

(ii) Area Committee Meeting of 5 March, 1991

Councillor Mrs I V Evans gave a report on the Area Committee's meeting of 5 March, 1991. The Committee received a presentation on the work of Coed Cymru from Mrs C Thomas of the Planning Department of the Mid Glamorgan County Council. The presentation was very informative and gave members an in-depth view of the considerable work being undertaken by Coed Cymru. Attendance at the meeting had disappointed and the Area Committee continued to explore methods of encouraging more attendees.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

4. Assembly of Welsh Counties' Conference - 17/18 January, 1991

The Council considered the written report by Councillor Colin Mann of the Mid Glamorgan County Council on his attendance at the Assembly of Welsh Counties Conference on 17/18 January, 1991. The Conference was the first of three Consultative Conferences. The theme for the Conference was "Constitutional Proposals for Wales and Europe".

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

5. Play Areas within the Borough

The Council discussed the letter of the Parks Officer of the Borough Council dated 28 February, 1991, about the current review of playareas within the Borough. A number of Members were at a loss to understand the reasons for the letter since views had already been provided to the Borough Council when visits to playareas in the Borough had been undertaken some months earlier.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Chief Leisure Services Officer in support of the views previously expressed.

(ii) That, in addition to the views given earlier, requests be made for:-

(a) the erection of signs at all playareas prohibiting motorcyclists from using the areas.

(b) the erection of signs discouraging dog owners from exercising their dogs in the playareas.

6. Environment Week - 11 May - 19 May, 1991

The Council considered the letter from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer inviting the Community Council to participate in Environment Week from 11 May to 19 May, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to the Chief Technical Services Officer to let him know that:-

- (a) The Community Council intend approaching the headmaster of Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun, with a view to enlisting the assistance of pupils in organising a litter pick in the Community.
- (b) The Community Council would be launching its own Environment Week aimed primarily at removing debris from the banks of the river Ely and nearby trees.

7. Jeux Sans Frontieres 1991

The Council discussed the letter of the Chief Leisure Services Officer, dated 21 February, 1991, from which it was learned that the Borough Council intended to run an "Its a Knockout" type competition at Llantrisant Leisure Centre on Saturday, 20 April, 1991. All community councils within the Borough of Taff Ely had been invited to participate in the event. There was a possibility that the winning team would go forward to represent Taff Ely in the S4C Jeux Sans Frontieres television programme. It was noted that the latest date for entry was Friday, 15 March, 1991.

RESOLVED: (i) That in view of the shortage of time, the Community Council would not enter a team.

- (ii) That Councillor Norman raise the possibility of an extension to the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event that an extension was possible, the Clerk arrange to circulate details of the 20 April event to youth organisations in receipt of a grant from the Community Council.

8. Wales in Bloom Competition, 1991

The Council noted the letter of the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council and the enclosed entry form for the Wales in Bloom Competition, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline to enter the competition.

9. Association of Councillors - Welsh Branch

The Council noted details of the next meeting of the Association of Councillors due to be held on 23 March, 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline the invitation to attend the meeting.

10. Application for the renewal of a Gaming Licence

The Council considered details of the application for the renewal of the Gaming Licence at the Vans Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

11. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 22 to the Agenda.

12. Planning Notifications for Weeks No.s 4 & 5, 6 & 7, and 8 & 9

The Council noted that there were no applications in Weekly Notifications 4 & 5 and 6 & 7 which affected the Community.

Application No. 56/0099/91

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application for the storage of skips during off-peak periods on land at Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen, on the grounds:-

- (a) That the proposed development would be too near residential properties.
- (b) That the proposed development would constitute an intrusion into the countryside.
- (c) That the access lane to the site is too narrow.

13. Reports from Members

(a) Meeting of Governors - Pontyclun Junior and Maesyfelin Infants Schools

Councillor Norman reported that at a recent meeting of the governors, complaints had been made about smells emanating from certain areas of the Infants School. He had pursued the matter with the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council and was pleased to be able to report that the problems had been resolved.

The report was noted.

(b) Age Concern - Taff Ely

Councillor Norman reported that he, together with Councillor Mrs O P Phillips, had been elected to the Executive of Age Concern in Taff Ely.

The report was noted.

(c) Age Concern - Llantrisant

Councillor Norman reported that he had been re-elected as Chairman of Age Concern, Llantrisant, while Councillor Mrs O P Phillips had been re-elected as Secretary.

The report was noted.

(d) "Safe and Secure"

Councillor Norman reported that distribution to the elderly of peep-holes, door chains and marker pens was progressing satisfactorily. He asked Members to liaise with him to ensure that all eligible residents were identified. Councillor Norman also made an appeal for Members to assist with the distribution.

The report was noted.

(e) Development at Ivor Park, Brvnsadler

Councillor James reported that following complaints from residents at Ivor Park, Brynsadler, about breaches of planning consent by the developer, the Borough Council had withheld consent for further development until the infringements had been satisfactorily resolved.

The report was noted.

(f) Proposed highway improvements in Brvnsadler

Councillor James reported that he had attended the last meeting of Brynsadler and Talygarn (BAT) and had outlined the proposals for highway improvements in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler. It was hoped that road widening would commence during the summer. As a long term measure to alleviate the through traffic, he had outlined the County Council's plans for a Pontyclun by-pass.

The report was noted.

(g) Heavy traffic passing through Pontyclun

Arising partly out of the previous item, Councillor James reported that there had been an alarming increase in the number of heavy lorries passing through Pontyclun every day. It appeared that most of the heavy vehicles came from the Pioneer Quarries to the south of the Community. It appeared that the police had already been involved and, as a consequence, all heavy lorries were now "sheeted down" to prevent dust blowing off the backs of vehicles.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Pioneer Quarry management in support of the action taken by the police.

(ii) That the Clerk write to the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council seeking his assistance in ensuring that lorries were properly "sheeted down"

(iii) That the Clerk write to the County Engineer and Surveyor to ask if it would be possible to place bollards on the grass verge at Mwyndy to prevent lorries from mounting the grass verge.

(h) Unfinished pavement works in Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton reported that work had recently been undertaken on the pavements in Maelog Close. Paving stones had been taken up and tarmac laid in their place. Unfortunately, the work had not been finished and there was a dangerous gap between the top of the kerbstone and the tarmac.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the pavements and requesting urgent action to complete all outstanding pavement work in the area.

(i) Junction of Llantrisant Road with Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor T J Burton drew the Council's attention to the practice of some car owners of parking close to the junction of Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The practice had created a hazard for vehicles emerging from Clun Avenue into Llantrisant Road. There were many occasions where drivers had to emerge "blind" into Llantrisant Road as a result of parked cars on the right hand side of the road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Engineer and Surveyor raising the possibility of introducing restrictions to prevent the parking of vehicles in Llantrisant Road for a distance of ten yards north of the junction with Clun Avenue.

(j) Illegal planting of trees

Several Members reported that a number of trees had been planted illegally outside a house adjacent to the doctors' surgery in Clun Avenue. It appeared that the County Council would, if necessary, be prepared to remove the trees in the absence of an undertaking to do so by the owner of the house.

The report was noted.

14. Any other business

(a) Backlanes in Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that, following a query by a Member at the last meeting of the Council, he had made enquiries into the matter of the four lanes in Pontyclun which had still to be re-surfaced. The enquiries revealed that the matter was being pursued by the Borough Council members for Pontyclun. Councillor Norman gave an update on the position.

The matter was noted.

(b) Granting of a wayleave through the Ivor Woods

The Clerk referred to correspondence which had been received by the Community Council from a local developer who was anxious to be provided with a copy of an earlier letter from the applicant for a wayleave through the Ivor Woods. The matter had been referred to the Council's legal advisers for their opinion. The reply which had been received made it clear that the Community Council was under no obligation to disclose the information being sought.

RESOLVED: That the letter being sought by the developer be not disclosed.

(c) Tenders for the construction of bus shelter

The Clerk informed the Council that only two tenders had been returned for the construction of a bus shelter opposite the Ivor Arms in Brynsadler. The two sealed envelopes were opened by the Chairlady and the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the contract for the work be awarded to G L Sharkey (Builders) Ltd in the sum of £3,680.00 exclusive of VAT.

(d) John Grooms Association for Disabled People

The Clerk reported that the Council had received an invitation to attend the 125th Anniversary - Service of Thanksgiving- for the John Grooms Association for Disabled People. The service was due to be held in St Pauls Cathedral, London, during April.

RESOLVED: That the Council decline the invitation to attend the service.

(e) Possible development of former British Rail Goods Yard, Pontyclun

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, reported that rumours had been circulating in the Community about the possible development of the former Goods Yard in Pontyclun by British Rail.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact British Rail to establish what plans existed, or were being contemplated, for the former railway goods yard in Pontyclun.

15. The meeting ended at 9.40p.m.

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