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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontycun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 4th November, 1985.

PRESENT Community Councillors Dr I.D.Bowen, Dr.S.M.Bowen, Mrs A.Burton, Mr E.J.Francis, Mr V.P.James, Mr R.C.Kennard, Mr F.Monckton, Mr G. Norman, and Mrs O.P.Phillips.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Inspector Howard Davis and P.C. Ian Guildford of the South Wales Constabulary and members of the public.

APOLOGY An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Miss A.M.Bath.

I. Minutes of the meeting of 7th October, 1985

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting of 7th October, 1985 were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Litter in Llantrisant and Cowbridge Roads, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that the Council's requests to the Borough Council for the reinstatement of the oil-drum type litter bins and the erection of additional post-mounted bins was currently being considered. When the siting of the bins had been agreed the Borough Council would forward sketch plans to the County Council for formal approval. The position was noted. Council agreed that when the oil-drum bins had been reinstated representations would be made about their substitution by more permanent litter bins.

(b) Bollards on footpath near Heol Miskin

The Clerk read out the letter of 31 October, 1985, received from Superintendent Roger Vaughan of the South Wales Constabulary. Inspector Davis reminded the meeting of the obligation of the police to uphold the law and to take action against the drivers of vehicles reported for using their vehicles on the footpath. Members agreed that the Council were seeking a compromise solution which would satisfy the wishes of those who needed to get vehicular access to the affected houses in Heol Miskin and yet respect the wishes of those who would wish to retain the footpath for use by pedestrians only. The Clerk reported that the County Council were agreeable in principle to a further site meeting being held but that the meeting was unlikely to take place for several months.

Resolved: That the Clerk approach County Councillor

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Luther Lodwig to seek his support in the matter.

(c) Nomination of Governors

The Clerk read out the letter of the District Education Officer, dated 28 October, 1985, informing the Council that it had been allocated one place on the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, and suggesting that the shared place on the governing body of Y Pant Comprehensive School should be the subject of further discussion between Llantrisant and Llanharry Community Councils.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to :-

- (i) the District Education Officer, accepting the allocation of one place on the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, and informing him of the Council's willingness to accept the shared representation at Y Pant Comprehensive School for the fourth year. Members asked that the appreciation of the Council be conveyed to the District Education Officer in resolving the matter.
- (ii) the Community Councils of Llantrisant and Llanharry advising of the acceptance by the Pontyclun Community Council of representation on the governing body of Y Pant Comprehensive School for the fourth year.

(d) Storage of Handyman's tools

The Clerk reported that although provisional agreement had been reached for the storage of the Council's handyman's tools in the Old Miskin School it had not been possible to store tools at the School for the present since clearance would need to be given to the arrangements by the Director of Education. A formal request to the Director of Education had already been sent by the Clerk. The matter was noted.

(e) Tipping on land at Talygarn

The Clerk reported that the information sought of the Borough Council had been received and that following the site meeting of 12 October, 1985, and a study of the terms of the tipping license, further letters had been sent to the Borough Council advising of evidence of possible tipping of toxic waste, and that the terms of the tipping license were being broken in that:-

- (i) there was a complete absence of any identification signs or warning signs.
- (ii) there was no lockable gate or fencing at the site.

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In addition, because of the dumping of large sections of reinforced concrete, a very real danger existed to the users of the public footpath crossing the site, from protruding rods of steel reinforcement. Replies from the Borough Council were awaited. It was also reported that the site operator had made application to the Borough Council to vary the terms of the tipping license but that the application had been deferred.

Resolved: (i) That the Clerk press the Borough Council for a reply to the points raised with particular emphasis on the possible tipping of toxic waste and the danger to members of the public using the public footpath.

(ii) That the Clerk write to the operator of the site, Mr Barr, drawing his attention to the dangers to users of the footpath from the protruding steel reinforcement rods.

3. Transport for the Elderly

A wide ranging discussion on the transport needs of the elderly within the Community took place. Members felt that a great deal of goodwill existed within the Community and that what was needed was a vehicle to tap that goodwill.

Resolved: That a working group of the Council comprising Councillors I.D.Bowen, E.J.Francis, G.Norman and O.P.Phillips be established to promote a forum in the Community where the transport needs of the elderly could be properly assessed and decisions taken on how the needs could be best met. The first meeting of the working group was arranged for Monday, 11th November, 1985 at the home of Councillor E.J.Francis.

4. Programming of Work in the Community

Members discussed the need to arrange a programme of work for both the Council's handyman and to take advantage of resources available under the Community Programme. In the latter case Inspector Davis advised Members of the care needed, from the crime prevention point of view, in selecting suitable work for offenders engaged under the Community Programme.

Resolved: That a working group comprising the Chairman, and Councillors E.J.Francis, V.P.James, F.Monckton, and G. Norman, together with the Clerk, meet with the Management Team of the National Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders to identify suitable work within the Community. Councillor James agreed to act in a liaison capacity with NACRO.

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5. Logo Competition

The Clerk reported on the limited response to the competition.

Resolved: That the competition be allowed to proceed along the lines approved by the Council and that arrangements be made for the exhibition of all entries in the Pontyclun Library during late November/ early December. Members recognised that in the event of the entries received being unsuitable for adoption as the official logo of the Council it would be necessary to commission a design externally.

6. Refurbishment of the public toilets

The Clerk reported that Mr Balman had given an undertaking to commence refurbishment works on Monday, 25 November, 1985. Works were expected to take about a fortnight to complete.

- Resolved:
- (i) that for the period of the refurbishment the toilets would be closed for public use.
 - (ii) that Mr Griffiths, the Caretaker/Cleaner, be given paid leave of absence for the duration of the works.
 - (iii) that Mr Balman be requested to erect a sign in a prominent position on the building, no later than Monday, 18 November, 1985, advising members of the public of the closure of the toilets for the duration of the refurbishment works.

7. Lane at rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun

Members considered the response of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to the Council's letter over the apparent change of mind on the resurfacing of the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road. Members expressed their disappointment over the reply of the Borough Council especially in view of the lack of consultation which resulted in the rear lane refuse collection service being discontinued.

Resolved: That the Clerk again contact the Borough Council expressing concern over the way in which the matter was handled and, in view of the fact that the residents of the affected part of Llwynfen Road now have to carry their refuse through their homes, that consideration be given to providing the affected residents with black refuse sacks.

8. Footpath No. 296 in Groesfaen

The Clerk reported that correspondence had taken place between the County Council and solicitors representing the owner of Llwynmilwas Farm, Groesfaen, Captain Thomas, about access to footpath No 296. It was the view

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of the County Council that before any legal proceedings were instituted access should again be sought from the landowner. In the event of access being refused the matter should again be reported to the County Council with a view to a prosecution.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to the owner of the land to establish whether he would allow access for the Council's handyman to footpath No 296.

9. County Council's Annual Report 1984/85

The Clerk reported on the receipt of the County Council's Annual Report for 1984/5 which gave details of the activities of the County Council Departments and levels of spending.

The matter was noted.

10. Financial Grants- Letter of Appreciation

The Clerk reported that following the award of financial grants to local organisations a further letter of appreciation had been received from the Pontyclun Darby and Joan Club.

The matter was noted.

II. Clerk's travelling allowance

Discussion took place on the form of reimbursement to be made to the Clerk on those occasions when he was required to use his motor car in the course of his official duties for the Community Council.

Resolved: That on those occasions when the Clerk was required to use his motor car on official duties that he be paid a mileage allowance in accordance with the Casual User's Allowance applicable in local government.

12. Society of Local Council Clerks -Annual Conference 1986

Members considered the information supplied by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Conference and that the Council would meet those expenses necessarily incurred by the Clerk in his attendance.

13. Planning Notifications for Weeks No 40,41,42, and 43

Having noted that there were no applications in the list for week 40 considered to affect the Community, the Council:-

- (1) requested the Clerk to obtain further details of application No. 56/I285/85
- (ii) requested the Clerk to convey to the Borough Council its wish that in the event of planning permission being granted for application No 56/I303/B/85

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that arrangements be made for the preservation of the trees at the site.

I4. Payment of Creditors

Resolved: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 3.

I5. Any Other Business

(a) District Liaison Committee Meeting of 10 October, 1985

The Clerk reported on the apparent favourable response to the Council's suggestion that responsibility for the administration of the allotment sites on both sides of Clun Avenue, Pontyclun, be transferred to the Council. It was understood that although the land was ostensibly held by the Borough Council for the purpose of housing, a referral would be made to the next meeting of the Housing Committee to explore the possibility of the land being declared surplus to requirements.

The matter was noted.

(b) Mayor of Taff Ely- Charity Appeal

The Clerk read out a letter from the Mayor of Taff Ely inviting a contribution from the Council to his Charity Appeal. The main recipient of the funds raised would be the East Glamorgan Hospital, Church Village.

Resolved: That the Council make a donation of £10-00 to the appeal.

(c) Chairman's Allowance

The Chairman vacated the Chair and the Vice-Chairman presided when Members discussed the procedure to be followed in making payment of the Chairman's Allowance.

Resolved: (i) That in future years payment of the full annual allowance be made to the Chairman as soon as possible after his inauguration.

(ii) That the balance of the Chairman's Allowance for 1985/86 be paid to the Chairman as soon as possible.

(d) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(i) Annual Conference, 1985

The Chairman reported on the usefulness of the Council delegates' attendance at the Association's Annual Conference at

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Aberystwyth on 19 October, 1985.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Proposed Welsh Office in Brussels

Resolved: That Councillor V.P. James be authorised to attend the Conference in Swansea on 5 December, 1985 on behalf of the Council.

(iii) Association's East Glamorgan and Gwent Branch

Members noted that the next meeting of the Branch would be held on 3 December, 1985, at Ystrad Mynach.

(e) Manual Workers Pay Award, 1985

The Clerk reported on the 1985 Manual Workers Pay Award and its effect on the Council.

Resolved: That the provisions of the Award be implemented.

(f) Bridge over the River Ely near Pontyclun Goods Yard - Right of Way

Councillor Norman raised the question of Footpath No 353 and the demolished bridge which formerly connected the footpath with footpath No 4 in the Community of Llanharan.

Resolved: (i) that a site meeting be held at 10.00a.m. on Saturday, 16 November, 1985 .

(ii) that a letter be sent to the Llanharan Community Council drawing that authority's attention to the plans to construct a by-pass for Talbot Green and the possibility that Footpath No 4 would be severed.

16. The meeting ended at 10.10p.m.

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