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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 1 December, 1986

PRESENT: Community Councillors Miss A M Bath, Professor I D Bowen, Dr S M Bowen, Mr E J Francis, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr F Monckton, Mr R G Norman (Chairman), and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor A Burton.

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 November, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 November, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Premises for Handyman

The Clerk reported that an agreement on the leasing of the garage at the rear of No 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, had not yet been reached and, following consultation, it had been agreed that the District Valuer be allowed to negotiate terms on behalf of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Clerk be confirmed.

(b) Quality of water in the river Ely and Nant Dyfrgi

It was reported that the Welsh Water Authority had agreed to send their Water Quality Officer, Mr D H Williams, along to the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1987, to present an address on the quality of the water in the river Ely and Nant Dyfrgi.

The matter was noted.

(c) Adoption of sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 17 November, 1986, and were also informed that the developer of the site had refused to make a further application for the sewerage system to be fully adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to seek their advice on any possible solutions to the problem.

3. Alleged slippage of land at Ivor Park Wood

The Council considered the letter of 5 November, 1986, submitted by Mr Stephen Griffiths of No 5 The Hollies, Brynsadler, in which it was claimed that land slippage in the Wood was having an effect on his property. Mr Griffiths, together with his neighbour, Mr Parry, whose property was also claimed to be affected, was

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present at the meeting. Both Mr Griffiths and Mr Parry emphasised that the problem had worsened as a result of the heavy rain in November and that the cracks in Mr Griffiths' garden had widened since he wrote his letter to the Council. Contact had been made by The Hollies residents with Ideal Homes Wales, the Welsh Water Authority and the Community Council to express alarm at the situation.

The Clerk reported that immediately on receipt of Mr Griffiths' letter he had contacted the Welsh Water Authority to establish the Council's position as landowners of the Wood. The informal view of the WWA was that although the Council were primarily responsible for their land, if the Council had taken no action to cause instability of the land then it was very unlikely that the Council could be held responsible for any subsequent damage to any properties in The Hollies. Written confirmation of this opinion had been sought from the WWA. After discussion by the Council it was

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That a site meeting be held at 10.00am on Saturday, 6 December, 1986.
 - (ii) That legal advice on the matter be sought from the Wales association of Community and Town Councils
 - (iii) That the Council establish the precise boundaries of Council owned land in the Wood.
 - (iv) That the Council obtain independent specialist advice on the causes of the land slippage.
 - (v) That advice on the matter be sought from the Borough Council with particular reference to the Borough Council's involvement at the planning and building stages.
 - (vi) That as the trees in the Wood were subject to a Tree Preservation Order the matter be brought to the attention of the County Council.
 - (vii) That the Council's concern at the situation in the Wood be conveyed to the developers of the site, Ideal Homes Wales.

4. Litter problems in the Community

Members expressed their concern about the problem of litter in the Community. The oil-drum type litter bins were only partially effective and there was general agreement that they constituted eyesores. The Council believed that substantial, permanent and aesthetically pleasing litter bins were more preferable. In addition it was felt that it was necessary to conduct a public campaign to encourage residents to make greater use of litter bins.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk establish the range of self-closing bins on the market.
 - (ii) That as NACRO/MSA had already gained experience in the construction of litter bins that enquiries be made to establish what designs were available.

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- (iii) That further consideration be given to identifying those areas in the Community where "No Tipping" signs would be appropriate.
- (iv) That pamphlets be printed and distributed urging the public to "Keep Pontyclun Tidy".

5. Placement of Skips in the Community

The Clerk reported on the policy of the Borough Council on the placement of skips throughout the Borough of Taff Ely. It was reported that the siting of skips was a matter which was left largely to the discretion of the Area Superintendents who were best in a position to assess local needs and identify suitable sites.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk establish the location of the skip sites within the Community.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the local Area Superintendent to request that when skips are next placed in the Community a skip be also located at Castell-y-Mwnws.

6. Talygarn Tip

A discussion took place about Talygarn Tip and in particular, of the polluted water which was being allowed to escape into the Nant Dyfyrge. The Clerk reported that the copy of the Tipping License supplied to the Council did not specify a date when tipping should cease although there were several other clauses in the License which controlled the activities of the tip operator.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the matter of the escape of polluted water be raised with the Welsh Water Authority's Water Quality Officer at his address to the Council on 5 January, 1987.
 - (ii) That the Clerk ascertain from the Borough Council if a date existed for the ending of tipping operations.
 - (iii) That the Clerk establish from the Borough Council the results of their monitoring of the tip.

7. Street naming in the Community

Discussion took place on the choice of street names for new housing developments in the Community. The Council believed in a balanced approach and that there should be both English and Welsh street names. Recent choices of street names reflected a preponderance of English names. The Clerk outlined the procedure adopted by the Borough Council in the selection of street names.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact A+C Builders, developers of the River's Edge site, suggesting that when street names are forwarded to the Borough Council a mixture of English and Welsh names be submitted. Suitable Welsh names could be found by reference to local ordnance survey maps.

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8. Mid Glamorgan Community Trust Appeal

RESOLVED: That consideration of the matter be deferred to the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1987.

9. Requests for financial assistance(a) 1987 National Eisteddfod

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £50.00

(b) Morgannwg League of Friends of the Mentally Ill

RESOLVED: That the League be advised to make application in July, 1987 when financial grants for 1987 would be allocated.

10. Justices Licences Applications(a) Hendy Stores

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the application.

(b) Mwyndy Barn

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the application.

11. 1987 Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Conference and that his attendance be regarded as an official duty.

12. C N D Matters(a) 1987 Annual Conference of CND Cymru

RESOLVED: That Councillors I D Bowen and R C Kennard represent the Council and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

(b) Resolutions for debate at the Annual Conference

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bowen and Kennard be authorised to submit resolutions for debate at the Annual Conference.

(c) Monthly Information

The monthly information received from CND was noted.

13. Planning Matters(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 43,44,45, and 46

RESOLVED: That further details be sought of the following applications:- 1323, 1345, and 1387. If necessary, executive action to be taken by the Chairman and Clerk on application 1387.

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(b) Fishponds at Talygarn

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 20 November, 1986, in which it was stated that permission for the development of fishponds at Talygarn had been given.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Borough Council be asked for the reasons why the original application had been refused and yet the subsequent application had been granted.

(ii) That the Borough Council be asked if they were satisfied that there would be no danger to children arising out of the development since a public right of way crossed the site.

(iii) That a copy of the Borough Council's letter of 20 November, 1986, together with a copy of the Permission for Development be sent to the Talygarn Action Group.

14. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 to the Agenda.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Application for waste disposal licence - Quarry near Llwyn-y-Pennau Farm, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish why the views of the Welsh Water Authority were sought over the proposal when it appeared that they were not sought in the case of the Talygarn Tip.

(b) Membership of the Under 18s Welsh Netball Squad

Professor Bowen presented a letter from the Chairman of the Welsh Netball Association asking if it would be possible for the Community Council to make a financial contribution towards the expenses of Miss Tonya Richards-Clarke of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun, who had been selected for the Under 18s Welsh Netball Squad.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a contribution of £20.00 and that a cheque for that amount be sent to the Chairman of the Welsh Netball Association.

(c) Corner Park Garage - Vehicles parked on pavement

Councillor Monckton spoke of his concern about the hazards to pedestrians attempting to use the pavement outside the Corner Park Garage. The

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pavement was regularly obstructed by vehicles belonging to the garage.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the matter to the County Council.

(d) Bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws

RESOLVED: That a copy of an ordnance survey map showing the location of the proposed bus shelter be forwarded to the County Council.

(e) Illumination of the A4119 in the Community

Councillor S M Bowen drew members attention to the poor overall level of illumination of the A4119 in the Community at night time.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the District Council/ Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee.

(f) Proposed Senior Citizens/ Youth Centre in Pontyclun

It was reported that some of the chapels and churches in the Community were combining resources to establish a senior citizens/youth centre in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken in the matter until a formal approach be made to the Council

(g) Community Bulletin

Members reported that the Community Bulletin had been very well received by residents although some streets appeared not to have been covered by the Council's distributors.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact NACRO to arrange a further distribution in those streets which appeared to have been missed on the original distribution.

(h) Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior Schools - Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors

It was reported that Councillors Miss A M Bath and Mr R G Norman had not received notification of the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Maesyfelin Infants/ Pontyclun Junior Schools. It was understood that the meeting had taken place about a fortnight previously.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the District Education Officer pointing out that as both Councillors Bath and Norman had not received their notice of the meeting the Council believed that the Annual General Meeting had not been properly convened, and that a further meeting should be called as soon as possible.

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(i) Christmas/New Year Function

Several members expressed their desire to hold a Christmas/New Year Function.

RESOLVED: That the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Council when, if appropriate, a date and venue would be chosen.

16. The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

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