

CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 2 December, 1987, at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Boewn, Mr E Hopkin, Mrs O P Phillips, Mr V P James and Mr R C Kennard

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr R G Norman (Chairman) and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Chairperson

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor R G Norman, Councillor Mrs O P Phillips, Vice person occupied the Chair.

2. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be re-arranged and that item 3 on the Agenda be considered first.

3. NACRO - Community Programme
Report of the Scheme Manager

The Scheme Manager and his Senior Supervisor reported on progress in the current scheme and gave an outline of the conditions which would need to be met if the Community Council intended to pursue a Community Programme during 1988/89. The successor scheme to the Community Programme would be known as U K 2000.

The Manager explained that an essential feature of U K 2000 would be to involve local businesses in sponsorship and promotional work over and above the level of Community Council sponsorship. As a way of increasing community involvement it would be possible to involve local volunteers from the Community on schemes.

The Manager emphasised that if the Community Council wished to participate in U K 2000 it would be necessary to finalise its plans by March, 1988. He asked that members of the Council give consideration to suitable projects in the Community. To illustrate work which had been considered suitable under U K 2000 the Manager promised to provide the Clerk with further literature about U K 2000. It was agreed that both the Manager and his Senior Supervisor would attend the next meeting of the Council, on 6 January, 1988. The report was noted.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 November, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 November, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

G.P. Phillips

5. Matters arising

(a) Planning Application No 56/0776/87

The Clerk reported that he had sought clarification on the application from the Borough Council. He had been advised that the type of commercial development for which planning permission was being sought fell into the category which was considered suitable for a residential area.

The matter was noted.

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

The Clerk gave an outline of the meeting which took place on the evening of Wednesday, 25 November, 1987, in Hope Presbyterian Church, Pontyclun between representatives of the Community Council, the Welsh Water Authority, the Taff Ely Borough Council, and residents of Rhyd-y-Nant.

The Clerk reported that there was a good exchange of views between all parties and it was felt that the advice received from the representatives of the Welsh Water Authority and Taff Ely Borough Council was helpful. The meeting concluded with the Clerk agreeing to obtain further legal advice from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils as a preliminary to requesting the Borough Council to carry out a survey of the sewers.

The report was noted.

(c) Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Clerk reported that Dr Maureen Bowen, the Community Council's representative on the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, had been invited to attend a meeting of the governing body that evening. As a consequence, it was not possible for her to present her planned report to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That Dr Bowen's report be deferred to the Council's meeting of 6 January, 1988.

(d) C. N. D. - Delegates to Meetings and Conferences

RESOLVED: That where, in future, the Community Council is offered the opportunity to send delegates to meetings and conferences of C.N.D. the matter be placed on the Agenda of the Council.

6. Lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun.

The Clerk reported that 12 copies of each of the Community Council's letters to the Borough Engineer, Surveyor, and Planning Officer and the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the dangerous state of the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun, had been passed to Councillor Richards-Clarke. The reply of the Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Planning Officer, included as Appendix 2 to the Agenda, was considered by the Council.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Borough Council members sitting on the Community Council be made aware of the disquiet of the Community Council at the operation by the Borough Council of a policy which did not properly reflect the significant reorganisation of Borough Council ward boundaries implemented in 1987.

(b) That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to establish:-

(i) When the Borough Council will be reconsidering its policy on the improvement of back lanes, bearing in mind the significant reorganisation of ward boundaries which has taken place since the Borough Council last formulated its policy.

(ii) If the Borough Council is constitutionally correct in operating a policy which the reorganised Borough Council has not approved.

(c) That Councillor V P James establish the owner of the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road.

7. Litter bins

The Clerk reported that he had written to the County Council seeking permission for the siting of three further litter bins in Pontyclun. At the time of the meeting no reply had been received.

RESOLVED: That in the event of approval to the sitings being given by the County Council the Clerk be authorised to order three further litter bins without reference back to the Council.

8. Cattle on approach road to Miskin Manor Hotel

The Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, informed the Council of a number of near accidents in the narrow lane connecting the A4119 with Miskin Manor. It appeared that a local farmer had, for many years, followed a practice of driving his cattle through the lane. As a result of the refurbishment of Miskin Manor, large numbers of motorists were regularly using the lane and many of those would be unaware of the possibility of encountering cattle in the lane.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council asking for the erection of warning signs in the lane.

9. Proposal to build bus shelter in Brynsadler

The Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, spoke of the need to erect a bus shelter on the grass verge opposite the car park of the Ivor Arms car park in Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk obtain the necessary permission for the erection from the County Council.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact the Administrator of "Drive", the occupiers of the property immediately adjacent to the site of the proposed erection to establish that there were no objections to the Council's plans from that organisation
 - (iii) That Councillor V P James contact the landlord of the Ivor Arms to establish that he had no objection to the Council's plans.

10. Speeding Vehicles

(a) Pontyclun to Llanharry Road

The Council noted the response of the police on the question of speeding vehicles. P C Guildford agreed to make enquiries on the feasibility of extending the 30 m.p.h. restriction in operation on parts of the road.

(b) Proposal to request police to monitor speed of vehicles in Groesfaen.

The Clerk, on behalf of the Chairman, reported that there appeared to be numerous instances of vehicles exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed restriction in the village of Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the police be requested to monitor the speed of vehicles in Groesfaen.

11. Grass verges in Groesfaen

Councillor Mrs Phillips, on behalf of the Chairman, put forward a suggestion for raising the grass verges near the bus stop in the centre of Groesfaen. It was proposed that the work be carried out through NACRO under the Community Programme Scheme and that on completion the verges be planted with spring flowering bulbs and summer bedding plants.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Council.

12. Stopping up of highway, Groesfaen

The proposal of the Secretary of State for Wales to make an order under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, to authorise the stopping up of the highway described in Appendix 4 to the Agenda was noted.

13. Proposed siting of Wayside Seat, Mwyndy

The letter of the County Council, dated 12 November, 1987, authorising the Community Council to site a wayside seat at Mwyndy was noted.

14. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

- (a) Nomination of a representative to serve as a co-opted member on the East Glamorgan Community Health Council

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs O P Phillips be nominated by the Council.

- (b) Paying for Local Government - Discussion Paper- "HE WHO PAYS THE PIPER....."

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council place on record its opposition to the government's plans for the introduction of a poll tax.

(ii) That the Council's opposition to the tax be notified to the Welsh Office, the MP for the Pontypridd Constituency, and the Taff Ely Borough Council.

(iii) That a request be made to the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils for a representative of the Association to address the Council on the poll tax.

(iv) That, following the address by the representative of the Association, arrangements be made to call a public meeting to discuss the poll tax.

- (c) Synopsis of talk given by the Chairman of the Civic Trust in Wales

The synopsis of the talk given by Mr C N David Cole, CBE, Chairman of the Civic Trust in Wales to the Area Committee of the Association was noted.

15. Fishponds Development - Obstruction of Footpath No 341 at Brynsadler

The Council considered a copy of a letter written by the Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Planning Officer drawing the attention of the developer of the Otters Brook Trout Farm to the condition in his planning consent that the right of way through the site should not be obstructed, diverted, or interfered with, other than by due process of law. It was noted that if the matter could not be resolved it was likely that enforcement action would be taken.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the developer to offer him the opportunity to discuss his plans for the right of way with the Community Council.

16. Proposed car park - Ivor Park

It was noted that the Borough Council, as planning authority, had been unable to determine, within the statutory eight week period, the Community Council's application to construct a car park on the Ivor Park Football Field. The Borough Council sought an extension of the period of determination until 13 January, 1988.

RESOLVED: That the request be acceded to.

17. Planning Appeals - Groesfaen

The Council noted that a Public Inquiry was to be held at the Council Offices, "Danygraig", Llantrisant, on 14 April, 1988, for two separate plots of land in Groesfaen where planning permission had been refused.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hopkin contact the Chairman of the Community Council to ascertain local views on the applications and report back to the Council.

18. Appeals for financial assistance

RESOLVED: That the organisations listed be awarded the sums indicated:-

(a) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith
Cymru - £75.00

(b) East Glamorgan and Tonteg Hospitals
League of Friends - £25.00

(c) Wales Association of Community and
Town Council - International Appeal - £25.00

19. Society of Local Council Clerks - Annual Conference, 1988

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks in April, 1988, and that his attendance be regarded as an official duty.

20. Application for new Justices License-
Vans Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted. (Councillor V P James wished to place on record his opposition to the application)

21. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 21 to the Agenda.

22. Planning Notifications for Weeks 44 and 45, 46, and 47

RESOLVED: That the planning applications contained in weekly notifications 44 and 45, 46 and 47 be noted.

23. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Condition of pavements in Pontyclun

Several members spoke of their concern about the poor state of repair of many of the pavements in Pontyclun. Of particular concern was the pavement from Heol Miskin (via St Paul's Church) into Llantrisant Road.

RESOLVED: That Councillor V P James pursue the matter with the Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Planning Officer.

(b) Application for financial assistance -
Age Concern - Llantrisant and Town Wards

Councillor Phillips referred to the decision of the Council on 7 September, 1987, to award a grant of £50.00 to Age Concern - Llantrisant and Town Wards subject to that association producing an Income and Expenditure Account for the previous financial year. It appeared that as a result of a change of Treasurer within the association and the inability of the new Treasurer to produce the Income and Expenditure Account for the year in question with the limited information at his disposal, it was impossible for the income and expenditure account to be produced.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council rescind its earlier decision to request the production of an income and expenditure account for the previous financial year.
 - (ii) That the grant of £50.00 be made unconditionally.
 - (iii) That the association be advised that in any further application for grant aid the Community Council would insist on the production of an income and expenditure account for the year prior to the application.

24. 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.

25. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

RESOLVED: That the Council obtain further legal advice in the matter.

26. The meeting ended at 9.45p.m.

GP. Phillips