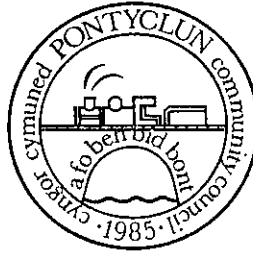


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 June, 1994

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson), Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Three members of the public for part of the meeting.

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of P C Steve Keddle

2. Alleged undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that the representative of Welsh Water who had agreed to make a presentation to the Council on how the alleged undercharge for water consumption had arisen was still on sick leave. The Clerk agreed that he would pursue the matter with a view to getting the representative to attend the Council's monthly meeting of 6 July, 1994. In the interim, no further payments would be made to Welsh Water.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

3. Chairperson's business

(a) The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, referred to the work being carried out to improve parking facilities in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun, and sought clarification from the Borough Council members present that the footpath in the vicinity of the improvement work would be restored on completion of all building work. The Chairperson was assured that the footpath would be restored after the completion of improvement works.

(b) The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, informed the Council that, due to a prior commitment, he would not be able to attend the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994.

RESOLVED: That both matters be noted.

John Dilworth

4. Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting of 4 May, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 4 May, 1994, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Purolite Standing Conference

(i) Nomination of representatives

The Clerk referred to the discussion which had taken place to nominate a representative to the Standing Conference at the Council's Annual Meeting. He pointed out that while the Council had nominated one Member to represent the Council at meetings of the Conference, the Council had been represented by two Members on certain occasions in the past and that it would be in order for the Council to nominate a further Member if it so wished.

RESOLVED: That a further nomination be made to the Standing Conference and that the nominee be Councillor Tudor J Burton

(ii) Conference Meeting of 18 May, 1994

Councillor John Dilworth reported on the discussions which took place at the Conference's meeting of 18 May, 1994. He stated that clarification was being sought on the status of the delegate from the Llanharry Community Council during the sixth month period in which she failed to attend council meetings. It was noted that the Llanharry Community Council had now nominated a replacement member to attend Conference meetings.

The Chairperson of the Conference expressed his disappointment at hearing the news that the Inspectorate of Pollution was to suffer a reduction in the number of inspectors serving Wales.

A discussion took place on the level and effectiveness of measuring and controlling odour emissions. Members felt that the number of complaints received was not a fair reflection of the scale of concern of local residents. As an aid to gathering feedback from

the public questionnaires and boxes had been strategically placed in Talbot Green.

The Conference expressed its concern at the apparent slowness of the Borough Council in issuing an Abatement Notice to the Plant. This would be followed up with the Borough Council.

The Conference agreed to take up the offer of the Divisional Officer of the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service to make an address to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to produce questionnaires and purchase boxes, similar to those in use in Talbot Green, for placement at strategic locations within the Community of Pontyclun.

(b) Complaints of airborne pollution in Talygarn

The Council discussed a further letter, dated 12 May, 1994, from Mrs O J Bufton, "Highwinds" Talygarn Close, Talygarn, about airborne pollution in Talygarn. Mrs Bufton was pleased to inform the Council that, since receiving the Council's support in her campaign, the Borough Council had engaged consultants to carry out an Environmental Audit within the Borough with special reference to problems in Talygarn.

RESOLVED: (i) That Mrs Bufton's correspondence be noted.

(ii) That the Borough Council be requested to include in the consultants' terms of reference that particular attention be paid to the problems of airborne pollution in Miskin, as a result of the asphalt plant, and Mwyndy, as a result of the Maxibrite Plant.

(c) Post of Handyman

The Clerk reported that following the issue of a certificate of permanent ill health for the Community Council's Handyman he, the Clerk, had terminated the Handyman's employment and advertised the vacancy in the local press. It was planned to draw up a short list of applicants with a view to making an appointment at the Council's meeting on 6 July, 1994.

RESOLVED: (i) That a sub committee comprising the Chairperson, Councillor Cyril G Bendle, and Councillors Tudor J Burton, John R Dilworth, R Gordon Norman and Mrs Pam Phillips be authorised to select a short list of applicants for interview by the Council on 6 July, 1994.

(ii) That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a tankard for presentation to the retiring Handyman, Mr Derek Tookey, at the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994.

(d) Proposed asphalt plant, Gwaelod y Garth

The Clerk referred to the letter of support which the Council had sent to the opponents of the proposals to site an asphalt plant at the quarry at Gwaelod y Garth. It had been reported to the Clerk that the promoters of the scheme had abandoned their plans to site an asphalt plant at the quarry.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk make enquiries with the County Planning Officer to the South Glamorgan County Council about the existence of a report highlighting possible injurious effects of asphalt fumes.

(e) County Council's Emergency Plan

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the County Council about an emergency plan to meet the needs of an emergency situation at the Purolite plant. He had established that a plan specifically for Purolite did not exist, although there were general plans to contain emergencies at industrial premises throughout Mid Glamorgan. There also existed plans for national and local emergencies. The Clerk had obtained a copy of the County Council's Emergency Plan and invited Members to examine the document at the conclusion of the meeting.

The matter was noted.

(f) Centenary of the Local Government Act, 1894

Councillor John R Dilworth reported that 13 entries to

had been received from pupils of the Pontyclun Primary School for the Community Council's essay competition in celebration of the centenary of the Local Government Act, 1894. It was planned to select the winning entries in order that prizes could be presented at the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994.

(g) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor John R Dilworth reported that the Annual General Meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association would take place in the Municipal Offices, Pontypridd, at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday, 7th June, 1994.

The report was noted.

6. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 26 May, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 26 May, 1994, be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

8. Adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendations

RESOLVED: (i) That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted and that the Clerk submit a further report to the Council on the alternatives for upgrading the Council's personal computer.

9. Proposed amendment to the planning role of Community and Town Councils

The Council considered a letter from Mr Elfyn Llwyd, MP, about a proposed amendment to the Local Government (Wales) Bill currently before Parliament. If accepted, the amendment would provide a more meaningful role for Community and Town Councils in Wales in the planning process. Mr Llwyd asked Community and Town Councils in Wales to write to him indicating their views on the proposed amendment in order that he could gauge support for the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Council respond to Mr Llwyd that the Pontyclun Community Council strongly endorses his proposed amendment.

10. Emergency access to High Street, Brynsadler, Pontyclun

The Council received a copy of a reply which had been sent to Mr R E Giles of 5 High Street, Brynsadler, from the County Engineer and Surveyor. In an earlier letter from Mr Giles he had drawn the Community Council's attention to the very poor vehicular access to High Street. There were grave fears that in the event of an emergency a fire appliance would not be able to gain access to High Street. Mr Giles' letter had been forwarded to the County Engineer and Surveyor for comment. The County Engineer and Surveyor, after consultation with the Borough Council and the Chief Fire Officer, had come to the conclusion that there was no "overriding reason" for parking restrictions to be introduced in High Street.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to each householder in High Street, enclosing a copy of Mr Giles' letter and the reply from the County Engineer, urging that wherever possible residents utilise the recently made up back lane adjacent to High Street for parking their private vehicles.

11. Schools Police Leisure Activities (during the) Summer Holidays

The Council discussed a letter from the Crime Prevention Officer at the Police Headquarters in Pontypridd requesting that sympathetic consideration be given to the award of a grant to S.P.L.A.S.H. A grant would enable facilities to be offered to children aged 11 to 16 during the summer holidays.

RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the Council's annual grants meeting on 13 July, 1994.

12. Payment of creditors

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

13. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 6, 13, 20 and 27 May, 1994

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Borough Council.

Application No.94/0355/10

That the Council strongly oppose the application on the grounds that:

- (i) the proposed development represents unwelcomed development in a Conservation Area.

- (ii) The proposed access from Cowbridge Road is inappropriate.
- (iii) The proposal will adversely affect access to the nearby St Anne's Church.
- (iv) If permission is granted it will be the fore-runner of many more applications for residential development since the applicant owns adjacent fields.

Application No.94/0367/10

That no objection be raised to the proposal but the Council place on record its dismay at the necessity to install security shutters. Additionally, that the Clerk contact the police in an attempt to clarify whether the instances where shop windows had been broken in the Community could be said to be drink-related.

14. Reports from Members

(a) New Nursery

Councillor Viv James reported that the Borough Council had recently awarded planning permission for the construction of a new day nursery near the Llantrisant Leisure Centre. Recruitment of nursery nurses would be carried out during the summer months with the intention of the nursery being fully operational during September.

The report was noted.

(b) Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Viv James referred to complaints which had been made about the operation of the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Councillor James reported that a prosecution was now pending.

The report was noted.

(c) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that a meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee, scheduled for 1 June, 1994, had been postponed to Wednesday, 15 June, 1994.

The report was noted.

(d) Additional parking facilities

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that planned work for the improvement of parking facilities in School Street and Lewis Street, Pontyclun, was scheduled to commence when additional parking facilities had been completed on the Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.

(e) Footpath to the children's playarea - Hendy Estate

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that there was an urgent need for a handrail on the footway leading from Cil Hendy to the children's playarea on the Hendy Estate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

(f) Backlane programme

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that work to re-surface the backlane on the western side of Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, had been delayed as it had been discovered that it was necessary to obtain an easement in respect of land owned by the Crown Buckley Brewery.

The report was noted.

(g) Extension of Windsor Park, Pontyclun

Councillor Gordon Norman informed the Council that plans were at an advanced stage for the extension of the Windsor Park playing fields in Pontyclun. Councillor Norman was hopeful that work would commence during the current financial year.

The report was noted.

(h) 2 Derwen Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that he continued to receive complaints from residents about premises at No.2 Derwen Road being used as a workshop. The complainants cited nuisance as a result of fumes, the storage of rubbish, and the lack of any cones or warning lights around a trailer which was regularly parked in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. Councillor Bowen stated that the Borough Council had been informed of residents' complaints.

The report was noted.

(i) Children's playground off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle drew the Council's attention to the potentially dangerous situation at the exit from the the children's playground to the footway on Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Councillor Bendle pointed out that it was common practice to erect a barrier on the highway side of the footway to prevent children from falling into the path of oncoming traffic.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Delme Bowen take the matter up with the County Engineer and Surveyor.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Condition of pavements in Maesyfelin, Pontyclun

Councillor Eric Griffith expressed his disappointment that, despite raising the matter on several occasions, broken ~~paving slabs~~ ^{Cowmact} on the Maesyfelin estate had still not been replaced. Councillor Delme Bowen stated that he had reported the matter on three separate occasions and he, too, shared Councillor Griffith's disappointment.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Engineer and Surveyor to reinforce Councillor Bowen's representations.

(b) Drugs in the Community

Councillor Gordon Norman urged Members to be vigilant about the abuse of drugs in the Community. Councillor Norman said that he had reason to believe that a caravan on the Hendy Estate was being used for the abuse of drugs. The matter had been reported to the appropriate authorities. Councillor Norman was strongly supported by Councillor Tudor Burton who pointed out that at a recent meeting of Taff Ely Drug Support he had been surprised to find that Pontyclun was regarded as an area with a very serious drug problem in Taff Ely.

The report was noted.

(c) Fly tipping

Councillor Tudor Burton spoke of his concern at fly tipping which had taken place in the vicinity of the former Taff Ely depot in Pontyclun. Councillor Burton pointed out that the Community Council should take action to discourage fly tipping and encourage residents to dispose of their refuse responsibly.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council's Chief Engineer and Surveyor requesting the erection of "No Fly Tipping" signs in the vicinity of the former depot.

(d) Tipping on land adjacent to Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun

Councillor Delme Bowen conveyed the concerns of residents of Rhyd-y-Nant at the "finger" of land which was extending towards Rhyd-y-Nant as the result of tipping at the the estate's western end. Effectively, the entrance to the land had been moved and residents were concerned that the landscape was being altered and that applications for residential development on the floodplain of the river Ely would follow. There was also concern about the welfare of the horses presently grazing the land.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish whether planning permission had been granted for tipping and whether planning permission was necessary to alter the means of access to the land.

(ii) That the Clerk contact the National Rivers Authority to ascertain whether that Authority were aware of the tipping and, if so, whether the Authority were proposed to take any action to safeguard the floodplain.

(iii) That the Clerk contact the RSPCA to establish whether the welfare of the horses was affected by the tipping operations.

(e) Notices of Motions

(i) Councillor Viv James gave notice that he wished the matter of sloping pavements in Pontyclun to be placed on the Agenda of the Council meeting for 6 July, 1994.

(ii) Councillor John Dilworth gave notice that he wished that presentations to the successful pupils in the Council's essay competition be placed on the Agenda of the Council's meeting for 6 July, 1994.

(iii) Councillor Delme Bowen gave notice that he wished that a presentation to the Council's retiring Handyman, Mr Derek Tookey, be placed on the Agenda of the Council's meeting for 6 July, 1994.

(f) Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994

RESOLVED: That in view of the Council's lengthy Agenda on 6 July, 1994, the meeting commence at 7.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m.

(g) Replacement of fence

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council would shortly start work on renewing the fence alongside the footpath to the rear of the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(h) Annual audit for 1993/94

The Clerk reminded the Council that the District Auditor would begin his annual audit of the Community Council accounts on 6 June, 1994. The audit was expected to be complete on 15 June, 1994. The Clerk confirmed that all accounts, transactions and records up to 31 March, 1994, had been completed and would be available to the auditor.

The matter was noted.

(i) Pontyclun War Memorial

The Clerk reported that Mr Alan Gregory had contacted him about the Community Council's request to take photographs of the Pontyclun War Memorial. Mr Gregory had pointed out that the inscriptions on the memorial had become discoloured over the years and would "merge" with the rest of the stonework in any attempt at photography.

The Clerk reported that he had also arranged for a monumental mason to meet him on site to advise on any restoration work necessary to the Memorial. The meeting was due to take place on 10 June, 1994.

The reports were noted.

16. The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

