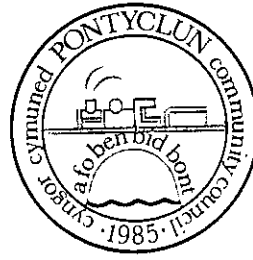


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 March, 1995.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr T J Burton, Mrs A Burton, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, and Mr R G Norman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and one member of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith and Mrs O P Phillips

2. Chairperson's business

(a) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor Bendle reported that he was proud to have been able to present the Mayor of Taff Ely with a cheque for £20,000.00 as the Community Council's contribution towards the construction costs of the Pontyclun Community Centre at the open morning on 18 February, 1995.

The matter was noted.

(b) Sponsored Walk

Councillor Bendle advised that arrangements were well advanced for the sponsored walk in aid of kidney research on the morning of Sunday, 12 March, 1995. Unlike previous years, the sponsored walk would start and end at the Pontyclun Fire Station in 1995. Walkers would be registered and provided with refreshments.

RESOLVED: That the Council re-affirm its decision to underwrite the Walk to the extent of £50.00.

(c) Pavement hazard, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to the placement of a chewing gum machine outside commercial premises in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Children were often seen queuing to use the machine with the result that pedestrians were forced to step on to the busy road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade drawing attention to the hazard.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 February, 1995

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 February, 1995, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Vibrations from blasting at Hendy Quarry

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that a site meeting of Borough Councillors had taken place during early February. The meeting had been joined by forty concerned Miskin residents who had expressed their views firmly and forcibly to the Chairperson of the meeting. Unfortunately, no blasting took place while the meeting was in progress. However, the Chairperson gave an undertaking that he would arrange for further investigations to take place into residents' complaints and, dependent on the results of those investigations, legal advice would be taken to establish what courses of action were open.

The report was noted.

(b) Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War Two

The Clerk reported that a winter denominational service to mark the end of World War Two had been arranged for Sunday, 14 May, 1995, at 4.00 p.m. in the Bethell Baptist Church Centre, Pontyclun. The Clerk expressed the wish that as the service had been the inspiration of the Community Council, the service would be well supported by Members. The Clerk hoped that existing Members and Members elected to the Council after the elections on 4 May, 1995, would attend the service.

The matter was noted.



(c) Pontyclun Community Centre

RESOLVED: That no further discussion take place on this item since the matter had already been fully discussed under Chairperson's Business.

(d) Construction of raised flower beds in Groesfaen

The Clerk reported that following the Council's instruction at its last meeting he had approached the Handyman and discussed with him the possibility of the work being carried out by casual labour with the Handyman acting in a supervisory capacity. The Handyman had expressed the view that, as a former automotive mechanic, he had little or none knowledge of the building industry and did not believe he was sufficiently experienced to supervise the work of building industry tradesmen.

Members requested the Clerk to read out the tenders which had been received from local builders to carry out the work. The Clerk informed Members that the Council had been professionally advised in the matter by a quantity surveyor who had visited site, taken measurements, produced detailed drawings and compiled bills of quantities. The quantity surveyor had advised the Council that the scheme was likely to cost in the order of £3,500 to £3,900. The sealed tenders which had been opened by the Chairperson at the Council's last meeting were for the following amounts:

G L Sharkey (Builders) Ltd	-	£3,286.40 plus VAT
K W Jones & Co Ltd	-	£3,730.00 plus VAT
P J Saunders Limited	-	£4,253.00 plus VAT

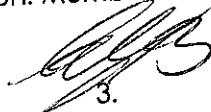
It was proposed and seconded that the work be readvertised. On being put to the vote the motion was lost. A further motion was proposed and seconded that the Council abandon the scheme. The motion was lost.

RESOLVED: That the contract be awarded to the lowest tenderer and that the Clerk take the necessary action.

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton specifically asked that it be recorded in the minutes that in her view the scheme was a waste of money.

5. Possibility of the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun

The Council discussed the reply of the Borough Council to the Community Council's earlier request for an indication of the cost of installing closed circuit television in Pontyclun. Members were surprised to hear that the cost



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of installing the cable network alone for the CCTV system in Pontypridd had amounted to £120,000. Information was provided by the Borough Council on a much less expensive option entailing the use of "slow scan" equipment where a series of "snapshot" pictures was transmitted to the monitoring facilities in Pontypridd by ordinary telephone line every 10 to 20 seconds. It was anticipated that the cost of such a facility would be in the order of £12 - 15,000 plus unspecified revenue costs for control room staff and telephone charges.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries with the Welsh Office, the Pontyclun Action Group and the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade to ascertain whether any of these bodies would be prepared to contribute to the costs of the less expensive alternative outlined by the Borough Council.

6. Mud deposition on highway --Maesyfelin Estate

The Council discussed the replies which had been received from the Borough Council and the County Council following complaints about the deposition of mud on the on roads in the Maesyfelin Estate. It was confirmed that the developer of the new housing estate had no obligation to install a standpipe to ensure that vehicle wheels were free from soil and mud before driving through estate roads. Furthermore, on the day a visual inspection was carried out by County Council officials there appeared to be no particular problem. In the event that roads needed to be swept a sweeper was available, if required.

RESOLVED: (i) That residents of the Maesyfelin Estate be encouraged to complain to the County Council on every occasion the roads on the Estate were affected by the deposition of mud.

(ii) That Councillor Viv James monitor the position.

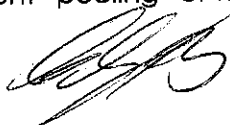
7. Application to extinguish highway rights - Groesfaen

The Council received notification from the Mid Glamorgan County Council of the intention to extinguish highway rights under Section 116 of the Highways Act, 1980, on land at the junction of route A4119 and Peterston-Super-Ely Lane, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

8. Condition of the footpath connecting Miskin Square with The Drive, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir drew the Council's attention to the condition of the footpath connecting Miskin Square with The Drive, Miskin. Councillor Moir pointed out that although the Community Council had carried out various work over the years to prevent "pooling" of water the basic problem



remained that the footpath was below the levels of the gardens on either side. As a result, during periods of rain the footpath was prone to waterlogging. Councillor Moir asked the Council to give consideration to a permanent solution by laying tarmac, or concrete, along its length.

RESOLVED: That, in the first instance, the Clerk contact the Highways Department of the Mid Glamorgan County Council to establish what alternatives were open to the Community Council to prevent the footpath becoming waterlogged during periods of wet weather.

9. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(a) Local Government (Wales) Act, 1994

The Council received a summary of the main points affecting community councils as the result of the Local Government (Wales) Act, 1994

RESOLVED: That the Council note the changes outlined by the Association and the Clerk be instructed to write to the Association to express the Community Council's disappointment that the Act contained no proposals for the remuneration of community councillors.

(b) Resolutions at 1994 Annual Conference

The Council discussed the reply received from the Under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, Mr Gwilym Jones, to the resolutions passed at the 1994 Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

RESOLVED: That the reply of the Welsh Office be noted.

10. Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Community and Town Council Liaison Committee

The Council received the letter of 8 February, 1995, from the Chair and Acting Secretary/ Administrator to the Committee, advising of the date of the next Committee meeting and the intention to invite Mr Paul Griffiths of the Association of Welsh Districts and a Chief Executive of one of the District Councils, or an officer of the Rhondda/ Cynon/Taff Transition Committee, to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

11. Requests for the erection of a bus shelter in Groesfaen and works to a public footpath

The Council received a letter from Mr Richard Fairlamb, JP, from Groesfaen, in which the Council was asked to consider erecting a bus shelter on the



main road in Groesfen and asking for improvement works to be carried out to a public footpath to prevent the "pooling" of water. The Clerk advised the Council that remedial work to the public footpath had already been carried out by the Council's Handyman.

- RESOLVED: (i) That a site meeting be held in Groesfaen at 10.00 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, 19 March, 1995, to view a potential site for the erection of a bus shelter.
- (ii) That Mr Fairlamb be advised of the work carried out to the public footpath and the intention to hold a site meeting on the morning of Sunday, 19 March, 1995.

12. Communities for Better Health in Wales

The Community Council discussed an invitation to attend a seminar in Builth Wells on 13 March, 1995, entitled "Communities for Better Health in Wales" .

- RESOLVED: That as members of the Taff Ely Borough Council were scheduled to attend the seminar the Council decline the invitation to nominate representatives to attend.

13. Application for financial assistance

The Council received an application for financial assistance towards the publication of "Tafod Elai"

- RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the Council's annual grants meeting in July.

14. Planning - Applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 27 January, 3, 10 and 17 February, 1995

The Council noted the planning applications contained in the Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 27 January, 3, 10 and 17 February, 1995.

- RESOLVED: That no comments be offered to the Borough Council for the four weeks notifications tabled at the meeting.

15. Payment of creditors

- RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No 15 to the Council's agenda.

16. Reports from Members

(a) Subsidence - Cefn yr Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

Councillor Gordon Norman reported a case of subsidence at No. 42 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun. The tenant had been re-housed by the Borough Council and a detailed report on the premises by a structural engineer was awaited.



Councillor Norman reported that the latest incident was the second within fourteen days and there was an uneasy feeling among Cefn yr Hendy residents about the possibility of further subsidence on the Estate. There was also concern about the building work taking place on an adjacent field on the Hendy.

The report was noted.

(b) Sponsored holidays at The Rest, Porthcawl

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Borough Council had sponsored 50 holiday places at The Rest, Porthcawl. Those wishing to avail themselves of the facility would only have to pay £15 per person.

The report was noted.

(c) Street nameplates

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Borough Council had recently erected several street nameplates in the Community. Each new nameplate indicated not only the name of the street in which the sign was erected but also the names of neighbouring streets which could be accessed.

The report was noted.

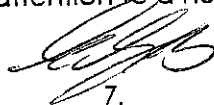
(d) Listed building status

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had made enquiries about the procedure which need be followed to get a building designated as a listed building. Essentially, the owner of the property would need to make application for listed building status. It would be wrong for another body to make the application since, if the request was granted, it could subsequently impose considerable costs on the owner if he wished to carry out alterations, or additions to the premises.

RESOLVED: That as Caergwanaf Farm, Miskin, is in the ownership of the Mid Glamorgan County Council, the Clerk write to the County Council asking whether that authority would consider making an application for the premises to be designated as a listed building.

(e) Display cabinet

Councillor Gordon Norman, on behalf of Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips, drew attention to a number of presentations which



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had been made to the Community Council. As the Community Council did not have premises of its own to display the presentations it had been suggested that the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre might be agreeable to housing a display cabinet in the Community Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter with the Community Centre Management Committee.

(f) Prevention of crime

Councillor Viv James reported on a crime prevention meeting which had taken place in Cardiff. The meeting had concentrated on issues surrounding domestic violence and the possibility of the police offering counselling. Emphasis was placed on educating children that violence is not a sensible course of action. Plans were in hand for a hotline to be set up.

The report was noted.

(g) Miskin Manor Cricket Club

Councillor Viv James reported that the Borough Council was unlikely to be able to make a grant to the Miskin Manor Cricket Club as originally thought. Councillor James was very dissatisfied with the decision and intended making further representations to the Borough Council in an effort to get the grant paid to the cricket club.

The report was noted.

(h) Re-housing of Borough Council tenants

Councillor Viv James wished to place on record the tremendous efforts made by Councillor Gordon Norman in getting certain Borough Council tenants re-housed. Councillor Norman's efforts were to be applauded.

The matter was noted.

(i) Taff Ely Police Liaison Committee

Councillor Tudor Burton reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Liaison Committee. It was reported that the matter of the secretaryship of the Committee had now been resolved and the police would be providing the necessary resources. However, there appeared to be some doubt about





the continued existence of the Committee as a restructuring had taken place within the police.

The report was noted.

17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Borough Council - Housing Policy

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that at the Borough Council's Housing Committee on 27 February, 1995, there was cross party agreement on an amendment to the Borough Council's policy on repossession. In future, the Borough Council would seek a repossession order against any tenant who was convicted on drugs offences.

The report was noted.

(c) Notice of Motion - To discuss the possibility of accessing Talygarn via the tunnel under the M4 motorway  
Councillor Viv James

(d) Notice of Motion - To discuss the possibility of the erection of a bridge in Brynsadler similar to the bridge erected at Ynysddu, Pontyclun - Councillor Viv James

(e) Notice of Motion - To discuss the disused premises of the former Environmental Health Department in School Street, Pontyclun - Councillor Mrs Anita Burton

(f) Pontyclun War Memorial


The Clerk advised the Council that the war memorial in Pontyclun had now been professionally cleaned by a company of stonemasons and an invoice in the sum of £344.00 had been received. In an earlier discussion on the matter with the Vicar of Pontyclun, Father Martin Reynolds, an offer had been made for the Community Shop to pay for the cleaning.

The Clerk had arranged payment of the stonemason's invoice and had advised Father Martin Reynolds of the receipt of the invoice. The Vicar had given an assurance that a cheque for £344.00 would be sent to the Community Council in the next few days.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(g) Coed Cae Lane Industrial Estate, Pontyclun

The Clerk read out a reply received from the County Engineer



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and Surveyor about the Community Council's concerns on inadequate signing to the Coed cae Lane Industrial Estate.

It appeared that the County Council had received a number of requests for signing in the Pontyclun area. A survey would be carried out of existing signs. When the survey was completed the Community Council's request would be considered and recommendations put forward for improving the overall signing to the area.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(h) Sponsored walk in aid of kidney research

The Clerk reminded the Council that its annual walk in aid of kidney research was due to be held on the morning of Sunday 12 March, 1995. This year the walk would be staged from the Pontyclun Fire Station. The Clerk sought the assistance of all Members for steward and refreshment duties on the morning of Sunday, 12 March.

The matter was noted.

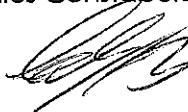
(i) Under age drinking in Pontyclun

Several Members spoke of their concern over the drunken and anti social behaviour of under age youths after closing time in Pontyclun. It appeared that alcohol was easily available to under age drinkers at the Bute Arms and the Pontyclun R F C.

P C Keddle explained that the police were short of manpower and that it was not unusual to find only one officer on duty in an area extending from Tonteg in the east to Llanharan in the west. Frequently in these circumstances it was not possible to give an immediate response. When the police were able to report to the scene of a complaint the offenders had disappeared. P C Keddle pointed out that the South Wales Constabulary was due to receive an extra 150 officers in April, 1995. He was hopeful that some of the additional manpower would be stationed at Talbot Green police station.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the landlord of the Bute Arms and the steward of the Pontyclun R F C asking for their cooperation in ensuring that under age youths were not supplied with alcohol on their premises.

(ii) That a copy of the letters be forwarded to Inspector Chapple of the South Wales Constabulary.



- (iii) That a copy of the letters be forwarded to the Taff Ely Drug Support group.

(j) Traffic Survey

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Mid Glamorgan County Council was due to carry out a survey of traffic problems in Pontyclun during March. After analysis of the data recommendations would be made to the County Council. However, any expenditure on improvements would need to be contained within existing budgets.

The matter was noted.

(k) Late night license, Pontyclun

A number of Members spoke of how the fish and chip shop in Cowbridge Road attracted a large unruly element late at night. There was agreement that the premises acted as a magnet for those who had left licensed premises. It appeared anomalous that whilst all other premises in Pontyclun were expected to close at 11.00 p.m. the fish and chip shop as a result of its late license, was able to remain open until the early hours. The Council was of the view that if the fish and chip shop were to close at 11.00 p.m. there would be significantly fewer incidents of loutish behaviour at night.

RESOLVED: That the Council make representations against the renewal of the late night license for the fish and chip shop when it became due for renewal.

18. The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

