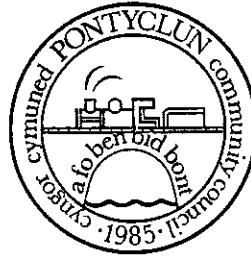


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 November, 1995.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson),  
 Mrs V A Cale, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood,  
 Mrs M Griffiths and Mr G M Moir

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** P C Steve Kettle of the South Wales Constabulary and twelve members of the public for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr T J Burton, Mr R G Norman and Mr M Rea

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Bridgend Samaritans**

The Chairperson told the Council of his visit to the Open Evening to the Bridgend Samaritans on Friday, 20 October, 1995. He had been very impressed with the level of dedication shown by the Samaritan volunteers who were committed to work four hour shifts and, once a month, an overnight shift. The organisation covered an extremely wide range of cases.

The report was noted.

(b) **Neighbourhood Watch**

The Chairperson advised the Council that on Thursday, 2 November, 1995, he would be attending the formation of a new Neighbourhood Watch in the Community at David's Court. The police had expressed the view that Neighbourhood Watches had contributed significantly to a reduction in crime and were to be encouraged.

The report was noted.

(c) Multiple Sclerosis Society

The Chairperson advised that he had received an invitation to attend the Christmas Dinner of the Taff Ely Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society due to be held in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on the evening of Thursday, 21 December, 1995. Due to a prior commitment the Chairperson found himself unable to attend. He suggested that the invitation be made available to the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Gordon Norman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Norman be offered the opportunity to attend the function as the Community Council's representative.

(d) Llantrisant Town Trust

The Chairperson reported the receipt of a letter from the Clerk to the Llantrisant Town Trust extending an invitation to himself and his wife to attend the ceremony scheduled for Saturday, 8th June, 1996, in connection with the age-old custom of Beating the Bounds. It was also planned to commemorate the 650th Anniversaries of the granting of the Town's Charter and the Battle of Crecy at the ceremony.

The Chairperson pointed out that as the ceremony would not be taking place within his term of office it would proper if the Community Council's Chairperson for 1996/97 be given the opportunity to attend.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply provisionally accepting the invitation and pointing out that the invitation would be brought to the attention of the Community Council's Chairperson on his election to office in May, 1996.

(e) Information Sheet

The Chairperson advised the Council that he was anxious to keep party politics out of Community Council business. Nevertheless, it was his duty to report a telephone call he had received from a member of the public who objected to the claim in a recent "information sheet" circulated in the Community which claimed that the newly built police office attached to the Pontyclun Day Centre was as a result of the efforts made by the Labour Party.



The facts were that the Pontyclun Community Council had sought for many years to gain a police office in the Community. Inquiries had taken place with the police and the Borough Council to identify suitable premises. The Community Council's efforts had come to fruition when the Borough Council had agreed to incorporate an office for the police in the plans for the redevelopment of the Pontyclun Community Centre and Day Centre.

The matter was noted.

3. Presentation by Mr Bob Kemp

Mr Bob Kemp, a recently appointed Community Worker engaged by the Taff Ely Borough Council, spoke of his responsibilities during his 12 month period of employment as Community Worker for Llantrisant and Pontyclun with special emphasis on youth development.

Mr Kemp said that on taking up his duties he had been keen to speak to all the local organisations making provision for the youth of the area. He had been encouraged by his initial findings since he found that there were already a significant number of activities taking place in the Community providing for the needs of the youth. However, there were still a significant number of youths who had little, or nothing, to do in their spare time. He intended concentrating his efforts towards making provision for this uncatered for section of youth.

Mr Kemp urged the Council not to pre-judge the youth of the Community by their appearance and the fact that many were to be found congregating in large groups in Pontyclun. He asked the Council to bear in mind that there were few, if any premises where youths could meet in the Community. As part of Mr Kemp's remit he would be making recommendations on suitable meeting premises and urged the Community Council to give him its support.

The Chairperson assured Mr Kemp that his objectives and those of the Community Council coincided and both parties recognised the value of the youth of the Community. Furthermore, the Community Council understood the worries and the intimidating effect being experienced by residents as a result of youngsters congregating in back lanes.

Mr Kemp answered a number of questions on his role and what he hoped to achieve during his 12 month period in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council convene a public meeting to discuss in detail the problems being experienced by the youth of the Community and that invitations to attend the meeting be extended to Mr Kemp, the Taff Ely Drug Support group and the police.



4. Police matters

(a) Congregating youths

PC Steve Keddle welcomed the initiative being taken in addressing the problems of the youth of the Community since if it proved possible to prevent youths congregating there was less likelihood of intimidation of residents. This would assist the police in carrying out their duties and would enable more efficient use of police resources in the area.

(b) Police Office - Pontyclun Day Centre

PC Keddle reported that it had not yet been possible to use the new facility at the Pontyclun Day Centre. Shortage of personnel through sickness, training requirements and holidays had resulted in those staff on duty being confined to carrying out their duties from the police station in Talbot Green.

The matter was noted.

(c) Hendy Quarry

Councillor Moir informed PC Keddle of an incident on 23 October, 1995, when a large rock in the highway, believed to have come from the Hendy Quarry, tore the sump off a passing vehicle. Following a complaint to quarry management it was understood that the affected vehicle had been repaired and that the cost had been borne by the Quarry. The Borough Council's Environmental Health Department had refused to become involved and suggested that the complainant pursue the matter with the police.

P C Keddle agreed to make enquiries into the matter.

(d) Disco at the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Chairperson advised PC Keddle that it was planned to hold a disco at the Community Centre on the evening of Saturday, 4 November, 1995. It would cater for young people in the 14 to 17 age group and would end at 10.00 p.m.

(e) Speeding in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Ann Cale drew PC Keddle's attention to the



large number of vehicles regularly speeding in the section of highway from Llantrisant Road, from its junction with Heol Miskin, to its junction with the access road to the Ynysddu Farm Estate. Councillor Cale asked if it was possible for the police to monitor the speed of vehicles in this section of road.

PC Keddle agreed to submit a report asking for the section to be monitored.

5. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 10 October, 1995

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 10 October, 1995, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

(a) An Environmental Plan for the Community -

The Council discussed the draft questionnaire produced by Councillor Mrs M Griffiths. The document was approved in principle but there was a strong feeling that the document could be presented in a different form to make it more "user friendly".

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Flood be asked to re-design the document to achieve a format which the public would find easy to read and complete.

(b) Variation to the Community Council's Bank Mandate

The Clerk advised the Council that it was necessary to amend the Council's Bank Mandate with Lloyds Bank, Pontyclun, to reflect the changes in Council membership since the May, 1995 elections.

RESOLVED: That sample signatures be obtained from all Members of the Council and forwarded to Lloyds Bank, Pontyclun.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils -  
Short course for newly elected councillors

The Council discussed the letter of 16 October, 1995, from the Development Officer for Glamorgan and Gwent of the Association.



RESOLVED: That the Council nominate the Chairperson, together with Councillors J G Davies and R O Edwards and the Clerk, to attend the course.

(d) Main line railway

Councillor Mrs M Griffiths reported that the railway fence near the children's playarea on the Windsor Field was broken. Young children had been seen entering railway land and throwing sticks on to the railway.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with Railtrack.

7. Chairperson's Chain of Office

The Chairperson reminded the Council that it had, on several occasions, discussed the need for a Chain of Office for the Chairperson. On each occasion there had been agreement that the Council needed a Chain of Office for its Chairperson for those occasions when he, or she, was required to formally represent the Council. The Council had not, however, taken a decision to purchase a Chain of Office. There had been a number of incidents in recent years when, through a lack of any form of civic regalia, the Chairperson had been acutely embarrassed when attending public events in that he, or she, had failed to be recognised as being the representative of the Community Council.

An unsatisfactory situation existed and unless the Council addressed the problem there was little doubt that future Chairpersons would be similarly embarrassed.

A long discussion ensued and the Clerk produced samples of chains and logos which had been produced for other community and town councils.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain an estimate of the cost of an inexpensive chain of office incorporating the Community Council's logo.

8. Scheme for the restoration of Hendy Quarry under Interim Development consent conditions

The Council considered the details of the restoration scheme proposed for the Hendy Quarry under the Interim Development consent regulations.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the County Planning Officer:

That the Pontyclun Community Council is extremely



disappointed to note the proposals put forward by Wimpey Hobbs for the "restoration" of the quarry. The proposals amount to very little more than allowing the quarry to flood and carrying out a minimum of seeding and planting.

Bearing in mind the considerable mineral wealth removed from the Community over very many years the Community Council would not have thought it unreasonable for Wimpey Hobbs to have proposed something more imaginative than merely abandoning the quarry and allowing it to fill with water and leaving a potential hazard for children for all time.

The Community Council would urge the County Council not to approve the "restoration" scheme as proposed by Wimpey Hobbs. With a little imagination and consultation it would be possible, for instance, to create facilities for motorcyclists, introduce abseiling, or create an adventure quarry.

The Community does not want another deep, dangerous, water filled hole.

9. Consultation Document on the Welsh Drug and Alcohol Strategy

The Council received the Consultation Paper entitled "Forward Together" which set out a strategy for tackling drug and alcohol misuse in Wales.

**RESOLVED:** That the copy of the consultation document be circulated among Members in order that the Council would be in a position to formulate its comments at its December monthly meeting.

10. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade held on 17 October, 1995.

At the request of the Secretary of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade, a copy of the minutes of the Chamber of Trade's Special meeting of 17 October, 1995, was discussed by the Community Council.

The Chairperson explained that he had been invited to attend the meeting since there were a number of items on the Chamber's agenda affecting the Community Council:



### CCTV in Pontyclun

The Borough Council proposed installing two cameras in Pontyclun. It would be possible to instal a third camera provided the community would be prepared to contribute a sum of £1,500. The Chamber of Trade and the Community Shop were each prepared to donate £500.00. The Community Council was asked to make a donation of £500.00.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council make a donation of £500.00 towards the cost of the installation of the third camera for the CCTV system in Pontyclun.

### Disorderly conduct of youths in Pontyclun

The Community Council noted the worries of the Chamber of Trade over the intimidation of Pontyclun residents by the disorderly conduct of congregating youths in Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED: (a) That the Community Council send a letter to the Chief Constable supporting the stance taken by the Chamber of Trade in expressing their worries over the disorderly conduct of congregating youths in Pontyclun.
- (b) That the Clerk obtain the views of residents in living in the vicinity of J+J Newsagents, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, about the proposal to re-site the wayside seat presently sited opposite the Pontyclun post office to a site near the newsagent.
- (c) That the Clerk write to the brewers supplying alcohol to the public houses in Pontyclun asking for their cooperation in ensuring that their licensees in the Community adhere to the law in supplying alcohol to their customers.

### Christmas Trees

The Community Council noted that the Chamber of Trade had proposed erecting a Christmas Tree on top of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Community Council not give its





permission for the erection of a Christmas tree at the location.

- (b) That Councillor T Flood liaise with Father Martin Reynolds over the possible erection of a Christmas tree on a site near St Paul's Church, Pontyclun.

Request for a cash dispenser

The Council noted that the Chamber of Trade had made representations to Lloyds Bank for the installation of a cash dispenser at the branch of Lloyds in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council send a letter to Lloyds Bank supporting the request of the Chamber of Trade for the installation of a cash dispenser at Lloyds Bank in Pontyclun.

11. Mid Glamorgan Association of Local Councils - One Day Conference in Maesteg, 25 November, 1995

The Council received details from the Mid Glamorgan Association of Local Councils of a one day conference to be held in Maesteg on Saturday, 25 November, 1995.

RESOLVED: That the Council not be represented at the conference.

12. Licensing

- (a) Application for a transfer of the Justices' Licence - The Ivor Arms, Brynsadler, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

- (b) Application for a Justices' Off Licence - 27 - 29 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the application at length. Some Members were of the view that because of the drink related anti social behaviour being experienced in the Community the application should be opposed. Other Members were of the view that the right of free trade should be observed. On the matter being put to the vote four Members voted to oppose the application while three Members voted against opposing the application.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application.



13. Application for financial assistance

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from the Cefn yr Hendy Residents and Tenants Group.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £200.00 be made to the Group.

14. Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 29 September, 6, 13 and 20 October, 1995

Application No. 95/0672/16

RESOLVED: That while the Council did not wish to offer any comment to the Borough Council on the application for approval of reserved matters, it wished to place on record its concern over the development of Cefn yr Hendy.

15. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 14 to the Agenda.

16. Reports from Members

(a) Pooling of water

Councillor R O Edwards reported that pavements in the vicinity of the Community Centre suffered from pooling of water during periods of heavy rain. It appeared that the problem was caused by the pavement camber and the lowered kerbs.

RESOLVED: That the matter be taken up with the Borough Council.

(b) Absence of street nameplates - Maesyfelin Estate

Councillor R O Edwards reported that a number of streets on the Maesyfelin Estate were without street nameplates. Councillor Edwards quoted Brodawel, Maes yr Afon and Glan yr Afon as requiring nameplates.

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



(c) New sewerage pumping station- Maesyfelin Estate

Councillor R O Edwards reported a considerable level of public disquiet at the refurbishment of the sewerage pumping station on the Maesyfelin Estate by Welsh Water. Of particular concern was the poor quality timber fence which had been erected around the pumping station. Residents would have wished Welsh Water to have consulted with them before erecting a fence which many regarded as an eyesore.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held at the sewerage pumping station at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, 4 November, 1995.

(d) New sewerage pumping station - Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths supported the comments made by Councillor Edwards on the previous matter and reported that she, too, had received adverse comments about the refurbishment which Welsh Water had carried out to the sewerage pumping station in Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk also establish from Welsh Water why it had chosen not to obtain the views of the residents living in the vicinity of the Rhyd y Nant sewerage pumping station before proceeding with the refurbishment.

(e) Lowering of kerbs

Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths drew the Council's attention to the difficulties experienced by many residents, especially the elderly and handicapped, in negotiating some of the high kerbs in the Community. It was understood that it was planned to lower kerbs when pavements were re-surfaced but there did not appear to be any programme for carrying out the work.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council to find out the programme for re-surfacing the pavements in the Community.

(f) Purolite Standing Conference

Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths reported on her attendance at the last meeting of the Purolite Standing Conference. Councillor Griffiths stated that while many residents complained of smells



emanating from the Purolite plant, comparatively few formal complaints had been lodged. It was felt that the Standing Conference could carry out its role more effectively if the public was aware of the importance of registering complaints about offensive odours promptly. It was agreed that the public should be encouraged to complain.

The Council discussed ways in which complaints could be facilitated. It was noted that the Community Council had earlier requested that complaint boxes and forms be provided at the Pontyclun Post Office, the doctors' surgery and the Pontyclun Library. After enquiries it transpired that only the Pontyclun Library was prepared to take a complaint box and forms.

**RESOLVED:** (I) That the Clerk arrange to place notices in the Community Council's noticeboards encouraging residents to complain to the Purolite Plant and the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department whenever offensive smells were experienced which were believed to have emanated from the Purolite Plant.

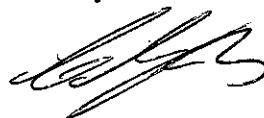
(ii) That the Clerk write to the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade asking for suitable location in Pontyclun where a complaint box and complaint forms could be sited.

(iii) That the Clerk write to the Headteacher of Y Pant Comprehensive School asking for any assistance the school might be able to offer in monitoring offensive odours emanating from the Purolite Plant.

(g) Condition of back lane at the rear of Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun

Councillor J G Davies drew the Council's attention to the very poor condition of the surface of the lane at the rear of Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun. It was known that there had been a recent accident in the lane which was as a direct result of the defective tarmac.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk bring the poor attention of the lane's surface to the attention of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.



(h) Overhanging trees - No 4 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun

Councillor J G Davies reported that the householder at No 4 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, was suffering nuisance as a result of overhanging trees at the rear of his property.

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

(I) Public footpath adjacent to the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club

Councillor Mrs V A Cale raised the unsatisfactory state of the footpath running through the car park adjacent to the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club.

The Chairperson acknowledged that the footpath was unsatisfactory as it stood but pointed out that work in the vicinity had not been completed.

(j) Community Council's Handyman

Councillor Mrs V A Cale reported that she had received a query from a Community resident about the nature of the Handyman's duties.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the resident to establish the precise nature of the query.

(k) Congregating youths and teenagers in Pontyclun

Councillor T Flood reported that he had a keen interest in the welfare of youths and teenagers in the Community. He was actively involved as a youth leader with Bethel Baptist Church where over 100 youths and teenagers were on the register for evening activities.

Councillor Flood acknowledged that there was a wider problem still to be addressed and with this in mind he had recently written to the Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee, the Secretary of the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club and the Secretary of the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club in an attempt to identify ideas for making greater provision for the youth of the Community. A copy of Councillor Flood's letter was lodged with the Clerk.



17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Congregating youths and teenagers

Councillor Flood referred to the problems already discussed at the meeting associated with the behaviour of some of the youths and teenagers who congregated in Pontyclun.

Councillor Flood advised that he had received a letter from Mr L H Bailey of 4 Station Terrace, Pontyclun, who had detailed many of the problems experienced by residents. It was clear from Mr Bailey's letter that there were a number of residents who felt intimidated and had suffered abuse. There was a real worry, too, that some of the youngsters may have been taking drugs. It was noted that Mr Bailey had sent copies of his letter to the local Chamber of Trade and the Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary.

**RESOLVED:** That further discussion on the problem be deferred pending the outcome of the public meeting with residents, the police, the Community Worker and the Taff Ely Drug Support group.

(b) Raised flower beds, Groesfaen

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's proposals for the construction of raised flower beds in Groesfaen had been approved by the County Council subject to some minor modifications. The Clerk intended referring the modifications to the surveyor responsible for producing the working drawings for comment.

The matter was noted.

(c) Riding of horses on pavements

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the County Council on the legal position of horse riders using pavements. Copies of the reply were distributed to all Members of the Council.

The matter was noted.



(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk reported notification of a forum to be held in the Cardiff City Hall on 2 December, 1995, on "Democracy through Community and Town Councils to a Welsh Parliament". The forum was being organised by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and an invitation was extended to the Council to nominate representatives to attend at a cost of £6.00 per attendee.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the forum by Councillors Davies and Edwards together with the Clerk.

(d) Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk reminded the Council that Remembrance Sunday services would be held on 12 November, 1995, in Miskin and Pontyclun. Following the Council's practice in previous years the Clerk had purchased a poppy wreath for each of the services in Miskin and Pontyclun. The Chairperson would attend the service in Pontyclun while Councillor Moir had agreed to attend the Miskin service.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk be confirmed.

(e) Llantrisant and District Local History Society

The Clerk tabled the latest newsletter from the Llantrisant and District Local History Society.

The matter was noted.

18. The meeting ended at 10.50 p.m.

