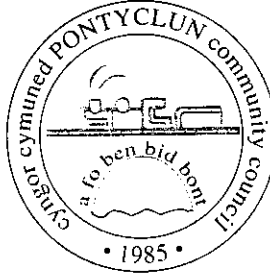


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APPENDIX No. 1
Pontyclun Community Council

Clerk to the Council
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 December, 1998

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, J G Davies, R O Edwards, T Flood, J V Huish (Chairperson), Mrs M M Griffiths, R G Norman, M Rea and Mrs D B Shackell

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

1. **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs V A Cale.

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Christmas refuse collection arrangements**

The Chairperson, Councillor Huish, advised that he had received details from the Borough Council of revised refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas period.

The Clerk advised that he, too, had received notices detailing the arrangements and that he would be placing the notices in Community Council noticeboards nearer Christmas.

RESOLVED: That the matter be left to the Clerk.

(b) **Highways budget deficit**

The Chairperson referred to the recent press reports about a

deficit in the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Highways budget in the current financial year. The reports about a deficit were correct and a joint report prepared by the Directors of Highways and Transportation and Finance and I T had been discussed by members of the Highways and Transportation Committee the previous evening on ways of the recovering the deficit. The Chairperson tabled the joint report for information.

RESOLVED: That any member of the Community Council requiring sight of the report contact the Clerk.

(c) **Welsh National Opera**

The Chairperson announced that the Welsh National Opera company was currently undertaking a concert tour of Wales. A concert would be held in the County Borough at the Rhondda Sports Centre, Ystrad, on Friday, 18 December, 1998. Details of the performance, and other concert venues, were available from the Clerk.

(d) **Miskin Bye election**

The Chairperson referred to the letter he had sent the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council expressing concern about the arrangements for the recent bye election in Miskin. Councillor Huish had asked in his letter that an apology be made to the Community Council for the impression given by his staff that the Community Council was at fault in its handling of the election arrangements.

Councillor Huish said that the Chief Executive was satisfied that there had been no political motivation which resulted in the need to postpone the original date of the election. Furthermore, revised electoral procedures had been introduced by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to ensure that a similar situation would not occur again.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Executive asking that he confirm in writing what he had said verbally to Councillor Huish.

3. **Police matters**

Members expressed their concern that no representative from the police was present at meeting. It was pointed out that there had been no police presence at the last two Council meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the Council's disappointment to the police at the absence of a representative from the last two Community Council meetings and asking when the newly appointed superintendent for the area would be attending a Community Council meeting.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 November, 1998**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 November, 1998 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Pontypridd and District Housing Association**

The Council received the letter of 16 November, 1998, from Antonia Forte of the Pontypridd and District Housing Association and was pleased to learn that the Housing Association welcomed the support given by the Pontyclun Community Council on the Community Development initiative.

The Council was also interested to learn that a small grant had been made available by the Welsh Office to enable a feasibility study to be prepared. The Rhondda and Pontypridd and District Housing Associations would seek approval from their respective committees for match funding to enable the proposal to be taken forward. On completion of the funding arrangements for the feasibility study a meeting would be arranged to which the Community Council's representatives would be invited to attend.

Councillor Norman advised the Council that the meeting referred to by Antonia Forte had been arranged for Friday 4 December, 1998, in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(b) **Licensing - The Brunel Arms, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that he had established from the Rhondda

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Cynon Taff County Borough Council a licence to provide entertainment at The Brunel Arms, Pontyclun, had been granted by the Licensing Committee. The licence was in keeping with the licences held by other premises in the area and allowed entertainment to be provided until 11.15 p.m. only.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the application, as originally submitted by the applicant, had sought permission for The Brunel Arms to provide entertainment until midnight. As the application stood it was highly likely that it would have been refused since an application for an extension of the licence from 11.15 p.m. to midnight had been opposed from many quarters and had been refused by the Crown Court.

Shortly before the Licensing Committee heard the application, the applicant volunteered to alter the ending time for entertainment to 11.15 p.m. thus bringing his application into line without licensed premises in the locality.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(c) **Felling of trees in Miskin**

The Council noted with surprise that the mature trees which had been felled in Miskin Crescent, Miskin, had not been covered by any tree preservation orders.

A discussion took place on the ownership of the land on which the avenue of mature trees stood and whether action should have been taken at an earlier date by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, or its predecessor authority, to ensure that mature trees were covered with a tree protection orders.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council urge the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, as a matter of urgency, to place a tree preservation order on the remaining trees in the avenue not covered by a tree preservation order

(ii) That the Clerk request the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to provide the Community Council with a list, with accompanying maps, of all the trees in Miskin covered by tree preservation orders.

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(d) **Footpath lighting in the Community**

The Clerk reported that since the last Council's meeting the lighting column adjacent to Maelog Close had been brought into use. He wished to place on record the assistance Councillor Flood had given in getting the contractors back to site.

The Clerk also reported that contractors had also attended to complete the outstanding work on Windsor Field footpath lighting. The contractors had requested a site meeting with the Clerk in the light of what they had found site. At the meeting it had emerged that considerable vandalism had been caused to the lighting standards with lanterns having been removed and the columns pushed out of their vertical position. In addition, the electricity supply had been disconnected. Enquiries had failed to reveal who was responsible for the disconnection.

The meeting had concluded with the Clerk asking the contractor for a specification of the work necessary to restore the lighting system to full and safe working order

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk be endorsed.

6. **Proposed Community Council Newsletter**

Councillors Bendle and Edwards expressed their concern that the special meeting of the Council which had been convened for the evening of 16 November, 1998, to discuss the proposed newsletter, had been poorly attended. Of the ten Members on the Community Council only two, Councillors Bendle and Edwards, had attended for the meeting. There were insufficient Members present to form a quorum at 7.00 p.m. and despite waiting for the arrival of further Members, the meeting had to be abandoned at 8. 20 p.m.

Councillor Edwards pointed out that this was the second occasion where a special meeting had been convened by the Council and had been poorly attended. He wondered whether those Members not in attendance had some ulterior motive. Several Members spoke to explain the reasons why they were unable to attend the meeting of 16 November, 1998.

Following a motion proposed by Councillor Bendle, and seconded by Councillor Edwards, the Council agreed that in future where there were items of Council business which required further detailed consideration, those items be considered at the end of the Council's agenda.

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Following a discussion on the draft newsletter a number of suggestions were made for inclusion in the newsletter.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That Councillor Griffiths and the Clerk meet to arrange the final content of the newsletter and make arrangements for printing.
- (ii) That, in future, where there were items of Council business which required further detailed consideration those items be considered at the end of the Council's agenda.

7. **Audit of Accounts**

The Council discussed the letter from the District Auditor dated 10 November, 1998, in which the reasons were given for the delay in the audit of community councils' accounts for 1997/98. The District Auditor provided an aide memoir of action which needed to be taken before the audit of accounts for 1997/98.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

8. **Encroachment into the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

The Clerk advised the Council that since its last meeting he had written to the person responsible for the encroachment enclosing a copy of the District Valuer and Valuation Officer's report. The Clerk had also written to every other householder in Ivor Park outlining the action being taken to end the encroachment.

In response, from a solicitor acting on behalf of the person responsible for the encroachment, an offer had been made to end the encroachment on condition that the Council agree not to take any legal action against J & G Developments Ltd. for the incorrect placement of gabion baskets at the boundary with the Ivor Woods. Copies of the solicitor's letter were distributed to each Member at the meeting.

The Clerk advised that on receipt of the solicitor's letter he had referred it to the Council's legal advisers at the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils for comment. A reply had not been received at the date of the Council's meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's action be noted and that the Council take no further action until the reply of the Council's legal advisers had been received.

9. **Talgarn Pavilion**

The Clerk reported that the District Valuer and Valuation Officer had contacted him about the need the gain entry into the Pavilion to carry out his valuation of the premises. The Clerk had told the Valuer that while he could, if necessary, make arrangements for the premises to be opened, he believed that a reasonably accurate assessment of the condition of the Pavilion could be formed from an external examination. The Valuer had agreed with the Clerk's view and said he would make contact again after his site visit. At the date of the Council's meeting the Clerk had not heard anything further from the Valuer.

Councillor Norman reported that since the last meeting of the Council he had met Mr Eric Hitchings, Director of Leisure and Tourism at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, together with his assistant, Mr Martin O'Sullivan, to discuss the possibility of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council becoming involved in the Talgarn sportsfield. It was unclear whether the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council would be in a position to develop the sportsfield.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted.

10. **Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff**

The Clerk referred to the presentation given by Mrs Hanigan Pop of Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff in December, 1997. Shortly after the presentation the Clerk had written to Groundwork giving an indication of some of the schemes which the Community Council would like progressed during 1998. No reply was received from Groundwork, despite several reminder letters. It was believed that Groundwork were not interested in the schemes put forward by the Pontyclun Community Council.

In November, 1998, the Clerk received an unexpected telephone call from Groundwork. Apologies were given for Groundwork's failure to contact the Community Council earlier in the year but it now appeared that Groundwork were now interested in providing the disabled access into the Ivor Woods which was on the original schedule of works required by the Community Council. A site meeting with the Clerk had taken place a week after the telephone call.

At the site meeting it was apparent that ramps to facilitate access of wheelchairs on to the footbridge across the river Ely would need to be constructed at both ends of the footbridge, in addition to carrying out some work to the handrails on the bridge to provide slightly more width. The footpath from Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler would be finished in tarmac or concrete.

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Groundwork's representative, Mr David Hart, agreed to provide detailed drawings to the Council and an explanation of how funding for the project could be attracted from a scheme "BT Countryside for all". Mr Hart agreed to attend a meeting of the Council to present his proposals.

RESOLVED: That while the Community Council was disappointed the Groundwork would not be able to carry out all the schemes identified by the Council, the Clerk arrange for the proposals for a disabled access into the Ivor Wood to be discussed by the Council as soon as they became available.

11. **Replies from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**

(a) **Encroachments on to the Maesyfelin Rugby Field**

The Council discussed the reply from the director of Property Services on the Council's earlier complaints about encroachments on to the Maesyfelin Rugby Field. The Council was of the view that the reply was vague and lacked any conviction on the need to end the encroachments.

RESOLVED: That photographs illustrating the extent of the encroachments be forwarded to the Director of Property Services asking that urgent action be taken to regularise the matter.

(b) **Disused offices in School Street, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter from the Director of Property Services about the former Environmental Health Department Offices in School Street, Pontyclun. The Director stated that as the premises were currently up for sale he was not prepared to brick up the ground floor access points.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to the Director of Property Services asking that "Site Ex" over the ground floor access points. The material would allow access for viewing to potential purchasers while denying access to those who were unauthorised.

(c) **Derelict garage rear of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter from the Director of Environmental Services in which he stated that a notice

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requiring the demolition of a garage at the rear of 79 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, had needed to be re-served as the result of a change of ownership. Enforcement action by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council could only be taken after 56 days had elapsed since the notice was re-served.

Councillor Flood advised the Council that the new owners had now demolished the garage.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(d) **Renewal and Variation of Public Entertainment Licence - Miskin Manor Health and Fitness Club**

The Clerk reported receipt of the notification on 13 November, 1998, requiring the observations of the Community Council by 20 November, 1998. In the circumstances the Clerk had contacted the Chairperson, Councillor Huish, and had jointly agreed that as the premises subject to the licensing application were considerably removed from residential areas of the Community, that no adverse comment be made on the application.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the action of the Chairperson and Clerk be approved.
- (ii) That the Clerk write to the Director of Environmental Services asking that, wherever possible, sufficient notice of licensing applications be given to the Community Council in order that applications can be discussed at monthly meetings of the Council.

(e) **Reinstatement work, Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of 9 November, 1998, from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering and was pleased to learn that the poor reinstatement work to the pavement outside Hope Chapel in Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun, had now been completed to a standard acceptable to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(f) **Footpath No. 336 - Talygarn**

The Council discussed a letter received from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering in which it was said that the landowner acknowledged the obstruction to Footpath No. 336 in Talygarn and intended making arrangements to clear the obstruction.

Despite several weeks having elapsed the obstruction was still present and walkers still needed to negotiate a way around the obstruction.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering asking that an inspection of the obstruction be undertaken by the Footpaths Officer and that, as several months had passed since the footpath was deliberately obstructed, urgent action be taken to remove the obstruction.

(g) **Talygarn Cricket Field**

The Council discussed the letter of 4 November, 1998, from the Director of Leisure and Tourism about Talygarn Cricket Field.

The Director stated that after a meeting had taken place with representatives of Talygarn Forum a further meeting would take place with other local organisations. The Community Council was aware that the meeting with representatives of Talygarn Forum had taken place but there was no information on when the meeting with "other local organisations", would take place.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Director of Leisure and Tourism asking when the meeting with other local organisations was likely to take place.

12. **Defective pavements in Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of 13 November, 1998, from Mrs Julie Croad of 52 Rhyd y Nant, Pontyclun, about defective pavements in the Community, and the reply of the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

13. **Wales Youth Agency**

The Wales Youth Agency provided the Council with a copy of its recent publication "Newslines" which described the range of initiatives for young people where town and community councils had been involved. The Agency hoped that the Pontyclun Community Council would find the document useful and that the Council would be able to use some of the ideas in its work with young people.

RESOLVED: That the document be noted.

14. **Requests for financial assistance**

The Council received requests for financial assistance from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru, which was to be held in Ynys Mon in 1999, and from the Pontyclun Housebound Club. A letter from the Eisteddfod's Chairman of its Executive Committee was attached as Appendix 17 to the Agenda while the Clerk distributed copies of the letter from the Pontyclun Housebound Club.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £100.00 be made to Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru, in respect of the 1999 Eisteddfod at Ynys Mon, and that a grant of £200.00 be made to the Pontyclun Housebound Club. In the case of the latter organisation, the Clerk be authorised to despatch the Council's cheque as a matter of urgency in view of the organisation's difficult financial position.

15. **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 6, 13, 20 and 27 November, 1998.**

(The Chairperson, Councillor Huish, declared an interest in the planning applications to be discussed by the Council and vacated the Council chamber. In the Chairperson's absence the Chair was occupied by the Vice Chairperson, Councillor T Flood)

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council:

Application No. T98/2797/10

That the Council views the development taking place in advance of the award of planning consent with suspicion since:

- (i) the substantial earthwork being undertaken does not appear to be reflected in the description of the work for which the applicant seeks planning consent.

- (ii) there do not appear to be any controls on the type of material being tipped.
- (iii) any raising of the level of the ground on the applicant's side of the river Ely would, in times of heavy rain, direct any floodwater towards the residential developments on the opposite side of the river Ely.

The Community Council would strongly urge the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to carry out a full site investigation into the activities of the applicant, in conjunction with representatives of the Environment Agency, as soon as possible.

Application No. T98/2821/10

That while the Community Council is not opposed to the development, it views with concern an application which, if approved, would set a precedent for rear garden development in the area.

16. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 18 to the Agenda.

17. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Pavement in Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle was pleased to be able to report that after the pressure which the Community Council had exerted on the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to re-new the pavements in Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun, work had recently commenced.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) **Talygarn Forum**

Councillor Norman reported that he, together with other representatives of the Talygarn Forum, had recently held a meeting with Mr Jon Owen Jones, M.P., under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, to present the Forum's case for the

retention of rehabilitation facilities at the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre. The Forum representatives were well received and were optimistic about the retention of the existing facilities at Talygarn.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) **Pontypridd and District Housing Association**

Councillor Norman reported on a meeting he had attended on the previous Friday morning with representatives of the Pontypridd and District Housing Association at the Pontyclun Community Centre. The Housing Association welcomed the support the Community Council had offered in the interests of its tenants in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(d) **Cinema Club**

Councillor Norman reported that the current season for the cinema club at the Pontyclun Community Centre would end on Saturday, 5 December, 1998. The new season would commence on Saturday, 9 January, 1999.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(e) **Dog fouling**

Councillor Edwards reported on the increasing problem of dog fouling in the lanes adjacent to Pontyclun Primary School. Councillor Mrs Shackell reported a similar problem in the vicinity of St David's Road and School Road, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the incidence of dog fouling at the above locations to the Director of Environmental Services at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and asking what measures could be taken to alleviate the problem.

(f) **Footpaths at Talygarn Lake**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths drew attention to the well used footpaths alongside Talygarn Lake. Councillor Griffiths pointed out that the footpath on the northern side of the Lake, within

the boundary of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, was a designated public right of way. The footpath on the southern side of the Lake, within the boundary of the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council, was not a designated public right of way.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council asking that that authority designate the footpath on the southern side of Talygarn Lake as a public right of way.

(g) **Public Footpath, Windsor Field, Pontyclun**

Councillor Davies referred to the success of the Pontyclun RFC in the SWALEC Cup by having a home fixture against Llanelli RFC on the afternoon of Saturday, 19 December, 1998. He was concerned, however, at the rumoured proposals for closing the public footpath alongside the Windsor Field for the duration of the game.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the legality of the possible closure of the footpath.

(h) **Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club**

Councillor Flood commented that the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club was conscious of the possible traffic congestion which would arise as a result of the SWALEC cup game in Pontyclun on 19 December, 1998. In an attempt to maintain traffic flow on the date of the game the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club would be erecting a number of signs to direct vehicle drivers to appropriate parking places.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(i) **Bottle bank**

Councillor Flood commented that the bottle bank situated in the car park at the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, was not sited in the most appropriate position in Pontyclun. In addition to reducing the number of parking spaces in the car park adjacent to the public conveniences, the position of the bank often necessitated difficult maneuvering exercises for lorries collecting and delivering bottle banks.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk explore the possibility of getting the bottle bank re-located to the car park near the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(j) **Coach manouvres, Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood referred to complaints from residents which had been made about the regular early morning manouvres of a coach in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. Councillor Flood was of the view that as polite approaches to the coach driver had been unsuccessful, a formal approach should now be made to the coach company.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the coach company asking for an end to early morning coach manouvres in Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. Councillor Flood to provide the name and address of the coach company to the Clerk.

(k) **Annual Meeting of Taff Ely Drug Support**

Councillor Flood reported on his attendance at the annual meeting of Taff Ely Drug Support. The meeting was well attended and it was clear from the presentation given to those attending that the work of the Group would continue to grow at an unprecedented rate. During the last year the Group had been involved in 3,000 cases. In the next year it was forecast that the number of cases would rise to 5,000. The Group were worried about the increasing tendency of the press to differentiate between "hard" and "soft" drugs. The distinction gave the public the impression that some drugs were more acceptable than others.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(l) **Groesfaen Landfill site**

Councillor Rea reported that he had again contacted the Highway Authority about the deposition of mud on the highway resulting from lorries using the Groesfaen landfill site. He had been advised that a condition requiring the installation of wheel washing facilities on site had not been included in the planning consent for the site and there was no way in which the site operator could be forced to install the facility. The Highway Authority would continue to sweep the highway clear of mud.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(m) **Millenium grants**

Councillor Rea referred to the meeting he had attended some weeks earlier with representatives of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about Millenium grants. Those attending the meeting were told that ground rules on the procedure for applying for grants would be made available in the coming weeks. No information ad been received to date.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish when the rules for grant applications would be made available.

(n) **Footpath lighting, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea reported that no work had yet taken place to erect an additional lighting column on the public footpath connecting Y Parc with the A4119 in Groesfaen.

The Clerk responded that he had requested that the work be carried out to coincide with the removal of redundant electrical equipment adjacent to the lane during the summer. He would remind SWALEC that the work remained uncompleted.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next Community Council meeting.

18. **Any other business of an urgent nature**

(a) **Road widening off Talbot Green By Pass**

Councillor Flood informed the Council that an apparent road widening scheme was currently taking place alongside the Talbot Green By Pass connecting with the shopping complex at Glamorgan Vale Retail Park . Little information seemed to be available about the project locally and the Chairperson, Councillor Huish, had written to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to find further information.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) **Lack of public toilet facilities**

Councillor Norman referred to the shopping complex at the Glamorgan Vale Retail Park and pointed out that despite the regular presence of several hundred shoppers there were no public conveniences at the site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(c) **Pontypridd and District Housing Association**

The Clerk advised the Council that a reply had been received from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council over the issues which the Pontypridd and District Housing Association had sought the Community Council's support. It was noted that the Borough Council would liaise with the Association over the Station Terrace development and grounds maintenance matters in the vicinity of the new housing development near the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(d) **Rural Bus Subsidy Grant**

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter which had been received from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council advising that as a result of demand for subsidised bus services considerably exceeding grants available, the proposal of the Community Council for a circular bus service connecting local villages with Tesco's superstore would not receive the support of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the letter be placed in Community Council noticeboards.

(e) **Highways issues in the Pontyclun area**

The Clerk read out a letter which he had received from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering, and which had been received too late for inclusion on the Council's agenda, about various highways issues in the Pontyclun area.

RESOLVED: (i) That items 1 to 3 in the letter be noted.
(ii) That the location of the pavement in need

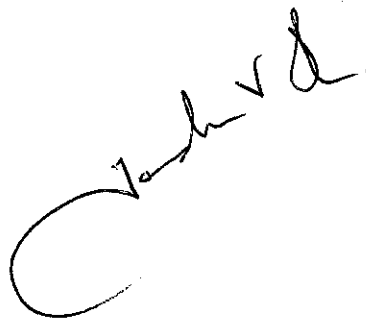
of resurfacing be advised as the length of pavement from the junction of Cerdin Avenue and Heol Miskin to the Miskin Arms in Miskin.

(f) **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan**

The Clerk reported on an invitation from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to nominate a representative to attend a meeting regarding the content of the Borough Council's Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The meeting was scheduled to be held in the Circles Gallery at the Muni. in Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 January, 1999.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council be represented at the meeting by Councillor Norman.

19. The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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