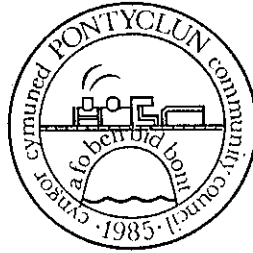


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 February, 1994

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

P.C. Steve Keddle and five members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Address on behalf of the Pant Marsh Campaign Group

Mr Ian Guildford addressed the Council on behalf of the Pant Marsh Campaign Group. Mr Guildford explained that the objective of the Group was to preserve the wetlands between the Talbot Green By Pass and the retail and residential development on the southern side of Talbot Green.

Mr Guildford identified three important factors in the Group's opposition to the plans to develop the wetlands:

- (a) There are already sufficient retail outlets the the area. Further development of retail outlets would have an adverse affect on the trade of existing shopkeepers in the Pontyclun and Talbot Green areas.
- (b) The wetlands act as a natural storage area for surplus water during periods of heavy rain. The wetlands allow a controlled release of water into the Afon Clun thereby preventing violent fluctuations the the level of the river. Without the controlled release of water nearby residential developments at Maesyfelin and Ynysddu will face serious risk of flooding.

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- (c) The area is one of the last remaining wetlands/marshlands in the area and provides a habitat for a wide range of flora and fauna.

Mr Guildford urged the Community Council to contact the Borough Council with a view to persuading that authority to rescind its decision to award planning consent for development at the site. Mr Guildford reminded the Community Council that although the Borough Council appeared to be in the process of awarding planning consent a similar situation had obtained in a recent case in the Rhymney Valley. As a result of a second legal opinion in the Rhymney Valley case the proposed development was halted.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Taff Ely Borough Council be requested to obtain a second legal opinion before awarding planning consent for the proposed development. Furthermore, that the Borough Council be urged to seek the advice of Mr Milwyn Jarman who successfully represented the Rhymney Valley District Council in a similar case.
- (ii) That, before awarding any permission for the development, the Taff Ely Borough Council be requested to obtain a comprehensive detailed report from the National Rivers Authority on the implications of the proposed development.
- (iii) That the Clerk also contact the National Rivers Authority expressing concern at the proposals for development and requesting assurances that the proposal would not result in an increased risk of flooding for residents of the low lying areas in, and around, the Community of Pontyclun.
- (iv) That the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to progress any matters requiring decision before the next meeting of the Council.

3. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Eric Griffith, announced that he had received a visit from one of the staff of the Kidney Research Unit Foundation for Wales about the sponsored walk which was due to take place on Sunday, 20 March, 1994. It was proposed that the money raised from the 1994 walk would be used to purchase a new dialysis machine.

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RESOLVED: That, as the route of the 1994 Pontyclun sponsored walk was planned to pass through the community of Llanharry, the Clerk contact the Llanharry Community Council to establish if there was any support for holding a joint sponsored walk on 20 March, 1994.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1994 be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Proposed Community Centre/Day Centre

The letter of 25 January, 1994, from the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer, was noted. Councillor Norman added that it was likely that construction work on the new Centre would start in the near future and that the existing Centre would continue to be used until the new facility was completed. After completion of building works there would be provision for the parking of around 80 vehicles and that the car park would be illuminated. Councillor James reminded the Council that it would be necessary to establish a new Management Committee for the new facility. He urged Members to give consideration to the nomination of suitable residents to serve upon the new Management Committee.

The matter was noted.

(b) Extraordinary charge for water

The Council discussed the letter of 19 January, 1994, from Welsh Water. The Council agreed with the comment of Welsh Water that the previous explanation for the extraordinary charge had been confusing. Furthermore, the Council held reservations that the Community Council had consumed the amount of water claimed by Welsh Water especially when it was stated by Welsh Water that there were no water leaks in the vicinity of the public conveniences.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Welsh Water that as the mistake which gave rise to the extraordinary charge was of Welsh Water's making, and had been compounded by a confusing

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reply, the Community Council look to Welsh Water for:

- (i) Proposals to settle the matter based on water consumption at the premises in the year preceding the period of dispute.
- (ii) An assurance that a similar situation would never occur again.

(c) I.D.O. application, Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Clerk reported that the observations made by the Council at its meeting of 5 January, 1994, had been forwarded to the County Planning Officer on 23 January, 1994. The Clerk had made enquiries about when the application was to be heard by the County Council and had been told that it was unlikely that the application would be considered by committee during February. The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for the end of March, 1994.

The report was noted.

(d) Application for the transfer of the Justices Licence, Windsor Hotel, Pontyclun

The Council noted a letter from Marchant Harries & Co, solicitors, stating that the application for a transfer of the Justices Licence had not been heard since their client had been admitted to hospital for a minor operation. The application had been adjourned to the Licensing Sessions on 9 February, 1994.

6. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 20 January, 1994

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

7. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

8. Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

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9. Condition of footpath leading from
Maelog Close to Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton drew the Council's attention to the waterlogged state of part of the well used footpath connecting Maelog Close with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make arrangements for the Council's handyman to visit the site to improve the drainage.

10. Application for financial assistance

The Council considered an application for financial assistance from the Pontypridd and Llantrisant Sub Aqua Club.

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

11. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending
28 December, 1993, 7, 14 and 21 January, 1994

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

Application No. 93/0959/10

That while the Community Council welcomes proposals to preserve the building the Council has reservations about the absence of vehicle access to the premises.

Application No. 93/0979/10

That the Community Council is opposed to the application for the removal of Condition 3 of planning permission 56/92/0765.

Application No. 94/0006/10

That the Community Council refrain from offering any observations until such time as the apparent irregularities in the application had been resolved.

(b) Planning Appeal

The Council noted details of an appeal against the refusal of the Taff Ely Borough Council to delete

Condition 3 from the planning permission dated 19 February, 1993 which states "the premises shall not be used for the sale of goods other than confectionery"

12. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No 9 to the Agenda.

13. Reports from Members

(a) Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor Gordon Moir reported on his attendance at the annual meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee on 26 January, 1994.

Councillor Delme Bowen had been appointed Chairman. Mr M T Davies, Quarry Manager, Vice Chairman and Mrs A Nicholls, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

It had been reported that the asphalt plant had not worked since Mid October due to the low level of business. Dr Gandy, the Mid Glamorgan County Council representative on the Committee had stated that following registration of the IDO application it was likely that conditions on the application would be determined by committee in March. Councillor Moir reported that the N. R. A. had expressed interest in the application and planned to drill bore holes to obtain information on the water table.

The report was noted.

(b) Sewage pumping plant at Rhyd-y-Nant and Maesyfelin

Councillor Viv James reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council had drawn up plans for the replacement of sewage pumping plant at Rhyd-y-Nant and Maesyfelin, Pontyclun. The new plant would provide the in the event of an electricity failure beyond six hours the plant would discharge sewage into the river Ely. Although it appeared that the electricity supply to the new plant was of the same voltage as the voltage to the existing plant it had been deemed necessary to build a 6 foot fence around the new pumping stations. In the circumstances it was understandable that there had been opposition to the proposals from residents who argued loss of amenity.

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RESOLVED: That Councillors James and Norman arrange for a member of staff from the Borough Council to visit Mrs Thomas of 49 Rhyd-y-Nant to discuss the proposals in detail.

(c) Taff Ely Bus Users' Consultative Committee

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips spoke of her disappointment on receiving a letter from the Pontypridd Town Council informing her that it had been decided to dissolve the newly created Taff Ely Bus Users' Consultative Committee. It appeared ironic that it was the Pontypridd Town Council which had suggested the creation of the Consultative Committee in the first instance.

The report was noted.

(d) Off street parking

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Borough Council had made available a sum of money to improve off street parking facilities in the Cefn-yr-Hendy Ward of the Community Council. Sites at Lewis Street, School Street, Clun Avenue, Heol-y-Coed and Brynamlwg were currently under investigation. In the Maesyfelin Ward, High Street, Brynsadler remained a top priority.

The report was noted.

(e) Mwyndy Industrial Estate

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that the County Council was still facing considerable opposition to its plans to create a new access road to the Mwyndy Industrial Estate from a point near the Corner Park Garage at Mwyndy. While it was accepted that a new access road was needed to serve industry on the estate a much more environmentally acceptable solution lay in constructing the new access road from a northerly direction. Councillor Bowen believed that the County Council's plans were likely to be challenged in the courts.

The report was noted.

(f) Pontyclun Railway Station -
West Bound Park and ride facility

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that the compulsory purchase order for the acquisition of land adjacent to

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Station Terrace, Pontyclun, and required for the completion of the Pontyclun Railway Station Park and Ride scheme, had now been laid.

After construction work had been completed Station Terrace and Joinery Road would become one road with vehicular access to parking facilities at the west bound platform of Pontyclun Railway Station. It was anticipated that construction work would be completed towards the end of 1994.

RESOLVED: That enquiries be made of the County Council to establish whether it would be possible to:

- (i) construct a flight of steps near the west bound platform to provide easy pedestrian access from the direction of Station Terrace and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.
- (ii) arrange for the installation of traffic lights at the junctions of Station Terrace and Cowbridge Road and Station Approach and Llantrisant Road to facilitate access to the A4222 from the railway station.

(g) Purolite Standing Conference

Councillor John Dilworth expressed his concern about the conflicting information he was receiving about the date of the next meeting of the Purolite Standing Conference.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Llantrisant Community Council to establish the next meeting date for the Standing Conference.

(h) Local Government Act, 1894

Councillor John Dilworth reminded the Council that 1994 was the centenary of the passing of the Local Government Act, 1894, which established the framework of parish councils throughout England and Wales. Although parish councils in Wales had subsequently been designated "community Councils" their powers and duties remained identical to their counterparts in England.

Councillor Dilworth invited the Council to consider marking the centenary of the 1894 Act by arranging a

competition in conjunction with the local junior and comprehensive schools. Councillor Dilworth suggested that such a competition could take the form of an essay with the winner in each school being awarded a prize.

RESOLVED: That the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

14. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton enquired whether there had been any further developments in the application by the proprietor of the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, for a variation of his planning consent to allow later opening.

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the application had been refused by the Borough Council. Additionally, that a prosecution was likely to ensue as the result of a failure to observe the terms of an enforcement order.

(b) Purolite factory, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton drew the Council's attention to a recent incident at the Purolite plant in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, when a reactor had overheated during a power cut. The incident raised the question of the safety of Community residents during failures of the electricity supply.

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Dilworth raise the matter at the next meeting of the Purolite Joint Liaison Committee.

(c) Sickness of Handyman

The Clerk reported that the Council's handyman had been on sick leave with a cardiac complaint since 14 December, 1993. A recently received sick note from the handyman's general practitioner indicated that the handyman would not be able to return to work for at least a further eight weeks. The Clerk pointed out that none of the handyman's duties had been performed since he reported sick.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk arrange for Mr D T Tookey to be appointed as a relief handyman and that the appointment be on a month to month basis.

- (ii) That the Clerk arrange for the Council to receive ACAS advice on the handling of sickness absence at its next meeting.

(d) Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

The Clerk read out a letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Taff Ely Borough Council, dated 1 February, 1994, which had been received too late for inclusion on the Community Council's agenda. The letter said that a meeting of the Joint Committee was to be held shortly for the purpose of dealing with byelaws for the control of dogs on community councils' land and facilities. The community council was invited to submit additional agenda items.

RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive be asked to arrange for the Committee to discuss:

- (i) the need for a strengthening of blast monitoring procedures at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin
- (ii) the need to improve communication on planning matters between the Borough Council and community councils

(e) Airborne pollution in Talygarn

The Clerk read out a letter he had received that morning from Mrs O J Bufton, "Highwinds" Talygarn Close, who continued to complain about the effects of airborne pollution. Mrs Bufton drew the attention to contradictory statements made by the County Scientific Adviser. She also made the point that she believed that responsibility in the matter lay with the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Bufton's letter be forwarded to the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer.

(f) Countryside Strategy for Mid Glamorgan - Draft Document

The Clerk distributed copies of the draft document on a Countryside Strategy for Mid Glamorgan. The Community Council had been invited to comment on the draft document.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the document be sent to Mrs E Houston of 7 Fairways View, Forest Hills, Talbot Green, for comment.

15. Notice of Motion

Councillor Tudor Burton gave notice that he wished to raise the matter of the planting of trees in grass verges at the next meeting of the Community Council.

16. The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

Eric V. Griffiths