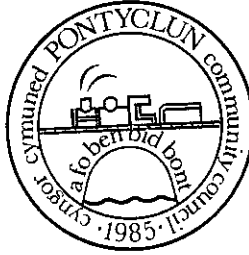


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 July, 1997

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, V A Cale, J G Davies,
 R O Edwards, T Flood, M M Griffiths (for part of meeting)
 J V Huish and R G Norman and M Rea (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor T J Burton

2. **Chairperson's business**

The Chairperson reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Governing Body at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant. The meeting was short and it was pleasing to learn that everything at the school appeared to be well.

The report was noted.

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Police resources in the locality**

Councillor Norman raised the matter of police resources within the locality. Prior to the appointment of a policewoman to the area, assurances had been given by the police that the appointment of the policewoman would result in a greater police presence in the locality. Councillor Norman was disappointed to find that the increased police presence had not materialised and that the policewoman was rarely to be seen in Pontyclun.

P C Keddle replied that due to local shortages of staff caused by a vehicle accident it had been necessary to re-schedule a significant number of police staff duties. With the imminence of the holiday season the situation was unlikely to get back to normal for some time. Nevertheless, the police would still respond to calls from members of the public.

Councillor Edwards expressed his disquiet at the apparent insufficiency of police cover for the Community. He urged the Council to make representations for an increase in police establishment at the local police station.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Divisional Commander Roger Vaughan asking for an increase in the establishment of uniformed police at the Talbot Green police station.

(b) **Road works, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman drew attention to the current road works being undertaken near the Pontyclun Fire Station in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, by Transco. The absence of any form of traffic control had resulted in congestion in the vicinity and there had been a number of "near misses" at the bend near the Ynysddu Estate junction on to the A4222. There had also been an incident where a plastic post being used by Transco employees had struck a passing vehicle at the site of the road works.

P C Keddle noted the report.

(c) **Roaming dogs in Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle drew the attention of P C Keddle to the number of roaming dogs in Pontyclun. P C Keddle advised that the matter was not one for the police and that the issue would be better dealt with by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council who employed a dog warden to deal with problems caused by dogs.

It appeared that the problem had already been referred to the dog warden without success. A Member of the Council was of the view that at least some of the dogs had been mistreated by their owner. The Member gave the address of the owner of the dogs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk refer the matter to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council requesting that the dog warden call at the address of the alleged owner that the dogs be kept under control.

(d) **Vehicle counting device**

Councillor Norman advised that the vehicle counting device which had been positioned in the highway in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun, had now been removed. The unfortunate effect for residents was that vehicle drivers now appeared to be travelling faster in Clun Avenue.

P C Keddle noted the comments and agreed to make a report to the police traffic department.

(e) **Parking in Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, reported that there had been a recent incident in Groesfaen where a double decker bus, which was understood to be used in connection with the transportation of children to school, had regularly been arriving in Groesfaen about 15 minutes early and parking partially on the pavement. The bus driver, when approached by Councillor Rea, had said that if anyone had any complaints they should direct them to the management of Edwards' Coaches. Following the approach the bus had not been seen in Groesfaen of late.

P C Keddle noted the matter.

(f) **Staffing - Talbot Green police station**

P C Keddle advised the Community Council that police inspector Keys had been transferred from the Talbot Green police station to duties elsewhere in the police force and that Inspector Eifion Evans had been appointed to the vacancy. It was Inspector Evans' intention to introduce himself to all community councils in the locality and, that evening, was attending a meeting of the Llanharry Community Council. Inspector Evans planned to be in attendance at a Pontyclun Community Council meeting in the near future.

The report was noted.

(g) **Police response times**

P C Keddle commented that contained in the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 1997, was a reference to police response times. P C Keddle sought clarification on the matter since he had been unable to be present at the meeting of 4 June, 1997.

The Clerk outlined the incident which had taken place involving Councillor Burton and of the Community Council's views on any implications for the Community. The Clerk confirmed that in line with the Community Council's wishes he had written directly to Divisional Commander Vaughan on the subject.

P C Keddle noted the matter.

(h) **Licensing -follow up public meeting**

P C Keddle commented on an item contained in the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 1997, about a meeting convened in Pontyclun by Sergeant Lyn Walker of the police following public concern about late night rowdyism and the promised follow up meeting. P C Keddle was aware that the follow-up meeting had not yet taken place.

P C Keddle had sought clarification within the force and had established that Sergeant Walker had transferred to other duties and that this was the reason why the follow up meeting had not yet taken place. Nevertheless, a firm commitment existed to a follow up meeting. The meeting would be convened in the coming weeks.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 1997**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 1997, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Land to the south of the river Ely in Pontyclun**

The Council discussed a letter from Dr Wynne Davies in which he informed the Council of an incident on his land when one of his ponies was found dead. The pony had suffered an injury consistent with being shot with a 0.22 rifle.

The incident had been reported to the police and was being investigated. Dr Davies stated in his letter that he had been advised to report the incident to the Pontyclun Community Council in addition to the police.

The Community Council viewed the incident very seriously especially as the report also made reference to a youth in army combat clothing, with a rifle over his shoulder, walking through fields owned by Dr Davies. Some Members recalled a youth fitting the description being seen in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the completion of the police investigations.

(b) **Summer assistance for the Council's Handyman**

The Clerk reported he had made enquiries about the availability of Mr Matthew Rogers of Cerdin Avenue during the summer months but but found he was unavailable. The Clerk subsequently placed an advert in the local Jobcentre for the recruitment of a student from the Community on vacation to assist the Community Council's Handyman during the summer months.

Twenty applications had been received and most of them were from residents outside the Community of Pontyclun. The only application from a student residing within the Community came from a student who had limited availability during the summer months. In the circumstances the Clerk had engaged a student living in Llantrisant who would be available to the end of September. The student's name was Ian Worgan and he had commenced employment on Monday, 30 June, 1997.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) **"Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 1977"**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had been contacted by staff of the Leisure and Tourism Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to say that the Community Council was only allowed one entry of a war memorial for the Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 1997. In the circumstances the Clerk had advised the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council staff that the one entry

should be the war memorial located in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's actions be confirmed.

(d) **Landscaping work on roundabouts**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had made enquiries about which body was funding the landscaping work currently taking place on the roundabout on the A4119 at the entrance to the British Airways plant and the roundabout on the A4119 at the entrance to the Llantrisant Business Park.

He had been informed by a member of staff of the Highways, Transportation and Engineering Department of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council that the work, which was part of continuing work on the A4119 dualling scheme, was funded primarily by the Welsh Office. However, as the scheme had commenced before the reorganisation of local government, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had inherited from the former Mid Glamorgan County Council a commitment for a small part of the funding. It was understood that after landscaping works were complete the maintenance of the roundabouts would become the responsibility of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(e) **Proposed leaflet on public rights of way in the Community**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had made enquiries with Mr Squires on the Maesyfelin Estate about the possibility of Mr Squires assisting the Community Council in the production of a leaflet on public rights of way in the Community. Mr Squires had readily agreed to help and suggested that he would also be able to draw on the services of the Footpaths Officer of the local Ramblers' Association.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convene a meeting of a sub committee of the Community Council comprising Councillors Burton, Griffiths, Huish, Norman and Rea to meet Mr Squires and the Footpaths Officer of the Ramblers' Association.



(f) **Site meeting to discuss improved signage**

The Clerk advised the Council that due to the hospitalisation of Councillor Edwards it had been necessary to postpone the site meeting with Mr Jonathan Griffiths of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. The Clerk would arrange an alternative date for the meeting, avoiding a Thursday evening, and advise Members of the arrangements in due course.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Rights of Way Statements**

The Clerk advised the Council that he had produced copies of the 1954 Definitive Statement of public rights of way and the 1971 review of rights of way which had been carried out by the former Glamorgan County Council.

RESOLVED: That copies of the Statements be distributed to Members at the conclusion of the meeting.

(h) **Hedgerows**

The Clerk advised the Council that new Hedgerow Regulations came into effect on 1st June, 1997. The new regulations followed a period of consultation when principal authorities had been invited to offer their views to the Welsh Office on the draft regulations. Under the new regulations it is against the law to remove most countryside hedgerows without permission from the local planning authority.

The detailed provisions of the regulations were circulated for Members' information.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(i) **Borough Council owned land at the western end of School Street, Pontyclun**

The Clerk read out a reply which had been received from the Director of Planning for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about council owned land at the western end of School Street, Pontyclun.

The Director confirmed that a wall had been erected on the land adjacent to No 6 Victoria Mews but despite having requested

the owner of the property to contact him no contact had been made. There was no record of the land having been sold by the Borough Council. The matter had been passed to the Director of Property Services for investigation.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

- (j) **Planning application No. 97/2355/13**
Councillor Norman referred to the discussion which had taken place on planning application No 97/2355/13 at the Council's last meeting.

At the meeting Councillor Norman had asked whether any of the Community Council members present had considered the need to disclose an interest in the subject under discussion because he believed that the applicant for planning consent had stood for election to the community council at the last election as a member of the same political party as a number of Members of the Council. Councillor Huish had responded that the applicant for planning consent was no longer a member of the political party to which Councillor Norman referred.

Councillor Norman stated that he had subsequently made enquiries with Councillor Flood, who had not been present at the Community Council's meeting on 4 June, 1997, about whether the applicant for planning consent was in fact a member of the political party referred to at the meeting of 4 June, 1997. Councillor Flood had indicated that he believed the applicant for consent was still a member of the political party. It had later been stated that the applicant was not a member of the political party. Councillor Norman explained that it was important that the matter was clarified since the matter had been raised with him by a member of the public.

Councillor Norman stated that there was a further matter which had concerned him about the way the Council had dealt with planning application No.97/2355/13. Since the Community Council had been formed it had been the practice, whenever a member of the public wished to address the Council on a planning application, to allow that person to make the address and vacate the Council Chamber immediately on completion of the address. The Council would then decide what comments need be made to the planning authority. The Community Council had introduced the practice to prevent



Members being inhibited, or embarrassed, by the continued presence of the person who had an interest in the application under discussion. The Council had not followed its usual practice in its discussion of application No. 97/2355/13 and had allowed the applicant to remain in the Council Chamber while the Council formulated its comments.

RESOLVED: That in future cases of an address by a member of the public the Council revert to its previous practice of asking the member of the public to vacate the Council Chamber while the Council considers its views.

6. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) **“That the Council discuss at its next meeting what steps can be taken to improve highway signage in the Community to prevent heavy vehicles from entering Pontyclun and Miskin”**

The Council discussed in detail the steps it had taken over the years to get the highway authority to improve highway signage to prevent heavy goods vehicles needlessly entering Miskin and Pontyclun after leaving Junction 34 on the M4 motorway. Most of the heavy goods vehicles unnecessarily entering Pontyclun and Miskin were seeking delivery addresses on the industrial estates in the vicinity of Coed Cae Lane.

The last information from the highway authority was that it was investigating the problem to identify a suitable form of wording for inclusion on signs to be erected in the vicinity of A4119.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter again with the highway authority to establish what progress had been made.

- (b) **“That the Council discuss at its next meeting the possibility of employing its own road sweeper in the Community”**

Members discussed the standard of road sweeping in the Community provided by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. There was agreement that the current standard of road sweeping, provided by a mechanical sweeper, was inferior to the service provided when the roads in the Community were swept manually.



RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority to establish whether it would be possible for the Community Council to supplement the road sweeping service in the Community of Pontyclun by the appointment of the Community Council's own roadsweeper.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the local branch of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to obtain the Association's comments on the proposal.

7. **Proposal for the installation of footpath lighting**

(Councillors Flood, Huish and Norman declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures)

The Community Council received the quotation of Celtic Infrastructure Services Ltd for the installation of footpath lighting at the locations previously identified by the Council. The costs quoted were within the guidelines provided to the Council by an independent electrical engineer.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk place an order for the work to be carried out with Celtic Infrastructure Services Ltd and that the Clerk seek that company's advice on the correct procedure to be followed in arranging a wayleave for an electricity supply cable to be attached to No 13 High Street, Brynsadler.

8. **Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff**

The Council received details of the Boundary Commission's proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff. An opportunity was given for comments to be made on the Commission's proposals by 8 August, 1997.

The Community Council was pleased to find that the Boundary Commission had recognised that the Community would be a major population growth area in the coming years and had proposed the addition of a further member for the



Pontyclun Ward on the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the proposals of the Boundary Commission be noted and that no further comments be offered.

9. **Traffic problems on the A4119 in Groesfaen**

The Council discussed a report which had been presented to the Highways, Transportation and Engineering Committee of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on 28 April, 1997, about traffic problems on the A4119 in Groesfaen.

Concern had been expressed by the Director over the high level of traffic flow of all types of vehicles through the village especially as it was one of the main routes to and from Cardiff. The route was not suitable for treatment by conventional traffic calming features, such as road humps, but improvements to the environment in the village could be achieved by a scheme consisting of features such as "count down" signs to the speed limit, gateway treatment, distinctive road marking and improved definition of junctions and the edge of carriageway. In addition, the extent of the existing 30 m.p.h. speed limit could be reviewed to consider whether changes were necessary as a result of recent developments.

The Council felt it had been misled by the Highway Authority over traffic calming measures in Groesfaen. Some years prior to the reorganisation of local government on 1 April, 1996, the County Council member for Groesfaen, Councillor Delme Bowen, had reported to the Community Council that the County Council had agreed to moving the 30 m.p.h. restriction westwards along the A4119 in the direction of the Castell y Mynach Inn. Despite repeated reminders to the Highway Authority that the work to extend the restriction was still outstanding, nothing happened. Subsequent to the reorganisation of local government the new highway authority, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, stated that it had not inherited any outstanding commitment from the former County Council to extend the speed restriction in Groesfaen.

Councillor Huish advised that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had recently invited tenders from consultants to develop an environmental improvement scheme for the A4119 through Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

10. **Erection of Community Council noticeboard at Miskin Heights**

The Council agreed that with the large scale residential development at Miskin Heights the time was opportune to arrange for the erection of a Community Council noticeboard at the site.



RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the developers to identify a site at Miskin Heights suitable for the erection of a Community Council noticeboard.

(ii) That in future years a notice be placed in all noticeboards at the appropriate time advising of the availability of Community Council grants.

11. **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notices for Weeks ending 23 and 30 May, 6, 13, 20 and 27 June, 1997**

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

Application No. 97/2391/13

That the Council is opposed to the proposal since it understands that the proposed development is outside the Local Plan and that the development site forms part of the flood plain of the river Ely.

Application No. 97/2385/10

That in view of the applicant's claims to the embankment adjacent to his property, the Director of Planning be asked for clarification on whether the applicant proposes erecting the boundary fence on his own land or someone else's land.

Application No. 97/2455/15

That as the former Taff Ely Borough Council had considered it appropriate, in the interests of safety, to impose conditions relating to any development in vicinity of the former landfill site, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be urged to treat any application for the relaxation of any condition with caution.

Application No. 97/2456/10

That the Council is opposed to the proposal since it would constitute an intrusion into the countryside and would lead to an increased volume of traffic in a narrow country lane. The Council is conscious, too, that there is still an unresolved public right of way dispute at the location.



Application Nos. 97/2508/12 and 97/2509/10

That the Council believes that any conversion or adaptation works to the exterior walls of premises at the Miskin Manor Hotel should be carried out in stone to match the original stonework.

The Council also resolved to obtain further details of planning application No. 97/2422/10.

12. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Council's agenda.

13. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Pontyclun Primary School**

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently chaired a meeting of the Governing Body to shortlist applicants for a vacancy on the teaching staff at the School. In total 71 applications had been received for the vacancy and a short list of 6 had been compiled. It was hoped that a further meeting of the Governing Body would take place in the coming week.

The report was noted.

(b) **Proposed Welsh Assembly - Referendum**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths reported that two public meetings were due to be held locally to hear proposals in connection with plans to establish a Welsh Assembly.

The first meeting was due to be held in the Treforest Community Centre, Treforest, at 7.30 p.m. on the evening of 10 July, 1997. The meeting would be addressed by the Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Ron Davies MP.

The second meeting was due to be held in the Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend, on the evening of 5



September, 1997. The meeting would be addressed by Mr Win Griffiths MP.

The report was noted.

(c) **Age Concern**

Councillor Edwards reported that, again, he was the only representative of the Community Council to attend the last meeting of Age Concern.

The meeting was addressed by Ann Randell of the Social Services Department of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council who discussed sponsorship arrangements for holidays at The Rest Convalescent Home in Porthcawl. The number of sponsored places at The Rest had been significantly reduced in recent years to the point where, for the current financial year, only 135 places were sponsored. Places were being allocated on the basis of first come first served.

The report was noted.

(d) **Heol-y-Felin, Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards reported that following work by Welsh Water in Heol-y-Felin, Pontyclun, a large "dent" had been left in the road surface immediately outside the dormer bungalow in Heol-y-Felin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of the highway authority asking that proper reinstatement work be carried out to the road surface.

(e) **Publicity to revised refuse collection arrangements at Bank Holidays**

In response to a question from Councillor Edwards the Clerk confirmed that he had not received a reply from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about the Council's suggestion that the Borough Council adopt the method used by the former Taff Ely Borough Council in giving publicity to revisions in refuse collection arrangements at Bank Holidays.

The matter was noted.



(f) **Weedspraying of highways**

Councillor Edwards reported that the Highways Authority's weedspraying team had not visited the Maesyfelin Estate in Pontyclun for some time with the result that weeds were not growing rapidly in many parts of the Estate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council asking that arrangements be made for the weedspraying team to re-visit the Maesyfelin Estate.

(g) **Talygarn Forum**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths reported that the Forum was seeking further meetings with Bro Taff Health Authority and the Mid Glamorgan Health Trust to clarify their intentions over the future of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre. In particular, it needed to be clarified whether, in the event of the Bro Taff Health Authority saying that it had no further use for Talygarn the Mid Glamorgan Health Trust would have a requirement for the premises for medical facilities or for any other use. Meetings with bodies were likely to take place before the end of July.

The report was noted.

(h) **Bute Hotel, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Mrs Cale drew attention to the problems which were again being encountered outside the Bute Hotel in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, as a result of its clientele consuming alcohol outside the premises. The area immediately outside the Hotel was regularly strewn with cans and broken glass and cars often parked on pavements. Furthermore, despite an undertaking from the landlord to erect a fence to outside the premises to contain the problems no work had been carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up formerly with the brewery which owned the premises.

(i) **Mid week market in Talbot Green**

Councillor Mrs Cale drew the Council's attention to the opening of a mid week market in Talbot Green on the site of



the former bus depot. It was understood that the market was being operated illegally.

The Clerk confirmed Councillor Cale's understanding of the position and that the market appeared to be operating without the benefit of planning consent. The Clerk had been told that before any action could be taken against the proprietors of the market it was necessary for officers from the Borough Council to formally serve notices on the operators of the market on a number of occasions. He understood that the first notice had already been served.

The report was noted.

(j) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

Councillor Davies reported on his attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils which was held in Dinas Powis.

The report was noted.

(k) **Footpaths requiring maintenance**

Councillor Huish reported that passage of pedestrians using the footpath from Heol Miskin to the Hendy Estate was impeded as a result of overhanging branches, brambles and shrubs. Councillor Huish also pointed out that a public footpath, within the Llanharan Community Council area, to the rear of Cappers in Lanelay Road, Talbot Green, was also in need of maintenance as a result of the growth of vegetation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Council's Handyman to attend to the overhanging vegetation on the footpath to the Hendy estate and that the Clerk contact the Llanharan Community Council about maintenance work required to the rear of Capper's premises in Lanelay Road, Talbot Green.

(l) **Grass verge in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood advised the meeting that a resident of Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had recently broken bones in her

foot while crossing the grass verge outside her home in Cowbridge Road. The resident intended suing the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council over the incident.

The report was noted.

(m) **Proposed car park on land adjacent to the river Ely in Talbot Green**

Councillor Flood reported that a well attended public meeting had recently been held in the Talbot Green Community Centre to oppose proposals for the construction of a car park on land adjacent to the river Ely.

It was clear from the meeting that there was massive opposition to the proposals from local residents and there was a very strongly held view that the land should be left as a haven for wildlife. It was understood that the proposed developer, Capper's, was not wholehearted in its support of the proposal but it was considered prudent by the opposition to rally as much opposition to the plans as possible. Neighbouring community councils were being asked to lend their support to the campaign to keep the field.

The report was noted.

(n) **Skip schedules**

Councillor Flood commented upon the excellent service provided by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in its skip provision service for residents. Councillor Flood believed that the service would be even better appreciated if residents knew when skips were being placed in position.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to obtain a timetable of skip placements in the Community.

(o) **Dipali Restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood reported that he was again receiving complaints from residents living in the vicinity of the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, about late night noise. The complainants had spoken of shouting, deliveries and the banging of bins coming from the restaurant after 1.00 a.m.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the complaints to the Director of Environmental Services at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(p) **Proposed slip road to the M4 motorway opposite the Castell-y-Mynach Inn**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, enquired whether a response had been received from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on the Community Council's proposal for the construction of a slip road from the A4119 to the M4 access road at the opposite the Castell-y-Mynach Inn. The Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received to date.

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

(q) **Deposition of mud on highway, Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, reported that mud was still being deposited on the A4119 at the junction of the access road to the landfill site in Groesfaen. Councillor Rea acknowledged that the highway authority, from time to time, ensured that mud was removed from the highway but he believed that the frequency of the removal was not often enough with the result that mud was regularly to be found at the junction.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk point out to the highway authority that the limited mud clearance service being provided was insufficient to meet the volume of mud being deposited on the A4119 and establish what other proposals the highway authority could implement to ensure that the highway is kept free of mud.

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

(a) **Licensing - The Bute Hotel, Pontyclun**

(Councillor Huish declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures)

Councillor Norman advised that residents living in the vicinity of the Bute Hotel, Pontyclun, had received circular letters advising them of an application by the landlord of the Bute



Hotel, Pontyclun, for a late night license to sell alcohol. Due to the nuisance already being suffered by residents on a nightly basis, residents had objected strongly to the proposals.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council support the residents in their opposition to the application.

(b) **Footpath on the western bank of the river Ely near the Ynysddu Farm Estate**

Councillor Edwards reported that the footpath alongside the western bank of the river Ely which ran towards Lanelay Hall had been obstructed by the closure of a gate. It was accepted that the footpath lay outside the boundary of the Community of Pontyclun but the walk was regularly enjoyed by residents of the Community.

RESOLVED: That the closure of the gate be brought to the attention of the Llanharan Community Council with a request that that Council takes action to re-open the footpath.

(c) **Clerk's Annual Leave**

The Clerk reminded the Council that he would be taking annual leave from Saturday, 26 July, 1997, to Saturday, 9 August, 1997.

The matter was noted.

15. The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

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