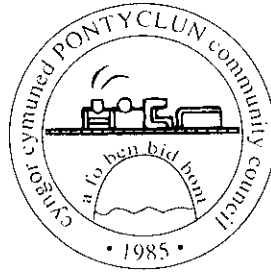


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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 2 July, 2003.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, C Davies, J G Davies, Mrs V A Cale, and M Rea (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors J R Dilworth, J V Huish, R G Norman, S Rogers and Mrs P Thomas

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members.

RESOLVED: That any disclosures be included in the Register of Disclosures

3. **Chairperson's/Leader's business**

The Chairperson reported that he represented the Council at the recent inaugural meeting of the Brofiscin Quarry Liaison Committee.

The Committee had been formed by the Borough Council to keep local residents and organisations informed of progress and developments in the removal of chemical residue from the former Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen, following tipping in the 1950s and 1960s.

The inaugural meeting received information on progress to date on the removal process. The Committee was given an assurance that regular meetings would be called to discuss progress and to act as a vehicle for

residents to raise any issues connected with the quarry and the work being undertaken.

The report was noted.

4. **Police matters**

(i) **Theft of barrels**

P C Keddle reported that a number of aluminium beer barrels had been stolen from the Dynevor Arms, Groesfaen. P C Keddle asked that if any Member received any information on the matter that the information should be passed to the Talbot Green Police Station.

The request was noted.

(ii) **Parking in Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle reported that since the opening of "Kudos", the new hairdressing salon at the junction of Station Terrace and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, parking problems in Station Terrace had increased significantly.

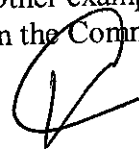
Pc Keddle had visited the salon and asked if the staff, 17 in number, would use the nearby free car parks adjacent to the Pontyclun Rugby & Sports Club and adjacent to the Pontyclun Community Centre rather than contribute to traffic congestion in Station Terrace. Pc Keddle had also asked if patrons of the business could also be encouraged to use the free car parks in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (a) that, wherever possible, Members of the Council encourage members of the public to use the free car parks in Pontyclun.

(b) that the Clerk send a note to the new local correspondent for the Llantrisant Observer asking if she will arrange for an article to be inserted in the Observer drawing the public's attention to the availability of ample free parking spaces very close to the commercial area of Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

(iii) **Vehicles for sale**

A Member expressed his concern to P C Keddle at the growing number of cars which were being displayed for sale at the side of the highway. The approach road from the Castell y Mynach Inn to Junction 34 on the M4 was given as an example. Other examples were cited in the side streets and on grass verges in the Community



P C Keddle responded that many of the cars parked on the approach road to Junction 34 of the M4 were regularly parked at that site and in many instances were not vehicles for sale but rather vehicles parked where their drivers had been given lifts by other motorists.

Nevertheless, P C Keddle did not underestimate the problem highlighted. He stated that a person advertising vehicles for sale on a grass verge in Cross Inn had recently been "booked" by the police. P C Keddle asked Members to let him know of instances where vehicles were being offered for sale in order that it could be determined whether the police had any power to act.

(iv) **Requests to monitor traffic speed**

A Member referred to a number of requests he had made to the police for the monitoring of traffic speed on the A4119 from the Castell y Mynach Inn to the speed camera in Groesfaen. The Member was disappointed that no monitoring had taken place while speed monitoring had been undertaken by the police, on the A4119, a short distance away at Mwyndy.

P C Keddle responded that he had submitted requests for monitoring at the location suggested by the Member. Ultimately, P C Keddle had no control over the sites chosen for monitoring. The decision on where to carry out monitoring was taken by other staff who needed to take into account a wide range of influencing factors.

(v) **Access to the M4 at Junction 34**

A Member drew attention to the increasing congestion in accessing the M4 motorway, especially in the mornings, at Junction 34, Miskin.

The Member believed that less congestion would result if the approach lanes were marked early enough. Currently, lane instructions only existed immediately before the junction. Earlier guidance was necessary to enable motorists to enter the correct lane in ample time. The lack of early lane instructions resulted in traffic congestion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and suggest that better traffic management would ensue if earlier lane markings on the approach to the Junction 34 were introduced.

(vi) **Signage**



A Member raised the matter of the contribution made by the Community Council towards additional signage on the A4119 and the Talbot Green By Pass to prevent heavy goods vehicles entering Pontyclun.

It was understood by the Community Council that in return for the contribution a series of additional signs would be erected to direct heavy goods vehicles towards the industrial estates in the Lanelay Hall area. The Council believed that, to date, only two additional signs had been erected.

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

5. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 2003**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 4 June, 2003, be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Matters reported for information**

(i) **Proposed "Puffin" crossing**

The Council discussed the letter of 16 June, 2003, from the Director of the Glamorgan Engineering Consultancy which contained proposals for the installation of a "puffin crossing" on the A4222 near Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun.

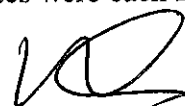
RESOLVED: (a) That the Community Council welcome any measure designed to ensure a safer crossing of the A4222 by pedestrians.

(b) That the Community Council ask the Director of the Glamorgan Engineering Consultancy whether it would be possible to introduce other measures near Y Pant School to achieve controlled parking by parents conveying their children to the school.

(ii) **Miskin Green**

The Clerk updated the Community Council on the latest position on the installation of railings around Miskin Green.

The Clerk reminded the Council that he had earlier obtained two quotes from local manufacturers. The quotes were each in the



region of £700 to £1,000. After receipt of the quotes the Council decided to make enquiries with national companies about the availability of railings. While the enquiries had shown that railings could be manufactured to the Council's specifications, and delivered, there was nothing suitable "off the peg" to meet the Council's requirements. If the Council was to place an order with a national company for the manufacture of railings the cost was likely to be considerably in excess of locally manufactured railings.

RESOLVED: That the Council reverse its earlier decision and instead obtain railings from local manufacturers.

(iii) **A declaration on the future of communities in Wales**

The Community Council discussed the letter of 10 June, 2003, from Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg.

The Community Council was asked to support a declaration on the future of communities in Wales especially in relation to:

- (a) an increase in the budget for the "Home Buy Scheme" by writing to Edwina Hart at the National Assembly.
- (b) adequate resources for rented accommodation by writing to Edwina Hart at the National Assembly.
- (c) Ensuring that local authorities in Wales base their housing policies on the needs of local communities by writing to the Chief Executive of the unitary authority.

Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg asked that where community Councils took the above action that they advise Cymdeithas to this effect.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council support the declaration and that the Clerk take appropriate action under (a) to (c) above.

(iv) **Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community & Town Councils**

The Council discussed an invitation to attend the 27th Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to be held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 11 October, 2003. The Community Council was also offered the opportunity to submit up to two motions for debate at Conference.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Clerk and Chairman be nominated to represent the Council at the Conference. In the event that the Chairperson



would be unavailable his place is to be taken by Councillor Chris Davies.

- (b) That Members give detailed consideration to a motion for Conference calling for the powers of traffic wardens to be widened for ratification at the Council's meeting on 16 July, 2003.

(v) **Planning**

The Community Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 23 & 30 May and 6 and 13 June, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Planning Authority:

Application No. 03/0885/13

The Community Council is opposed to the proposal for development on the grounds that:

- (a) it is outside the Local Plan
- (b) the access road off the Hensol Road to the development site is unsuitable.
- (c) it will lead to the generation of undesirable traffic in Hensol Road
- (d) it will constitute an intrusion into the countryside.

(vi) **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 of the Council's agenda.

8. **Matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas**

Community Shop, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Dave Allen, a director of the Community Shop in Pontyclun, to say that the Shop would be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, 12 July, 2003. Mr Allen extended an invitation to a representative of the Community Council to be present at the anniversary celebration.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council be represented at the celebrations by Councillors Mrs A Cale and G Davies.

9. **Matters reported for information**

(i) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils – Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on his attendance at the last Area Committee meeting held on 24 June, 2003.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(ii) **The Richard Commission**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on evidence submitted at a recent public meeting of the Richard Commission.

The Commission had been charged with undertaking a public consultation exercise to assess the level of support for widening the powers of the Welsh Assembly and reviewing the Assembly's election arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(iii) **Replacement bus shelter**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the proposal for replacing the demolished Community Council owned bus shelter near the entrance to the new housing development at Clos Brennin, Brynsadler, with a gazebo type structure on the Council-owned plot of land at the entrance to The Hollies, Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(iv) **Finance Committee**

The Clerk advised Members that the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee would take place on the evening of Wednesday, 16 July, 2003, in the Pontyclun Community Centre, immediately following the conclusion of the Community Council's Annual Grants meeting.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

10. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

