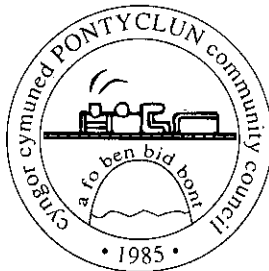


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 September, 1998

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, R O Edwards, T Flood and Mrs M Griffiths, R G Norman and M Rea

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of the Chairperson, Councillor J V Huish

2. **Chair**

In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice Chairperson, Councillor T Flood occupied the Chair.

3. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairperson's business

4. **Police matters**

**RESOLVED:** That in the absence of a representative from the police discussion under this heading be deferred to the Community Council's next meeting.

5. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 July, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 July, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

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6. **Matters arising**

(a) **Casual vacancy in the Miskin Ward**

The Council discussed the letter received from Mrs Carol Morgan of Groesfaen and the reply of the Clerk in connection with the casual vacancy in the Miskin Ward. It was noted that Mrs Morgan was dissatisfied with the way the electoral process had been handled and had referred the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman.

**RESOLVED:**(i) That the Community Council pass an unanimous vote of confidence in the way the matter had been handled by the Clerk to the Community Council.

(ii) That the Chairperson, Councillor J V Huish be requested to write to the Returning Officer for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council seeking an apology for the impression created by that authority that the Community Council was at fault.

(iii) That it be noted that in a later letter from the Returning Officer he had failed to include a list of persons who had been nominated to fill the casual vacancy.

(iv) That the Returning Officer be requested to issue polling cards for the election.

(b) **Proposed leaflet on Community Council activities**

The Clerk advised the Council that he was reviewing the Council's activities during 1997/98 with the purpose of producing an information leaflet for residents of the Community. It was anticipated that the exercise would be completed by the Community Council's October meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

(c) **Proposed circular walk leaflet**

The Clerk advised that he had contacted Mr Graham Woosnam, a resident of the Maesyfelin Estate, and an acknowledged expert on footpaths in the Vale of Glamorgan, and had arranged

for him to meet the Council to give his views on the Community Council's proposed circular walk leaflet.

The meeting was scheduled to take place in the Pontyclun Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 September, 1998.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

(d) **Footpath lighting, rear of Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun**

The Clerk referred to the quote the Council had received from Celtic Infrastructure Ltd, a subsidiary company of SWALEC, for the installation of footpath lighting at the rear of Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun.

At the Community Council's request the Clerk had sought quotes for the work from four other contractors. None had shown any interest in carrying out the work. The Clerk sought the Community Council's instructions to progress the matter.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Celtic Infrastructure Ltd asking whether they would be prepared to offer a discount off the price quoted to the Community Council to carry out the work.

(e) **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The Clerk referred to the Council's duty to produce a Statement of Policy as a separate employer within the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Pension Fund.

He advised the Council that he had studied the policy produced by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council as an employer and noted that a number of smaller employing authorities in the pension fund had chosen to follow the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Policy. The Clerk recommended that the Pontyclun Community Council follow the Statement of Policy of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. The Pontyclun Community Council reserved the right to vary any of the conditions in the Policy Statement should they prove to be unsuited to the needs of the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** That as a separate employing body within the

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pension fund administered by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, the Pontyclun Community Council adopt the Policy Statement of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(f) **Millennium Festivities**

The Clerk advised that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was planning Millennium Festivities within the County Borough and a public meeting of community groups was planned for the morning of 9 September, 1998, at the Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon. The Community Council had been invited to send along representatives to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillors Davies and Rea be nominated to attend the meeting on behalf of the Community Council.

6. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 8 July, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Pontyclun Community Council's meeting of 8 July, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Children of Chernobyl Appeal**

(Councillor Tony Flood declared an interest in the subject and took no part in the Council's deliberations.)

The Clerk referred to the application for financial assistance from the Children of Chernobyl Appeal which was considered by the Council at its meeting on 8 July, 1998.

The Clerk advised that when asked by the Council for information on the nature of the appeal he had limited information. Since that time he had received considerably more information and told the Council that while the initiative was being promoted by the Parish of Pontyclun with Talygarn, assistance was being sought from residents over a very wide area to enable children from Chernobyl to have a holiday in the Pontyclun area during 1999. Families throughout the

area had offered their assistance and separate fund raising and entertainment committees had been established to ensure that the children would have a memorable holiday in the Community.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council vary its decision taken on 8 July, 1998, and award the Children of Chernobyl Appeal the sum of £250.00.

(b) **Exclusion of press and public**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information namely, applicants for a service provided by the Council.

(c) **Late applications for grant**

**RESOLVED:** That the following grants be made:

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| (i)   | D. I. A. L. Llantrisant   | £100.00 |
| (ii)  | Groesfaen Residents' Association<br>(Councillor Rea declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations) | NIL     |
| (iii) | St Pauls' Young Families  | £75.00  |

8. **Minutes of the Community Council's special meeting of 19 August, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's special meeting of 19 August, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

9. **Matters arising**

Nomination of delegates to the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, in Aberystwyth.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairperson and Clerk be nominated as delegates to represent the Council. In the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend then the substitute delegate be the Vice Chairperson.

10. **Application for planning consent “for land filling; contouring; and profiling, to facilitate the provision of extended recreation grounds on land off Heol Miskin, Pontyclun”**

(i) **Public meeting of 20 July, 1998.**

The Council received reports on the public meeting of 20 July, 1998, called to decide the application for planning consent “for land filling; contouring; and profiling, to facilitate the provision of extended recreation grounds on land off Heol Miskin, Pontyclun”

**RESOLVED:** That no additional comments on the application be made to the Planning Authority.

(ii) **Correspondence received since 20 July, 1998**

A discussion took place on the correspondence which the Community Council had received since the public meeting. Despite the Community Council’s role of commenting on planning applications having been clearly stated at the public meeting it was felt that the role had been misunderstood and certain sections of the public believed that the Community Council decided planning applications.

The Community Council also believed that certain sections of the public had understood the nature of the application. The Council had made comments to the Planning Authority on an application for a landfill site in a predominantly unspoiled area of Pontyclun. In that application there was no commitment to provide, or maintain, any playing fields. The Community Council’s experience had shown that control over the deposition of materials in landfill sites were weak.

Councillor Flood drew the Council’s attention to correspondence in connection with the application of which the Community Council was unaware. He handed the correspondence to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk contact the Chairman of the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club to clarify that the Community Council had responded to the Planning Authority on a request for planning consent for landfill in Pontyclun. The Community Council might view a landfill

scheme linked with a guarantee to provide additional recreational facilities in a different light.

- (ii) That the Clerk examine the correspondence produced by Councillor Flood and report back to the Council.

11. **Public conveniences - running costs**

The Council received the running costs of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, and compared them with the costs of an Automatic Public Convenience and Universal Superloo.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That in view of the considerably higher running costs of an Automatic Public Convenience and Universal Superloo the Community Council retain its existing public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (ii) That the Clerk obtain a report on the feasibility of installing facilities for the disabled at the conveniences and lighting on the exterior of the building during the hours of darkness.

12. **Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Council discussed the response of the Talygarn Cricket Club to the proposals by the Bro Taf Health Authority to transfer services from Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

The Cricket Club, in support of the view expressed by the Talygarn Forum, stated that the case for transferring the rehabilitation service to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital had not been made. However, the Club's direct concern was the future of the sports ground which the Health Authority proposed selling for maximum return. The Club argued that this action would be contrary to the wishes of those who originally brought the asset into community use.

The Cricket Club had proposed that, irrespective of the future of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre, the Health Authority had a duty to transfer freely the sports ground and the adjoining parkland to either the Pontyclun Community Council or the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on condition that either authority make the land available for leisure purposes.

The Cricket Club hoped that its recommendation to the Bro Taf Health Authority could be actively supported by the Pontyclun Community Council.



- RESOLVED:** (i) That while the Community Council would support the Cricket Club's proposals in principle, it would need an estimate of the maintenance costs of the cricket field before making a definite commitment.
- (ii) That Councillor Mrs Griffiths provide the Clerk with the existing costs of maintaining the cricket field.

13. **Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Electoral Arrangements in the Rhondda Cynon Taff Area**

The Council discussed a copy of the letter of 14 August, 1998, from the Welsh Office to the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which it was stated that Ministers had agreed to implement the Boundary Commission's recommendations on electoral arrangements in the Rhondda Cynon Taff County area. It was proposed that an order giving effect to the proposals would be made in late September in order that the changes would become effective at the May, 1999, elections.

- RESOLVED:** (i) To note that the Community of Pontyclun would have one additional member of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.
- (ii) To note the change of spelling for the Community from Pont-y-Clun to Pont-y-clun.
- (iii) That, in view of the significant growth in the Community in recent years which had lead to additional membership at Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council level, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be requested to carry out review of the electoral arrangements applying at community council level.

14. **Cemeteries**

(a) **New cemetery opening hours**

The Council discussed the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's proposals for revised opening hours of cemeteries in the Borough.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council offer no contrary views to the proposals.



(b) **Complaints of long grass at Cefn y Parc Cemetery**

In response to the Community Council's earlier complaint about long grass at the Cefn y Parc Cemetery, the Director of Environmental Services responded that a meeting had taken place with the contractor responsible for the grass cutting and a vast improvement in the service had resulted. The Director further stated that the improvement was being maintained.

**RESOLVED:** That the response of the Director of Environmental Services be noted.

15. **Rural Bus Subsidy Grant**

The Council received the letter of 19 August, 1998, from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering advising that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had recently been awarded funding by the Welsh Office with the aim of "increasing access opportunities and reducing social exclusion" within its rural areas through the provision of improved public transport.

The Community of Pontyclun was one of the areas within the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council which qualified for funding based on the low population density. The Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council sought the Community Council's suggestions on improvements to services, subject to certain conditions.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council propose a circular bus route to the Rhondda on Taff County Borough Council taking in Llanharry, Brynsadler, Pontyclun, Miskin, Groesfaen, Cross Inn and Tesco's Store, Talbot Green.

16. **Responses of the Borough Council on highways matters**

(i) **Verge outside the library in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun**

The Council was extremely disappointed to learn that the promised scheme to lay paving stones on the grass verge outside the library in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun would not be taking place during the current financial year due to a lack of funds.

The Community Council felt that it was unlikely the scheme would be implemented during the 1999/2000 financial year, too, since it was understood that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was planning further cuts in expenditure for 1999/2000.

**RESOLVED:** That as the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was unable to carry out the work to the grass verge, the Community Council carry out the work to the specification of the Borough Council.

(ii) **Pavements at Tegfan and Brodawel, Pontyclun**

The Community Council was disappointed to learn that following complaints from Members about the condition of pavements in Tegfan and Brodawel, an inspection by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council officers had revealed no emergency defects. It was stated that minor repair works would be undertaken in the near future.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be noted.

(iii) **Excavation of footway, Lewis Street, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter of 29 July from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which it was stated that the resident responsible for the work had been given permission to construct a vehicular access into his property.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

(iv) **Site meeting with Members on traffic and road safety problems in Pontyclun**

The Clerk advised that he had written to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to convey the Community Council's fears that if work on minor highways schemes was aggregated to form a large comprehensive scheme for Pontyclun it was unlikely that a large scheme would ever get priority for funding.

In the reply of the Director of Highways and Transportation and Engineering he stated that the single scheme approach was to be preferred since it would provide an opportunity for public consultation on a coordinated approach to solving the difficulties experienced in several areas of the village. An approved overall plan could be agreed from which elements of the scheme could be progressed with the ultimate aims of full implementation over a period of time, with the more urgent elements given an appropriate priority.

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While respecting the views of the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering, the Community Council felt that its original comments remained valid.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

(v) **Road safety, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun**

Following complaints about road safety in the vicinity of Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun, from the Pontypridd and District Housing Association, the Clerk had referred the complaints to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

A copy of the reply from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering was provided for the Community Council's information. The Director had agreed to consult the police and Social Services Department and advise of the outcome of his findings.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council advise the Pontypridd and District Housing Association and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council that it considered it essential that parking restrictions be placed on the approach road from Cowbridge Road into Heol yr Orsaf.

17. **Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

(i) **Registration of land**

The Clerk informed the Council that registration of the Community Council owned Ivor Woods had been completed and a certificate of registration from the Land Registry had been forwarded to the Council.

Registration of the land would allow the District Valuer and Valuation Officer to complete his report on the encroachment into the Woods by a resident of Ivor Park.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be noted.

(ii) **Aboricultural services**

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received a telephone call from a resident at The Hollies, Brynsadler, about

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a tree in the Ivor Woods overhanging her property which had the appearance of being unstable. The Clerk had informed the resident that he would arrange for an inspection of the tree by an arboriculturist.

Having made enquiries with the arboriculturist employed by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council the Clerk discovered that the level service offered by the Borough Council was less than the service previously offered by the Mid Glamorgan County Council. While the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was prepared to carry out a visible inspection of the tree, there was a possibility that further advice may be required from an external agency.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take advantage of the service offered by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and, in the event of further advice being required, that the Clerk be given authority to engage the services of an arboriculturist.

18. **Modernising Local Government in Wales**

The Clerk tabled a copy of the White Paper "Local Voices: Modernising Local Government in Wales" which had been sent to the Community Council by the Welsh Office. Further copies were available at £13.50 from H M Stationery Office.

**RESOLVED:** That, in view of the very limited reference to community councils in the document, the contents of the White Paper be noted.

19. **ENTRUST**

The Community Council received information from the Welsh Office on the scheme whereby landfill site operators can claim a credit against the landfill tax payment they make if they give a voluntary contribution to an approved environmental body. The scheme is administered by a regulatory body known as ENTRUST, which enrolls qualifying organisations as environmental bodies. ENTRUST also ensures that environmental bodies meet established criteria, approves their projects and monitors schemes to ensure that contributions are spent on qualifying activities.

**RESOLVED:** That the details provided by the Welsh Office be kept on file for future reference.

20. **Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 1998**

The Council was very pleased to learn that it had won first prize in the Best Kept War Memorial Section of the Rhondda Cynon Taff in Bloom Competition, 1998. The prize was a cheque for £100.00.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk congratulate the Handyman on the high standard of maintenance at the war memorial in Pontyclun.
- (ii) That the Handyman and his wife be offered the opportunity to attend the presentation evening for prizewinners at the Rhondda Fach Sports Centre on 17 September, 1998.
- (iii) That the Clerk arrange to display the first prize certificate in the Community Council's noticeboards.

21. **Hendy Quarry, Miskin**

The Community Council was disappointed to note that it was proposed to recommence blasting operations at the Hendy Quarry in Miskin. The notification from Tarmac, the quarry operator, stated that blasting was likely to occur on a weekly basis until October.

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of the letter from Tarmac be placed in the Miskin noticeboard.

22. **Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings**

The Council received a letter from the Cardiff Energy Efficiency Advice Centre which outlined the services of the Centre and the means by which the organisation's services were delivered.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the services of the Advice Centre be noted.
- (ii) That the posters accompanying Centre's letter be displayed in each of the Community Council's noticeboards.

23. **Planning**

- (i) **Proposals for development at the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club**

(Councillor Flood declared an interest in these applications and

took no part in the Council's deliberations)

The Community Council discussed three separate applications for planning consent.

**RESOLVED:** That the following comments be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on the three planning applications:

**Application No. 56/98/2480**

That Community Council is opposed to the application as it stands since:

- (a) it appears from the drawings the applicant may be proposing to build on Community Council owned land to the front of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.
- (b) it appears that the applicant proposes obstructing a public right of way by erecting gates across the footpath adjacent to the public conveniences.
- (c) it appears that the applicant, by the erection of gates, proposes denying the public access to the public car park to the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

**Application No. 56/98/2563**

That the Community Council is opposed to the application since the proposed sign would be a distraction to passing motorists and would not be welcomed by residents living in the vicinity.

**Application No.56/98/2564**

That the Community Council support the proposal subject to conditions being placed on the operation of the proposed floodlights to ensure that, in the interests of local residents,



they are used no more than two evenings per week and that they are operational only during the hours of 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Additionally, and again in the interests of local residents, that the use of the floodlights for the staging of pop concerts be prohibited.

(ii) **Applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 10, 17, 24, 31 July and 7, 14, 21 + 28 August, 1998**

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

**Application No. 98/2246/10**

That, in building the new structure, the Community Council would urge the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to encourage the developer to use bricks of a type which are sympathetic to the stonework at the location.

**Application No. 98/2543/10**

That the Community Council is opposed to the proposed development on the grounds that the proposal is a back door method of development designed to circumvent normal development controls.

**Application No. T/98/2566/15**

That the Community Council is opposed to the variation in the hours of opening since the proposal would cause disruption to local residents and, in the experience of the police, the longer take away restaurants are open, the more anti social behaviour is likely to result.

**Application No. T/98/2551/10**

(Councillor Bendle declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

That the Council has no views on the merits of the application.

(iii) **Removal of hedgerow in Miskin**

The Council discussed the response of the Director of Planning of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which

he stated that he had been in correspondence with the applicant in order to establish when the scheme for the replacement hedgerow would be implemented. The Director would provide the information to the Council in due course. It was confirmed that the close boarded fence along the northern boundary of the site is a permanent feature.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

24. **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 39 to the Agenda.

25. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Allotments**

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently attended a meeting at which he discovered that a government White Paper had been published on the future of allotments in the U K. Councillor Norman proposed that since the Community Council had statutory powers in the administration of allotments, and there were a number of allotment sites in the Community, the Community Council should purchase a copy of the White Paper.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk obtain a copy of the White Paper on behalf of the Community Council.

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

Councillor Bendle informed the Council that the landlord of the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun, having recently decided not to pursue his appeal to the Crown Court over the refusal of the local magistrates to allow him an extension on his entertainment licence to midnight, was now re-applying to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for a new entertainment licence. The landlord sought a new entertainment licence which would allow him to provide entertainment to midnight.

The Council felt aggrieved that the applicant should avoid a court hearing, where there would be considerable opposition to his appeal, and instead be allowed to apply for a new licence and, possibly achieve what he had achieve what he had



originally sought. The Council believed that it should be consistent in its approach to the application and oppose it on the same grounds as it opposed the original application.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be opposed on the same grounds as the original application and clarification be sought from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and the police on their stance to the application.

(c) **Wayside seat, Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle referred to the problems again being experienced as the result of the congregation of teenagers in the vicinity of the wayside seat in Station Terrace, Pontyclun.

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

(d) **Illegal parking**

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to a recent incident where, in connection with a function at the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club, a coach had parked in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, immediately opposite the junction with Clun Avenue. The coach driver paid no heed to the considerable disruption to traffic his coach was causing and, when approached, gave verbal abuse.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask for the cooperation of the Pontyclun Rugby and Sports Club in ensuring that the drivers of any visiting coaches to the Club park their vehicles without causing disruption to traffic and pedestrians in Pontyclun.

(e) **Draft Local Plan**

Councillor Norman advised the Council that he had recently received a letter from the Director of Planning at Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, drawing attention to the objections which the Community Council had made to the Draft. The letter gave the Community Council a further opportunity to comment on the sections which had been subject to objections. The Clerk advised that he, too, had received a

similar notification. The notification had been received too late for inclusion on the Community Council's agenda

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for those sections of the Draft Local Plan where a further opportunity was available for comment to be extracted and placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

(f) **Footpath near Caergwanaf Farm, Miskin**

Councillor Edwards advised that the footpath near Caergwanaf Farm, Miskin, which had been subject to intermittent blockage in recent months was again blocked.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk again take the matter up with the Highway Authority

(g) **Public Right of Way Footpath No. 335 Talygarn**

Councillor Edwards reported that the public right of way, Footpath No. 335 in Talygarn had yet to be restored to its original condition. Councillor Edwards reminded Members that in recent months the owner of the land had deliberately excavated a large area of land in an attempt to discourage the public from using the Footpath.

The Clerk advised the Council that he had reported the state of the Footpath to the Highway Authority many weeks earlier and had also spoken to the Footpaths Officer on the matter. At the time the Footpaths Officer was optimistic that the Footpath would be restored without the need to invoke formal action against the landowner.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take the matter up again with the Highway Authority to clarify the position.

(h) **Draft Local Plan**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths referred to the further opportunity under the Draft Local Plan for comments to be made on proposals which had been subject to objection, in particular, the revised proposals for the Talygarn Conservation Area.

**RESOLVED:** That discussion on all the proposals affecting the Community under the Draft Local Plan be

deferred to the Community Council's next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Griffiths provide the Clerk with information on the Conservation Area.

(i) **Playground**

Councillor Davies referred to the children's playground on the Windsor Field and pointed out that the playground did not have the facility of a roundabout or have a pram/pushchair access.

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

(j) **Reinstatement of pavement**

Councillor Davies drew the Council's attention to the very poor standard of reinstatement to the pavement outside Hope Chapel in Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun, following work by Swalec

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be brought to the attention of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(k) **Coach Maneuvers**

Councillor Davies reported that a large coach regularly arrived in Palalwyf Avenue at around 8.30 a.m. on weekdays and carried out turning maneuvers either at the junction with the entrance to the Infants' Department of the Pontyclun Primary School or Tirafon Court. It was unclear why the coach should perform its maneuvers in Palalwyf Avenue but there was a consensus view that the practice was potentially dangerous since at that time in the morning there were numerous children and parents around.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk report the matter to the police.

(l) **Footpath lighting, Groesfaen**

Councillor Rea referred to the Council's earlier decision to attempt to coordinate with Swalec the removal of an electrical sub station with the erection of a lighting column at the same site on the footpath from Llantrisant Road to Y Parc, Groesfaen.

The Clerk responded that he had made a request to Swalec to coordinate the work but had not heard anything further.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take the matter up again with Swalec.

(m) **Proposed installation of CCTV**

Councillor Rea referred to the recent discussions which had taken place on the possibility of the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun.

Councillor Rea informed the Council that he had requested that information on the proposed installation be sent direct to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

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

(a) **Hard surface play area**

Councillor Flood referred to the Council's earlier decision to install a hard surface play area in the Community and recommended the Council study the very comprehensive hard surface play area which had been installed in Monmouth.

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

(b) **CCTV**

Councillor Davies handed the Clerk a demonstration tape on CCTV installations.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk study the contents of the tape and report back to a meeting of the Community Council.

(c) **Windsor Hotel - Application for the renewal and Variation of the Public Entertainment Licence**

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification of Application for the Renewal and Variation of the Public Entertainment Licence at the Windsor Hotel, Pontyclun. The notification had been received too late for inclusion on the Community Council's agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the application be noted.

(d) **Planning Appeals**

The Clerk advised that he had received the results of two planning appeals affecting the Community. The results had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's agenda.

Both appeals concerned the erection of large advertising hoardings in Mwyndy. Both hoardings had initially been erected without planning consent and, after the erections had been brought to the attention of the Planning Authority by the Community Council, the company responsible had submitted planning applications. Planning consent for both applications was refused and the applicant had exercised its right of appeal to the Welsh Office. Both appeals had been dismissed by the Welsh Office.

**RESOLVED:** That the results of the appeals be noted.

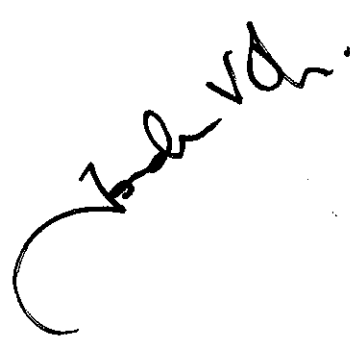
(e) **Accident to vehicle**

The Clerk informed the Council of a recent incident involving slight damage to a Miskin resident's car when a small stone, which had lain undetected in a grass verge, had been thrown into the windscreen of a passing car when strimming of a grass verge at Mwyndy was taking place.

The Clerk had compiled a report on the incident and the matter was now being handled by the Community Council's insurers.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be noted.

27. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John V. D.', written in a cursive style.