

PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre Pontyclun on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1985 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Community Councillor Mrs A M Bath, Dr I D Bowen, Dr S M Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr E J Francis, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr F G Monckton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips.

1. Chairman

Resolved that Councillor R C Kennard be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Vice Chairman

Resolved that Councillor R G Norman be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Delegate to attend meetings of the Joint Liaison Committee of Community Councils and the Borough Council of Taff Ely

Resolved that the Chairman and Clerk would be the delegates. In the event of the Chairman being unavailable his place would be taken by Councillor James.

4. Clerk to the Council

Resolved that Mr J H G Lewis of 48 Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun be appointed as Clerk to the Council. Additionally, that the Clerk be instructed to make arrangements for:-

- (i) a formal Contract of Employment between the Council and himself.
- (ii) insurance cover for the Council's activities as a matter of urgency.
- (iii) the Clerk's Gratuity Insurance.
- (iv) the purchase of a typewriter and duplicator for which provision had been made in the current financial year's estimates.
- (v) the transfer of the Council's precept moneys from the Taff Ely Borough Council.
- (vi) the Members to consider an operating procedure for the Council at their next meeting.
- (vii) a member of the Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils to address the Council at the next meeting.

R C Kennard

5. Council's Bankers

Resolved that Lloyds Bank PLC at 39 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, be the Council's bankers.

6. Authorised signatories to draw upon the accounts of the Council

Resolved that the authorised signatories be:-

- (i) General Account - The Chairman, Clerk and two other Members.
- (ii) Wages Account - The Clerk only.

7. Common Seal of the Council

Resolved that:-

- (i) in the short term a rubber stamp be used as the seal of the Council.
- (ii) in the long term a seal, incorporating the Council's motif be used.

8. Attendance of Chairman/Clerk at one day school

Resolved that the Clerk contact the Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils to establish whether that organisation were running any courses.

9. Items referred by the former Llantrisant Community Council

(a) Public Toilets

Resolved that:-

- (i) the employment of the existing cleaner/locker up, Mr W Griffiths be continued by the Community Council.
- (ii) the Clerk contact the Taff Ely Borough Council to ascertain whether that authority could provide the Community Council with a surveyor's report on the building's structure.
- (iii) the Clerk be authorised to make arrangements, as a matter of urgency, for the renewal of the broken window pane.

(b) Right of way over the River Ely at Llantrisant Station-replacement bridge

Members were informed that a replacement bridge had been under discussion since 1957. In 1983 the Mid Glamorgan County Council had estimated that a replacement bridge would cost about £6000. At that time the Llanharan Community Council had indicated their willingness to contribute £1000 to the cost.

Resolved that a site meeting take place on the evening of Thursday, 4th April 1985 and that the Clerk be instructed to approach British Rail to ascertain whether there was any objection to members of the public using the approach road and bridge to the engine sheds as an alternative method of crossing the River Ely.

R.K.

(c) Maesyfelin Bridge

Concern was expressed by Members about the unsatisfactory way in which the replacement bridge had been left. Members were of the opinion that the contractors ought to have taken steps to ensure the complete safety of the public using the bridge. In addition, the contractors should have erected a simple barrier at the south end of the bridge to prevent the landowner's horses from straying across the bridge.

Resolved that a site meeting take place on Thursday, 4th April, 1985 at 6.30 pm.

(d) Businessmen's Club at Number 28 Cowbridge Road

Members were told that Number 28 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, the premises of the former businessmen's Club and Massage Parlour was presently being used as a health food shop. The proprietors of the business, Mr and Mrs Marc Mitchell, addressed the meeting and strongly dissociated themselves from any of the activities which had taken place at the premises previously. Mr Mitchell told the meeting that initially he and his wife had a health food shop on the ground floor, a home brew area to the rear and facilities for manicure, leg waxing etc. It was intended to make use of the solarium equipment on the first floor and provide a "total health concept" for the community. Mr Mitchell suggested that it may help if planning permission was sought to open as a health food shop. Mr Mitchell invited Members to inspect his premises to allay any suspicions which the Council may have.

Members acknowledged the efforts made by Mr and Mrs Mitchell to convince the Council that their business venture was bona fide. However it was felt that because of the Community's experience with the previous occupiers, in the short term a certain amount of suspicion and misunderstanding would remain.

It was resolved that Councillors Bath and Burton would visit the premises and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

(e) Tylagarw footpath

Members were told that it was intended that certain resurfacing work be carried out on the footpath to Tylagarw via Station Road.

Resolved that a site meeting take place on the evening of Thursday 4th April 1985 and that the Clerk establish what resurfacing works were intended.

(f) Footpath Number 328 at Talygarn

Members were told of correspondence which had taken place between the Administrative Officer of the Talygarn rehabilitation Centre, the Taff Ely Borough Council and the former Llantrisant Community Council where agreement was being sought to the diversion of footpath number 328 at Talygarn.

Resolved that a site meeting take place to view the existing footpath and the route of the proposed diversion, at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th April 1985.

R.K.

(g) Footways and Pavings

Several Members expressed their concern about the poor reinstatement of footways and pavings throughout the Community following excavation works by the public utilities.

Resolved that where examples of poor reinstatement works are discovered the Clerk be authorised to pursue the matter with the appropriate body without reference to the Council.

(h) Ivor Park, Brynsadler

Members were informed of the work which had been necessary at the Park as a result of trees becoming diseased. It seemed that the contractors responsible for the work had exercised insufficient care and damage had been caused to healthy trees and seats.

Resolved that a site meeting take place at the Park at 6.30 pm on Monday 22nd April, 1985.

10. Any Other Business

(i) Bollards on footpaths - Hendy estate

Concern was expressed about the erection of bollards by the County Council on footpaths in the Hendy estate. Members felt that the bollards should be removed and access to certain properties upgraded.

Resolved that the Clerk contact the Taff Ely Borough Council and the County Council with a view to removing the bollards and raise the possibility of hard shoulders being created for the parking of vehicles.

(ii) Miskin Sewage Works

Members were briefed by the Chairman about the recent deputation, which included MP Mr Brynmor John, to the Welsh Water Authority opposing any further extension to the Miskin Sewage Works. The deputation stressed local concern over the plans for an extension of the existing works and compared the scheme with a similar project at Kendal where the offensive smells were as bad as ever, despite the modern plant.

Members were also unhappy about press coverage of the recent planning inquiry where it had been claimed that it was "only Sir Brandon Rhys Williams" who wanted the new works built at Gwern-y-Gedrych.

Resolved that the Clerk register the strong opposition of the Council to any further development at Miskin. Members requested that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

(iii) Taff Ely Year Books

Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to purchase 9 Taff Ely Year Books.

R.K .

(iv) The inclusion of Any Other Business as a regular Agenda item

It was resolved that Any Other Business be included as an Agenda item for all future Council Meetings.

11. Notice of Motion

Councillor Dr I D Bowen gave notice that he wished to discuss the provision and erection by the Council of Community Noticeboards and Community Postboxes at the next Meeting.

12. Venue time and date of next Meeting

Resolved that the next Meeting of the Council take place on 29 April, 1985 at 7.30 pm. In addition that the Clerk be instructed to approach the County Librarian with a view to holding the next Meeting in the Pontyclun Library. In the event of the Library being unavailable the Clerk to make arrangements for the Meeting to be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

13. The Meeting ended at 10.25 pm.

R.C. Kennell