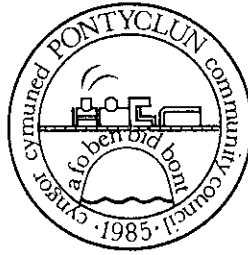


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APPENDIX No. 1 ✓

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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 April, 1996.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson),  
Mr T J Burton, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood,  
Mrs M M Griffiths, Mr G M Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mr M Rea

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** P C Steve Kettle and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Mrs V A Cale

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **TEDS group**

The Chairperson reported that on 29 March, 1996, he attended the opening ceremony of the new offices for the Taff Ely Drug Support group at Garth Olwg in Church Village. The ceremony was well attended and informative and had provided attendees with a detailed insight into the work of the group.

The report was noted.

(b) **Service to mark the end of the Taff Ely Borough Council**

The Chairperson reported that on the afternoon of Sunday, 31 March, 1996, he attended a service in Llantrisant Church to mark the end of the Borough Council of Taff Ely. The service was extremely well attended and was followed by a reception at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

The report was noted.

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(c) **Y Pant Comprehensive School**

The Chairperson reported that on the evening of Tuesday, 2 April, 1996, he had attended a presentation ceremony at the Pant Comprehensive School Pontyclun. The ceremony was short and had not been accompanied by the political bias which had characterised a previous meeting.

The report was noted.

(d) **Taff Ely Emergency Medical Service**

The Chairperson spoke of his deep concern at the failure of the Taff Ely Emergency Medical Service to consult with the public before introducing changes to the system for emergency services provided between 6.00p.m. and 8.30 a.m. the following day on weekdays and from 12.00 p.m. Saturday to 8.30 a.m. on Mondays.

From 1 April, 1996, the traditional emergency "on call" medical service provided by local general practitioners would be replaced by an Out of Hours Emergency Centre sited at East Glamorgan General Hospital. Where it became necessary for a member of the public to receive medical treatment it would be expected of that person that he, or she, find their own way to the hospital. Where the person did not have means of conveyance then the Emergency Centre would arrange transport.

The Chairperson was concerned about the reluctance of some elderly members of the public to make contact with the Medical Centre when there would be an expectation that the person needing treatment should arrange his or her own transport. The Chairperson could imagine that elderly folk would delay seeking medical assistance. Such delay might well have serious consequences.

The Chairperson was at a loss to understand how a significant change such as this could be introduced without any consultation whatever. There appeared to be a major inconsistency in the health service over the need to consult the public. Recently a variation to chemist's rota hours was advertised extensively and the public given the opportunity to comment. The public had been given no opportunity at all to comment on the changes to the out of hours emergency service.

Furthermore the Chairperson believed that as one of the world leaders in providing healthcare, the United Kingdom ought not to feel obliged to follow the example of countries whose standard of healthcare was inferior to that of the United Kingdom.

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**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Community Health Council expressing the Community Council's deep disquiet at the failure to consult the public over the changes to the out of hours emergency service.

### **Council's meeting of 6 March, 1996**

The Chairperson drew Members' attention to an incident which occurred at the Council's meeting of 6 March, 1996, where a member of the public interrupted proceedings by speaking to a Member. The Chairperson wished it known that under the Community Council's Standing Orders the Chairperson was empowered, after issuing a warning, to order a person interrupting Council proceedings to be removed from the Council Chamber.

The matter was noted.

### 3. **Police matters**

#### (a) **Concrete "eggs" in layby in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle asked if there was any further news about the possibility of the removal of the concrete "eggs"

The Clerk responded that he had contacted the County Engineer and Surveyor on the matter yet again. The latest response was contained in the reply dated 11 March, 1996, included as Appendix 2 to the Agenda.

It appeared that the investigations of the County Engineer into traffic and pedestrian problems in Pontyclun had been completed and that as recently as 5 January, 1996, the County Engineer had stated that he was "currently finalising" his report to committee. It was particularly disappointing to find that at the 11 March, 1996, the County Engineer said that the sub committee had still not considered his proposals. Furthermore, given the imminence of local government reorganisation, it would now fall to the successor authority, Rhondda Cynon Taff

County Borough Council to complete the matter.

(b) **Assault on resident**

P C Keddle reported that following the allegations that a local resident had had alcohol poured over him in an apparently unprovoked attack he had interviewed the resident.

Confirmation had been received that an incident had taken place and the matter was now under investigation.

(c) **Appointment of traffic warden**

P C Keddle was pleased to be able to inform the Council that a permanent traffic warden had been appointed to enforce traffic regulations in Pontyclun and the surrounding areas. While the traffic warden would not be based solely in Pontyclun the appointment was expected to result in a significant increase in the ability of the South Wales Constabulary to enforce traffic regulations in the locality.

(d) **Traffic monitoring**

P C Keddle advised that the Traffic Department of the South Wales Constabulary had been active in the Community of late and had stopped many vehicles. The exercise had resulted in 20 vehicle owners being reported for not having a tax disc.

(e) **Congregating youths in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle reported that the police continued to monitor the activities of congregating youths in Pontyclun. Particular attention was being paid to congregations in back lanes and if necessary the youths would be moved along. Monitoring had shown that no congregating had taken place when checks had been carried out on the evenings of Monday, 1 April and Tuesday, 2 April.

(f) **Transfer of Inspector Rees**

P C Keddle reported that Inspector Rees, formerly stationed at the at the Talbot Green police station, had been transferred to another area and had been replaced at Talbot Green by Inspector Tony Key. Inspector Key had taken up his duties and had looked at the matter of licensed premises in Pontyclun. Inspector Key intended attending a future meeting of the

Community Council and it was possible that he would attend either the June or July meeting.

(g) **Sale of "microdots"**

The Chairperson advised P C Keddle of the sale, on Sunday mornings, of "microdots" in Pontyclun. The Chairperson agreed to provide further information on the matter outside the meeting.

(h) **Speeding vehicles in Miskin**

Councillor Gordon Moir thanked P C Keddle for the efforts of the police in setting up speed traps in Miskin to detect drivers who exceeded the speed limit. Councillor Moir assured P C Keddle that residents welcomed the intervention of the police in making Miskin a safer place for residents.

(I) **Suspicious behaviour of vehicle driver**

Councillor Tony Flood advised that he was a youth leader with the Bethel Baptist Church and had had reason to be suspicious about the driver of a Frontera which "cruised" Heol Miskin on several occasions recently on a Thursday evening at the time when teenagers were leaving the Bethel Baptist Church. Councillor Flood was quite sure that the driver was not one of the teenagers' parents collecting children. The driver immediately drove off when he was approached. Full details of the incident had been provided to the police by Councillor Flood.

4. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 March, 1996**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 6 March, 1996, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Plans for the laybys north of the pedestrian crossing in Pontyclun**

Reference was made to the discussion which had taken place under item (I) of the previous item.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish when the report on highway matters in Pontyclun was

likely to be discussed by committee. In addition, clarification be sought on whether monies which were understood to have been available to carry out work under the Mid Glamorgan County Council remained available to the County Borough Council.

(b) **Stored vehicles in Merthyr Street, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter and enclosure which had been forwarded to the Community Council by Mr John Dilworth of 3 School Street, Pontyclun. It was noted that advice was being sought to establish the legal position as to the distinction between storage of vehicles and off street parking and the ability of the Borough Council to pursue enforcement action.

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

(c) **Temporary closure of B4264 in Miskin**

The Council discussed the letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor about the need to temporarily close the B4264 in Miskin due to construction work on a new sewer.

Councillor Burton wondered if the Mid Glamorgan County Council had erected the diversion signs in the correct place since many Miskin residents were concerned that vehicles were now regularly mounting pavements in maneuvering. There was concern, too, about the way in which the County Council had lifted the weight restriction which had existed on School Road for many years. There was a suggestion that the correct legal procedure may not have been followed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish whether diverted traffic had been correctly routed and whether the proper legal procedure had been followed in lifting the weight restriction on School Road.

(d) **Highway grit bins**

The Council discussed the shortage of highway grit bins in the Community and the importance of having a ready supply of grit and salt for localised use during cold snaps.

**RESOLVED:** (I) That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff to request, in principle, the siting of additional grit bins for the Community of Pontyclun.

(ii) That Members consider suitable locations within their wards for the siting of additional grit bins and report back to the next meeting of the Community Council

(e) **Railway embankment in Pontyclun**

The Clerk referred to the decision of the Community Council in the autumn of 1995 to request Railtrack to carry out work to the railway embankment in Pontyclun with the intention on improving visibility for vehicle drivers emerging from the car park adjacent to the Pontyclun R F C and reducing the risk of vehicle related theft.

The Community Council's request was made on 15 October, 1995, and despite several reminders being sent by the Clerk little or no progress had been made. The last letter from Railtrack, dated 4 March, 1996, apologised for the delay in replying and assured the Council that its request was now receiving attention. Railtrack expected to be able to reply "in the near future". In spite of the assurance a further month had elapsed and there had been no further contact from Railtrack. Inevitably, yet a further reminder letter would need to be sent.

The Clerk's purpose in bringing the matter to the attention of the Council was to illustrate some of the frustrations and delays which were often experienced in following up Community Council requests.

**RESOLVED:** (I) That the difficulties being experienced in obtaining a definitive reply from Railtrack be recognised.

(ii) That the Clerk continue in his efforts to get a reponse from Railtrack.

(iii) That the Clerk bring to Railtrack's attention the very poor condition of the fence along the railway track at several locations in Pontyclun.

6. **Subsidence problems in Heol Miskin**

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, informed Members that he had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda since he was becoming increasingly concerned about persistent subsidence problems which were affecting Heol Miskin.

The Chairperson pointed out that the stretch of Heol Miskin affected had not, to his knowledge, been affected by subsidence in the past. Some weeks earlier a large depression suddenly appeared in the highway. No immediate action had been taken to warn motorists of the potential problem and a number of motorists had been caught off guard when their vehicles passed over the depression. Fortunately, the Highways Authority responded quickly, cordoned off the section of road and carried out repairs involving re-packing the foundations.

Shortly after the highway was repaired a another section of the same stretch of road was affected by subsidence. On that occasion the highway dropped by approximately 18 inches. Remedial action was again taken by the Highway Authority.

As the stretch of high of highway had not been prone to subsidence in the past it was a remarkable coincidence that two incidents should occur within a relatively short period of time and inevitably gave rise to worries that recent developments in the vicinity might have altered underground watercourses.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a request that the cause of the incidents be investigated.

7. **Inadequate signage to the industrial areas surrounding Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter of 15 March, 1996, from the County Engineer and Surveyor in response to the Community Council's earlier requests for better signage for traffic leaving the M4 seeking the industrial areas in the vicinity of Pontyclun.

The Community Council had complained to the County Council on a number of occasions that the inadequate signage resulted in many commercial vehicles needlessly entering the village of Pontyclun every day. In the case of articulated vehicles, lamposts, direction signs and grass verges were regularly damaged. One lampost in Talygarn had been knocked down three times in the last year. When the attendant costs of repair and replacement were taken into account there was a strong feeling that the costs of erecting new signage in the vicinity of the M4 would be recouped in a short space of time.

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The Council was disappointed with the County Council's reply. While it appeared that the problem was acknowledged the Council found it difficult to understand how the County Council could claim that it had "not found a legend that could not be misconstrued given the scattering of industrial units in this area"

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

8. **Removal of kissing gates - Public right of way - Footpath No 308**

The Council discussed the letter of 11 March, 1996, from Killick, Mcadam Urquhart, architects for the new church, hall and presbytery at School Road, Miskin. It was noted that the removal of the kissing gates from Footpath No 308 had been carried out consequent to the diversion of Footpath No 308 and that it was the wish of the architects to retain both kissing gates at the site of the new church development, albeit in different positions. An invitation was extended to the Community Council to visit the site and discuss the matter further.

There was some doubt in a Member's mind whether the footpath diversion referred to by the Clerk was the same footpath diversion which had been affected by the construction of the church.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That consideration of the matter be deferred to the Council's next meeting pending clarification that the route of Footpath No. 308 had been diverted to follow the line of the footway skirting the new roundabout adjacent to the church development.

(ii) That the general subject of footpaths be placed on the Community Council's agenda for its June meeting.

9. **Possibility of the creation of a children's playarea**

The Council noted the reply of the Borough Council to the Community Council's earlier request for the creation of a children's playarea at the site of the former fire station in Pontyclun. It was stated that there would be no time for the Community Council's request to be considered by the Borough Council's Leisure Services Committee before local government reorganisation. It was suggested that the Community Council should pursue its request with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

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

10. **Community-based play services across Rhondda Cynon and Taff Ely**

The Council received a document produced by representatives of play organisations currently providing community based play services across Rhondda Cynon and Taff Ely.

**RESOLVED:** That copies of the document be forwarded to local cricket clubs, football clubs and mother and toddler groups.

11. **Mineral Local Plan and Public Local Inquiry**

The Council received the County Planning Officer's letter of 20 March, 1996, in which he stated that he had received the Inspector's report on the objections to the Plan. The report could be inspected at the County Planning Office prior to local government reorganisation or, subsequently at the planning office of the new unitary councils. Alternatively, copies could be purchased at a cost of £6.00 each.

The Community Council expressed its reservations about being expected to pay for a copy of the Inspector's report on the objections to the Plan - especially as the Community Council had made a significant input to the Plan and the objections. It would have been reasonable to have expected that a copy of the Inspector's report could have been made available without charge.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for the purchase of the Inspector's report.

12. **Sewage pumping station in Maesyfelin**

The Council received the letter of 12 March, 1996, from Welsh Water which stated that residents' preferences for the colour of the timber fence surrounding the sewage pumping station would be taken into account when the time came to re-paint the fence as part of normal maintenance.

The Council was surprised to receive this information since it had previously been led to believe that Welsh Water would take early action to paint the fence in accordance with residents' preferences.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council's understanding of the position be conveyed to Welsh Water.

13. **Gaming licence application**

The Council received a copy of an application for the renewal of the gaming licence for Van's Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** (I) That the application be noted.

- (ii) That the Clerk write to the owner of the premises drawing attention to the shabby state of the front of Van's Bingo and Social Club and requesting that action be taken to make the elevation facing Cowbridge Road more presentable.

14. **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 17 to the Council's agenda.

15. **Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 1, 8, 15 and 22 March, 1996**

**Application No 96/0138/10**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council object to the application on the grounds that:

- (I) The proposal involved a commercial development in an area regarded as a residential area.
- (ii) There would be insufficient parking facilities to serve a commercial development.

**Application No 96/0173/16**

**RESOLVED:** That, although the application was for the approval of reserved matters only, the application be opposed since the site was known to be directly above the Bute Mine Shaft.

16. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Proposed extension to the Windsor Fields**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had hoped that plans to extend the Windsor Fields, Pontyclun, would have been finalised during the lifetime of the Taff Ely Borough Council. He regretted that it had not been possible for the Borough Council to finalise the plans and hoped that the matter would be

pursued by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The report was noted.

(b) **Groesfaen play area**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported on the official opening ceremony by the Taff Ely Borough Council of the new children's play area in Groesfaen. He was sure that the facility would be welcomed by Groesfaen residents.

The report was noted.

(c) **Age Concern**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported on the re-constitution of Age Concern within the former Borough of Taff Ely.

The report was noted.

(d) **Resurfacing of backlanes in Pontyclun**

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report the resurfacing of all the major backlanes in Pontyclun. There remained some short lengths of "minor" backlanes still to be resurfaced. Councillor Norman was aware that steps had been taken to attend to these "minor" backlanes.

The report was noted.

(e) **Dog fouling signs**

Councillor Dick Edwards reported that the promised "No fouling" signs intended for Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun, had not been erected.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter formally with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(f) **Request for a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen**

Councillor Dick Edwards proposed that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be asked to install a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen.

A discussion on the proposal ensued in the light of the refusal of the former Mid Glamorgan County Council to agree to the installation of a further pedestrian crossing in Pontyclun, where the perception was that there was a greater need for a pedestrian crossing.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk proceed with a request for the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Groesfaen.

(g) **Community Questionnaire**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths asked for an update on progress on the Community Council's Community Questionnaire. Councillor Tony Flood replied that the questionnaire was with him for printing.

(h) **Proposed tree planting**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths referred to the earlier Council decision to investigate the possibility of planting ornamental trees in a number of locations in Pontyclun. She asked what progress there had been.

The Clerk responded that he was making enquiries about the ownership of the land identified in Talygarn and had sought the views of the Highway Authority on the plans to plant trees at the "triangle" in Pontyclun. The land identified near the Pontyclun War Memorial had been planted with replacement ornamental trees.

(i) **Spring flowering bulbs**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths commented that the presence of daffodils at various sites in the Community was very welcome. Councillor Griffiths asked whether it would be possible for the Community Council to purchase supplies of bulbs later in the year to supplement those already in place and to achieve an even distribution of blooms.

Councillor Gordon Norman explained that the Community Council regularly purchased spring flowering bulbs in the autumn and any assistance in planting the bulbs would be appreciated.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs Griffiths be involved in the autumn planting of spring flowering bulbs.

(j) **Outstanding matters**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths referred to a number of matters where the Community Council had taken decisions but progress appeared to be very slow. Councillor Griffiths wondered whether the Community Council should undertake an "audit" of those matters which were still appeared to be still outstanding.

The Clerk wished the Council to know that he regularly followed up matters requiring action. He understood, and shared the frustration experienced by Councillor Mrs Griffiths. He knew that some of the long serving Members of the Council would share in the frustration, too. Some matters had taken years to resolve satisfactorily. Earlier in the meeting he had given examples of delays in resolving apparently simple matters involving Railtrack and the Mid Glamorgan County Council. The latter had been particularly prone to giving verbal commitments without the necessary follow up action.

The matter was noted.

(k) **Purolite Standing Conference**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths reported that the Standing Conference remained concerned about the emission of fumes from the Purolite Plant in Cowbridge Road, Talbot Green. There was a continued need for pressure to be exerted on plant management to ensure that emissions were kept to a level which was acceptable to residents in the vicinity of the plant. Councillor Griffiths sought the cooperation of everyone in reporting noxious emissions from the plant to the Environmental Health Department on every occasion.

The matter was noted.

(l) **Pedestrian access to The Hollies**

Councillor Tony Flood drew the Council's attention to the very poor access facilities for pedestrians into The Hollies estate in Brynsadler. He asked whether a footbridge could be erected similar to the one erected for pedestrian access to the Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun. Failing agreement with the Highways Authority on the erection of a pedestrian footbridge, Councillor Flood suggested that the Community Council should bring

pressure on the Highway Authority to improve the pedestrian access from Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

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

(m) **Official opening of the children's playarea in Groesfaen**

Councillor Merfyn Rea expressed his deep disappointment at not having received an invitation to the official opening ceremony of the children's playarea in Groesfaen. Councillor Rea believed that as ward member for the Community Council an invitation should have been extended to him by the former Taff Ely Borough Council.

The matter was noted.

(n) **Deposition of mud on highway in Groesfaen**

Councillor Merfyn Rea reported that there were now two locations in his ward where the activities of those engaged in landfill operations had caused mud to be deposited on the A4119. The first location was at the junction of the access road to the Miskin Manor Hotel and the A4119. The second location was in the village of Groesfaen where a landfill operation was taking place to the south of the A4119.

Councillor Rea said that he could understand the exasperation felt by residents when the standards of service being received from local government continued to fall when their Council Tax bills soared. This year his Council Tax bill had risen by 29% while little or no monitoring of those responsible for depositing mud on the highway appeared to take place.

The Clerk advised the Council that following earlier complaints about the deposition of mud on the A4119 at the junction of the access road to the Miskin Manor Hotel he had reported the matter to the Mid Glamorgan County Council asking that steps be taken to remove the mud. He understood that some action had been taken to remove the mud at that time.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk report the deposition of mud on the A4119, at both locations in Groesfaen, to the Highway Authority with a request that the sites be regularly inspected and removed of any mud.

(o) **Building work at No 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that building work was taking place at No.50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, and that residents in the vicinity had been alarmed by the way in which the builders had scattered large quantities of a white substance during their building work. While the nature of the white substance was unclear residents needed reassurance that it was not asbestos dust.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Environmental Health Department of the County Borough and the Health and Safety Inspectorate.

(p) **Heavy goods vehicles, School Road, Miskin**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that he had received a number of complaints from residents in School Road, Miskin, about the excessive noise generated by heavy goods vehicles during the early morning.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Environmental Health Department of the County Borough.

(q) **State of pavements in Pontyclun**

Councillor Graham Davies referred to the limited success the Community Council had achieved in getting the Mid Glamorgan County Council to improve the standard of pavements in Pontyclun. Councillor Davies suggested that an approach about the standard of pavements in Pontyclun be made to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Borough.

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

(a) **Recognition of service**

Councillor Dick Edwards drew the Council's attention to the excellent service rendered to the Community of Pontyclun at Borough Council level over several years by Councillor Gordon Norman. Councillor Edwards proposed that with the demise of the Taff Ely Borough Council, the Community Council should



recognise Councillor Norman's retirement from the Borough Council in some way. He asked for guidance on whether it would be in order to purchase a gift as a mark of appreciation.

The Chairperson responded that the question of making gifts from Community Council funds to individuals had been raised with the District Auditor on an earlier occasion. The response had been that the Community Council had no powers to make such a gift.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for a letter of appreciation to be sent from the Community Council to Councillor Norman for his diligent work on behalf of the residents of the Community of Pontyclun, over many years, at the Taff Ely Borough Council. Furthermore, that a copy of the letter be placed on display in the Community Council's Noticeboards.

(b) **Monies due to the former Taff Ely Borough Council**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the large sums of money which would be outstanding to the Taff Ely Borough Council at its demise. He believed that the residents of the Community needed assurance that these monies would be properly recovered by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough and not merely written off as unrecoverable monies.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Borough Council

(c) **Costs of establishing the new County Borough Council Offices**

The Chairperson reminded the Council that certain councils had been profligate with council tax payers money at times of reorganisation. The Chairperson believed it would be sensible to obtain an assurance from the County Borough that it had not been profligate with council tax payers money during the 1996 reorganisation of local government. In particular, it would be useful to receive an indication of the cost of the decoration of the offices of the Chief Executive and the Chairman or Mayor.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for the information.

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(d) **Annual Audit**

The Clerk advised the Council that the Community Council's Annual Audit by the District Auditor had been arranged for 20 May, 1996. The Clerk had already arranged for the appropriate statutory notifications to be given. However, the early audit, following soon on the closure of the Council's accounts for 1995/96, would mean that a considerable amount of finance related work needed to be completed in a very short space of time if deadlines were to be met and financial penalties not incurred.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted and, to assist the Clerk, the only items to be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 1 May, 1996, would be those items required to be dealt with at an annual meeting.

(e) **Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks**

The Clerk advised the Community Council that as a result of pressure of work he had not attended the Annual Conference of Local Council Clerks as previously authorised by the Council. No expenditure had been incurred as a result of the Clerk's non-attendance. The Clerk was hopeful that he would be in a position to attend the 1997 Annual Conference.

The report was noted.

(f) **Notice of Motion**

Councillor Tudor Burton proposed that at the next meeting of the Community Council consideration be given to the cooption of County Borough Councillor Jonathan Huish on to the Community Council.

18. The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

*R S Norman*