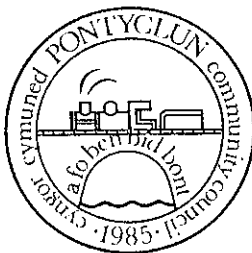


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 November, 1993

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mrs A Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith (Chairperson), Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Three members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mr G Moir

2. Chairperson's business

There were no items of Chairperson's business.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 October, 1993

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 October, 1993; be approved as an accurate record subject to the substitution of the word "Councillors" for Councillor, and the inclusion of the words "and Delme Bowen" before the word "in" in line 5 of paragraph (g) on page 5.

4. Matters arising

(a) Council's bilingual policy

RESOLVED: That the Council endorse its existing bilingual policy and authorise the Clerk to engage the services of a translator as and when considered necessary.

(b) Application for a transfer of the Justices' Licence - Ivor Arms, Brvnsadler

The Clerk reported that the Clerk to the Justices had advised him that it was in order for the applicants for the Licence to be living at different premises.

The matter was noted.

E. Griffith

(c) Proposed Cefn-yr-Hendy development

The Clerk distributed copies of the letter received that morning from the Chief Planning and Economic Development Officer of the Borough Council in which it was said that a thorough ground investigation had been carried out on behalf of the Land Authority for Wales and that all the recommendations contained in the report would be implemented in the development of the Cefn-yr-Hendy site.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk thank the Chief Planning and Economic Development Officer for his letter and point out that the map which was forwarded with the Community Council's letter of 19 October was intended to be indicative of the extent of workings only. It was not intended as a definitive statement of workings since it was known that there were other workings in the vicinity of Cefn-yr-Hendy which were not shown on the map.

(d) "Jigso" projects

The Clerk advised the Council that he had not yet received the further details he had sought from the Jigso headquarters at Aberystwyth. However, it appeared that the Aberystwyth office was aware of the Community Council's interest since staff at that office had contacted Father Martin Reynolds in Pontyclun who, on behalf of the Community Shop, intended participating in a Jigso project. The Clerk reported that Father Reynolds had contacted him to say that he would welcome pursuing a project in conjunction with the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred until the Council had received details sought from the Jigso headquarters at Aberystwyth.

(e) Spring flowering bulbs

Councillor Gordon Norman circulated a schedule of the various sites throughout the Community where spring flowering bulbs had been planted in recent years.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Norman be thanked for producing the schedule.

(ii) That a copy of the schedule be passed to the Grounds Maintenance Section in the Civil Engineering Unit of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

(f) Local Government Forum

Councillor John Dilworth reminded the Council that the forum on the reorganisation of local government, organised by the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils, would take place in Ystrad Mynach on the morning of Saturday, 13 November, 1993. Prominent public figures from each of the four political parties in Wales would be addressing the forum. The level of response from community councils had been very encouraging and, to date, over 17 separate councils had confirmed that they would be sending delegates to the forum.

The matter was noted.

(g) Motion to Annual Conference on private sewers

Councillor John Dilworth reported that due to unforeseen circumstances he had not been able to attend the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils on 9 October, 1993. The motion he had intended proposing on behalf of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee on sewers in private ownership had been proposed in his absence and had been passed by Conference.

The matter was noted.

5. District Audit - Note to the Chairperson and Members of Parish and Community Councils from the District Audit Service (Region 4)

The Council discussed the recent, undated, circular letter from Mr R A Hutchings, Regional Director of the District Audit Service about probity in local government. The letter acknowledged that most local councils operated satisfactory practices but that members may appreciate a concise summary of some of the features of good financial control.

RESOLVED: That the circular letter be noted.

6. Obstruction of pavements in Pontyclun

The Council noted the letter from Mr A.L. Green, Area Surveyor for Mid Glamorgan County Council in which he stated that he had written to the persons responsible for obstructing pavements confirming the earlier verbal requests for obstructions to be moved.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

7. Possibility of the erection of a bus shelter in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Clerk reminded the Council that while Bethel Court was being built the Council considered the possibility of erecting a bus shelter adjacent to the premises. The Council resolved at that time to sound out the views of residents when the building was fully occupied. After the completion of building work, in particular the erection of a boundary wall, it appeared that there was no longer a site for a bus shelter.

RESOLVED: That as no site was available at Bethel Court the Council abandon its plans for the erection of a bus shelter.

8. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for weeks ending 1st, 8th and 15th and 22nd October, 1993

Application No. 93/0720/10

RESOLVED: That the Council comment that it had no objection to the proposal provided that the application was connected with agricultural use. The Council would be strongly opposed to the application if it transpired that that the was the connected with residential development.

Application No. 93/0728/10

RESOLVED: That the Council comment that it thought the development to be unsuitable taking into account the very narrow lanes giving access to the premises and the likelihood that large vehicles would be used in connection with the proposed development.

Application No. 93/0774/10

RESOLVED: That the Council obtain further details of the application.

Application No. 93/0804/10

RESOLVED: That the Council obtain further details of the application.

(b) Planning Appeal

The Council received details of the appeal against the decision of the Taff Ely Borough Council not to award consent for residential development on the site of the Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club in Talbot Green.

RESOLVED: That the Council reiterate its opposition to the development of a valuable recreational facility to provide residential development especially when substantial land in the area had already been given consent for residential development at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun.

9. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Agenda.

10. Reports from Members

"Bailey bridge" across the river Elv

Councillor Delme Bowen reported that the County Council had formally replied to Mr and Mrs Graham Sharkey informing them that, due to reductions in County Council expenditure, it would not be possible to incur expenditure to improve access to the industrial estate adjacent to the Pontyclun Joinery. However, it appeared that there remained a possibility of carrying out improvements through Welsh Office or Welsh Development Agency funding. A meeting of all affected parties was due to take place before Christmas.

The report was noted.

11. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Additional car parking - Lewis Street, Pontyclun

Councillor Cyril Bendle stated that he was under the impression that additional car parking space was to be provided in Lewis Street, Pontyclun. Councillor Bendle was aware that a site meeting had taken place but nothing appeared to have happened since.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Technical Officer to establish the position.

(b) Treatment of polluted land

Councillor Cyril Bendle drew the Council's attention to

recent press reports that the Mid Glamorgan County Council would be spending a considerable sum of money to treat land at Coed Ely which had been polluted by chemicals. Councillor Bendle reminded the Council that many years previously quantities of chemicals had been dumped in the abandoned Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen. In recent years residential development had taken place very close to the quarry.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Planning Officer to find out whether the County Council would also be prepared to treat the polluted land at the Brofiscin Quarry, Groesfaen.

(c) Dilapidated premises at the eastern end of the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor Cyril Bendle questioned why the Borough Council had incurred expenditure in removing the dilapidated hut at the eastern end of the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, when it was publicly known that the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club intended burning the structure as part of Bonfire Night celebrations. Councillor Gordon Norman responded by saying that he understood that there had been some complaints that the structure was an eyesore but that he, too, could not understand why the Borough Council had spent money on moving the structure. Councillor Norman had asked for the matter to be investigated.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the result of the Borough Council's investigations.

(d) Windsor Field, Pontyclun

Councillor Viv James reported that following a site meeting by representatives of the Borough Council at the Windsor Field it had been agreed that the Borough Council would proceed with an extension of the Field and thereby secure enough ground to provide a further rugby pitch.

The report was noted.

(e) Possible storage of tyres in Llanharry

Councillor Viv James reported that following strong objections from residents and environmentalists a planning application to the Borough Council to develop land on the site of the Llanharry Iron Ore Mine for the storage of used tyres had been refused.

The report was noted.

(f) Sites for skips in the Community

Councillor Viv James reported that the Borough Council were actively seeking sites in the Community for the temporary placement of skips for public amenity purposes. Councillor James asked Members to identify suitable sites in their wards and report back to him.

(g) Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton referred to earlier reports to the Council and asked whether the recent building work which had taken place at the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, complied with local building regulations. Councillor Gordon Norman, responding, confirmed that the work was, after all, in accordance with building regulations. Councillor Delme Bowen reported that the matter of parking on the pavement outside the premises had yet to be resolved and he was aware that a meeting of County Council representatives would take place shortly.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the decision of the County Council.

(h) Bute Arms, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton spoke of her concern at the practice of certain vehicle drivers in parking on the pavement outside the Bute Arms in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. It was accepted that the practice was very dangerous and in contravention of road traffic regulations.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the police.

(i) Miskin War Memorial

The Clerk reported that renovation work on the Miskin war memorial had been completed and that, on behalf of the Council, he had received numerous compliments on the high standard of work.

The report was noted.

(j) Replacement of the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Clerk circulated copies of a plan which had been received too late for inclusion with the Agenda from the Borough Council which indicated, in general terms only, the proposals for the replacement centre. The Community

Council was asked to comment, as a matter of urgency, on whether the outline plans would meet the Community Council's needs.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk inform the Borough Council that while in general terms the proposals were considered to be suitable, the provision for a store for the Community Council was considered to be too small.

(ii) That a store of suitable size would involve extending the external walls of the proposed store to a point flush with the gable end of the main hall.

(k) Footpath No. 296 - Llwynmilwas, Groesfaen

The Clerk reported that in the course of reminding the County Council that the Community Council was still awaiting legal action to be taken against the person responsible for the deliberate obstruction of Footpath No.296, the County Council's Footpaths Officer, Mr Sander, had advised that on a late evening visit to the footpath, during the summer, he had found that the obstruction had been removed. Effectively, the public were no longer prevented from gaining access to the footpath. As a consequence of this it was no longer necessary to take legal action. The Clerk expressed his surprise to Mr Sander that, knowing the Community Council, and its predecessor authority, had been pressing for legal action to be taken for over eight years he had overlooked passing on the information to the Community Council. The Clerk also expressed his surprise at the apparent willingness of the County Council to accept that the footpath was open again after being blocked for many years.

The report was noted.

(l) Financial grants awarded at the Council's meeting of 1 September, 1993

The Clerk referred to the Council's decision at its meeting on 1 September, 1993, to award grants to Bobath Cymru and Babell Calvinistic Methodist Church, Groesfaen. The minutes of the meeting had not reflected that in awarding the grants the Council had taken into account the advice of the District Auditor on awarding grants.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council reflect that in awarding grants to Bobath Cymru and Babel Calvinistic Methodist Church, the Council took into account the advice given by the District Auditor on the changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. In particular, whether:

- (a) The payment is of direct benefit
- (b) The benefit is in proportion to the payment made
- (c) The organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and
- (d) The money is not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
- (e) The impact of grants and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups

(m) Environmental Protection Act, 1990 - Zoning Plans

The Clerk reported the receipt of a Zoning Plan for the Community which had been prepared by the Borough Council under the Environmental Protection Act, 1990. The map gave a pictorial classification of Zones, Standards of Cleansing and a summary of maximum time limits for restoring zones to an acceptable grade of cleanliness.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for copies of the map to be displayed in the Pontyclun Library and the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(n) Trees in Ivor Woods

The Clerk reported that following complaints from two residents of The Hollies, Brynsadler, that trees at the rear of their premises, in the Ivor Woods, were dangerous an inspection had been carried out by the Council's Handyman. The Handyman had reported that there was no imminent threat from the trees.

RESOLVED: That the views of a tree specialist be sought and that the Clerk be authorised to act on the specialist's advice.

(o) Application for the transfer of a Justices Licence - Castell Mynach Inn

The Clerk distributed copies of an application for the transfer of the Justices Licence at the Castell Mynach Inn. The notification had been received too late for inclusion on the Agenda.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(p) Taff Ely Drug Support

The Clerk advised the Council that an invitation had been received to attend the Annual Meeting of Taff Ely Drug Support. The meeting was due to be held in the Llantwit Fardre Sports and Social Club, Central Park, Church Village, at 7.30 p.m. on 18 November, 1993.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tudor J Burton be nominated to attend and that his attendance be designated an official duty.

12. Notices of Motion

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton gave notice of her intention to raise the following two items at the next meeting of the Community Council:

- (a) Footpath obstructions
- (b) Pontyclun War Memorial

13. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

to Oni V.S. Smith