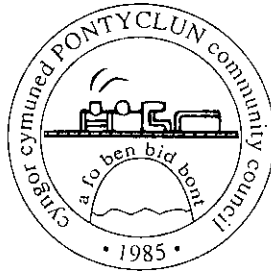


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 February, 1998

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor J V Huish

2. **Chairperson's business**

There were no items of Chairman's business

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Thefts from cars**

P C Kettle reported that there had been a number of thefts recently from parked cars in the Community. P C Kettle urged Members to encourage the public to be vigilant, especially at night, and to report any strange cars parked suspiciously to the police.

The report was noted.

(b) **Licensing application**

P C Keddle advised that the application for the renewal of the public entertainment licence at the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun, was due to be heard by magistrates on Friday, 13 February, 1998.

P C Keddle advised that there was strong opposition to the renewal of an entertainment licence from local residents, some of whom stated that they would be attending the hearing at the magistrates' court.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Community Council reiterate its objections to the renewal of the licence.
- (ii) That Councillor Bendle be nominated to attend the hearing on behalf of the Council to oppose the application.

(c) **Speeding vehicles**

Councillor Norman drew P C Keddle's attention to the practice of some lorry drivers of speeding through Heol Miskin. The speed of these lorries had been responsible for a number of "near misses" with other vehicles in the vicinity. The speed of vehicles in the main thoroughfare of Pontyclun once again was causing concern.

P C Keddle noted the Community Council's concerns but emphasised the importance of taking the registration numbers of offending vehicles.

(d) **Dangerous driving**

Councillor Flood advised of a recent incident where a four-wheeled Chevrolet was being dangerously driven through Pontyclun. The grossly excessive speed of the vehicle had caused it to mount the pavement near the Dipali restaurant and on straight stretches of highway had been observed to be driven in the middle of the road.

P C Keddle noted the report and again emphasised the importance of noting the registration number.

(e) **"Residents Only" parking**

Councillor Davies referred to the representations made by



residents of Station Terrace for the introduction of "Residents Only" parking. Councillor Davies enquired whether there had been any progress with the request.

P C Keddle indicated that he was unaware of the current position with the request.

(f) **Parking outside Leekes**

Councillor Flood thanked P C Keddle for taking action to prevent drivers from parking their vehicles on the highway outside Leekes. Councillor Flood stated that there had been a noticeable improvement.

(g) **Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, pointed out that the proprietors of the Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy, having been prevented from parking their vehicles on the southern side of School Road, were now regularly parking vehicles on the grass verges on the northern side of School Road. The grass verges were becoming rutted and were eyesores.

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

(h) **Parking, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Burton gave notice that at the next meeting of the Community Council he wished the Council to discuss the possibility of making application to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for the introduction of parking restrictions along the whole length of Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take the necessary action.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 January, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 January, 1998, be approved as an accurate record subject to the reference to "School Street", in minute 3 (f), being amended to read "Merthyr Street"

5. Matters arising

(a) Taxi Byelaws

The Council discussed the reply of the Director of Environmental Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in response to the Community Council's earlier query on the enforcement of byelaws governing the operation of taxis.

The Director informed the Council that the role of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council was strictly limited and complaints about parking on pavements, blowing of horns and speeding vehicles were the remit of the Road Traffic Police.

In regard to "taxi" legislation which was enforceable by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, taxi licensing officers had reported 41 matters in the previous 12 months, the majority of which had resulted in prosecution.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a reply from the Director of Property Services for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in which the Director stated that his officers were attempting to identify land in Pontyclun which may be suitable for a taxi rank.

**RESOLVED:** That both items of correspondence be noted.

(b) Talygarn Forum

Councillor Griffiths reported that the Forum had learned at its last meeting that the Bro Taf Health Authority intended to carry out a further round of public consultation on the future of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre. It appeared that the original decision of the Secretary of State, authorising the closure of the Rehabilitation Centre, was now out of date. A press statement issued by Bro Taf referred to a draft consultation document being placed before the March meeting of the Health Authority.

At the last meeting of the Forum nominations were made for the half day workshop on the future of Rehabilitation Services for the people of Taff Ely and Rhondda. Nominations were also made for the promised meeting, at which Dr Kim Howells, M P would be present, with Win Griffiths at the Welsh Office.

Councillor Norman reported that the half day workshop took place on 2 February, 1998. While the matters discussed at the workshop referred to rehabilitation facilities throughout Rhondda and Taff Ely, it was clearly established that existing facilities at Talygarn could not be replicated at the new Royal Glamorgan Hospital. If the transfer of rehabilitation facilities had gone ahead as originally proposed by Bro Taf there would be a significant shortfall in the facilities available to patients. Members of the Forum attending the workshop were pleased with the way they had made their case and were encouraged by the level of support received from other delegates.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports be noted and that the Council await a copy of the proposed further consultation document.

(c) **Public Right of Way Footpath No. 314**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held on the morning of Saturday, 10 January, 1998, to view the developer's plans for the diversion of Footpath No 314 at the new residential development on Cefn yr Hendy. Members were dismayed to find that a considerable length of the footpath was unusable due to the earthworks undertaken by the developer. It was decided to ask for a site meeting with a representative of the developer and the Footpaths Officer of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The further meeting took place on the afternoon of 27 January, 1998, when Mr Phil Brown of the architects engaged by the developer was present together with Mr Jon Griffiths, the Footpaths Officer of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. There was general agreement that building work had proceeded without any thought having been given to the rights of walkers using the public right of way. Mr Brown said that he would contact the developer to ask that the original line of the footpath be restored and that a layer of chippings be laid along the footpath's route in order that it could remain useable by members of the public until such time as a formal diversion order was made.

It was conceded, reluctantly, by Members that the rural nature of the footpath would eventually be lost once the diversion order was implemented and it would become an urban footpath.



Those attending the meeting agreed to convene again in a month's time to check that the suggestions for keeping the footpath useable proposed by Mr Phil Brown had been implemented by the builders.

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

(d) **Bus passes**

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and asked why only a limited number of post offices throughout the County Borough offered the facility of renewing bus passes after 27 December, 1997.

He had been told that approximately 90% of bus passes were renewed in the three months preceding Christmas. To meet the demand it had been decided to offer the renewal facility at post offices throughout the County Borough. After the Christmas period, when demand reduced dramatically, the facility for renewal was limited to specific post offices in the County Borough.

The Clerk had also established that renewal forms were available in both English and Welsh languages.

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

(e) **Advertising hoardings**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Director of Planning of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in response to the Community Council's concerns about the erection of unauthorised advertising hoardings in the vicinity of Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy.

He stated that following the erection of the hoardings, and subsequent complaints from the Community Council, two planning applications had been received. Both applications were invalid on receipt. This was the reason why the Community Council had not been advised of the receipt of the applications.

The application for the retention of the hoarding situated at the boundary of Corner Park Garage had subsequently been registered as valid on 29 January. The second application remained invalid. All valid planning applications were notified to Community Councils.



**RESOLVED:** That the comments of the Director of Planning be noted but that the Community Council express its disquiet that when it had asked for a simple sign to be erected indicating the route to local industrial estates the request had been refused on the grounds that the sign would prove distracting to road users. Yet, it was possible for "cowboy" operators to erect massive advertising hoardings, in the same vicinity, without planning consent, and without the planning authority even being aware of their erection. Furthermore, it was possible for these unscrupulous operators, if found out, to regularise matters simply by submitting a retrospective application for planning consent.

6. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 14 January, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 14 January, 1998, be approved as an accurate record subject to indications being given that expenditure on planters in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, and footpath lighting in Pontyclun and Groesfaen be regarded as revenue expenditure.

7. **Matters arising**

(a) **Councillor Norman**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Norman's name be added to the list of Members on the sub committee to consider alternative sites for a rollerblading facility in Pontyclun.

(b) **Rollerblading facility**

Councillor Bendle referred to the sum of £15,000. which had been allocated by the special meeting of the Community Council towards a rollerblading facility. Councillor Bendle pointed out that the Community Council had already allocated a sum of £15,000 towards a skateboarding facility in Pontyclun. He asked for clarification on whether the sum of £15,000 was in addition to the £15,000 already allocated to the skateboarding facility.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Community Council's intentions and an explanation was offered on the difference



between a skateboarding facility and a rollerblading facility. It was agreed that the terminology used by the Council had varied from time to time and that the Community Council had variously referred to "skateboarding", "roller-skating" and "rollerblading" but the intention was to provide a hard surface play area where these, and possibly other activities, could take place. It was agreed that the sum of £15,000 earmarked earlier towards a skateboarding facility was the same £15,000 which had been allocated by the Council at the special meeting on 14 January to a rollerblading facility.

Councillor Bendle wished it recorded in the minutes that during the Council's discussions he had raised a point of order but that the Chairperson had allowed discussion to proceed.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That for the avoidance of any doubt, all references in the Community Council's minutes to a "skateboarding facility" or "rollerblading facility" be construed as as a reference to a hard surface play area.

(ii) That in future the facility be referred to by the Council as a "hard surface play area"

(c) **Condition of the forecourt at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

A discussion took place on the condition of the forecourt of the Community Council owned public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

Some Members were of the view that as considerable sums of money had been expended on maintenance of the convenience in recent years, money should be expended on the forecourt to remedy the wear and tear resulting from the forecourt being regularly used as a car park.

Other Members were of the view that the conveniences should be demolished to open up access to the car park to the rear of the premises. Furthermore, that a "superloo" should be installed in the vicinity to make good the loss of the existing conveniences.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk arrange for a site visit for Members to view the "superloo" in Penygraig.





- (ii) That the Clerk arrange to obtain costings for the installation of a "superloo" at the site of the existing conveniences in Pontyclun.

(d) **Public Right of Way Footpath No.345-  
Disabled access to the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's agenda papers in which the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council confirmed that it was the owner of the land crossed by Public Right of Way Footpath No 345.

Permission was given in the letter for the Community Council to carry out improvement work to the Footpath subject to any damage or mess to the surrounding area being reinstated by the Community Council. Additionally that the Community Council agree to indemnify the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in the event of any accidents occurring while improvement work was in progress.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Council agree to:

- (i) Carry out all reinstatement work to the surrounding countryside during the course of improvement work.
- (ii) Indemnify the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in the event of any accident occurring during improvement work.
- (iii) Hold a site meeting to satisfy itself that the needs of the disabled could be met by the improvements proposed.

8. **Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 21 January, 1998**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 21 January, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

9. **Matters arising**

The Clerk sought guidance from the Community Council on which footpaths in Pontyclun should be considered for footpath lighting during 1998/99.



- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council agree in principle to instal footpath lighting in the lane separating Cerdin Avenue from Fairview Close.
- (ii) That no work be carried until such time as the Clerk has carried out a consultation exercise with those residents living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed installation.
- (iii) That the views of the police be sought.
- (iv) That the results of the consultation exercise be reported back to the Community Council.

10. **Adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendations**

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Council adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

11. **Playground equipment**

The Council discussed the reply of the Director of Leisure and Tourism Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to the earlier request for upgrading of playground equipment.

The Director stated that most of the play areas in the Pontyclun Ward were upgraded in recent years by the former Taff Ely Borough Council and that these upgraded sites were still in a fairly good condition.

A recent report to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council's Leisure and Services Committee had proposed that all play areas in the County Borough be brought up to a minimum standard. The work involved would necessitate a rolling programme and the requisite funding being made available.

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

12. **Prospect Vale residential development, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed replies received from the Director of Planning and the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering about potential hazards to young children from a surface water drainage pipe at the site of the Prospect Vale residential development in Pontyclun.

The Director of Planning stated that the matter was not his responsibility while the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering said that the deficiency which the Community Council had brought to the attention of the



Borough Council had been pointed out to the Sewerage Management Contractors to Dwr Cymru. As a result of the Community Council's letter, a cast iron flap would be fitted to the outfall concerned.

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

13. **Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying**  
**(as affecting the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council)**

The Council received the Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying (as affecting Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council). The Clerk explained that he had attempted to obtain a copy for all Members but had been unsuccessful due to the high cost of the document.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Clerk advise Dr Roberts of the Miskin Residents' Association of the receipt of the document and offering him an opportunity to inspect it.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a request that it provides the Miskin Residents' Association with a copy of the document.

14. **Retendering of Local Bus Service Contracts**

The Council received a letter from the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering advising that a number of local bus service contracts would expire on 1 August, 1998. A schedule of those contracts was provided as an appendix to the Director's letter.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That a copy of the letter and enclosure be passed to the Librarian in the Pontyclun Library with a request that the correspondence be displayed and that if any members of the public had any comments on the documents, those comments be forwarded to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering.
- (ii) That, in view of the increasing number of complaints about the unreliability of local bus services, a paragraph be placed in the Community Council's end of year summary of achievements advising members of the public of the address to contact in the event of any adverse comments about local bus services.



15. **Public Right of Way Footpath No. 6 - Community of Llanharry**

The Council received the letter of the 6 January, 1998, from the Llanharry Community Council in which it was stated that the Pontyclun Community Council's request for maintenance work to be carried out to Footpath No. 6 would be passed to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for the student to be employed by the Pontyclun Community Council during the summer months to carry out maintenance work to Footpath No. 6 and that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be invoiced for the cost to the Community Council.

16. **National Spring Clean Week, 1998**

The Council received an invitation to participate in National Spring Clean Week, 1998.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline the invitation to participate in National Spring Clean Week, 1998.

17. **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 9, 16, 23 and 30 January, 1998**

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ended 9, 16, 23 and 30 January, 1998.

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

**Application No. T98/2019/10**

That the Council is opposed to the application since:

- (i) it is believed that the premises already has the benefit of commercial consent.
- (ii) it would lead to further parking problems in an area which already has a car parking problem caused by the nearby Castle Car Sales.
- (iii) it would lead to traffic congestion in an area where there have been a number of accidents, especially in view of the development now taking place at the Cefn yr Hendy.
- (iv) the additional traffic generated by the proposal would lead to the nearby bus stop being utilised for car parking.



**Application No. 97/2970/10**

That the Council is opposed to the application for the reasons given previously to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council

**Application No. 98/2009/01**

That the Council is opposed to the application for the reasons given previously to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

18. **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 13 to the Council's agenda.

19. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Station Terrace, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle drew the Council's attention to the ever deteriorating condition of the highway and pavement in Station Road, Pontyclun. He was aware of a recent case where a lady tripped on dangerous paving but, thankfully, was not seriously injured.

Previously, pedestrians tripping as a result of a dangerous paving stone would have had the right to sue the highway authority for damages. Recently there had been a legal decision where, even though injury had been caused to a pedestrian that pedestrian's right to receive damages had been severely limited since the highway authority could prove that it had attempted to repair the highway - albeit not very successfully.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council again for a progress update on the plans to carry out repairs to Station Terrace and the parallel road now understood to be in the ownership of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(b) **Refuse collection arrangements**

Councillor Bendle reported on the widespread confusion caused



to residents on the Hendy Estate by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council altering its days for refuse collection.

Several Members agreed with Councillor Bendle's comments and pointed out that confusion was not confined to the Hendy Estate. Residents in many parts of the Community were bewildered by the new arrangements.

The Chairperson stated that he had personally spoken to Les Urquhart, the Director of Competition Services at Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council who acknowledged that the introduction of the new arrangements had been handled badly and had been compounded by the breakdown of vehicles where no change to existing collection arrangements were proposed. It was hoped that once the teething problems associated with the new arrangements had been resolved refuse collection arrangements would be restored to their former regularity and reliability.

**RESOLVED:** That a watching brief be kept on the introduction of the revised refuse collection arrangements.

(c) **Litter bin**

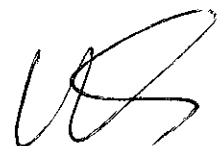
Councillor Bendle drew attention to a number of problems associated with the positioning of the litter bin at the Llantrisant Road end of School Street, Pontyclun. Councillor Bendle suggested that a better site for the siting of the bin would be the grass verge outside the public library in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to request the re-siting of the litter bin.

(d) **Un-emptied litter bin**

Councillor Norman pointed out that there was a pole mounted litter bin at the bottom of the Hendy Estate which had not been emptied for some considerable time. Litter from the bin was overflowing on to the adjacent highway.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk report the matter to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.



(e) **Confusion over street names**

Councillor Norman reported that a considerable amount of confusion and congestion was being caused as the result of delivery drivers seeking directions to the new Cefn yr Hendy residential development from the "old" Cefn yr Hendy development.

Councillor Norman was aware of cases where residents on the "old" site, and working night shift, had been disturbed needlessly by delivery drivers seeking directions to the "new" site and believing that access could be gained from one site to the other.

**RESOLVED:** That the facts be reported to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a request that improved signage be erected for those seeking access to the new residential developments.

(f) **Declaration of interest**

Councillor Bendle referred to the application for a public entertainment licence by the landlord of the Brunel Arms and the action taken by Councillor Huish to declare an interest, and take no part in the Council's discussions, when the application was discussed by the Community Council.

Councillor Bendle pointed out that shortly after declaring his interest at the Community Council, Councillor Huish actively supported the same application by writing to the Chairperson of the Licensing Committee in Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council expressing his support for the application.

While legal advice had been received from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils that the matter should not concern the Community Council any further, Councillor Bendle believed that Councillor Huish had a duty to explain his contradictory stance to the Community Council. When Councillor Bendle raised the matter at an earlier meeting of the Community Council the Chairperson had ruled that as Councillor Huish was not present it was inappropriate to discuss the matter in his absence.

Councillor Bendle expressed his concern that the Community Council had still not received an explanation from Councillor



Huish. As Councillor Huish was again absent it would be at least another month before he could be asked to offer an explanation.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Erection of bollards**

Councillor Norman drew the Council's attention to the erection of bollards on the access road to Keepers Lodge Farm near Talygarn Lake.

It appeared that while the farmer at Keeper's Lodge had been given a key to gain access to the road the anglers using Talygarn Lake had been denied places to park their vehicles. As a consequence there had been a certain amount of tension between the anglers and the landowner.

**RESOLVED:** That while the activities of the landowner and the anglers were not of direct concern to the Community Council, a watching brief be kept on developments in view of the public footpaths in the area.

(h) **Potholes in highway**

Councillor Edwards advised of a number of potholes in the highway in Brodawel which were in need of attention.

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

(i) **New signs for Maesyfelin**

Councillor Edwards advised that the new signage promised for Maesyfelin by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had still not been erected.

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

(j) **Footpaths' leaflet**

Councillor Griffiths referred to the proposed Community Council leaflet on footpaths in the Community.





Councillor Griffiths proposed that Mr Terry Squire be thanked for his efforts in producing a sketch of a local footpath. Furthermore, as it is the intention of the Community Council to produce further sketches and he would be welcomed to join a meeting of Members to identify these other routes.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take the necessary action.

(k) **Skip placement service**

Councillor Burton referred to the apparent discontinuation of the community skip placement service by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Borough Council and obtain clarification on the position of the skip placement service.

(l) **Post box**

Councillor Davies asked whether it would be possible to get the post office to agree to the siting of a post box at a suitable location to serve the needs of residents of Fairview Close, Rhyd y Nant and Llwynfen Road areas.

The Clerk responded that this matter had been raised with the post office some years earlier. The post office had refused the Community Council's request. Nevertheless, he was aware that number of structural changes has been made at the post office in recent years and, outwardly, the post office gave the impression of being more consumer friendly than previously.

**RESOLVED:** That a further request be made of the post office for the siting of a post box to serve the areas of Fairview Close, Rhyd y Nant and Llwynfen Road.

(m) **Footpaths walks**

Councillor Davies proposed that Members of the Council regularly undertake walks of footpaths in the Community to acquaint themselves with routes and problem areas.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be deferred for discussion to the next monthly Community Council meeting.



(n) **Accumulations of litter**

Councillor Cale drew the Council's attention to regular accumulations of litter to the rear of Pontyclun Post Office on Sundays.

**RESOLVED:** That the accumulations be brought to the attention of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a request that their litter collectors/refuse collectors pay particular attention to the area.

(o) **Former Borough Council offices, School Street, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood raised the matter of the disused, former Borough Council offices in School Street, Pontyclun.

He pointed out that the Borough Council had originally boarded up the premises but that vandals had persisted in removing the boards and gaining access. Latterly, residents of School Street had re-boarded the premises to ensure their security but vandalism had continued and the residents believed that the best way to secure the premises was to brick up the access points.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council asking that the building be secured by bricking up all entrances.

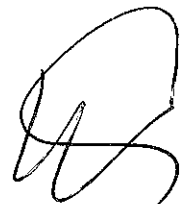
(p) **Proposed traffic calming in Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea asked if any further information had been received regarding the plans for traffic calming in Groesfaen.

The Clerk responded that he had not received any information about the proposed scheme but would follow the matter up with the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering at Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(q) **Landfill site in Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, advised the Council that he had recently walked a footpath near the landfill site in Groesfaen. He had been astounded to find that at one point tipping had taken place to a height of approximately 20 feet. He asked whether tipping to this height was acceptable.



**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make enquiries of the Department of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with responsibility for ensuring that the terms of tipping licenses were followed.

(r) **Application for planning consent for the removal of hedgerows in Groesfaen**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, asked if there had been any developments in the case of the landowner in Groesfaen who was seeking planning consent for the removal of hedgerows.

The Clerk replied that he had been notified recently that planning consent for the removal of the hedgerows in Groesfaen had been refused.

(s) **Items for discussion in "Bro"**

The Chairperson, Councillor Rea, referred to items which had appeared in the latest edition of "Bro" and asked that an item be included on the agenda for the Council's next monthly meeting where the items appearing in "Bro" could be fully discussed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk take the necessary action.

(t) **Tree Preservation Orders**

The Clerk reported that while reading through minutes of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council affecting the Community of Pontyclun he noted that two tree preservation orders had been made covering trees in Miskin. The Clerk distributed copies of the tree preservation orders to Members.

(u) **Proposed grit bin for the Brofiscin Estate, Groesfaen**

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received too late for inclusion with the Agenda papers regarding the Community Council's request for a grit bin for the Brofiscin Estate in Groesfaen.

The Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering had replied that there were no funds available during the remainder of the current financial year to provide a grit bin for the area. However, if additional funds were made available the positioning of a grit bin would be considered subject to other priorities



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

The Clerk reported that the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks was to be held in Bournemouth from 17 to 19 April, 1998, and sought the Council's permission to attend.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's attendance at the Conference be authorised.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.