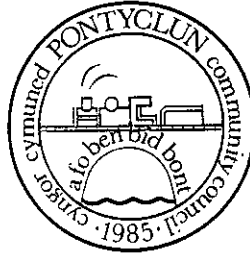


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 January, 1995.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James and Mr R G Norman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr G Moir and Mrs O P Phillips

2. Bereavement

It was reported that the sister in law of Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips had recently passed away.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a letter of condolences to Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips.

3. Chairperson's business

(a) Pontyclun Football Club

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported that a site meeting had taken place with representatives of the Pontyclun Football Club at the Ivor Park Football Fields on the morning of Saturday, 31 December, 1994, to gain a better understanding of the problems being faced by the Club in maintaining their ground.

(b) Pontyclun Action Group

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, referred to the meetings of the Pontyclun Action Group. He asked if any Member present had any knowledge about when the next meeting of PAG was due to take place.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk establish when the next meeting of PAG was due to take place.

4. Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 December, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 December, 1994, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Walk for Life, 1995

The Council discussed the proposed sponsored walk in aid of kidney research. There was general agreement that the Council should participate again in 1995. The Chairperson reported that he had made a request for use of the Pontyclun Fire Station on the morning of the Walk. Confirmation that the premises would be available was awaited.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk contact the Clerk to the Llanharry Community Council to discuss the possibility of that Council joining the walkers of the Pontyclun Community Council in staging a "reverse" walk on the morning of 12 March, 1995.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the police to advise of the plans to organise a sponsored walk.
- (iii) That the Council underwrite the event to the extent of £50.
- (iv) That in the event of permission being received for the use of the Pontyclun Fire Station to stage the event, Councillor Eric Griffith liaise with the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club to ensure the continuation of a good relationship with that organisation.

(b) Pontyclun Community Centre -  
Presentation of Community Council's cheque

Councillor John Dilworth raised the matter of the Community Council's contribution towards the cost of the construction of the new Pontyclun Community Centre. Councillor Dilworth pointed out that the Management Committee of the Community Centre proposed holding an open day at the Centre on the morning of Saturday, 18 February, 1995, and suggested that it might be appropriate for the Community Council to make its contribution of £20,000 towards the building costs at this open day. The Clerk advised that the Community Council's contribution was on deposit and would not be released until March. Nevertheless, he felt confident a "mock up" cheque could be obtained for the open day.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk arrange for a mock up



cheque to be available for the open day on 18 February, 1995.

- (ii) That the Clerk arrange for a photographer to be at the open day for the presentation of the Community Council's cheque.
- (iii) That the attendance of Members at the open day be designated an official duty.

(c) Blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Council received the letter of the Chief Environmental Services Officer of the Borough Council, dated 19 December, 1994, setting out details on the monitoring of blasts and listing the complaints received from local residents.

Councillor Gordon Norman advised the Council that a sub committee of the Borough Council's Environmental Health Committee had extended an invitation to Miskin residents to attend a meeting of the sub committee. The objective was to bring Miskin residents up to date with the steps which were being taken in response to residents' complaints about vibrations from blasting at the nearby Hendy Quarry.

The matters were noted.

(d) Pavements in Maesyfelin

The Council received the letter of 14 December, 1994, from Mr A L Green, Area Surveyor of the Mid Glamorgan County Council in which it was said that repair works had already started on the pavements in Maesyfelin and work would continue on the next Patching Repair Contract due to start in the New Year. Members were pleased to receive this news although it was pointed out that despite a number of sections of defective pavement having been being marked with white and yellow paint, very little repair work had been carried out.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(e) Ivor Park Football Fields

Councillor Gordon Norman reported on the site meeting which had taken place on the morning of Saturday, 31 December, 1994, with representatives of the Pontyclun Football Club. Members of the Football Club were particularly concerned at the recent damage caused to their playing fields by the public at a time when the Club was investing large sums of money to improve the grounds.



One option open to the Football Club to protect its grounds was to close the main access gate thus denying the public access to the grounds when the fields were not in use. If the Club chose to follow this course of action it would result in the public being denied access to the Community Council constructed car park adjacent to the football fields.

Another option was to erect a mesh fence between the Community Council's car park and the first football field. This solution would allow the car park to be kept open while ensuring that the public, and animals, were not able to gain access to the football field.

Members at the site meeting favoured the latter course of action. It was agreed to recommend to the Council that an estimate of the cost of erecting a mesh fence be obtained. Recognising that a large benefit from the erection of a fence would accrue to the Pontyclun Football Club it was suggested to the representatives of the Football Club that they consider ways of contributing to the cost of erecting the mesh fence.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the recommendations of the site meeting and the Clerk be authorised to obtain a quote for the erection of a mesh fence between the Community Council's car park and the first football field at the Ivor Park. On receipt of the quotation discussions be entered into with the Pontyclun Football Club to establish the level of contribution which the Football Club would be prepared to make.

(f) Chamber of Trade Newsletter

Councillor John Dilworth referred to the latest newsletter issued by the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade. The newsletter was inaccurate in its assertion that members of the clergy in Pontyclun were not invited to the opening ceremony at the new Pontyclun Community Centre. Councillor Dilworth's enquiries had revealed that invitations to members of the clergy were delivered by hand days before the opening ceremony. Furthermore, the Vicar of Pontyclun had attended the opening ceremony and had donated a cheque for £1,000 to the Centre's Management Committee. It was noted that the newsletter contained a number of other inaccuracies and it was unfortunate that the contribution made by the Centre's Management Committee had not been recognised.

The matter was noted.

(g) Reorganisation of Local Government

(i) Cooption on to Transition Committees



Councillor John Dilworth reported that during December he had attended a sub committee of the Rhondda/Cynon/ Taff Transition Committee to state the case for cooption on to the Transition Committee for community councils. Cooption of community councils on to Transition Committees had been recommended by the Welsh Office in its guidance notes to principal councils.

Councillor Dilworth had undertaken a considerable amount of preparatory work in advance of his presentation to the sub committee and was very disappointed to find that members of the sub committee did not appear to take his presentation seriously. It came as no surprise to learn that the Transition Committee would not allow cooption of community councils. Following the decision Councillor Dilworth had been instrumental in issuing a press release to the effect that community councils had been snubbed.

The report was noted.

(ii) Welsh Office Draft Guidance on Consultation with Community Councils

The Clerk distributed copies of a document received from the Secretary of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils inviting comments on a circular from the Welsh Office dealing with consultation between community councils and unitary councils.

RESOLVED: That as comments on the document needed to be made to the Executive Committee of the Wales Association by the end of January, Members of the Council be asked to pass their views to the Clerk as soon as possible in order that he could convey the comments to Councillor Dilworth who would be attending the Executive Committee meeting at the end of January, 1995.

6. Notice of Motion - (Councillor Viv James)

To decide the Council's policy for hearing representations by members of the public at meetings of the Pontyclun Community Council



Councillor Viv James drew the Council's attention to the fact that it had never drawn up a policy for hearing, and subsequently commenting upon, representations made by members of the public. The Council welcomed representations by members of the public and it was important that the Council responded to representations in a structured and professional manner.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That where representations are made to the Council the person, or group, making that presentation will be asked to withdraw from the Council's meeting to allow the Council to deliberate on the matter. When the Council has completed its deliberations the person, or group, will be invited back into the Council Chamber and told of the Council's decision.
  - (ii) That the Clerk make arrangements to incorporate the above policy into the next edition of the Community Council's Standing Orders.

7. Highway Improvements at the junction  
and of Llantrisant Road and Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the reply of the County Engineer and Surveyor to a letter dated 22 August, 1994, about residents' complaints about traffic congestion at the junction of Llantrisant Road and Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

The reply confirmed that an improvement scheme had been identified for the junction of Llantrisant Road with Clun Avenue but it had not been possible to identify funds to carry out the work from the County Council's very limited budget. Work would only commence if, and when, monies were made available. The County Engineer and Surveyor was unable to give any indication when monies would be available.

The County Engineer and Surveyor stated that he had been consulting with police on the possibility of banning heavy goods vehicles from using Clun Avenue as a through route. It appeared that due to the burden of enforcement that would ensue, the police were unable to support the County Council's proposals at that time.

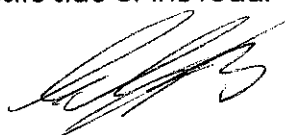
RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

8. Request for a pedestrian crossing in Brynsadler

The Council discussed the reply of the County Council to a request the Community Council made in March, 1994, for a pedestrian crossing across the A4222 Cowbridge Road near The Hollies, Brynsadler.

The County Council was unable to agree to the Community Council's request for a pedestrian crossing for two reasons:

- (i) The site suggested is unsuitable since, to comply with regulations and guidance, any crossing would have to be clear of the junction of The Hollies and the entrance to the Brewery on the opposite side of the road.



- (ii) The site would fail the numeric criteria test since all new pedestrian crossing requests were judged upon the volumes of pedestrian versus traffic movements for the four busiest hours for traffic.

RESOLVED: That the views of the County Engineer and Surveyor be reluctantly noted.

9. Letter from Mr B George, 3 Mwyndy Terrace, Mwyndy, Pontyclun

The Council discussed a letter from Mr B George of 3 Mwyndy Terrace, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, about the failure of the County Council to re-site the telephone kiosk on the A4119 at Mwyndy, the possibility of obtaining "residents only parking" for the residents of Mwyndy Terrace in the light of proposed development in the vicinity, the possibility of erecting a "kissing gate" adjacent to Mwyndy Terrace to prevent children straying on to the busy A4119 and the possibility of the installation of a pedestrian crossing, or pelican crossing, on the A4119.

The Community Council was aware that Councillor Delme Bowen had already made several representations to the Council on a number of the points raised by Mr George. In particular, Councillor Bowen had reported that the County Council had agreed in principle to the removal of the telephone kiosk but that British Telecom had insisted that the cost of the re-siting would have to be borne by the County Council. It appeared that the County Council was not able to fund the re-siting at that time.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council about the highway matters referred to in Mr George's letter and the Borough Council about the possibility of creating "residents only parking" for residents of Mwyndy Terrace.

10. Council Tax Base, 1995/96

The Council received the Borough Treasurer's letter of 7 December, 1994, which set out details of the calculation of the 1995/96 Council Tax base for the Community.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee.

11. Precept Instalments and Revenue Support Grant for 1995/96

The Council received the Borough Treasurer's letter of 7 December, 1994, giving details of the payment of precept Instalments and Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 1995/96.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Finance Committee.

12. Welsh Language Board - "Consultation on Draft Guidelines as to the Form and Content of Welsh Language Schemes"



The Council discussed the document received from the Welsh Language Board entitled "Consultation on Draft Guidelines as to the Form and Content of Welsh Language Schemes".

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Councillor Delme Bowen on a reply to the Welsh Language Board.

13. Cardiff Region Public Transport Study

The Council discussed the Joint Report on the Cardiff Region Public Transport Study. The Council believed that the report was produced to promote Cardiff and the Cardiff Bay development. It was a ruse to bring people and companies into Cardiff and Cardiff Bay. The consequence would be that rural and urban regeneration elsewhere in Wales would suffer. Towns like Pontypridd in Mid Glamorgan where a new transport system was planned for the year 2005 would suffer adversely.

The Council believed that because of their positions, and existing attractions, Cardiff, and the Bay development, would always have an advantage over less commercially attractive areas in Wales. The result would be that the less attractive areas would always find it more difficult to achieve inward investment. The Council believed that the Report concentrated too heavily on Cardiff and its surrounding areas. It proposed nothing for Pontyclun, or Mid Glamorgan.

RESOLVED: That the above views be conveyed to the consultants responsible for producing the report.

14. Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The Council discussed the letter dated 19 December, 1994, from the Welsh Office inviting community councils to participate in celebrations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact leaders of the Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in the Community to discuss the possibility of a joint service of commemoration.

15. Planning

(a) Applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 2, 9 and 16 December, 1994

There were no planning applications for this period which were considered to have an effect on the Community.

(b) Appeal against the refusal of the Planning Authority to grant planning permission

The Council noted that an appeal to the Secretary of State had been made in respect of the refusal of the Borough Council to award consent for a change of use of premises at 15 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. The appeal was to be decided





on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site visit by an Inspector.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council reiterate its objections against the proposal.

16. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 13 to the Agenda.

17. Reports from Members

(a) Llwynypennau Cottages, Groesfaen

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report that a new street sign for Llwynypennau Cottages would be erected in Groesfaen very shortly.

The report was noted.

(b) Basketball court, Cefn-yr-Hendy

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report that the Borough Council intended providing a basketball court for teenagers on the site of the demolished garages on the Cefn-yr-Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.

(c) Multiple Sclerosis Society

Councillor John Dilworth reported that as a result of the Chairperson having another engagement he had attended, in his role of Vice Chairperson, the annual dinner of the local Multiple Sclerosis Society on 14 December, 1994. He had enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

The report was noted.

(d) Crime Prevention Panel

Councillor Viv James reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council had recently established a crime Prevention Panel. He had been appointed to sit on the Panel.

The report was noted.

18. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Further residential development at Maesyfelin

Councillor Eric Griffith reported that residents on the Maesyfelin Estate had suffered nuisance for many months as a



result of residential development on a site on the River Ely flood plain at Maesyfelin. For many weeks residents had experienced quantities of mud being deposited on Estate roads as a result of soil being brought by lorry to the site. Complaints about the deposition of mud had resulted in road sweepers being sent to clear the streets. Residents were now amazed to find that soil was now being taken away from the site and mud and soil were again being deposited on estate roads.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council pointing out that the developer was in contravention of his planning consent by failing to instal a standpipe for the washing of vehicle wheels and requesting that enforcement action be taken.

(b) Parking outside the Leekes' Superstore

Councillor Eric Griffith reminded the Council that at earlier meetings discussion had taken place on the problems caused by the illegal parking of vehicles outside the Leeke's superstore, especially at Bank Holidays. Problems had again arisen at the Christmas holiday, and although the police had eventually arrived to move on offending drivers, through traffic from Talbot Green to Pontyclun had been caught up in the severe traffic congestion in Cowbridge Road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the police thanking them for their assistance in sorting out the traffic congestion outside Leekes' over the Christmas period and asking whether there were any measures which could be taken to prevent the problem recurring.

(c) New Year's Honours List

The Clerk advised the Council that a resident of the Community, Mr David Speed of High Street, Brynsadler, had been recognised in the New Year's Honours List with the award of M.B.E. for his services to the community.

In recognition of the award a function had been arranged in the Pontyclun Community Centre for the evening of Saturday, 14 January, 1995. The Clerk distributed tickets for the function to all Members present and said that he would arrange for Members not present to receive tickets.

The report was noted.

19. The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

