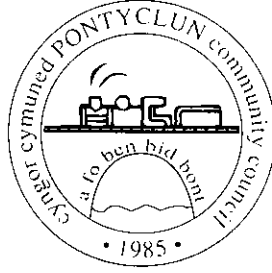


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APPENDIX No. 1
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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 November, 1998

PRESENT: Community Councillors C G Bendle, Mrs V A Cale, G Davies, R O Edwards, T Flood, J V Huish (Chairperson), Mrs M M Griffiths, R G Norman, and Mrs D B Shackell

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

1. **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor M Rea

2. **Chairperson's business**

Cefn yr Hendy Residents' Association

The Chairperson, Councillor Huish, read out a letter received from residents of the new housing development at Cefn yr Hendy and advising of the formation of the Cefn yr Hendy Residents Association.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to the secretary thanking the Association for its letter, advising of the Council's practice of making a small start up grant to new residents' associations in the Community, and inviting the Association to make application for grant.

3. **Police matters**

In the absence of a representative from the police, no police matters were discussed.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 October, 1998, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Millennium Festivities meeting**

The Clerk gave a report on the Millennium Festivities meeting which took place on 14 October, 1998.

Representatives at the meeting had agreed to receive a "Toolkit" produced by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to assist in the planning of Millennium events, to consult their organisations, and to submit their suggestions for events in time for programming at the Community Council's January, 1999, meeting.

There was general agreement that the meeting had been very successful and the Council expressed the wish that the elections to be held May, 1999, would not interfere with the planning of the festivities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(b) **Spring flowering bulbs**

The Clerk reported that he was due to take delivery of sacks of spring flowering bulbs at the following weekend. He asked that if any Member of the Council wished to assist in planting bulbs that the Member let him know. In the absence of any contact by Members he would arrange for the planting to be carried out by the Council's Handyman.

The matter was noted.

(c) **Pontypridd and District Housing Association**

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from Antonia Forte of the Pontypridd and District Housing Association in which she enclosed a copy of the plan of the proposed work in Station Terrace and the related work to the westbound platform of the Pontyclun railway station.

The Clerk confirmed that a letter from the Community Council



had been sent to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council in support of the concerns expressed by the Pontypridd and District Housing Association in its earlier letter.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the plan accompanying Antonia Forte's letter be sent for information to every Member of the Community Council and to each of the residents of Station Terrace, Pontyclun.

(d) **Community Council Newsletter**

Councillor Griffiths circulated a draft of the proposed newsletter.

There was general agreement on the content and format of the document although Members felt that a special meeting of the Council would be appropriate to discuss the detail of the newsletter and the proposed directory of organisations in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convene a special meeting of the Council to discuss the detail of the proposed newsletter.

6. **Encroachment at the Ivor Woods**

The Council received the report of the District Valuer and Valuation Officer following the Community Council's complaint about an encroachment into the Ivor Woods by a resident at Ivor Park, Brynsadler.

It was noted from the report that two instances of encroachment had taken place in the Ivor Woods. The Council discussed what action could be taken to regularise the position and to avoid further encroachments.

RESOLVED:(i) That the Clerk obtain legal advice from solicitors at the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

(ii) That the Clerk advise all residents in Ivor Park of the receipt of the report and that legal advice was being sought to regularise the position.

7. **Proposed amalgamation of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and the National Association of Local Councils**

The Council received a letter from the National Association of Local Councils

in which the Council was informed that under the new arrangements connected with the establishment of the Welsh Assembly it was likely that community and town councils in Wales were likely to be offered one seat on the Partnership Council.

Community and Town Councils' interests in Wales are currently served by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and the Wales division of the National Association of Local Councils. Negotiations had taken place between the two organisations with a view to amalgamation in preparation for the Partnership Council. The National Association outlined their views for the breakdown in the negotiations.

The Clerk advised the Council that after the agenda for the meeting had been despatched he had received a letter from the Wales Association outlining their views for the breakdown in negotiations. The Wales Association also sought the support of the Community Council, as a member council for its stance in the negotiations.

RESOLVED: That while the Community Council is supportive in principle of the stance taken by the Wales Association, the Clerk be authorised to write to the Association urging that both organisations return to the negotiating table to resolve their differences as a matter of urgency.

8. **Talygarn Pavilion**

The Council considered the letter from the Vicar of Pontyclun in which it was stated that the Parochial Church Council had discussed the Community Council's letter of 24 July, 1998, at length. The Parochial Church Council believed that it would be useful to know how much the Community Council would be prepared to pay for the Pavilion.

RESOLVED: (i) That if the Community Council was successful in the purchase of the Talygarn Pavilion it would use the premises for recreational and leisure purposes

(ii) That the Clerk arrange a valuation of the premises with the District Valuer and Valuation Officer.

(iii) That the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's December monthly meeting.

9. **The Rhos Pastures of South Wales**

The Council received literature and a questionnaire from the Director of

Planning at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about the Rhos Pastures of South Wales. The literature was the first publication in a proposed series about wildlife in South Wales

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the Council inform the Director of Planning that it would wish to receive the further publications in the series.
- (ii) That the questionnaire be returned to the Director of Planning, completed, as indicated by the Council.
- (iii) That the Director of Planning be advised of examples of Rhos Pasture in the Community of Pontyclun.

10. **Application for an On Licence**

The Council discussed the application of new proprietors at the Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun, for an On Licence.

RESOLVED: That the Council does not oppose the application but, in view of the history of difficulties with the previous owner, the Council be alert to the potential for further difficulties at the premises.

11. **Planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 9, 16, 23 and 30 October, 1998**

The Council discussed planning application contained in Weekly notifications for Weeks Ending 9, 16, 23 and 30 October, 1998.

(Note: The Chairperson, Councillor Huish, declared an interest in the planning applications to be discussed by the Council and vacated the chamber. In the Chairperson's absence the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Flood occupied the Chair)

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made:

Application No. T98/2761/13

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (i) The land subject to the application is designated as a green space in the Local Plan
- (ii) Access to the proposed development

would be hazardous since it would be adjacent to a very busy roundabout. Furthermore, with the expected increase in residential development on the Cefn yr Hendy Estate traffic on the roundabout would become even heavier.

- (iii) The site is within the safeguarding zone of the Hendy Quarry.
- (iv) The site is potentially hazardous because of its proximity to the nearby methane gas vent from a disused refuse tip.
- (v) There would be a loss of amenity for local residents
- (vi) There are already four licensed premises in the vicinity. The area is well served with licensed premises.

Application No. T98/2795/12

That while the Community Council is not opposed to the application, it would urge the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to place a condition on any consent to ensure that all external walls in the proposed development are constructed with natural stone.

12. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 8 to the Council's agenda.

13. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Flooding on the weekend of 24/25 October, 1998**

Councillor Bendle referred to the flooding caused by the river Ely on the weekend of 24/25 October, 1998, and asked whether the levels of flooding experienced that weekend were of the 1 in a 100 years magnitude envisaged by the Environment Agency when that body decided not to oppose the last phase of residential building at Maesyfelin, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Environment Agency.

(b) **Licensing application**

Councillor Bendle reminded Members that a fresh application for a Late Night Entertainment Licence by the licensee of the Brunel Arms, Pontyclun, was due to be heard that day. Councillor Bendle enquired whether any Members had heard the result of the application. Nobody present had any information on the outcome of the latest application.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about the application and report back to the December meeting of the Council.

(c) **No. 17 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun**

A report was received that the tenant of No. 17 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, had employed a hiab to lift a mini van from the highway into the garden of 17 Heol y Coed. The vehicle could not be driven out since the property did not have a drive. Consequently the vehicle had become unsightly and was a source of nuisance to nearby residents who took a pride in their gardens.

It was understood that an officer of the Housing Department had viewed the vehicle some months previously and had stated that the vehicle could not be left in the garden of 17 Heol y Coed. Nothing appeared to have happened since that time.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter with the Housing Manager of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish what action was being taken to remove the vehicle from the premises.

(d) **Talgarn Forum**

Councillor Norman advised the Council that the battle being fought by the Talgarn Forum to retain rehabilitation services at the Talgarn Rehabilitation Centre had entered a new stage. The Bro Taf Health Authority, whose wish it is to transfer all rehabilitation services to the new Royal Glamorgan Hospital at Ynysyplwm, had decided to refer the question of the closure of the Talgarn Rehabilitation Centre to the Secretary of State for Wales.

As the Chairperson of the Forum, Councillor Norman wished to thank the Community Council for all the support it had given since the campaign for the retention of services at Talygarn had begun.

RESOLVED: That the appreciation of the Talygarn Forum be noted.

(e) **Governing Body of Pontyclun Primary School**

Councillor Norman stated that he was pleased to be able to report that at the Annual General Meeting of the Pontyclun Primary School he had been re-elected as Chairperson.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's congratulations be extended to Councillor on his reappointment as Chairperson to the Governing Body.

(f) **Subsidence in pavement**

Councillor Edwards reported that a section of the pavement along the A4222 Cowbridge Road near the St Anne's residential development in Talygarn had collapsed. Councillor Edwards was unaware if the collapse had been reported to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

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

(g) **Proposed Community footpaths leaflet**

Councillor Griffiths referred to the Council's plans to publish a leaflet showing a circular walk in the Community.

Councillor Griffiths said that she had recently seen Mr Woosnam, the Community resident who had volunteered to assist in drawing up a sketch of the first route chosen for publication. Mr Woosnam had advised Councillor Griffiths that he was in discussion with Mr Terry Squires, of the local branch of the Ramblers' Association, about the route of the selected walk.

The report was noted.

(h) **Grass verge outside Pontyclun Library**

Councillor Davies enquired whether the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had provided the Community Council with a copy of the specification needed to lay paving stones on the grass verge outside the Pontyclun Library.

The Clerk responded that he was still awaiting the specification.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council asking that the specification be forwarded to the Community Council as a matter of urgency.

(i) **Overgrown hedge, Miskin**

Councillor Shackell advised the Council that no action had yet been taken by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to trim back the hedgerow growing into the pavement outside Ty Clyd, School Road, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk remind the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council the matter was still outstanding and that pedestrians using the pavement were being forced to walk into the highway to avoid the overgrown hedge.

(j) **Blocked drains - leaves**

Councillor Shackell drew attention to the considerable quantities of leaves which had fallen from trees in recent weeks. With the recent heavy rains the leaves were now blocking a number of drains in the vicinity.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering.

(j) **Felled trees, Miskin**

Councillor Cale referred to the reports made at the last meeting of the Community Council about trees which had been felled in Miskin and which were understood to be the subject of tree preservation orders. Councillor Cale asked whether any action had been taken to investigate the reports.

The Clerk responded that he had made a report to the Director of Planning of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council but had not received a reply.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk send a reminder letter to the Director of Planning.

(ii) That the Clerk send a letter to the occupier of each house in Miskin Crescent advising that the felled trees were understood to be covered by a tree preservation order and that the facts had been reported to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for investigation.

(k) **Footpath lighting in the Community**

Councillor Flood complained about the lack of response from the Council's lighting contractors to restore various lighting columns in the Community to full working order.

RESOLVED: That in the event of the contractor failing to take immediate action to repair the various lighting columns the matter be referred to the regulatory body for the electricity industry.

(l) **Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood reported that waste from the restaurant was again accumulating at the rear of the premises. While there was every reason to believe that the new proprietors would not follow the practices of the previous proprietor he felt that some guidance on the disposal of waste from the restaurant was needed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Director of Environmental Services of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(m) **Wayside seat, Windsor Field**

A report was received that a wayside seat in the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, had been set alight by vandals and the timber supports were destroyed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the matter to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. In the event that the Borough Council was not prepared to carry out replacement work then the Community Council would undertake the work.

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

(a) **Request for a wayside seat**

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from a member of the public to site a wayside seat alongside the A4222 on the edge of the green in front of Talygarn Drive.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seek the views of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council on the proposal. In the event of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council having no objection to the proposal then the Clerk arrange for a seat to be positioned at the site.

(b) **Taff Ely Drug Support**

The Clerk advised that as a supporter of the Taff Ely Drug Support group, the Community Council had been invited to send a representative to the group's annual general meeting to be held at 7.00 p.m. in the Llantwit Fardre Sports Club on 26 November, 1998.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council be represented at the meeting by Councillor Flood.

(c) **Establishment of Shadow Local Health Group Board Members**

The Clerk read out a letter from Dr Gillian Todd, Chief Executive of the Bro Taf Health Authority in which the Community Council's attention was drawn to the requirement for the Bro Taf Health Authority to establish Shadow Local Health Groups based on the four local authority areas of Cardiff, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

In line with Welsh Office guidance, the Bro Taf Health

Authority were inviting community councils in the area to nominate individuals for consideration for the position of lay representative. A Curriculum vitae was required from nominees by 11 November, 1998.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council's nominee be Councillor R G Norman and that Councillor Norman provide the Clerk with a curriculum vitae for transmission to the Bro Taf Health Authority.

(d) **Pontyclun Fire Station**

The Clerk read out a reply from the South Wales Fire Service in response to the Community Council's letter about possible dangers arising from a damaged perimeter fence at the Pontyclun Fire Station.

It was pointed out that while there was some doubt about the ownership of the damaged fence, arrangements had been put in hand for its repair by a fencing contractor.

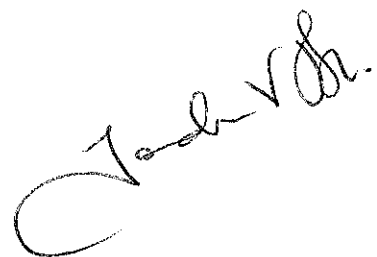
The matter was noted.

(e) **Remembrance Sunday**

The Clerk advised that two poppy wreaths had been purchased for placing on each of the war memorials in Miskin and Pontyclun on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, 1998

RESOLVED: That Councillor Shackell place a wreath on the Miskin War Memorial and Councillor Flood place a wreath on the Pontyclun War Memorial.

14. The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

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