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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, 5 April, 1995.

PRESENT:

Community Councillors C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr T J Burton,

Mrs A Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir,

Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Two members of the public

#### <u>Apologies</u> 1.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, and Mr E V Griffith

#### Chairperson's business 2.

#### Crime in Taff Ely (a)

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported on his attendance at a public meeting held in the Talbot Green Community Centre convened by the Borough Council. The meeting considered what ways the Borough Council could assist in stemming the rise in burglaries, muggings, drug taking and under age drinking within Taff Ely.

> Tribute was paid to the excellent contribution made in crime prevention by the formation of several Neighbourhood Watches in Taff Ely.

A number of suggestions were made for dealing with problem areas and representatives of the Borough Council agreed to give each of the suggestions very careful consideration.

The report was noted.

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## (b) <u>Prizegiving - Y Pant Comprehensive School</u>

Councillor Bendle reported on his attendance at a recent prizegiving ceremony at Y Pant Comprehensive School. Councillor Bendle said that he was pleased to have attended the ceremony to represent the Community Council and that it was gratifying to see the high level of attainment of pupils.

However, he had been disappointed to see that a councillor from a neighbouring authority had taken advantage of the occasion to make party politics. In the Chairman's views these actions detracted from what was otherwise would have been an extremely enjoyable evening.

The report was noted.

## 3. Footway lighting - back lanes in Pontyclun

Mr Keith Russell of 6 Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, addressed the Council about the lack of illumination in the backlanes at the rear of Cerdin Avenue, Derwen Road, Llwynfen Road and Palalwyf Avenue. Mr Russell pointed out that most backlanes in Pontyclun already had some form of illumination and it was felt that if illumination could be provided in these four backlanes there would be significantly less opportunity for crime.

Mr Russell advised the Council that he had sounded out the views of residents in the affected streets and had established that there was a considerable amount of support for such a scheme. Mr Russell urged the Council to give consideration to providing the much needed illumination in the four backstreets under the statutory powers available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the matter to be included on the Agenda of the Council's next meeting.

## 4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 March, 1995

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 March, 1995, be approved as an accurate record.

#### 5. Matters arising

## (a) Sponsored Walk in aid of Kidney Research

The Clerk reported that the sponsored walk on the morning of Sunday, 20 March, 1995, in aid of the Kidney Research Unit Foundation had been another successful event. An increased number of walkers over the number of 1994 participants had enjoyed a very pleasant return walk from the Pontyclun Fire Station to Llanharry. The facilities enjoyed at the

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Fire Station were excellent and the thanks of the Community Council to the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service for allowing the Station to be used had already been formally expressed. Letters of thanks to other participants would be despatched shortly. Provided all the sponsorship which had been pledged was paid in to the bank, it was anticipated that the event would have raised around £800 to £900.

The report was noted.

#### (b) Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Clerk informed the Council that it was his usual practice to photocopy all documents and letters received during the preceding month for inclusion with the Community Council's agenda for its next meeting. The arrangement had worked very well.

On 29 March, 1995, the day before the agenda for the Community Council's Agenda was due to be despatched, the Clerk received a large bundle of information from the County Planning Officer on proposed conditions relating to the IDO permission at the Hendy Quarry. The Community Council had been asked to comment on the proposed conditions within 21 days. Most of the information was contained on A3 paper which necessitated special photocopying arrangements. With the limited amount of time available, the volume of documentation and the need to make special photocopying arrangements, it had only been possible to reproduce one set of documents for the Council for comment. The bundle of photocopied documents had been passed to Councillor Moir as the member who lived closest to the quarry and had a wealth of knowledge of the planning conditions imposed by the County Council.

The Clerk advised that if any member required a copies of the bundle of correspondence from the County Council he would be happy to arrange for additional copies to be produced.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the County Council:

- (I) The levels of blasting proposed as being acceptable are too high to afford protection to villagers
- (ii) The western face of the Quarry should be left as a sterile zone due to the inadequacy of protection for residents.



(iii) The proposal that once the water table had been reached, the workings should be allowed to flood, is unacceptable.

Councillor Tudor Burton asked that it be recorded in the minutes that because he had not been provided with a copies of the bundle of documents from the County Council he felt that he had been "gagged"

The Clerk agreed to supply Councillor Tudor Burton with a copy of the County Council's bundle of correspondence. Councillor Burton was asked to contact the Clerk with his observations on the documents to enable the Clerk to respond to the County Council within the 21 day deadline.

## (c) <u>Proposed erection of bus shelter in Groesfaen</u>

The Clerk reported on the site meeting which had taken place in Groesfaen on the morning of Sunday, 19 March, 1995, for the purpose of viewing the site for the proposed bus shelter. Members attending the meeting were agreed that there were compelling reasons for the erection of a bus shelter although there were reservations about the amount of room which was available. The Clerk advised the Council that it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the County Council, as Highway Authority, before any structure was erected. The Clerk had written to the County Council outlining the proposal and had also sought catalogues from the manufacturers of bus shelters. A further report to the Community Council would be made when further information was available.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

#### (d) Pontyclun War Memorial

The Clerk advised the Council that work to clean the stone of the Pontyclun War Memorial had been completed and the stonemasons' invoice had been paid. Bearing in mind the offer for the Community Shop to pay for the renovation, a copy of the stonemasons' invoice had been forwarded to the Community Shop. The Treasurer of the Shop, Mrs Eve Edwards, had responded by forwarding a cheque to the Community Council for £344.00. The cheque had been paid into the Community Council's bank account and a letter had been sent to Mrs Edwards expressing the gratitude of the Community Council for the very kind gesture.

The Clerk reported that many complimentary comments had been made about the renovated memorial. Few, if any ,

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residents could remember the stonework in its pristine condition. However, as a consequence of the work, some of the engravings on the stone had been come indistinct. There was a need to have some of the names re-engraved in order that names were not lost.

**RESOLVED:** 

That the Clerk arrange to get quotations for the

necessary re-engraving work.

6. Notice of Motion - Possibility of the restoration of the footpath access to Talygarn which was lost at the time of the construction of the M4 motorway - Councillor Viv James

Councillor Viv James referred to the unsuccessful representations which the Community Council had made to the Welsh Office over a number of years for the restoration of the footpath to Talygarn which was lost during the construction of the M4 motorway. Councillor James pointed out that the footpath had been regularly used by large numbers of residents and the loss of the path had effectively denied the public access to other public rights of way beyond Talygarn. There was tremendous support in the Community for the restoration of the footpath.

Recently, the matter had been considered by the Taff Ely Borough Council who had agreed to take the matter up again with the Welsh Office to see if there was any possibility for the restoration being carried out by utilising the tunnel carrying the Nant Dyfrgi beneath the M4.

**RESOLVED:** 

That the Community Council forward a letter to the Borough Council supporting the Borough Council's efforts to get the footpath re-opened.

 Notice of Motion - Possibility of the erection of a pedestrian footbridge across the river Ely in Brynsadler - Councillor Viv James

Councillor Viv James said that he was impressed with the scheme, originally proposed by Councillor Mrs Anita Burton, for the construction of a pedestrian footbridge to enable safe pedestrian access and egress to the Ynysddu Farm Estate, Pontyclun. Without doubt the bridge had been well received by local residents and had made a major contribution towards ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

Councillor James believed that the Community Council should take the initiative, again, and proposed a similar scheme for safe pedestrian access and egress to The Hollies, Brynsadler.

**RESOLVED:** 

That the Clerk approach the County Council about the possibility of erecting a pedestrian footbridge across the river Ely at The Hollies, Brynsadler, for the purpose of providing safe access and egress.

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8. Notice of Motion - To discuss matters connected with the former Taff Ely Borough Council's Environmental Health Office in School Street, Pontyclun - Councillor Mrs Anita Burton

Councillor Mrs Burton stated that she wished to withdraw her notice of motion because matters had become clearer since the last meeting of the Community Council.

Grass verge outside No. 79 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

The Council received a letter from Mrs J Prankerd of 79 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, who sought the Community Council's assistance in removing the grass verge outside her home. Mrs Prankerd pointed out that the verge did not look attractive as in summer months the grass was patchy and in wet winter months the grass was positively dangerous to pedestrians attempting to cross it. Furthermore, the verge was regularly fouled by dogs.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Prankerd's request be forwarded to the County Council for its comments.

10. Pontyclun Community Centre - heating costs

(Councillors John Dilworth and Mrs Pam Phillips declared an interest in this item and took no part in the Community Council's deliberations)

The Council discussed the letter of 11 March, 1995, from the Secretary of the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre in which the Council's attention was drawn to the fact that from 1 April, 1995, the Management Committee would become responsible for payment of the heating costs at the Community Centre.

In view of the accommodation occupied by the Community Council's Handyman, the Council was requested to make a contribution to the heating costs of the Centre.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Council agree in principle to a contribution towards the heating costs of the Centre

(b) That the Clerk make enquiries with the Borough Council about an equitable method of calculating a contribution based on the amount of heat supplied to the Community Council's store.

11. <u>Bye laws - Parks and open spaces in the Borough</u>

The Council considered the letter of the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council dated 8 March, 1995, about the Borough Council's plans to amend bye laws relating to the playing of games in parks and open spaces within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council do not propose any further areas for inclusion in the amended by laws.

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### 12. <u>Dog control measures in the Borough</u>

The Council discussed the letter of 21 March, 1995, from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Services Officer.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the Council's Annual Meeting in May.

#### 13. Environment Week, 1995

The Council received the letter of the 21 March, 1995, from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Services Officer inviting the Council to participate in the 1995 Environment Week.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

### Local Government Reorganisation -Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

## (a) <u>Cooption on to Transition Committees</u>

The Council received a copy of a letter from the Area Secretary of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Association of Community and Town Councils to the Secretary of State for Wales, Mr John Redwood, expressing the Area Committee's grave concern at the poor record of cooption of members of community and town councils on to Transition Committees. The Area Secretary was optimistic that with the demise of the Transition Committees, the shadow unitary authorities might take a more constructive view towards coopting members on to shadow authorities.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

### (b) <u>Local Government (Wales) Act, 1994 -</u> Commencement of Sections 8 to 16

The Council considered a reply from Mr Ian Miller at the Welsh Office to Mrs Mary Thomas General Secretary of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils about commencement dates of Sections 8 to 16 of the Local Government (Wales) Act, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

# 15. <u>Local Government Reorganisation -</u> <u>Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Community and Town Councils' Liaison Committee</u>

The Council noted the minutes of the Liaison Committee of 23 January, 1995, the Agenda of 14 March, 1995 and the letter from the temporary Secretary and Administrator dated 27 March, 1995.

Councillor John Dilworth reported that three Community Councils were represented at the Liaison Committee's meeting in addition to Mr Des Bibey, County Secretary of the Mid Glamorgan Association of Local Councils. For for various reasons, it had not been possible for a guest speaker to address the meeting.

It was decided that the Liaison Committee should go into recess until such time as the views of the Rhondda/Cynon /Taff Shadow Unitary Authority were known on the cooption of members of community and town councils.

The report was noted.

## 16. <u>Disturbances and nuisances from dilapidated buildings in Pontyclun</u>

The Council received, and discussed in depth, a letter from Mr L H Bailey of 4 Station Terrace, Pontyclun. Mr Bailey was deeply concerned about the activities and behaviour of youths in the vicinity of Station Terrace and Stuart Street, Pontyclun.

In recent months there had been several instances of under age drinking, accompanied by vandalism and rowdyism. In a recent incident, a bollard in the backlane between Station Terrace and Stuart Street had been ripped out and thrown against the gable end of a house in Station Terrace. A meeting place for the youths causing the problems appeared to be a dilapidated garage at the rear of commercial premises in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

Mr Bailey informed the Council that the police and the Borough Council had been involved on a number of occasions but the problems had not been resolved and residents lived in fear of violence and the worry of damage to their properties. In Mr Bailey's view it was essential that the owner of the dilapidated garage at the rear of Cowbridge Road be forced to take action to repair or demolish the premises. In addition, it was very undesirable, at a time when most of the anti social behaviour was drink related, for further licences for the sale of alcohol in the village to be granted.

Councillor Gordon Norman acknowledged that the residents of Station Terrace and Stuart Street had very real concerns. He informed the Community Council that the Taff Ely Borough Council had already commenced action against the owner of the dilapidated garage and the notice which had been served on the owner would expire on Friday, 7 April, 1995.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council await the outcome of the legal proceedings instituted by the Borough Council.

#### 17. <u>Airborne pollution in Talygarn</u>

The Council read with interest the determined efforts made by Mrs O J Bufton

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of "Highwinds" Talygarn to prove that her garden had suffered from the effects of airborne pollution. In a report commissioned by the Borough Council and produced by Sir William Halcrow, Swindon, it was stated that there was evidence in Mrs Bufton's garden of "historic" damage to some of the surrounding trees particularly on the western side of her garden.

The report stated that there was no current pollution. Monitoring continued to be undertaken by the Taff Ely Borough Council and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Bufton's letter be noted.

## 18. Possible application for an off licence for the sale of alcohol

The Council discussed a copy of a letter dated 16 March, 1995, from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade to the Magistrates' Clerk at the Court Offices in Pontypridd conveying the Chamber of Trade's opposition to the rumoured application for an off licence for the sale of alcohol at The Royal Stores, 23 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council note the possible application for an off licence and that the application be discussed fully by

the Council if, and when, application is formally made.

## 19. Opening hours - Pontyclun Fish Bar

Members discussed the review of the opening hours of the Pontyclun Fish Bar which was likely to be undertaken shortly by the Borough Council. The Council was acutely aware of the comments made by the police over several years that the Pontyclun Fish Bar, because of its practice of remaining open into the early hours, was a congregating point for youths. There had been numerous incidents of late night rowdyism and vandalism over the years. There was a strong feeling that the hours of opening of the Fish Bar should be the same as for other retail food outlets in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council referring to the

review of opening hours for the Pontyclun Fish Bar and urging that they be brought into line with the other retail food outlets in Pontyclun.

20. Planning

(a) <u>Planning applications contained in notifications</u> for Weeks Ending 3, 10, 17 and 24 March, 1995

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the Borough Council:

#### Application No 95/0078/10

The Council is of the view that the exterior of the proposed extension should be built in stone, in keeping with surrounding buildings.

#### Application No 95/0135

The Council believes that a condition should be placed on any consent requiring the developer to make up the car park to an acceptable standard. Further, that the developer should be encouraged to ensure that the land in the vicinity of the premises is also kept to an acceptable standard.

#### (b) <u>Proposed development at Junction 33</u> <u>M4 Motorway, Capel Lianiliterne</u>

The Council received the letter of 20 March, 1995, from the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer, in which he advised that the applicant for planning consent had amended the description of the proposed development to read "Primarily B1 with <u>ancillary</u> B2 and B8 uses"

The Clerk clarified that "B1" use referred to light industry, "B2" use referred to general industry and "B8" use referred to warehousing and distribution.

**RESOLVED:** 

That the Council maintain its opposition to the

application.

#### 21. Payment of creditors

**RESOLVED:** 

That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No 26 to the Council's agenda.

#### 22. Reports from Members

### (a) 30 m.p.h. speed limit - Groesfaen

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported a telephone conversation with Councillor Delme Bowen, the County Council member, when he had been informed that, as a result of local pressure, the County Council had agreed to moving the beginning of the 30 m.p.h. limit on the A4119 westwards to coincide with the beginning of the built up area.

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The report was noted.

#### Vibrations from blasting at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin (b)

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that in the previous week there had been 3 "horrendous" blasts from the Hendy Quarry. Complaints had been lodged with the Borough Council but it was unclear whether any action would be taken against the quarry operator.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to the Borough Council insisting that in the interests of Miskin residents, monitoring of blasting take place whenever the western face of the quarry is being worked.

Wales Association of Community and Town Councils -(c) East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

> Councillor John Dilworth reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

Councillor Dilworth gave a resume of the address given on the proposals to improve transport flows in Cardiff and its immediate hinterland. The proposals included light railway links, improved access to the Cardiff Bay Development and limiting the number of private vehicles commuting into the City. The plans were seen as essentially long term and were subject to further research and funding from the Welsh Office.

Councillor Dilworth reported that the Association was taking further advice over the ruling by the District Auditor that community councils had no direct powers to make a payment for affiliation to the Parliament for Wales Campaign. As an interim measure when community councils wished to make a payment it would be prudent to make a payment out of the Chairperson's Allowance.

Councillor Dilworth also reported on the comments made to the Welsh Office on ways of achieving a good dialogue between community councils and the proposed unitary authorities. One of the member councils on the area Committee, Coity Higher Community Council, had suggested that every unitary authority be required to hold at least one annual meeting with its community councils every year.

The report was noted.

Borough Council/Community (d) Councils Joint Liaison Committee

> Councillor John Dilworth reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Borough Council/Community Councils 11

Joint Liaison Committee meeting. The Committee was disappointed that all efforts at seeking cooption on to the Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Transition Committee had failed. The Committee was of the view that no criticism could be leveled at the community councils for lack of effort to secure cooption.

## (e) Fencing along river bank - Maelog Close

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that workmen had recently begun erecting a fence along the river bank in Maelog Close, Pontyclun. It was unclear why the fence should be erected since no consultations had taken place with local residents about the need for a fence. The workmen were of the view that the fence was being erected as a safety measure to prevent the possibility of children falling into the river.

Councillor Gordon Norman advised that the Borough Council had begun erecting the fence as the result of a letter pointing out the danger to children walking along the river bank. The incidence of children walking along the river bank was likely to increase with residential development on the site of the nearby former Council depot. The matter was now the subject of a special report to the Borough Council's Leisure Services Committee.

The reports were noted.

## (f) New lay by, School Street, Pontyclun

Councillor Gordon Norman reported the completion of a new lay by in School Street, Pontyclun. It was unfortunate that a few days after the completion of the lay by, Welsh Water began digging up part of the lay by to repair a service pipe despite having been contacted by the Borough Council in December, 1994, to ascertain that there were no plans to excavate in the area. The disturbed area had been reinstated within a short period and the lay by was back in use.

The report was noted.

## (g) Straying horses - Cefn yr Hendy Estate

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that horses were again grazing the land adjacent to the Cefn yr Hendy Estate. The boundary fence between the estate and adjacent land had been damaged with the result that horses had again strayed on to the estate. Temporary repairs had been carried out to the fence and it was hoped that the Borough Council would authorise expenditure on more permanent repairs.

The report was noted.

### (h) "Harvest" scheme - Taff Ely Borough Council

Councillor Gordon Norman reported on a new scheme introduced by the Borough Council for its tenants occupying large premises. The scheme would provide assistance for the tenants to move to smaller Council owned accommodation thus making the larger premises available to meet the housing needs of a larger family.

The report was noted.

#### (I) <u>Subsidence - No 42 Heol Y Coed, Pontyclun</u>

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that, acting on advice from its technical staff, the Borough Council had decided to demolish No 42 Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, because of ground subsidence. The tenants had been re-housed and the site had been made good. It was hoped that there would be no further cases of ground instability on the Cefn yr Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.

#### 23. Any other business of an urgent nature

#### (a) Date of Council's Annual Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, advised the Council that its next scheduled meeting was due to be held on 3 May, 1995. As this was the day immediately before polling, and many members were likely to be engaged in canvassing activities, Councillor Bendle sought the Council's views on whether the scheduled meeting of the Council for 3 May, 1995 should go ahead.

RESOLVED: That

That the Council's Annual Meeting be postponed by one week to Wednesday, 10 May, 1995.

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#### (b) Expression of gratitude

Councillor Gordon Moir advised the Council that although he would be standing for election in the Miskin Ward in the Community Council elections he was uncertain on whether he would be re-elected. In the event that he was not re-elected, he wanted to take the opportunity to thank all members for the help they had given him during his term of office.

Councillor Moir's remarks were noted.

## (c) <u>Election to Llanharan Community Council</u>

Councillor John Dilworth informed the Council that in addition to standing for election to the Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Unitary Authority in Llanharan he had learned that he had been returned unopposed to the Llanharan Community Council. He, like Councillor Moir wished to thank all members of the Council for the assistance he had been given during his term of office.

Councillor Dilworth's remarks were noted.

## (d) <u>Footpath in Maesyfelin</u>

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton reminded the Council of a letter which had been received from a Mrs Smith in Maesyfelin who had complained that access along the footpath in Maesyfelin was being impeded. The Clerk responded that he had requested the Council's Handyman to investigate the complaint and would check with him to establish the position.

The matter was noted.

#### (e) <u>Dangerous loads</u>

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips reported that complaints had been received about a trailer containing large amounts of dangerously stacked timber which regularly parked at the southern end of Palalwyf Avenue in Pontyclun. A chair had recently fallen off the trailer but fortunately nobody had been injured.

Councillor Norman responded that he was aware of the complaints and that the County Council and Borough Council had been involved. It appeared that the matter had been resolved, although the situation would continue to be monitored.

The reports were noted.

### (f) Expressions of gratitude

Councillors Mrs Pam Phillips and Viv James and advised that they would be retiring from the Council at the next election and would not be seeking re-election. Both retiring members, who were founder members of the Council, expressed their gratitude for the support and help they had received during their periods of office.

The Council thanked Councillors Phillips and James for their services to the Community over the last 10 years and wished them well in their retirement.

#### (g) Expression of gratitude

Councillor Gordon Norman advised that he, too, would be retiring from the Council at the next election, though, unlike some of his colleagues he would be seeking re-election. In the event that he was not returned he wanted to express his appreciation for all the help and assistance he had been afforded during his periods of office.

Councillor Norman's comments were noted and he, too, was thanked for his services in the event that he was not returned to office.

# (h) Request for a postbox and a Community Council Noticeboard in Talygarn

The Clerk advised the Council that he had received a request from Mrs O J Bufton, "Highwinds" Talygarn, for a postbox and a community Council Noticeboard in Talygarn.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (I) That as there were two Community
  Council Noticeboards in Brynsadler the
  Council did not feel it appropriate to
  site a further Noticeboard in Talygarn.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the Post Office asking if a postbox could be sited in Talygarn.

#### (I) "Clun Watch"

The Clerk advised the Council that shortly before the meeting began he had been approached by a member of the public who asked him to bring to the Council's attention a meeting of "Clun Watch". The meeting was scheduled to take place in the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club between 7.00p.m. and 8.30p.m. on Thursday, 6 April, 1995. and its purpose would be to establish what action could be taken to stem the "ever increasing tide of crime" in the Community.

The matter was noted.

#### (i) <u>Licensina</u>

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to 4 applications to the Licensing Justices which had been received too late for inclusion with the Agenda. The applications were for:

(I) Transfer of Justices Licence - Ivor Arms, Brynsadler

(ii) Transfer of Justices Licence - Castell-y-Mynach Inn

(iii) Section 68 Certificate

- Castell-y-Mynach Inn

(iv) Renewal of Licence

- Vans Bingo Club

**RESOLVED:** 

That no objection be offered to any of the applications

### (k) Cymdeithas yr Iaith Cymraea

## (I) <u>"Free Wales from the Quangos"</u>

The Clerk read out an invitation to attend a rally in Cardiff on 22 April, 1995. The theme for the rally would be "Free Wales from the Quangos"

**RESOLVED:** 

That the invitation be noted.

## (ii) "A New Welsh Language Act"

The Clerk read out an invitation to attend a forum in Aberystwyth on 6 May, 1995, on a new Welsh Language Act

RESOLVED:

That the Community Council not be represented at the forum.

### (k) Anonymous letter

The Clerk reported the receipt of an anonymous letter relating to a matter which had been properly dealt with at the previous meeting of the Community Council. The Clerk had discussed the contents of the letter with the Chairperson.

<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the letter be destroyed.

## (I) An address by Mr Williams of 1 Stuart Street, Pontyclun

Mr Williams of 1 Stuart Street, Pontyclun addressed the Council about the problems residents of Stuart Street and Station Terrace faced since the backlane between the two streets had been made up. He told the Council that motorists used the back lane as a short cut and frequently sped. His son had been knocked down by a motorist using the lane as a short cut and he was fearful for any pedestrians using the lane when vehicles were passing through.

Mr Williams also pointed out that Stuart Street and Station Terrace were being used as long term car parks and denying residents the opportunity to park their vehicles in front of their

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premises. He failed to understand the actions of motorists when car parks in Pontyclun were not being used.

**RESOLVED:** 

That a letter outlining the difficulties being experienced by the residents of Stuart Street and Station Terrace be sent to the Chief Technical Services Officer of the Borough Council and the County Engineer and Surveyor of the Mid Glamorgan County Council asking what remedial action could be taken. Additionally, whether both streets could be designated for residents' parking only.

24. The meeting ended at 10.35 p.m.