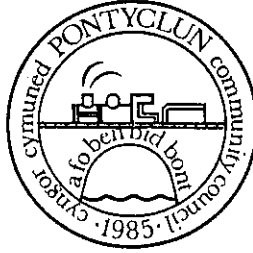


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 October, 1994

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

P C Steve Keddle and six members of the public for part of the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton and Mr E V Griffith

2. Private road running parallel with Station Terrace, Pontyclun

The Council received an address from Mr Gordon Clear, owner of the private road running parallel with Station Terrace, Pontyclun, and the bailey bridge across the river Ely. Mr Clear told the Council that over the years he had requested financial assistance from the County Council and the Borough Council towards the maintenance of the bailey bridge in recognition of the fact that the general public used the bridge. His requests had been unsuccessful. Following the development of the Pontyclun railway station the County Council wished to purchase the private road but did not wish to purchase the bailey bridge. He had refused to sell the private road only, contending that the County Council should purchase the bailey bridge, too. The matter was now subject to a compulsory purchase order and a hearing was due to take place shortly.

Mr Clear sought the support of the Community Council in convening a meeting of all parties with an interest in the bailey bridge to find a way forward. Such a meeting should take account of the needs of Tylagarw residents to access Pontyclun and the industrialists who needed to access the highway network, via Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council, Borough Council and EEC representative with the intention of convening a meeting to find a way forward.

3. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, said that he was delighted to be able to preside over the first meeting of the Community Council in the new Pontyclun Community Centre. Councillor Bendle paid tribute to the efforts made by Councillors James and Norman at Borough Council level in securing an excellent modern facility for residents of the Community. He was convinced that the new Centre would be well used and much appreciated.

Councillor Bendle gave a report on the official opening ceremony performed by the Mayor of Taff Ely Borough Council on 20 September and on the very successful afternoon and evening concerts which followed the opening ceremony.

Councillor Bendle reminded the Council that completion of the Community Centre was only part of the development plan for the site and that Phase 2 of the development, the construction of a day centre, was scheduled for completion by April, 1995.

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

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

5. Matters arising

(a) Pontyclun Junior School - Litter bin

The Council discussed a proposal to purchase and donate a litter bin to the Pontyclun Junior School.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the Council's next meeting on 2 November, 1994

(b) Surface water drain, Bute Lane, Pontyclun

The Clerk informed the Council that despite several attempts to contact the officer of the Borough Council responsible for scheduling the work necessary to the surface water drain in Bute Lane, he had been unsuccessful. The Clerk stated that he would report progress to the next meeting of the Council.

The matter was noted.

(c) Pontyclun Community Centre

A detailed report was received on the opening ceremony



of Tuesday 20 September, 1994. The Council was pleased to learn that the new facility had been well received by residents of the Community and that the Centre's Management Committee had been presented with gifts of money by the Community Shop and the outgoing Management Committee. The official opening had been followed by an open morning on Saturday 24 September when members of the Management Committee were present to accompany interested members of the public around the Centre.

Members congratulated Councillors James and Norman for their hard work at Borough Council level to secure the facility for Pontyclun. It was proposed that when Phase 2 of the development was completed consideration should be given to suggesting to the Borough Council that the complex be named after the two Borough Council members who had played important roles in the complex development.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

(d) "Bevelled" pavements

(i) Powers to carry out works to pavements

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries into the possibility of the Community Council carrying out work to pavements in the Community. His enquiries had revealed that there was no statutory authority for the Community Council Community Council to carry out work to pavements and kerbs. Indeed, statutory authority for such work was only vested in highway authorities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(ii) Lowering kerbs for pedestrian aid

In response to a request from the Borough Council to lower kerbs in the vicinity of the Pontyclun Community Centre to assist pedestrians, the County Engineer and Surveyor replied that he would carry out an inspection of the kerbs in the vicinity of the Community Centre and arrange for necessary works to be executed.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(e) Diversions to public rights of way

The Council discussed the response of the Borough Council to the Community Council's query on the appropriateness of referring to diversions of public footpaths in the Community of Pontyclun as public footpaths within the "Community of Llantrisant". It was noted that the Borough Council claimed that "Community of Llantrisant" was used for historical reasons.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(f) Proposed meeting between the Community Council and the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade and the Pontyclun Action Group

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Trefor Rees, Secretary to the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade and the Pontyclun Action Group, in which it was suggested that both groups would be able to meet the Community Council on 12, 13 or 19 October, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Mr Rees to advise that a Special Meeting of the Community Council would be convened at 8.00 p.m. on the evening of 19 October, 1994, in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

(g) Public rights of way - Talygarn - Bridlepaths

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs C M Rogers, 63 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, who had heard of the Council's suggestion for inclusion in the Borough Council's Local Plan the proposal to reinstate the public right of way from Pontyclun to Talygarn through the M4 embankment. Mrs Rogers pointed out that the footpath in question was one which her family had ridden over for many years prior to the construction of the motorway. She asked that if the Council was successful in its efforts to reopen the footpath that the footpath be designated a bridleway.

RESOLVED: That in the event of the footpath being reopened the Council designate the footpath as a bridleway.

(h) Complaints of airborne environmental pollution

Councillor John Dilworth reported that the facility for allowing members of the public to report instances of airborne environmental pollution was now in operation. To date several members of the public had taken away observation forms and he was hopeful that detailed

observation forms would be received soon.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(i) Reorganisation of Local Government

Councillor John Dilworth reported that a Liaison Committee of community councils within the boundary of the proposed Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Unitary authority had been established with the aim of gaining cooption on to the Transition Committee. Formal application for cooption had been made to the Secretary to the Transition Committee but no reply had been received to date. If a reply was not received in the near future then the matter would be taken up with the Secretary of State for Wales.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(j) Policing in the Community

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, and Councillor Gordon Moir, wished to place on record their thanks to the police for the additional policing resources which were allocated to Pontyclun and Miskin, respectively, for the concert on the Windsor Field, and the radar team which carried out speed checks on vehicles.

RESOLVED: That the Council's gratitude be conveyed to the police.

6. Street names for the proposed residential development on the Cefn-yr Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That discussion of this matter be deferred to the Council's meeting of 2 November, 1994.

7. Disorderly conduct of youths leaving licensed premises in Pontyclun in the early hours

Councillor John Dilworth reported a further instance of late night rowdyism by youths leaving licensed premises in Pontyclun. He reported that in the latest incident damage had been caused to property and residents living in the vicinity of The Brunel Arms, The Bute Hotel, The Windsor Hotel and the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club were kept awake by the youths' unruly behaviour. Councillor Dilworth said he understood the problems the police faced in upholding the law but enquired whether it would be possible to get police on the streets of Pontyclun in anticipation of trouble.

PC Keddle, in response, said that the police had a difficult job to allocate resources to police the area. Inevitably, the areas of greatest risk received first consideration for police resources.

In general terms Pontyclun was not regarded as a high risk area and, as a result, there could never be a guarantee of police presence on the streets in anticipation of trouble. Nevertheless, if any resident was faced with an emergency situation it was open to him to dial 999 and there would be a police response.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a further letter to publicans in Pontyclun asking for their stewardship in ensuring that youths do not take bottles and glasses away from licensed premises.

8. Request for improved facilities - Windsor Field, Pontyclun

It was noted that the Borough Council appeared receptive to the Community Council's request for improved facilities on the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, since the items the Community Council had requested were to be incorporated into a report to the Borough Council's Leisure and Recreation Services Committee due to meet on 27 October, 1994. It was also understood that a site meeting of Taff Ely members had already taken place in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the outcome of the Borough Council's Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting of 27 October, 1994.

9. Erection of "No Tipping" signs, Merthyr Street, Pontyclun

It was noted that an inspector from the Borough Council had visited the area in Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, where complaints of fly tipping had been made. It appeared that while part of the land in question was in the ownership of the Borough Council the land where the fly tipping had occurred was in private ownership. In the circumstances responsibility for the erection of "No Tipping" signs lay with the owner of the land.

RESOLVED: That the reply be noted.

10. Responsibility for the maintenance of stiles

The Clerk reproduced a copy of recent correspondence he had entered into with a local landowner who was under the mistaken impression that the Community Council had a statutory duty to maintain stiles on public footpaths. The Clerk had informed the landowner that, in general, all stiles and gates across public footpaths were maintainable by the landowner. It was only in very exceptional cases, and where an agreement had been entered into with the landowner, that a community council was responsible for the maintenance of stiles.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

11. Planning

- (a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks ending 9 and 16 September, 1994

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

Application No.94/0640/10

That the Council is opposed to the application on the grounds that, if granted, the application will lead to habitation of premises within the the safeguarding zone of the Hendy Quarry.

Application No. 94/0682/10

That the Council is opposed to the application since it will lead to further traffic congestion, rowdyism at night and create a nuisance for residents in the vicinity of the premises.

That the Council express its concern to the Borough Council over the description of the application. Use of the words "from Use Class A2 to Use Class A3" is unhelpful and places an onus on any interested party to obtain an explanation of the term. Borough Council planning staff must have been asked the same question many times over.

(Note: Councillor John Dilworth declared an interest in the above application and took no part in the Council's deliberations)

- (b) Planning Appeal - Llwyn-yr-Eos, Groesfaen

The Council noted that an appeal had been made against the decision of the Borough Council not to allow consent for residential development at Llwyn-yr-Eos, Groesfaen, and that an appeal hearing was to be held in the Llantrisant Community Council Offices on 24 November, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Inspector hearing the appeal informing him that the Community Council is in favour of the proposed

development since the land in question is infill land and within the built up area of Groesfaen.

12. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information namely, a service provided by the Council.

13. Applications for financial assistance

(a) Late applications which were deferred at the Council's meeting on 7 September, 1994

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant</u>
	£ p
North Miskin Neighbourhood Watch	20.00
Taff Ely Victim Support	50.00
Pontyclun Group of the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust	40.00
Taff Ely Multiple Sclerosis Society	50.00
Cantorion Pontyclun	100.00
Pontyclun Senior Citizens	300.00
Llantrisant Road Neighbourhood Watch	20.00
Taff Ely Drug Support	60.00

(b) Application for financial assistance from the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre

The Council discussed the letter from the Secretary to the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £300.00 be made towards the cost of purchasing a word processor for the Management Committee.

(Note: Councillor John Dilworth declared his interest in the above application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.)

(c) Other late applications for financial assistance

RESOLVED: That the following grants be awarded:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant</u>
	£ p
Taff Ely/Llantrisant Ramblers	NIL
Pontyclun Action Group	NIL
Royal National Institution for the Blind	25 00

In awarding these grants the Council took into account the advice given by the District Auditor on the changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. In particular, whether:

- (i) The payment was of direct benefit
 - (ii) The benefit was in proportion to the payment made
 - (iii) The organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and
 - (iv) The money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
 - (v) The impact of grants and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups
- (d) It was further RESOLVED that any further applicants for grant aid during 1994/95 be advised that the Council had exhausted its grant monies for the year and be asked to resubmit an application during June, 1995.

14. Letter of appreciation

The Council received a letter of appreciation from the Headteacher of the Pontyclun Junior School, Mr Keith Davies, complementing the Council's Handyman and assistant for the excellent work they had carried out on the footpaths in the vicinity of the school.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

15. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No 12 to the Agenda.

16. Reports from Members

(a) Closed Circuit Television

Councillor Viv James reported that the Borough Council had decided to install closed circuit television in Pontypridd as an aid to controlling vandalism. Monitoring would be carried over 24 hours and there would be close contact with the police. If the scheme proved successful there was a likelihood of it being extended to other parts of the Borough.

The report was noted.

(b) Overhanging hedge - A4222

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the overhanging hedge along the A4222, which was referred to at the last Council meeting, and which posed a danger to children walking to and from Y Pant Comprehensive School, had now been trimmed.

The report was noted.

(c) Abandoned caravan - Cefn-yr-Hendy Estate

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the abandoned caravan on the Cefn-yr-Hendy Estate, which was referred to at the last Council meeting, and which was considered to be a source of possible danger to children, had been removed.

The report was noted.

(d) Erection of football posts

Councillor Gordon Norman was pleased to be able to report that following his representations to the Borough Council a set of goal posts had been erected on the playing field on the Cefn-yr-Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.



(e) Vandalism to handrail

Councillor Gordon Norman was disappointed to have to report that shortly after the erection of a handrail along a footpath connecting the Cefn-yr Hendy Estate with Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, the handrail had been vandalised. Arrangements were in had for another handrail to be erected.

The report was noted.

(f) Smoke detectors

Councillor Gordon Norman reported the donation of a large number of smoke detectors from the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service. The items would be put to good use in homes in the area.

The report was noted.

(g) Blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir reported an alarming rise in the number of complaints during the summer from Miskin residents worried about the effects of blasting at the nearby Hendy Quarry. It appeared that blasting was again taking place at the western end of the quarry. Councillor Moir intended raising the matter at the next meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee.

The report was noted.

18. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Mid Glamorgan Ambulance Trust

The Clerk reported the receipt of a reply to earlier correspondence from the Mid Glamorgan Ambulance Service about the level of response from the Gilfach Goch Ambulance Station. The letter had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's agenda. Copies of the letter were distributed. It was reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council had received an identical letter following representations which that authority had made to the Ambulance Trust about the reduced level of cover from the Gilfach Goch Station.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the response of the Borough Council to the latest letter from the Ambulance Trust before deciding what further action to take.

(b) Break-in to Community Council van

The Clerk reported a break-in to the Council's van on the afternoon of Thursday, 29 September, 1994. The van was parked in the car park at the Ivor Field while the Handyman and assistant were working in the Ivor Woods. The break-in had been effected by forcing the door on the passenger side of the van. The Handyman's float, comprising receipts and cash to the value of £50.00, was stolen but no tools appeared to have been removed. In addition, a cheque book and driving licence belonging to the Handyman and the assistant's cash card were stolen.

The police and the Community Council's insurers were informed immediately and a new barrel to the lock on the passenger side of the van was fitted. The insurers had advised that the theft of cash was not covered by insurance but that the damage to the van lock was covered. However, the £100.00 excess on the policy would effectively mean that the Community Council would have to meet the bill of £40.00 for the replacement lock barrel.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for a quotation for alarming the Community Council's van.

(c) Llantrisant and District Local History Society

The Clerk read out a letter from the Secretary of the Llantrisant and District History Society inviting the Council to become a member of the Society. The Secretary stated that the Society was in the process of compiling a definitive history of Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Council becomes a member of the Llantrisant and District History Society and that the Clerk arrange for the payment of the £5.00 annual subscription fee.

(d) Age Concern Mid Glamorgan

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Age Concern Mid Glamorgan which had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's Agenda. The letter contained a notification of the Annual General Meeting and gave the Council the opportunity to make nominations to the Executive Committee for 1994/95.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

19. The meeting ended at 10.25p.m.