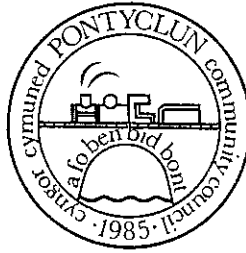


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday, 6 December, 1989.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James (Chairman), Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr E Hopkin, Mr R C Kennard, Mrs D Richards-Clarke and the Community Policeman, P C Steve Keddle

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Dixon of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Councillor Mr E Hopkin

The Council heard with concern of Councillor Hopkin's continuing indisposition.

RESOLVED: That in recognition of Councillor Hopkin's ill health, the Council approve his absence from Council meetings for a period of six months.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 November, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 November, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Proposed Cefn-yr-Hendy development

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, gave a report on the public meeting held in the St. Paul's Church Hall, Pontyclun, on the evening of 9 November, 1989. The meeting had been called to discuss the proposed development at Cefn-yr-Hendy. He also gave a report on the subsequent meeting of the Taff Ely Borough Council, the planning authority, where a proposal by Councillor Norman that members of the Borough Council should visit the site before deciding the application, was made. Upon a vote being taken, members of the Borough Council were equally divided at 16 votes for Councillor Norman's proposal and 16 votes against. The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor ~~D C Jones~~ exercised his casting

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vote against the proposal. As a result, permission for outline consent for the development was awarded by the Borough Council.

The matter was noted.

(b) Postal addresses of villages in the vicinity of Pontyclun

The Council noted that the District Head Postmaster felt unable to omit the word "PONTYCLUN" from the postal addresses of villages several miles distant from the village of Pontyclun.

(c) Dumping of p.c.b's in the Community

The Council discussed the letter of the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer in which he assured the Council that it was only the disused Brofiscin Quarry in Groesfaen which had been used some years earlier to dump toxic p.c.b's. He further assured the Council that monitoring of water at the site took place to ensure that there was no threat to public health.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again write to the Chief Environmental Health Officer to establish:-

(a) the locations where water sampling took place and

(b) the frequency of the checks.

4. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 22 November, 1989

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 22 November, 1989, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Post of Handyman - Selection of further candidates for interview

RESOLVED: (i) That in addition to Mr D Jones of Pontyclun, who had previously been interviewed, the following applicants be invited for interview to the Council's meeting on 3 January, 1989:-

1. Mr G W Edmunds, Tonyrefail
2. Mr H D Turner, Llanharan
3. Mr D M Tookey, Beddau
4. Mr D Thomas, Ton Pentre
5. Mr D R Evans, Llantrisant

(ii) That until a handyman be appointed, the services of the former handyman be retained in a part-time capacity.

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(b) Major roadworks in locality -  
Public transport plans

The Clerk reported that following the Council's Special Meeting on 22 November, 1989, he had made enquiries with the National Welsh Omnibus Company about the plans for public transport in the Community as a result of the construction of the Talbot Green By-Pass, and the proposals to improve access to the A4119 at Mwyndy. He had made enquiries at the National Welsh offices in Cardiff and Porth.

It appeared that no approaches had been made to National Welsh to plan for the alternative routes which would be necessary as a result of the construction of the Talbot Green By-Pass. From the Clerk's enquiries, it appeared that National Welsh were unaware that the present direct route between Pontyclun and Talbot Green via Cowbridge Road would be severed. As a result, National Welsh were unable to comment upon what changes would take place to local bus services. As far as the proposals to improve access to the A4119 at Mwyndy were concerned, no comment could be offered by National Welsh until the plans of the Highway Authority, the Mid Glamorgan County Council, had been finalised.

The Clerk reported that he had agreed to photocopy the Community Council's copy of the route of the Talbot Green By-Pass and to forward it to the National Welsh Omnibus Company for comment and proposals.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the actions of the Clerk be approved.
- (ii) That in view of the fact that emergency fire cover for Talbot Green was provided by the Pontyclun Fire Station, the County Council be requested to maintain a direct route to Talbot Green via Cowbridge Road.
- (iii) That the Clerk contact his counterparts in the Community Councils of Llanharry, Llantrisant, Llanblethian and Welsh St Donats to alert them to the possible threats to their bus services from Talbot Green via Pontyclun.

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(c) Silted stream in Misikin

RESOLVED: That in the event of the Community Council's enquiries with the Welsh Water Authority proving fruitless, the Clerk write to Lady Caroline Rhys-Williams in an attempt to trace the landowner at the site of the offending stream.

6. Council's contribution towards "Community Walks in Taff Ely"

The Council discuss ed the letter of the Chief Leisure Services Officer of the Borough Council in which information was being sought to produce a comprehensive guide to walks in the Borough.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk forward the Chief Leisure Services Officer a schedule of all the public rights of way in the Community.
  - (ii) That the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors T J Burton and R G Norman, highlight for the Chief Liesure Services Officer certain recommended walks in the Community.
  - (iii) That the Clerk make enquiries about getting the footpath linking Rhyd-y-Nant with Maesyfelin, Pontyclun, recognised as a public right of way.

7. Private ownership of lane adjacent to the public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council noted that the Area Civil Engineer for British Rail had confirmed that the lane adjacent to the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, was in the ownership of British Rail. The Area Civil Engineer had not offered any comments in his reply about whether vehicle drivers using the lane to access the public car park at the rear of the public conveniences would be covered by insurance in the event of an accident occurring on British Rail property. Members of the Community Council who were also members of the Borough Council believed that arrangements were in hand for the lane to be re-surfaced.

RESOLVED: That a copy of British Rail's letter of 24 November, 1989 be forwarded to the Borough Council's Chief Technical Services Officer reminding him of the Borough Council's undertaking to resurface the lane.

8. Bilingual traffic signs in the Community

The Council noted with pleasure the efforts being made by the Mid Glamorgan County Council to incorporate bilingual place names on trffic signs in Mid Glamorgan.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the pleasure of the Community Council be conveyed to the County Council
  - (ii) That it be pointed out to the County Council that Brynteg is not within the Community of Pontyclun.
  - (iii) That the County Council be asked to include

provision in their plans for Meisgyn,  
Castell-y-Mwnws and Mwyndy.

9. Signing of Rights of Way

The Council discussed the County Council's letter on the signing of rights of way in which it was stated that the County Council was in a position to allocate a number of signs to the Community Council.

The Community Council was aware that the County Council had a statutory obligation to signpost rights of way where those rights of way terminated on metalled roads. However, it was unclear whether the allocation referred to by the County Council was intended to replace dilapidated signs near metalled roads or whether it was intended to erect signs along rights of ways.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk clarify the matter with the County Council and that he establish how many signs were available to the Community of Pontyclun.

10. Footpath No. 296, Groesfaen

The Council noted the apology of the County Council over its failure to take formal action to remove the obstruction on Footpath No 296 in Groesfaen. It was stated by the County Council that until recently it had been necessary to give footpath matters low priority. It was hoped to carry out a prosecution in the near future.

11. Association of Councillors - Seminar and General Meeting of the Welsh Branch, Llanelli, 6 January, 1990

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Councillor V P James, the Vicechairlady, Councillor Mrs A Burton, together with the Clerk be nominated to attend and that the attendances be regarded as an official duty.

12. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 42,43,44,45 and 46

The Council considered details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 42,43,44,45 and 46.

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

Application No 56/0993/89

That in principle the Council is in favour of the development subject to:-

- (i) no houses being built in areas prone to subsidence
- (ii) a green belt being maintained between Pontyclun and Miskin to prevent ribbon development.
- (iii) that the matter of subsidence at the site being thoroughly investigated.

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- (iv) that the developer be encouraged to provide houses with gardens and that the rents of those houses be fixed at reasonable levels.

Application No. 56/1009/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the access lane is too narrow.
- (ii) the development would lead to an unacceptable intrusion into the countryside.
- (iii) the development is outside the Local Plan.

Application No. 56/1010/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the access lane is too narrow
- (ii) the development would lead to an unacceptable intrusion into the countryside.
- (iii) the development is outside the Local Plan.

Application No. 56/1032/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) there are already two petrol filling stations nearby providing a 24 hour service.
- (ii) there are already numerous garages in the vicinity offering cars for sale.
- (iii) the development would have significant adverse effects on the quality of life for residents of Mwyndy Terrace.

Application No. 56/1078/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the proposal is outside the Local Plan
- (ii) the proposal would generate an increase in traffic on an already inadequate access lane.

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- (iii) the proposal would lead to an increase in noise for residents.
- (iv) there would be a potential risk to occupiers resulting from the seepage of methane gas from the nearby tip.
- (v) there would be considerable problems in the event of a fire since water would have to be pumped from Talygarn Lake.

Application No.56/1081/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the proposal is outside the Local Plan.
- (ii) the proposal would lead to delivery vehicles using an already inadequate access lane.
- (iii) the proposal would lead to significantly increased levels of noise for residents and patients in the vicinity.
- (iv) the proposal would constitute an intrusion into the countryside.
- (v) there would be difficulty in providing emergency fire cover since water would need to be pumped from Talygarn Lake.

Application No. 56/1107/89

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the proposal is outside the Structure Plan.
- (ii) the land should be retained as a green area.

(b) Use of No 1 The Hollies, Brynsadler.

(Note Councillor Mr T J Burton declared an interest in the above matter and took no part in the proceedings. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures & General Notices in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972).

RESOLVED: That the response of the Borough Council be noted.

13. Request for Financial assistance - Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru, 1990

RESOLVED: That a donation of £50.00 be made towards the costs of staging the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru, 1990.

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14. Payment of Creditors

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

15. Reports from Members

- (a) Public Inquiry - Proposal to develop land for housing - Talygarn Playingfields

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that following his attendance at the Public Inquiry, he was pleased to be able to inform the Council that the result of the Inquiry had recently become known. The decision of the Welsh Office was to refuse the appeal by the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority.

The report was noted.

- (b) Emissions from Purolite, Talbot Green.

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, reported that following a public meeting about concerns over emissions from the Purolite factory in Cowbridge Road, Talbot Green, an invitation to tour the plant had been extended to members of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Councillor Chris Dunstall of the Llantrisant Community Council in the matter.

- (c) Footpath between Brynamlwg and Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun.

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that after many representations he had managed to get the footpath between Brynamlwg and Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun, resurfaced.

The report was noted.

- (d) Children's playground in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported that he had received an assurance from the Borough Council that the children's playarea in Heol-y-Coed, Pontyclun would be fenced off in the near future.

- (e) Tarmacadamed area - rear of bus shelter, Groesfaen

Councillor Norman reported that he had received an undertaking from the Borough Council that the tarmacadamed area at the rear of the bus shelter in Groesfaen would be resurfaced in the near future.

the report was noted.

- (f) Vandalism in the vicinity of the shop, Brynamlwg, Pontyclun

Councillor Norman reported an instance of severe

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near the shop in Brynamlwg, Pontyclun, where a wall had been demolished and a large quantity of toy filling had been scattered over a wide area. The names of the youths responsible were known but it appeared that their parents showed little interest in what had happened. Councillor Norman intended taking the matter up with the police.

The report was noted.

(g) Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre

Councillor Norman reported that he had recently received information which indicated that the Mid Glamorgan Area Health Authority intended to use part of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre as a nurses training centre.

The report was noted.

(h) New doctors' surgery and sheltered accommodation

Councillor Norman reported that following representations to the Borough Council, a feasibility study would be carried out into the possibility of providing a new doctors' surgery and sheltered accommodation in Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(i) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported on her attendance at the December meeting of the Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The meeting had been well attended and heard a very interesting address from Mr Bryan Hughes, Deputy County Supplies Officer for Mid Glamorgan County Council. Mr Hughes' presentation covered the comprehensive service which the Supplies Department of the County Council offered to community councils in the purchase of goods and services

Councillor Evans also drew the attention of the Council to the difficulty the Area Committee was experiencing in appointing secretary to succeed Mr Allan Rosser. Councillor Evans asked that if anyone was interested in taking up the very satisfying post of secretary he, or she, should contact Mr Allan Rosser.

The report was noted.

(j) Proposed access improvement to the A4119 at Mwyndy

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that the Highways and Transportation Department of the County Council was carrying out surveys with a view to improving vehicular access to the

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A4119 at Mwyndy. Councillor Bowen had asked for copies of the survey results. As soon as they became available he would bring them to the attention of the Community Council.

The report was noted.

(k) Herbicides used by the County Council

Councillor Professor Bowen reported that the County Council was carrying out a review of the herbicides it used. A sub committee had been formed to conduct the review and it was likely that Professor Bowen, because of his professional interest, would sit on the sub committee.

The report was noted.

16. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Rumoured sale of Forestry Commission woodland

Councillor Mr T J Burton drew to the Council's attention <sup>to</sup> rumours which were circulating about the sale of Forestry Commission woodland in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Forestry Commission to establish if any woodland in the Community of Pontyclun was to be sold.

(b) General store - licence to serve food

Councillor Mr T J Burton drew the Council's attention to a general store in the Community which was selling "take away" food. Councillor Burton sought clarification on whether the shop proprietor needed a licence to sell "take away" food.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of a general nature with the Borough Council.

(c) Problems associated with garages on the Cefn-yr Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

The Chairman, Councillor V P James, informed the Council that following the site meeting which took place on 7 October, 1989, to discuss the problems arising out of the misuse of the garages on the Cefn-yr-Hendy Estate, the Borough Council had been critical of the Community Council's actions. The Borough Council's view was that the Community Council had no right to hold such a meeting. Nevertheless, a meeting of Borough Council members, which had been

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requested by the Community Council, would still take place.

The matter was noted.

(d) Annual Pontyclun Flower Show

Councillor Norman informed the Council that discussions had commenced with the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club about holding the Annual Pontyclun Flower Show for 1990 in the Athletic Club. Councillor Norman said that he would report back to the Council when the arrangements had been finalised.

The matter was noted.

17. The meeting ended at 9.40p.m.

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