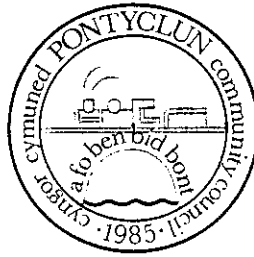


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 December, 1995.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr T J Burton, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood, Mrs M Griffiths, and Mr R G Norman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Inspector Rees and P C Steve Keddle of the South Wales Constabulary and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A V Cale, Mr G M Moir and Mr M Rea

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Public Meeting of 15 November, 1995**

The Chairperson gave a verbal report on the meeting held in the Pontyclun Community Centre on 15 November, 1995, which was called to discuss problems associated with congregating youths and teenagers in Pontyclun. The meeting had been attended by representatives of the police, the Taff Ely Drug Support Group and the Community Worker for Llantrisant and Pontyclun, Mr Bob Kemp. Two further meetings had taken place with teenagers to identify ways of increasing facilities for the local youth.

The report was noted.

(b) **Litter bin - Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Chairperson reported that he had received representations that a pole mounted litter bin was obscuring the vision of drivers emerging from the junction of Cerdin Avenue and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

Councillor Norman advised that the matter had already been reported to the Borough Council and corrective action had been taken.

The matter was noted.

(c) **Need for a post box in the Rhyd-y-Nant, Fairview Close, Llwynfen Road area of Pontyclun**

The Chairperson advised that he had received representations about the need for a post box in the Rhyd-y-Nant, Fairview Close, Llwynfen Road area of Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Royal Mail requesting the installation of a postbox in the area.

(d) **Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator**

The Chairman advised that due to the reorganisation of local government on 1 April, 1996, the funding for a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator which had been provided by the Taff Ely Borough Council, would cease. It would be a matter for the new Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to decide whether further funding would be made available.

RESOLVED:

(I) That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council urging that authority to continue to provide funding for the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

(ii) That a copy of the letter be sent to the Llantrisant Community Council asking that authority to lend its support to the Community Council's request.

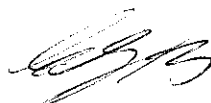
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3. **Police matters**

(a) **Concrete "eggs" - layby in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

P C Kettle referred to the concrete "eggs" placed by the County Council in the layby in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. He asked whether the Community Council had any information about their proposed removal. The Clerk responded and said

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that when the Community Council last raised the matter with the County Council he had been advised that the "eggs" had been positioned as an experiment, and that as the experiment had been a success it was proposed to place similar "eggs" in the layby on the opposite side of the road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council again to establish the current position.

(b) **Approach road to the Pontyclun Community/Day Centre**

(I) **Traffic congestion**

P C Keddle referred to the congestion of vehicles which regularly occurred on the approach road to the Centre. He asked when parking restrictions were likely to be introduced.

Councillor Norman advised that the approach road surface had yet to be completed. After completion, application would be made for the road to be adopted and appropriate parking restrictions would be introduced.

The matter was noted.

(ii) **Car park signs**

P C Keddle drew attention to the need for prominent signs to be erected in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, advising motorists of the existence of free parking spaces in the car park adjacent to the Centre.

Councillor Norman responded that he would pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

(c) **Damage to vehicle in School Road, Miskin**

P C Keddle reported that the manager at the Hendy Quarry, Miskin, had confirmed that a motorist had complained of damage to his car as a result of striking a rock in the highway near the Hendy Quarry. While it was believed that the rock may have fallen off a contractor's vehicle it was impossible to

ascertain blame for the incident with certainty. The quarry manager had arranged for the motorist's vehicle to be repaired and the quarry had met the bill. The police did not propose to take any action in the matter.

The report was noted.

(d) **Congregating youths in Pontyclun**

P C Keddle advised that the problems which had been experienced in Pontyclun in recent weeks as a result of congregating youths in the evenings had receded. He hoped that the matter had been resolved.

The report was noted.

(e) **Police office - Pontyclun Day Centre**

In response to a question from Councillor Norman, P C Keddle responded that the manpower of the Talbot Green police station had been increased by another officer. He was hopeful that the increased resources would allow the police office at the Day Centre to be used.

The matter was noted.

(f) **30 m.ph. signs in Miskin**

Councillor Edwards advised that two 30 m.p.h. signs, one at Mwyndy Cross and the other near the Miskin Arms public house, were no longer on display.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the matter to the County Council.

(g) **Police radar team**

P C Keddle advised that, following the request of the Community Council, the police radar team had been checking on the speed of vehicles in the vicinity of Bute Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. A number of motorists had been reported for exceeding the speed limit.

The matter was noted.



(h) **Bye law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the public highways**

Councillor Burton pointed out that a later item on the Council's agenda was to discuss the possibility of a request to the Borough Council to pass a byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on public highways in the Community. Councillor Burton asked whether the police would be prepared to support such a request by the Community Council.

Inspector Rees responded by saying that any measures designed to control the abuse of alcohol would be supported by the police.

The comments of the police were noted.

(I) **Licenced premises, Coedcae Lane, Pontyclun**

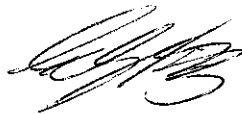
Inspector Rees asked whether the Community Council had received notification for a variation to a licence for the sale of alcohol for premises in Coedcae Lane, Pontyclun. In effect, if the application was approved, it would result in the premises being able to serve alcohol for up to 24 hours per day.

It was pointed out to Inspector Rees that Coedcae Lane fell outside the boundary of the Community of Pontyclun and that the major part of the Lane lay within the boundary of the Llanharan Community Council. A small part of the Lane fell within the boundary of the Llanharan Community Council.

(j) **Complaint to police - result of enquiries**

Inspector Rees informed the Council that as a result of a recent complaint it had been necessary to carry out a certain line of action involving a Member of the Council. The matter had received coverage in the local press. Inspector Rees said that the Member had given full cooperation to the police and he was able to advise that there would be no further action.

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, thanked Inspector Rees for his report and said that he welcomed the opportunity to present a balanced account of what had happened and which had resulted in the police needing to investigate a complaint made against him.



Councillor Bendle reminded the Council of the concern it had shown over the practice of some teenagers in the Community in abusing alcohol and inhaling substances. The concern had resulted in a public meeting and two further meetings with teenagers and youth workers in an attempt to identify ways of assisting the youngsters of the Community. Councillor Bendle had taken a keen personal interest in providing more facilities locally to overcome the boredom complained of by teenagers.

Despite the fact that most of the teenagers genuinely sought ways of being cooperative there was an element who were entrenched in their habits of abusing alcohol and inhaling lighter fuel. He was extremely disturbed one evening to find that his teenage son had been associating with youths in the latter group. As a caring parent he immediately removed his son from the harmful influences and took him home. Later that evening the police and officers from the social services department arrived at his home as the result of a complaint about Councillor Bendle's actions.

The police had informed Councillor Bendle that, after investigation, no charges were to be brought against him. He was pleased to hear that his actions had been vindicated although he, and members of his family, had been placed under considerable stress while the investigation had been taking place. The trauma suffered by his family had been increased as a result of some press articles which did not fairly reflect the facts. One article had suggested that the Community Council would be calling for his resignation. Councillor Bendle invited any Member who thought his actions were not those of a caring parent to say so. No Member responded.

Councillor Norman stated that he fully supported the actions taken by the Chairperson. He was grateful, too, for the frank and honest report which had been presented. Councillor Norman proposed a motion of confidence in the Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried unanimously by the Council.

4. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 November, 1995**

RESOLVED:

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



5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Public meeting of 15 November, 1995**

A report was given on the public meeting which was convened by the Community Council on the evening of 15 November, 1995, to discuss problems associated with the congregating of teenagers and youths in Pontyclun when representatives of the police, Taff Ely Drug Support, the Borough Council, and the Community Council were in attendance. There was general agreement that a public meeting was a constructive way forward although the Community Council was disappointed to find that relatively few parents attended the meeting.

The report was noted.

(b) **Comments on the Consultation Paper "Forward Together"**

It was noted that Members had not had sufficient time to read and formulate their comments on the Consultation Paper "Forward Together" which had been tabled at the Council's last meeting.

RESOLVED:

(i) That Councillors Flood and Griffiths liaise with the Clerk in order that he convey the Council's comments on the document by the 31 December, 1995, the closing date for the receipt of comments.

(ii) That the comments be reported back to the Council for information at its meeting on 3 January, 1996.

(c) **Request for the installation of a cash dispenser, Pontyclun**

The Council was disappointed to note that Mr M L Matthews, Senior Manager for Lloyds Bank, Bridgend, was of the view that there was insufficient demand in Pontyclun to support the installation of a cash dispenser at Lloyds Bank. Mr Matthews stated that the Cashpoint network was reviewed regularly and, given the recent developments and growth in the area the position could be reconsidered at a future date.



- RESOLVED:** (I) That the correspondence be noted.
- (ii) That a copy of the reply from Mr Matthews be forwarded to the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade for information.

(d) **Street Nameplates, Maesyfelin, Pontyclun**

The Council was pleased to learn that new street nameplates had been ordered by the Borough Council for "Maes yr Afon" and "Heol y Felin leading to Brodawel". It was anticipated that delivery would take four weeks and that the signs would be erected shortly after delivery.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Sewerage Pumping Station, Maesyfelin**

The Council discussed the reply from Dwr Cymru on the points raised following the site meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, 11 November, 1995.

- RESOLVED:** That Dwr Cymru be requested to paint the close boarded timber fence with a dark brown wood preservative.

6. **Annual Audit for 1994/95 - District Auditor's letter of 9 November, 1995**

The Council discussed the District Auditor's letter of 9 November, 1995, in which he outlined the reasons for increasing his audit fees to all community councils and raised four points in connection with the 1994/95 audit of accounts.

The Clerk advised that he had been concerned to receive the letter since three of the four points raised by the District Auditor were based on factually incorrect assumptions. The fourth point involved a suggested change to the method used for recording negative amounts in the Council's accounts. The District Auditor had failed to make any reference to the fact that the same method of recording negative amounts had been consistently used by the Council, without any adverse comment, since the Community Council came into existence.

- RESOLVED:** (I) That the contents of the Clerk's reply to the District Auditor, dated 19 November, 1995, be noted.

- (ii) That any response to the Clerk's letter be discussed by the Council.

7. **Draft Service Delivery Plans for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**

The Council discussed the draft Service Delivery Plan which had been produced by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

While it was accepted that the document was still in its draft stage the Council was disappointed that it was presented as a "piecemeal" document containing lists of members and chief officers. Furthermore, there appeared to be a minimal corporate approach to the production of the Plan with each department concentrating on its own service delivery with little attempt at a structured approach and with insignificant reference to its customers - the public. The Council was surprised to note that, apart from an occasional general reference to libraries there was no attempt to describe how the library service would be delivered.

RESOLVED: That the Council's views be conveyed to the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

8. **Possibility of the introduction of a bye law to prohibit the consumption of alcohol on public highways in Pontyclun**

Councillor Burton referred to the anti social behaviour of some of the patrons of licenced premises in Pontyclun in recent years. It was clear that despite the efforts of the police, the Community Council and licencees to encourage better standards of behaviour from patrons a significant problem still remained. The problems had escalated to an extent where residents of the Community felt intimidated when walking through Pontyclun. Some residents felt intimated and threatened even when at home.

There was considerable evidence that the consumption of alcohol played a large part in the anti social behaviour being experienced in Pontyclun. The consumption of alcohol was not confined to licensed premises and it was known that alcohol was often consumed on the public highways. If controls were in place to prevent to the consumption of alcohol on public highways there would be a greater responsibility on licencees to encourage sensible alcohol consumption by their patrons.

Councillor Burton invited the Council to make enquiries of the Borough Council to establish whether that authority would, in principle, be prepared to support the passing of a bye law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on public highways in the Community. Councillor Burton reminded the Council

that the support of the police for such a request had been stated earlier that evening by Inspector Rees.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk contact the Borough Council on the feasibility of introducing bye laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the highways in Pontyclun.
- (ii) That in the event of support being forthcoming from the Borough Council an contact be made to British Rail over the position of the private road at Station Approach.

9. **Footpaths in the Community**

The Council considered the correspondence received from Dr Wynne Davies and the reply of the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

That he correspondence be noted and that in the event of any developments affecting Footpath No. 322 the Clerk keep Dr Davies informed.

10. **Windsor Field, Pontyclun**

(a) **Directional signs**

The Council noted that the Borough Council had referred the request of the Community Council for the erection of directional signs in the vicinity of the Windsor Field to the County Council.

(b) **Extension -Purchase of woodland**

The Community Council noted that as the problems concerning the Hendy Mine adit had been resolved it was the intention of the Borough Council's Chief Leisure Services Officer to seek clarification from his council on the plans for the transfer of the woodland at the eastern end of the Windsor Field from the Land Authority of Wales to the Borough Council.

Councillor Norman stated that he would be urging the Borough Council to proceed with the transfer of the land to the Borough Council. He was of the view that although the demise of the Borough Council would prevent work from starting on the extension to the Windsor Field, the land should be acquired during the lifetime of the Borough Council. A decision to proceed with the extension would need to be taken by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.



11. **Request for additional "No fouling" signs**

The Council noted that the correspondence requesting additional "No fouling" signs in the Community had been passed to the Borough Council's Animal Warden and that he would assess the need for additional signs in Pontyclun.

12. **Requests for financial assistance**

The Community Council discussed four further applications for financial assistance.

- RESOLVED:**
- (I) That the following grants be made:

	Cantorion Pontyclun	£75.00
*	Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Bowls Club	£25.00
#	Urdd Gobaith Cymru Forest Uchaf Horse and Pony Rehabilitation Centre	£25.00
 - * Councillor Burton declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations
 - # Councillor Griffiths declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations

Note

In awarding the above 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:

- (a) The payment was of direct benefit
- (b) The benefits were in proportion to the payment made
- (c) The organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and

- (d) The money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
- (e) The impact of grants and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups
- (ii) That in the event of any further applications for financial assistance being received for 1995/96 the Clerk advise the applicants to re-apply in June, 1996, when the allocation of grants for the 1996/97 financial year would be made.

13. **Nomination of representatives to a working party to explore the feasibility of the construction of a Pontyclun Youth Club**

A report was received about the proposals of youth workers in Pontyclun to form a working party to explore the feasibility of the construction of premises for a Pontyclun Youth Club. The Community Council had been invited to nominate two representatives to sit on the working party.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Davies and Flood be nominated to sit on the working party.

14. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 17 to the Council's agenda.

15. **Planning**

(a) **Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 27 October, 3, 10, 17 and 24 November, 1995**

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made:

Application No 95/0652/13

The Council was unanimously opposed to the application on the grounds that:

- (I) The proposed development is outside the Local Plan.
- (ii) The proposed development is in an area of open countryside.

- (iii) The proposed "store" has already been sited, without planning permission, and is more likely to be used in connection with the applicant's business as a builder rather than for agricultural purposes.
- (iv) The applicant has already shown his contempt for planning law in that he has been dumping builders' rubble at the site for some considerable time. It was only as the result of the Borough Council's intervention that dumping ceased.
- (v) It is misleading to describe the structure placed on site as a "store". It is a steel shipping container and is totally out of keeping with the surrounding countryside.
- (vi) Bearing in mind the applicant's earlier disregard for planning legislation, there is every reason to believe that if consent were to be granted it would be abused and cause further problems for the Borough Council.

Application No. 95/0717/13

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

- (i) The land in question already has planning consent for development by the Abbeyfield Housing Association.
- (ii) The plan submitted with the application does not show sufficient detail
- (iii) No information is provided on the proposed density of residential development
- (iv) No information is given about the proposals for access roads and parking spaces.

(b) **Appeal to the Welsh Office**

The Council noted that an appeal had been lodged with the Welsh Office against the refusal of the Borough Council to award planning consent for a change of use of a garage at the rear of No 2 Derwen Road, Pontyclun.



The Council also noted that its earlier observations to the Borough Council on the application would be sent to the Planning Inspectorate at the Welsh Office and would be taken into account by the Inspector in deciding the appeal.

16. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Community Questionnaire**

Councillor Flood presented a proof copy to the Council of the questionnaire which had been discussed at a previous meeting of the Council. The Council approved the content and presentation of the questionnaire.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk provide Councillor Flood with the names and addresses of all Members of the Council for inclusion in the questionnaire.

(b) **Approach to the Infant Department of the Pontyclun Junior School from Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood drew the Council's attention to the complete absence of any street lighting in the approach road from Palalwyf Avenue to the Infant Department of the Pontyclun Junior School. Councillor Flood believed that the absence of any street lighting posed a hazard to all users of the access road. The erection of a lighting column would eliminate a potential source of danger.

RESOLVED: That, as Chairperson of the school's governing body, Councillor Norman be asked to pursue the matter.

(c) **Footpath lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun**

Councillor Davies reported that lighting columns on the footpath across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, had still not been repaired.

The Clerk advised the Council that he had not issued an order for the repair work since the Council had believed, from an earlier meeting, that a large measure of the responsibility for the damage to the lighting columns lay with the Borough Council's contractors who had carried out re-surfacing work to the car



park adjacent to the Pontyclun RFC, and had left a large number of large stones near the lighting columns. Representations had been made to the Borough Council for that authority to issue an order for the repairs.

Councillor Norman stated that he would raise the matter again with the Borough Council.

(d) **Re-surfacing of backlanes**

Councillor Davies reported that work had recently been carried out to re-surface the back lane parallel with Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun. His view was that the "wrong" lane had been re-surfaced and that the back lane parallel with Cerdin Avenue should have had a higher re-surfacing priority. When Councillor Davies had made enquiries about plans to re-surface the back lane at the rear of Cerdin Avenue he had been told that there were no immediate plans to re-surface the back lane. It was stated that the back lane to the rear of Palalwyf Avenue had been re-surfaced because of the number of children and parents accessing the Pontyclun Junior School. Councillor Davies believed that plans were also in hand to resurface the back lane on the eastern side of Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(e) **Speeding vehicles in Groesfaen**

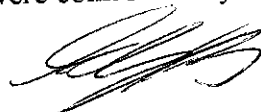
Councillor Edwards reported the concerns of residents of Groesfaen at the high number of vehicles which regularly sped through the village. Elderly folk frequently had difficulty in crossing the main road and traffic emerging from Penygroes often experienced problems in negotiating the junction with the A4119. Residents of the village had complained to the Highway Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the Community Council write a letter in support of the residents to the County Council.

(f) **Speeding vehicles, Heol y Felin, Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards drew the Council's attention to the dangers arising from speeding vehicles in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun. He pointed out that there were often cars double parked in the road, especially near the library. Pedestrians frequently emerged from behind parked cars and were confronted by motorists



travelling at excessive speed. Councillor Edwards felt strongly that due to the close proximity of the library and the Pontyclun Junior School there should be signs in Heol y Felin directing motorists to travel slowly.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council asking for the erection of signs in Heol y Felin directing motorists to drive slowly through the road.

(g) **Pontyclun Library**

Councillor Edwards reported that it appeared that certain books were no longer available through the Pontyclun Library. He wondered whether the change was due to the impending re-organisation of local government.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the shadow authority for the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council asking for that authority's plans for the Pontyclun Library after the re-organisation of local government on 1 April, 1996.

(h) **Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood reported that the refuse bin at the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, had been removed. He understood that the proprietor of the restaurant stored all the waste food from the restaurant in black polythene sacks on the premises and periodically obtained a skip to dispose of the sacks. Councillor Flood felt that the arrangements were not in keeping with good hygiene practices for a restaurant

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Environmental Health Department of the Borough Council.

(I) **Highways and transportation plans for the Community of Pontyclun**

Councillor Griffiths reminded the Council that it had decided at a previous meeting to invite a representative of the Highways and Transportation Department of the County Council along to a meeting of the Community Council to talk about highways and transportation plans for the Community of Pontyclun.



Councillor Griffiths asked if there was any information on when the presentation was likely to take place.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up again with the County Council.

(j) **Litter bin - obstruction of motorists' view**

Councillor Griffiths drew the Council's attention to the litter bin situated outside the Royal Stores in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Councillor Griffiths pointed out that the bin was in the direct line of vision of motorists emerging from Cerdin Avenue and joining Cowbridge Road. Councillor Griffiths wondered if a more suitable location for the litter bin could be found.

Councillor Norman responded that while the site for the litter bin was not ideal, it did have the advantage of forcing motorists to take greater care at the junction. There was a need for a bin in the vicinity of the Royal Stores and it was not possible for the bin to be placed against a wall. Councillor Norman was optimistic that it may be possible to site a further litter bin near the former carpet shop in Cowbridge Road.

The matter was noted.

(k) **Problems associated with houses in the ownership of the Borough Council**

Councillor Norman referred to an item in the minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council where it was stated that a tenant of the Borough Council was experiencing problems with an overgrown tree at the rear of his house. Councillor Norman pointed out that as the house in question was in the ownership of the Borough Council any problems associated with overgrown trees should have been referred to the Borough Council.

The matter was noted.

(l) **Children's playarea in Groesfaen**

Councillor Norman reported that a Borough Council scheme to provide a new children's playarea in Groesfaen was well advanced. It was anticipated that work on site would commence in January or February, 1996.

The report was noted.



(m) **Damaged fences, Brynamlwg, Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman reported that work had begun by the Borough Council to replace damaged fences at Brynamlwg, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(n) **Replacement windows, Cefn yr Hendy Estate, Pontyclun**

Councillor Norman reported that, as a temporary measure, a cabin had been sited by the Borough Council in Heol y Coed, Pontyclun, in connection with the Borough Council's plans to provide replacement PVCu windows for its properties on the Cefn yr Hendy Estate.

The report was noted.

(o) **Borough Council's backlane programme**

Councillor Norman reported that the problems which had prevented the backlane to the west of Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, from being re-surfaced had been resolved. It was likely that re-surfacing work would commence during January, 1996.

The report was noted.


(p) **Car park - Pontyclun RFC**

Councillor Norman reported that a final coat of tarmac would be given to the car park in the vicinity of the Pontyclun RFC shortly. After the final coat had been laid car spaces would be marked and the public footpath reinstated.

The report was noted.

(q) **Re-surfacing of back lanes**

Councillor Norman referred to the earlier report given by Councillor Davies. Councillor Norman confirmed that representations had been received about the poor condition of the backlane to the rear of Cerdin Avenue. Engineers of the Borough Council had met on site to assess the work involved



and Councillor Norman was hopeful that funds could be identified by the Borough Council for the work to be carried out.

The report was noted.

® **Age Concern - Low energy light bulbs**

Councillor Norman advised that the local branch of Age Concern had recently taken delivery of 500 low energy light bulbs. The bulbs had been delivered to elderly residents in the Community.

The report was noted.

(s) **Access to Penygroes, Groesfaen**

Councillor Norman reported that there had been complaints from residents of Groesfaen about difficult vehicular access from Penygroes, Groesfaen. The matter was to be the subject of a site meeting to be held shortly.

The matter was noted.

(t) **Spring flowering bulbs**

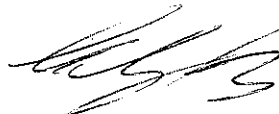
Councillor Norman reported that the six bags of daffodils purchased by the Community Council had all been planted in grass verges throughout the Community.

The report was noted.

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

(a) **Purolite Joint Liaison Committee**

The Chairperson, Councillor Bendle, reported that he had received a letter from a member of the Llanharan Community Council, Councillor John Dilworth, about Councillor Dilworth's earlier letter to the Community Council dealing with attendance at the Purolite Joint Liaison Committee. Councillor Dilworth stated that he was writing in response to a letter to the Llanharan Community Council from Councillor Burton who had asked whether Councillor Dilworth's earlier letter had been a personal letter or a letter written on behalf of the Llanharan Community Council.



Councillor Dilworth wished to make it clear that it was the function of the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council to undertake all official correspondence for the Llanharan Community Council. Such official correspondence would always be written on headed paper. As the correspondence to which Councillor Burton referred was not written by the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council, and was not on headed paper, Councillor Dilworth failed to see how any confusion had arisen about whose views were being expressed.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(b) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Morning Forum of 2 December, 1995**

The Clerk gave a report on the morning forum which he, together with Councillors Davies and Edwards attended on the morning of 2 December, 1995, in the Cardiff City Hall.

The forum had been arranged by the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and its topic was "Democracy through community councils to a Welsh Parliament". A well attended forum listened with interest to presentations by Win Griffiths, MP, Elfyn Llwyd, MP, Mike German and Gareth Neale express their respective party views. The forum concluded with a question and answer session which was chaired by John Osmond, Chairman of the Parliament for Wales Campaign.

The report was noted.

(c) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee meeting of 5 December, 1995**

The Clerk gave a report on the quarterly meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Pontypridd, on Tuesday, 5 December, 1995.

The meeting had received a very informative presentation from officers of the Welsh Development Agency on the objectives and financial targets of the WDA in Wales. The presentation was illustrated by focusing specifically on the work of the WDA in the Cynon Valley.



At the conclusion of the presentation the WDA officers answered a series of questions from members of the Committee.

The report was noted.

(d) **Possible installation of footpath lighting - High Street, Brynsadler**

The Clerk reported that he had met an engineer from the County Council's Highways and Transportation Department in High Street, Brynsadler, to discuss the possibility of the installation of a lighting column to illuminate the footpath connecting High Street with The Hollies, Brynsadler. It had been estimated that the installation would cost around £800.

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

(e) **Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks, 1996**

The Clerk gave the Council details of the 1996 Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks to be held in Plymouth from 12 to 14 April, 1996. The Clerk stated that he had attended a number of the Society's annual conferences and had always found them to be a valuable way of broadening experience since it offered the opportunity to talk to clerks of other community and parish councils about matters of common interest.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the 1996 Annual Conference.

(f) **Mid Glamorgan Bulletin No. 12**

The Clerk distributed copies of Mid Glamorgan Bulletin No. 12.

18. The meeting ended at 10.50 p.m.

