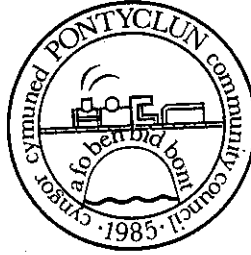


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 March, 1996.

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 M Griffiths, Mr R G Norman and Mr M Rea

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

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

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **St David's Day Church Service**

The Chairman advised the Council that he attended the church service in Llanharry in celebration of St David's Day. He was disappointed that no other Members of the Council had not been in attendance.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Proposals to extend licensed drinking hours**

The Chairman referred to the anti social behaviour of a number patrons of licensed premises in Pontyclun. In view of the problems experienced in the Community he was disappointed to note that the government proposed further relaxation of the law governing the sale of alcohol.

The matter was noted.

(c) **Planning application for the storage of tyres**

The Chairman referred to the decision of the Community Council at its last meeting to oppose a planning application for the storage of tyres in the Community. He advised the Council that it could feel justified in opposing the application since there had already been a serious fire at the site.

The matter was noted.

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Illegal parking of vehicles**

P C Steve Keddle reported that a traffic warden had been enforcing parking restrictions outside Leekes on several recent weekends. The warden had reported a large number of drivers for parking illegally.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Wayside seat opposite the Pontyclun Post Office**

P C Steve Keddle asked for the current position on the plans to re-site the wayside seat opposite Pontyclun Post Office. The Clerk responded that the seat would be re-sited as part of the County Council's plans to complete the westbound platform development at the Pontyclun Station. In advance of work commencing, the Council had identified a site alongside the river Ely to re-site the seat. Permission was being sought from the National Rivers Authority for the re-location.

The matter was noted.

(c) **Traffic "eggs" in layby**

P C Steve Keddle enquired whether the Community Council had any further news about the removal of the concrete traffic "eggs" in the layby to the north of the pedestrian crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. The Clerk responded that the latest information from the County Council was that a survey into the demand for traffic and pedestrian facilities was to be undertaken in Pontyclun. No work on the layby would be started until the County Council had "completed its deliberations upon this demand". In a letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor dated 5 January, 1996, it had been



indicated that he was finalising his report to committee. The Community Council had instructed the Clerk to find out from the County Engineer and Surveyor what proposals had been put to the committee and whether it would be possible to have a copy of the County Engineer and Surveyor's report and a copy of the minutes of the committee meeting. The reply of the County Engineer and Surveyor was awaited.

The matter was noted.

(d) **Proposals to extend licensed drinking hours**

P C Keddle was asked to predict the likely effect in the Community of the proposals to extend licensed drinking hours. P C Keddle commented that if police resources remained at their current level and the demand for the services of the police increased, then the already stretched service would be stretched even further. However, it was important to note that the proposals had not yet been implemented and there would be no change in the level of service from the police for the present.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Consumption of alcohol in back lanes**

Councillor Flood drew P C Keddle's attention to the fact that groups of teenagers were regularly drinking alcohol in the back lanes running parallel with Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Additionally, it had been reported that drugs were being made available in the back lanes and that there had been instances of malicious damage to property and large quantities of litter being deposited. Councillor Burton, supporting Councillor Flood, advised that he had received a report from a shopkeeper claiming that an elderly resident had had the contents of a smashed bottle of alcohol poured over his head sometime during the previous weekend.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Flood liaise with P C Keddle outside the meeting.

(f) **Disturbances outside the Bute Arms, Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards stated that he had received information about disturbances outside the Bute Arms, Pontyclun, on two of the previous three weekends. Councillor Edwards pointed out that the disturbances often spilled out on to the highway and on

one of these occasions a driver who happened to be passing had needed to take immediate action to avoid knocking down youths involved in the fracas.

The matter was noted.

4. **Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1996**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 7 February, 1996, be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Tyre dump in Llanharry**

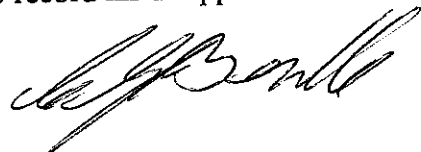
The Council received the letter of 2 February from the Borough Council in which it was stated that the fires at the abandoned tyre depot at the site of the former Llanharry Iron Ore Mine had been caused by persons unknown. It was the view of the Chief Environmental Health Officer that the limited duration of the fires should ensure that there were no long term health effects suffered by local residents. The Community Council was interested to learn that the Borough Council was considering what action could be taken to remove the tyres.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(b) **Planning application - 11 Glan yr Afon, Pontyclun**

The Chairman advised that since the Community Council's views on the planning application had been conveyed to the Borough Council the applicant for planning consent had consulted the Planning Officer and had submitted an amended application for consent. On receipt of the amended application the Chairman had been contacted by the Clerk who wished to know whether comments should be made to the Borough Council on the amended application. Any comments needed to be submitted as a matter of urgency since the amended application was to be considered by the Borough Council's Planning Committee before the date of the next Community Council's next meeting on 6 March, 1996. It had been agreed not to submit any comments on the amended application since the applicant had incorporated amendments to his application suggested by the Borough Council's Planning Officer.

Councillor Edwards wished to record his disappointment that



when the application was discussed at the Borough Council's Planning Committee one of the local Taff Ely members had voted against the application without any reference being made to the latest position of the Community Council.

Councillor Norman offered clarification. He stated that the local Taff Ely member in question, Councillor James, had not voted against the application. He had merely asked for a site visit. It was the right of all Borough Council members to call for a site meeting before deciding planning applications. The amended planning application for 11 Glan yr Afon, Pontyclun, would be decided by the Borough Council after the site meeting had taken place.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(c) **Proposal for the installation of Closed Circuit Television in Pontyclun**

The Clerk referred to the earlier letter which had been received from the Borough Council and to the subsequent enquiries the Community Council had asked him to undertake about the availability of suitable fibre optic cable in Pontyclun.

The Clerk's enquiries of British Telecom had revealed that while the necessary fibre optic cable was installed at the telephone exchange in Cowbridge Road, Talbot Green, it would be necessary to make connections to the exchange from the proposed CCTV sites in Pontyclun for the facility to function.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

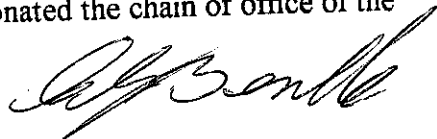
(d) **Arts in the Community**

The Council discussed the possibility of supporting arts initiatives in the Community.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken at this time.

(e) **Chain of Office**

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Taff Ely Borough Council in which it was stated that the Borough Council had considered the Community Council's request to be donated the chain of office of the



chairman of the former Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Rural District Council. The request had not been acceded to.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(f) **Pontyclun Surgery**

The Council discussed the letter of 15 February, 1996, from the Chief Officer of the East Glamorgan Community Health Council to Councillor R B McDonald, a member of that Committee. At meetings of the Community Health Council Councillor McDonald had expressed concern about the decision of the Old School Surgery Practice to "slow down" its referrals of patients to East Glamorgan Hospital due to a shortage of resources.

The Chief Officer stated that following public concern a meeting had been held with the Senior Partner and Practice Manager to discuss the situation. Whilst it was accepted that a "slow down" had occurred an assurance had been received from the Surgery representatives that only non urgent cases were affected. The delay anticipated was for a period of about four weeks. The Surgery representatives had been advised of public concern and told that the Community Health Council would closely monitor the situation in future.

The Clerk advised the Council that following discussions with partners at the surgery a letter had been sent to the Community Health Council expressing concern at the apparent discrepancies in the level of funding for "first wave" fundholding practices and "fourth wave" fundholding practices. There was agreement with the partners that if the level of funding for the Old School Surgery was in accordance with the formula for fourth wave fundholders there would be no shortage of resources. It was understood that the East Glamorgan Community Health Council was due to discuss the Community Council's letter on 11 March, 1996.

It was clear that the Old School Surgery, as a result of being a first wave fundholding practice, was at a distinct disadvantage, in funding terms, to fourth wave fundholding practices. The concerned employee in the Heath Service who had anonymously brought the matter to the attention of Councillor Norman had done so in good faith and in the expectation that the matter would be made public. It was accepted that Councillor Norman had also acted in good faith by highlighting the shortage of



resources faced by the Surgery. The Surgery had responded to the shortage of resources by delaying the referral of non-urgent cases until April, 1996.

RESOLVED: That further discussion on the matter be deferred until such time as the outcome of the Council's representations to the Community Health Council is known.

(g) **"Abandoned" cars - Merthyr Street, Pontyclun**

The Clerk read out a letter he had received from Councillor Tudor J Burton regarding the "abandoned" vehicles referred to in minute 20 (c) of the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1996.

Councillor Burton wished it known that the plot of land in question was used by him for the storage of vehicles. He had acted properly in obtaining planning consent from the Taff Ely Borough Council for the storage of his vehicles.

Councillor Flood stated that he had raised the matter at the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1996, as a result of representations made to him by members of the public who were concerned that, in addition to vehicles and a caravan, the plot was also being used for the storage of other materials. Councillor Flood was duty bound to bring the concerns to the attention of the Council in the same way as he brought forward other matters of public concern. There was a possibility that the matter could be referred for a legal view on precisely what items were authorised to be stored on the plot.

The matter was noted.

(h) **Representation of the Groesfaen Ward**

Councillor M Rea stated that he was dismayed, but not surprised, to read in the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 February, 1996, a reference to his Ward being under represented at the Community Council as a result of his absence from a number of meetings. Councillor Rea wished it to be known that when he had stood for election he was unemployed. Since being elected he had obtained a post where there was a considerable demand on him to work irregular hours. Nevertheless, he took his duties seriously and regularly followed up residents' concerns by making direct contact with various local government departments. Councillor Rea

expressed his disappointment that the Chairman had not approached him personally before discussing his attendance record at a Community Council meeting.

The matter was noted.

6. **Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 21 February, 1996**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 21 February, 1996, be approved as an accurate record.

7. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

8. **Adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendations**

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted and that the Community Council's precept for 1996/97 be fixed at £50,321.00 - the same amount as the previous year.

9. **Proposals of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council for consultations with community councils**

The Council discussed the letter of the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council dated 23 February, 1996, setting out the County Borough Council's proposals for consultation with community councils after the reorganisation of local government on 1 April, 1996. It was noted that the proposals coincided with the guidelines issued by the Welsh Office during 1995.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made:

- (a) that the Community Council welcomes the proposals for consultation outlined in the Chief Executive's letter.
- (b) that the Community Council suggests that consultation also takes place in the following areas:
 - (i) Tourism
 - (ii) Indoor leisure strategy
 - (iii) Social care plans
 - (iv) Health issues - where the County Borough makes representations on general practitioner and pharmaceutical services.



- (c) that in recognition of the considerably greater amount of consultation with community councils which was proposed from 1 April, 1996, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough be strongly urged to appoint an officer to coordinate consultations between the Borough Council's Departments and the community councils within the new Borough.
- (d) that where there are no statutory deadlines to be met by the County Borough Council, the consultation period, taking account that most community councils meet once per month, be between 4 and 6 weeks.

10. **Pontyclun Railway Station**

The Council discussed the letter of 19 February, 1996, from the County Engineer and Surveyor, in which it was stated that the contract to undertake construction work on Phase 1 of the Pontyclun Westbound Park and Ride, Provision of Disabled Access, had been awarded to Marton Civil Engineering and that site work would commence on Monday, 26 February, 1996. Work was expected to last approximately three weeks.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted and that the Clerk send a letter to the County Council member, Councillor Delme Bowen, thanking him for progressing the matter with the County Council.

11. **Condition of pavements in Pontyclun**

The Council received and discussed the letter of the Area Surveyor of the Mid Glamorgan County Council about the condition of pavements in Pontyclun. The letter had been prompted by the submission by the Community Council of a schedule of pavements in Pontyclun which were considered to be in need of repair or replacement.

The Area Surveyor emphasised that although paving slabs may be cracked or broken they did not necessarily fall into a defect category. For paving slabs to require replacement they needed to meet the definition laid down in the Street Inspection Manual. The Area Surveyor advised that Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, was inspected for defects on a monthly basis. Other side streets referred to in the Community Council's schedule would be inspected on a six monthly basis and the defect definition would be greater than that of main shopping areas.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted and that the Clerk make enquiries about what constituted a dangerous pavement.



12. **Pontyclun War Memorial - Boundary Railings**

Councillor Norman informed the Council that he had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda. It had been apparent for some time that the railings around the Pontyclun War Memorial had rusted away to the extent that, in parts at least, there were some sharp edges and it was known that a child had recently cut her hand on the railings.

Councillor Norman had reported the matter to the Borough Council and an quotation had been received from a specialist for the replacement of the railings. Initially the Borough Council had said that it would not be able to find £3,580.00 to carry out the work. Subsequently it had emerged that the scheme was on a schedule of work which the Borough Council intended authorising before local government reorganisation on 1 April, 1996.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted and that the Community Council remain optimistic that the work would be authorised by the Borough Council before its demise on 1 April, 1996.

13. **Request to organise a further sponsored walk**

The Council was advised that it had been approached with a view to organise a further sponsored walk in the Community on the morning of Sunday, 24 March, 1996.

- RESOLVED:** (I) That, as the Community Council had organised sponsored walks in the Community on each of the last 8 years, the Council decline the invitation to organise a further walk on 24 March 1996.
- (ii) That the Clerk be authorised to close the Sponsored Walk Account and pay the balance, approximately, £142.08, to the Kidney Research Unit Foundation for Wales.
- (iii) That, taking account of the sum payable at (ii) above a grant be made by the Community Council sufficient to bring the total payment to the Kidney Research Unit Foundation for Wales to £200.00

14. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 10 to the agenda.



15. **Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 2, 9, 16 and 23 February, 1996**

RESOLVED: That no comment be made to the Borough Council on any of the planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 2, 9, 16 and 23 February, 1996.

16. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Age Concern**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that he had attended the last meeting of Age Concern. Due to a shortage of funds the organisation would shortly be appealing to community councils for financial assistance. Councillor Burton also reported that the organisation proposed a change of name and would, in future, be known as Pontypridd and District Age Concern

Councillor Edwards commented that despite having received invitations to previous meetings he had not received an invitation to the meeting referred to by Councillor Burton.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Burton's report be noted.

(ii) That the Clerk advise the secretary of Age Concern that Councillor Edwards had not received an invitation to the last meeting of the organisation.

(b) **Purolite Joint Liaison Committee**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Purolite Joint Liaison Committee. The future of the Committee seemed uncertain with the demise of the Taff Ely Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council asking for continued funding and facilities for the Committee to carry out its work.

(c) **Taff Ely Police Consultative Committee**

Councillor Tudor Burton reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Taff Ely Police Consultative Committee. He



reported that the former Police/Community Consultative Groups were being radically restructured from 1 April, 1996. The need to restructure the Groups had been brought about by the additional duties imposed by the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act, 1994.

The Groups serving the Force area would be based on the 10 restructured police divisions and would not be organised on a rigid committee structure. Meetings would be held in public venues, not police stations, and generally the frequency of meetings would be quarterly. The meetings would be advertised widely and representatives would be invited from a very wide cross section of the communities. Existing avenues for consultation with the public, for example attendance at community council meetings and neighbourhood watch meetings, would be maintained.

From 1 April, 1996, the Taff Ely Police Consultative Committee would be replaced by the Rhondda Cynon Taff Police Consultative Group. The Chief Constable, in considering the revised proposals, had given a commitment that in areas where the new proposals resulted in the loss of a Consultative Group, the local police inspector would maintain the existing forum.

Councillor Burton advised that a document had been produced by the police giving further details of the changes. Councillor Burton tabled the document and requested that copies be forwarded to each Member of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk make arrangements to provide a copy of the document to every Member.

(d) **Pontyclun Station**

Councillor Tony Flood referred to the request of the Community Council for the erection of a barrier or gate at the top of the steps leading to the eastbound platform of the Pontyclun Station. It was necessary to prevent young children from wandering into the station car park and the platform.

The Clerk responded that he would take the matter up again with Railtrack.

(e) **Construction of new roundabout, Miskin**

Councillor Gordon Norman spoke of his concern that Trafalgar

House Construction had deemed it necessary, in constructing the new roundabout in Miskin, to carry out blasting for the removal of rock. It appeared that the decision to blast had been taken without any consultation with the Borough Council or the County Council and the first Miskin residents knew of the plan was when a circular letter had been dropped through their letterboxes. Councillor Norman asked for a copy of the circular letter to be provided to every Member.

Councillor Burton added that he was aware that the weight restriction in School Road had been removed and that signs had been erected diverting traffic. Councillor Rea asked whether the correct procedures had been followed in the removal of the weight restriction.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk:

- (i) contact the County Council asking whether, in view of the unauthorised road closure of School Road, Miskin, in the past, the closure of the B4264 had been approved.
 - (ii) establish from the County Council whether the lifting of the weight restriction on School Road had been carried out properly.
 - (iii) contact the Health and Safety Executive and establish whether it was satisfied that the residents of Miskin would not be placed at risk of any injury as a result of the plans of Trafalgar House Construction to carry out blasting in constructing the new roundabout.
 - (iv) circulate a copy of the Trafalgar House Construction circular letter to Members.
- (f) **Landscaping - Pontyclun Community Centre**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that landscaping work by the Borough Council at the Pontyclun Community Centre should be completed shortly.

The report was noted.



(g) **Pruning of trees - Clun Avenue, Pontyclun**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Borough Council had recently arranged for the pruning of trees in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(h) **Borough Council owned houses - installation of replacement uPVC windows**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Borough Council's programme for the installation of replacement uPVC windows in the Community would be completed by 31 March, 1996.

The report was noted.

(I) **Application for planning consent - Land to the rear of the Pontyclun Community Centre**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that following receipt of an application for planning consent to develop land at the rear of the Pontyclun Community Centre a site meeting had recently been held.

The report was noted.

(j) **Straying horses**

Councillor Gordon Norman advised that the Land Authority for Wales, in recognition of the problems brought to the Community as the result of straying horses, had put a cattle wagon at the disposal of the Taff Ely Borough Council.

The report was noted.

(k) **Victim Support**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Victim Support group was facing an acute shortage of finance. If additional finances were not forthcoming in the near future it was possible that the group would go out of existence.

The report was noted.



(l) **Community Centres**

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council intended to donate a sum of £2,000.00 to each community centre in the Borough before the demise of the Borough Council on 31 March, 1996.

The report was noted.

(m) **Mill Wood**

Councillor Dick Edwards reported receipt of information about the possible purchase of land at Mill Wood for landfill purposes. It was suggested that the operator of the landfill site near Rhiwbriwdal Farm near Cross Inn may have effected the purchase. It was clarified that even though land at Mill Wood may have been purchased, no landfill operations could take place without first obtaining planning permission. The Community Council had not been notified of an application for planning consent for the land.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries with the Land Authority for Wales to ascertain whether that body had recently sold any land at Mill Wood.

(n) **Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun**

Councillor Dick Edwards reported that he had received a complaint from a resident of Lon yr Awel, Pontyclun, about the narrowness of the street. In practice, when vehicles were double parked in the street the width of the remaining highway was severely restricted and there had been occasions when wide vehicles were unable to pass through the street. It had been suggested that the Community Council should make representations to the highway authority for a reduction in the width of the pavements in Lon yr Awel or, alternatively, request the Borough Council to develop nearby land for the purpose of off street parking.

Councillor Gordon Norman, a resident of Lon yr Awel, responded that he was the first to acknowledge the narrowness of the street when cars were double parked. Nevertheless, if drivers parked their vehicles close to the kerbside there was adequate room for the free passage of vehicles. Often, the complainant referred to by Councillor Edwards had been guilty



of not parking his vehicle close to the kerbside.

The report was noted.

(o) **Land at Talygarn**

Councillor Dick Edwards reported that he had received a complaint from a member of the public that land forming part of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre was in the course of being sold off by the East Glamorgan Health Trust. The complainant was of the view that any disposal of land by the Health Trust was illegal since title to the land was vested elsewhere.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the East Glamorgan Health Trust for clarification of that authority's plans for the future of the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre and its grounds.

(p) **Tenant of Borough Council owned house**

Councillor Dick Edwards advised the Council of a representation he had received from a tenant of a Borough Council owned house on the Cefn yr Hendy estate where enquiries were being made about the possibility of the Council assisting with the cost of the erection of a covered walkway from the house to the toilet.

Councillor Norman stated that the Borough Council was aware of the case and that he would make contact with the tenant.

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

(a) **Proposed address by the County Engineer and Surveyor**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths referred to the request for a presentation to be made to the Council on the County Council's highway plans for the Community. Councillor Griffiths asked if there was any information on when the presentation was likely to take place.

The Clerk responded that a written request for the presentation had been submitted to the County Council and had been followed up with a reminder. He was still waiting to hear from the County Engineer and Surveyor when the address was likely to take place.



RESOLVED: That a further reminder be sent to the County Engineer and Surveyor.

(b) **Forest Wood Quarry Liaison Committee**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths referred to the Community Council's earlier suggestion to the County Council that a liaison committee be formed in order that residents' interests could be taken into account by the operators of the Forest Wood Quarry. Councillor Griffiths sought clarification on whether a liaison committee had been established and, if so, would it be in order for the Community Council to be represented at that committee.

The Clerk responded that the suggestion that a liaison committee should be formed for the Forest Wood Quarry had been made to the County Planning Officer on 30 August, 1995, as part of the Community Council's observations on the Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying in Mid Glamorgan. The County Planning Officer had not indicated whether a liaison committee would be established.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk find out from the County Planning Officer whether a liaison committee had been formed and, if it had, whether the Pontyclun Community Council could be represented on that committee.

(c) **Highway grit bins**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths referred to the recent spell of snowy weather and pointed out that many of the highway grit bins were empty. Furthermore the provision of the grit bins needed to be regularised throughout the Community.

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

(d) **Proposal to apply for a grant of National Lottery money**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths asked for the latest position on the Council's proposal to apply for a grant of National Lottery money.

The Clerk responded that he had originally made application for details to the National Heritage Fund. A considerable volume of information had been received. Having read the information it

became clear that the National Heritage Fund was not the body to which application should be made for the project the Community Council had in mind. It became clear that of the five separate organisations distributing National Lottery money the appropriate body, for the project the Community Council had suggested was The Millennium Commission. Details of how to make an application to the Millennium Commission had been sought but had not been received. As soon as the details were received the Clerk intended reporting them to the Council.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Access road to "Fredericks" from the A4119**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths drew the Council's attention to the condition of the access road to "Fredericks" at its junction with the A4119. Councillor Griffiths reported that the highway was regularly strewn with mud. This created a hazard for motorists especially in wet weather. While the County Engineer and Surveyor occasionally arranged for the junction to be cleaned it was important that the junction be cleaned on a regular basis.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Engineer and Surveyor asking that the junction be cleaned of mud on a regular basis.

(f) **Community Questionnaire**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Griffiths asked for the current position on the proposed community questionnaire.

It was clarified that the questionnaire was to be printed shortly. Copies of the questionnaire would be brought back to the Council before being distributed within the Community.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Extension westwards of the 30 mph speed restriction in Groesfaen**

Councillor Merfyn Rea spoke of his frustration about the delay by the County Council in extending the 30 mph speed restriction westwards in Groesfaen. The extension had been agreed approximately two years earlier but work on re-siting the speed restriction signs had still not been carried out. When Councillor

Rea had contacted the County Engineer and Surveyor he had been told that the work would not be completed during the lifetime of the Mid Glamorgan County Council but that the matter would be handed over to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

The matter was noted.

(h) **Railway embankment, Pontyclun**

Councillor Tudor Burton referred to his earlier suggestion at a Community Council meeting that British Rail be requested to clear the railway embankment in Pontyclun. Councillor Burton asked whether there had been any response from British Rail.

The Clerk responded that while he had received an acknowledgement to the request from Railtrack a definitive reply was still awaited.

RESOLVED: That a reminder letter be sent to Railtrack.

(I) **Dog fouling - Rhyd y Nant and Fairview Close areas**

Councillor Graham Davies reported that the pavements in Rhyd y Nant and Fairview Close were regularly fouled by dogs and asked what action the Community Council could take.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Taff Ely Borough Council.

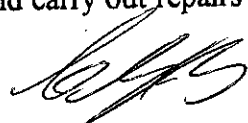
(j) **Pedestrian access to The Hollies, Brynsadler**

Councillor Graham Davies drew the Council's attention to the very poor pedestrian access into The Hollies, Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council to ask whether the pavement could be re-aligned to provide safe pedestrian access into the estate.

(k) **Stiles on the land of Dr Wynne Davies**

Councillor Graham Davies reported that he had received representations about the poor condition of some of the stiles on the land of Dr Wynne Davies. Councillor Davies asked whether the Community Council could carry out repairs to the stiles.



The Clerk replied that unless there is an agreement or condition to the contrary, the landowner is bound to keep gates and stiles safe and to the standard of repair necessary to prevent unreasonable interference with users, but may claim a quarter of his expenses from the highway authority. If he fails in his duty, the latter may do the work at his expense after 14 days' notice.

The Clerk said that he had conveyed this information to Dr Davies verbally and, subsequently, had confirmed the information in writing.

The matter was noted.

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

Councillor Graham Davies reported that several residents had expressed to him their appreciation of the work which had been carried out to re-surface back lanes in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Council's appreciation be forwarded to the Taff Ely Borough Council.

(m) **Broken fence**

Councillor Graham Davies reported that a fence bordering the highway had been broken between the river Clun and the Pontyclun Fire Station and that it posed a danger to passing children.

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

18. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

