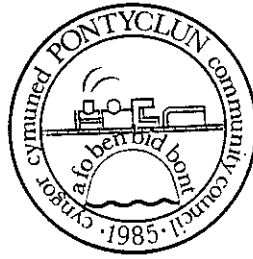


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 February, 1996.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson),
 Mrs V A Cale, Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mr T R J Flood,
 Mr G Moir and Mr R G Norman

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
 Mr T J Burton, Mrs M M Griffiths and Mr M Rea

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

The Chairperson reported that he, together with Councillor Edwards and the Clerk, attended a seminar on the morning of Saturday, 27 January, 1996, at Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach, organised by the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The seminar was very well attended and covered many problem areas in local government. It also provided delegates with an authoritative explanation on local authorities' responsibilities in implementing the Welsh Language Act.

The report was noted.

(b) **Tyre dump in Llanharry**

The Chairperson reported yet another unexplained fire at the tyre dump in Llanharry. Although the dump was outside the Community boundaries, the heavy black smoke given off by the fires was usually carried in the direction of the Community of Pontyclun by the prevailing winds. The recent fire was the latest

in a series of unexplained incidents at the dump and there was a suspicion that tyres were being deliberately set alight. On each occasion the fire service had been summoned.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seek an assurance from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer that the health of Community residents would not be adversely affected by the inhalation of smoke from the tyre dump and, in addition, that the smoke would not cause any environmental damage in the Community.

(c) **Punctuality**

The Chairperson advised the Council of his growing concern at the lack of punctuality by some Members. All monthly Community Council meetings would, in future, start promptly at 8.00p.m. and he asked for Members' cooperation to ensure that meetings did not last any longer than necessary.

The matter was noted.

(d) **Application for planning consent**

The Chairperson advised the Council that following circulation of details of the recent application for planning consent at No.11 Glan yr Afon, Pontyclun, he had received a number of telephone calls, some of which had been anonymous. On balance, the greater number of representations received, by himself and other Members, had been opposed to the development and as a consequence the Clerk had been requested to advise the Borough Council that the Community Council was not in favour of the planning proposal on the grounds that it constituted an over development of the site.

The Chairperson did, however, question the standing of some of the opponents of the application since it appeared that they resided some distance away from the proposed development and the effect of any development would, at most, be indirect.

Councillor Norman declared his interest in the application and the appropriate entry was made in the Register of Disclosures.

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

The Chairperson expressed his concern at the poor attendance record at Community Council meetings of the Member for the

Groesfaen Ward. When the Member was in attendance he was rarely present for the whole meeting. The effect of the poor attendance record was that Groesfaen residents were being under represented at Community Council meetings.

While it was understood that the Member's employment placed heavy demands on his availability for Community Council meetings it was a matter which should have been taken into account before standing for election.

(f) **"Clun Sheet"**

The Chairperson drew the Council's attention to a recently circulated "Clun Sheet" and stated that he was very disappointed to note a number of inaccuracies and misleading impressions:

(1) **Pontyclun Surgery**

Councillor Gordon Norman had been provided with a copy of an internal memorandum of the East Glamorgan Health Trust. The memorandum, dated 8 December, 1995, stated that "At the six month review meeting with the Old School Fundholding Practice today it was noted that there had been a significant level of over-performance against their contract with the Trust. This is of great concern, particularly to the Practice, who have made the decision that **all non-urgent in-patient activity should be stopped** until further notice. Patients who have already been called should continue. I should be grateful if you would communicate this as a matter of urgency to the secretarial staff."

Councillor Norman had acted constructively on receipt of the memorandum by making the contents of the Trust letter known to the public and had arranged for a meeting to take place with doctors to establish whether there was any assistance the Community Council could give in remedying the underfunding experienced by the surgery as one of the "first wave" fundholders. Following a meeting between the doctors, himself, Councillor Norman and the Clerk representations were being made for an increase in the practice's allocation of funds in line with



“fourth wave” fundholders.

It was important for everyone to note that without a real increase in funding level, the problems being experienced by the surgery would occur again in the following financial year and there was every likelihood that they would occur earlier.

(ii) **Pontyclun Action Group**

Surprise was expressed that the Action Group had been thanked for its “continued work” in connection with traffic calming. The Group had promised to convene a further public meeting in the Spring of 1995. The meeting had yet to take place.

(iii) **Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee**

Reference was made to recent proposals put forward by an “Independent Councillor” in connection with the future of the Liaison Committee. It was to be regretted that the “Clun Sheet” failed to tell residents the nature of the proposals.

(iv) **Footpath near Miskin Square**

The claim that the upgrading of the footpath between The Drive and Miskin Square was being pursued by Councillor Burton was factually incorrect. The matter was being pursued by Councillor Moir.

(g) **Purolite Joint Liaison Committee**

The Chairperson advised that this item appeared later on the Agenda but he wished to report receipt of a copy letter from solicitors acting on behalf of Councillor John Dilworth to the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council. The letter had been written as a consequence of the letter to the Pontyclun Community Council which appeared at Appendix No 9 to the Agenda.



The Chairperson read out the letter from Hugh James, solicitors, dated 3 February, 1996, which concluded with a request for an apology from the Clerk to the Llanharan Community Council for the fact that the wording adopted by her went beyond the resolution of the Llanharan Community Council and reflected adversely upon the good name and reputation of their client.

3. **Police Matters**

(a) **Burglary at Fanheulog, Talbot Green**

P C Keddle advised the Council of a recent burglary at Fanheulog, Talbot Green, where a pensioner's state benefit book had been stolen by a man who had called at the premises. Pc Keddle urged Members to encourage the elderly and vulnerable folk to fit chains to their front doors and to insist on the production of identity cards where callers claimed to represent an organisation.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Police office at Pontyclun Community Centre**

Councillor Norman drew P C Keddle's attention to the fact that the new police office at the Pontyclun Daycentre was still not in use by the police. He asked when it was likely to be used.

P C Keddle responded that manning levels at the Talbot Green police station continued to cause problems. The demands of the service required police officers to be available for training, prisoner duties, and court attendance on a fairly regular basis. In addition it was expected that officers cover for periods of annual leave and sick leave. Whenever shortages of officers occurred it caused a staffing problem which meant that the police office in Talbot Green received priority for manning. P C Keddle was hopeful that, in the long term, manning levels in the service would be improved and thereby allow officers to use the facility in Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(c) **Congregating youths in Pontyclun**

Councillor Cale expressed her disappointment that the problem of congregating youths in Pontyclun during the evenings had

still not been resolved. She quoted a recent incident where a gang of youths in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had intimidated residents from entering Keencost.

P C Keddle responded that he had been aware of the incident by the proprietor of the premises who had called in to the Talbot Green police station. The proprietor had been advised that if there was a recurrence then he should not hesitate to contact the police.

The matter was noted.

(d) **Parking of vehicles outside the Leekes superstore**

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The Chairperson spoke of his continued concern over the practice of certain vehicle drivers of parking their vehicles on highway outside the Leekes superstore in Cowbridge Road, in contravention of parking restrictions. The problem was particularly acute on Sunday afternoons. There had been instances when firefighters from Llantrisant who were responding to emergency calls had been unnecessarily delayed because of parked vehicles outside Leekes. The Chairperson asked if greater priority could be given to enforcing the parking restrictions outside Leekes.

P C Keddle outlined some of the problems faced by the police in enforcing the parking restrictions outside Leekes. However, he acknowledged that there was a problem and agreed that matter would receive attention.

The matter was noted.

(e) **Speeding vehicles in Maesyfelin, Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards asked P C Keddle whether he had any information about reports of speeding vehicles in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun, particularly in the vicinity of the Library and the Junior School.

P C Keddle stated that he was unaware of reports of speeding in Heol y Felin but would keep the matter in mind.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 January, 1996**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 3 January, 1996, be approved as an accurate record.



5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Proposal for the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood stated that he was very disappointed to note that the Taff Ely Borough Council had failed to establish at an early date that the fibre optic technology necessary for the installation of CCTV in Pontyclun was not in place. Councillor Flood said the availability of the necessary cabling should have been ascertained at an early point. The appearance of such an elementary obstacle so late in the day gave rise to suspicions that the Borough Council had not acted in good faith and that the Council had been misled. Additionally, it had been claimed that the necessary cabling was, in fact, present in Pontyclun.

The Clerk advised that he had asked British Telecom whether fibre optic cable was present in Pontyclun. He had not yet received a reply

RESOLVED: That the letter from the Borough Council, together with details of the Closed Circuit Television Challenge Competition, 1996/97, being organised by the Home Office, be forwarded to Mr Keith Russell of the Pontyclun Action Group.

(b) **Planning application No. 95/0817/10**

As this matter had earlier been dealt with under Chairperson's business there was no further discussion.

(c) **Arts in the Community**

As the Member for Groesfaen had initially raised this matter and was not present at the meeting it was agreed to defer this item to the Community Council's meeting of 6 March, 1996.

(d) **Application for an off licence - Royal Stores, Pontyclun**

The Clerk reported that, at the request of the Community Council, he had contacted the District Auditor and discussed with him the possibility of the Council pursuing its opposition to the grant of an off licence application at the Royal Stores, Pontyclun. The applicant had been refused a licence at a hearing of the licensing justices and had expressed the intention of appealing and, if successful, applying for an award of costs against the opponents of his application.



The District Auditor was of the view that the Community Council had fulfilled its democratic obligation to its electors in opposing the application at the local justices' hearing. He strongly advised the Community Council from opposing the application any further. He believed that if the appellant won his appeal, and costs were awarded against the Community Council, it would not be in the interests of the majority of Community council tax payers.

The Chairperson advised the Council of his personal opposition to the application and that he had been requested by another opponent of the application to attend the appeal hearing. If he decided to attend the appeal hearing then he wished to make it clear that he would be doing so as a private citizen and not as Chairperson of the Pontyclun Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council take no further action to oppose the application for an off licence at the Royal Stores, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

(e) **30 m.p.h. speed restriction in Groesfaen**

The Council discussed the letter of 9 January, 1996 in which the County Engineer and Surveyor stated that it had not been possible to move the 30 m.p.h. sign on the A4119 west of Groesfaen to its new position because the matter had been delayed by legal processes in an appeal over planning permission on adjacent land. It appeared that a certain amount of detail still remained to be completed and that these details would be attended to be the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

6. **Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun**

The Council received the letter of 17 January, 1996, from the Borough Council in which it was stated that following the issue of a Notice under the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, the practice of storing refuse sacks at the rear of the premises had ceased. It had been re-affirmed to the owners of the premises that a prosecution would follow any further non-compliance with the Statutory Notice. Regular inspections by officers of the Environmental Services Department were continuing.



Councillor Flood commented that neighbours living in the vicinity of the Dipali restaurant were worried about the periodic burning which took place at the rear of the premises. It was unclear what was being burnt and what happened to the residue from the fires. Residents were not being unreasonable in asking for assurances that there were no health risks involved.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Borough Council's letter be noted.

(ii) That in the event of any further complaints, the Borough Council be asked to take action against the proprietor of the Dipali restaurant.

7. **Complaints of speeding vehicles in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun**

The Community Council was disappointed to note that the County Engineer and Surveyor felt that he was unable to erect signs in Heol y Felin requesting motorists to drive their vehicles slowly when travelling in Heol y Felin. He stated that signs of this nature were not authorised for display upon a highway.

The Community Council was also disappointed to note that further requests for the installation of traffic calming measures could not be considered until the financial position of the County Council improved.

RESOLVED: That the matter of speeding vehicles in Heol y Felin brought to the attention of the police with a request for enforcement action.

8. **A4222 Laybys north of pedestrian crossing - Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

The Community Council received the response of the County Council on the current position of the "traffic blocks" located in the western layby.

The County Engineer and Surveyor stated that due to requests to upgrade and increase pedestrian facilities in Pontyclun it had been necessary to carry out a survey. The investigations had been completed and the County Engineer and Surveyor was finalising his report to committee. The matter of the "traffic blocks" and the "building out" of the laybys would be included in the report.

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of a copy of the County Council's proposals.

9. **Future of Pontyclun Library**

The Community Council welcomed receipt of the letter from the County Librarian in which he stated that, in his personal view, the facilities offered by

the Pontyclun Library were likely to improve after the reorganisation of local government on 1 April, 1996, rather than be restricted. He based this view on the belief that funding levels for libraries in Taff Ely were likely to be increased in 1996/97.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

10. **Traffic concerns in Pontyclun - Letter from Mr J Greener, 6 Tegfan, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the letter of 5 January, 1996, from Mr J Greener, 6 Tegfan, Pontyclun, in which he expressed his worries as a road user and a cyclist about traffic conditions in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Mr Greener acknowledging his very real concerns and outlining the steps taken by the Community Council to improve matters.

11. **Chain of Office**

The Clerk reported that since the Council's last meeting he had been made aware of the existence of a chain of office which had been used by the former Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Rural District Council. The chain had been in storage with the Taff Ely Borough Council since the abolition of the former rural district council on 31 March, 1974. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Community Council who had advised him to sound out the Borough Council about a possible donation of the chain to the Pontyclun Community Council. It had been pointed out to the Clerk that residents of the Community already had a substantial interest in the chain since a significant proportion of the cost of purchase would have been provided by Community ratepayers. A letter tentatively raising the matter of a donation of the chain had been sent to the Borough Council. It was understood that a decision was likely to be made on 20 February, 1996.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

12. **Purolite Joint Liaison Committee**

No discussion took place on this item as it had been discussed in full under Chairperson's Business.

13. **Windsor Field, Pontyclun**

(a) **Repairs to footpath lighting**

The Council received the Borough Council's letter of 3 January, 1996, where it was agreed that the Borough Council



would arrange for the repair of the damaged lighting columns along the Windsor Field.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(b) **Acquisition of further land**

The Council received the Borough Council's letter of 28 December, 1995, where it was proposed that a detailed feasibility study be undertaken in order to provide a realistic cost of completing work to the further 14 acres of woodland to be acquired from the Land Authority for Wales.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(c) **Complaints about non-emptying of litter bins**

The Council received the Borough Council's letter of 10 January, 1996, in which the Chief Leisure Services Officer stated that he had inspected the play area and had satisfied himself that the litter bins were emptied on a weekly basis.

The litter bin located adjacent to the changing rooms did not appear to have been emptied regularly and had since been added to the weekly schedule for emptying.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

14. **Diversion of Footpath No 317**

The Council received details of the proposal to divert Footpath No. 317 in Miskin. The diversion was understood to be necessary on account of the new access road which was to be provided for the new Cefn yr Hendy residential development.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be noted.

15. **Mineral Review List for Taff Ely under the Environment Act, 1995**

The Council received details of the Mineral Review List for Taff Ely under the Environment Act, 1995.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.



16. **Mayor's Charity Appeal, 1995/96**

The Council received details of the Mayor's Charity Appeal, 1995/96. As part of the fund raising it was proposed to hold a Massed Choirs Concert in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on the 10 March, 1996. The Community Council was asked to assist in the fund raising activities by selling raffle tickets.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the sale of the raffle tickets and the return of any unsold tickets.

17. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No 21 to the Agenda.

18. **Weekly Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 29 December, 1995, 12, 19 and 26 January, 1996**

The Council received details of planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 29 December, 1995, 12, 19 and 26 January, 1996.

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

Application No 96/0011/10


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

- (i) That there is a significant risk of fire affecting other industrial premises in the vicinity.
- (ii) There is a significant risk of toxic fumes being given off from any fire.
- (iii) There is a significant risk of environmental pollution resulting from any fire.
- (iv) There is inadequate access to the premises across the bridge over the river Ely.

19. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Hendy Quarry**

Councillor Norman reported that in the week following the last



meeting of the Hendy Quarry Liaison Committee the village of Miskin had been shaken by an enormous blast from the Hendy Quarry. The vibration from the blast caused at least one gas pilot light in the village to be extinguished. Councillor Norman stated that he was pursuing the matter.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Footpath obstruction, Miskin**

Councillor Norman was pleased to be able to report that the obstruction to Footpath No 308 in Miskin had been removed shortly after the Community Council's last meeting.

The report was noted.

(c) **Children's playarea, Groesfaen**

Councillor Norman reported that contractors were carrying out work to refurbish the children's playarea in Groesfaen. There was some concern that part of a hedge had been removed and that this adversely affected one of the neighbours in the vicinity of the playarea. Councillor Norman believed that it was best to attend to the complaint after the contractors had finished their work.

The report was noted.

(d) **Car park adjacent to the Pontyclun R F C**

Councillor Norman stated that contractors were on site completing the outstanding tarmacing work in the car park adjacent to the Pontyclun RFC. He was hopeful that there may be sufficient tarmac left over to surface the area in front of the Community Council's public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The report was noted.

(e) **Re surfacing of backlane, Brynsadler**

Councillor Norman reported that the funds which had been earmarked by the Borough Council for the installation of closed circuit television in Pontyclun had been used to resurface the backlane at the western end of Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler,



when it had become clear that the installation of closed circuit television would not take place.

The report was noted.

(f) **Pontyclun Surgery**

Councillor Norman referred to the item about the Pontyclun Surgery contained in the Chairperson's earlier report and wished to make it clear that he had not been responsible for any causing any misunderstanding. He had received a confidential report from a concerned employee in the NHS who had expected the matter to be made public. He had shown the report to the Chairperson and Clerk, the Chief Executive and Mayor of the Borough Council and had informed the press. Furthermore, in a constructive manner, he had been instrumental in arranging an urgent meeting with doctors at the Surgery to establish what help the Community Council could give. He had not been responsible for any "misguided stories" but he satisfied that he had allowed the facts to become known.

The report was noted.

(g) **Pavement in Heol y Felin, Pontyclun**

Councillor Edwards drew the Council's attention to a pavement in Heol y Felin which suddenly ended and forced pedestrians on to the road. It was unclear why the pavement had not been continued especially as the result placed pedestrians in a certain amount of danger in having to be wary for traffic in Heol y Felin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the County Council.

(h) **Lack of disabled access to commercial premises**

Councillor Edwards drew the Council's attention to the lack of access for disabled persons into commercial premises in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade asking whether that organisation could provide more accesses into commercial premises for disabled persons.



(I) **Street name**

Councillor Davies advised the Council that he had received a complaint that the name of a new street in Pontyclun had been changed from the English Language into the Welsh Language. Councillor Davies was advised that the allocation of street names was carried out by the Borough Council after following a consultation process. Frequently that consultation process took some time to be finalised and in the interim a unofficial street names and descriptions came into use.

The matter was noted.

(j) **Wayside seat opposite Pontyclun Post Office**

Councillor Flood raised the matter of the re-siting of the wayside seat opposite the Pontyclun Post Office, once work commenced on the road improvement scheme associated with the westbound platform of the Pontyclun Railway Station. An alternative site for the seat was along the river bank adjacent to the river Ely.

RESOLVED: That in advance of the need to re-site the seat, the Clerk make enquiries of the National Rivers Authority to establish ownership of the land and obtain the necessary permission.

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

(a) **Site of the former Pontyclun Fire Station**

Councillor Flood sought clarification on the intentions of the owner of the land at the site of the former Pontyclun Fire Station. He had been given to understand that a resident of the Community had been given authority to use the land for a private purpose. If there were no plans for the land Councillor Flood stated that the site would be a good site for a children's playground.

Councillor Norman responded that the land was in the ownership of the Borough Council and that planning consent had been awarded to the Pontypridd and District Housing Association to build residential accommodation. It was unclear what stage had been reached and when building work was likely to start.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to

ascertain the current position and, if building work was not likely to start for some considerable time, whether there was a possibility of the area being turned into a children's playground as a temporary measure.

(b) **Footpath lighting**

Councillor Flood asked the Council to consider the installation of a light column to illuminate the dark lane leading from Merthyr Street to Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain a quotation for the installation of a single light column in the lane.

(c) **Abandoned cars and caravan**

Councillor Flood drew attention to an area of land at the bottom of Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, which was being used for the storage of abandoned cars and a caravan. He asked whether any action could be taken to remove these vehicles. Councillor Flood also pointed out that there was also an abandoned Allegro car in a lane adjacent to Merthyr Street. This vehicle, too, needed removal.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take up both matters with the Borough Council.

(d) **Condition of pavement in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Flood highlighted the poor condition of the pavement from the "Flower Pot" to No 81 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. He pointed out that many of the paving stones were broken and needed to be replaced with tarmac.

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

(e) **Access road to the Pontyclun Community Centre**

Councillor Flood drew the Council's attention to large accumulations of water, during periods of wet weather, at the junction of Cowbridge Road and the access road to the Pontyclun Community Centre. As the road surface had been newly laid the contractors responsible for the work should be asked to remedy the problem.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

(f) **Lack of convenient bus stop - Mwyndy residents**

Councillor Cale referred to the plans to build a new access road from Miskin to the Cefn yr Hendy residential development and pointed out that when the road improvement was completed, and the only access road on to the A4119 would be via School Road, residents of Mwyndy would be deprived of a convenient bus stop. Residents wishing to use the bus service would need to walk to School Road.

Councillor Norman advised that an environmental study had been carried out to identify the problems which would result following the Cefn yr Hendy development. He could arrange for any Member to see a copy of the study.

The matter was noted.

(g) **Refusal of planning consent for land at Mwyndy**

Councillor Norman advised that following an appeal to the Welsh Office the decision of the Borough Council to refuse planning consent for development in fields opposite Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy, had been upheld.

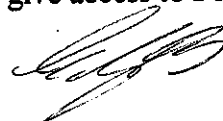
Councillor Norman understood that following the announcement of the Welsh Office decision there was considerable speculation about the future use of the land. He asked Members to advise him of any information they might have concerning plans for the land.

The matter was noted.

(h) **Footpath No 308, Miskin**

Councillor Norman reported that he was disturbed to note that the cast iron gate which formerly gave access on to Footpath No 308 in Miskin had recently been used as an access gate to the residential accommodation adjacent to the new Church in Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish why the gate had not been re-sited to give access to Footpath No 308.



(I) **Groesfaen flower beds**

The Clerk reported that he had heard from the County Council that it was prepared to grant a licence to the Community Council for the construction of raised flower beds in Groesfaen. Copies of the of the proposed licence were distributed and discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council enter into an agreement with the County Council on the terms outlined in the draft licence.

(j) **Local Government Forum**

The Clerk distributed copies of the report which had been prepared by the Development Officer of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils following the Forum which took place in the City Hall, Cardiff, on 2 December, 1995.

(k) **Hendy Quarry, Miskin**

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter which had been received from the manager of the Hendy Quarry, Miskin, in which the manager apologised for the loud blast which came from the Quarry on the morning of the Remembrance Day service in Miskin.

The letter was noted.

(l) **Mid Glamorgan Bulletin No 13**

The Clerk distributed copies of Mid Glamorgan Bulletin No 13.

(m) **Finance Committee**

The Clerk advised the Council that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would take place in the Pontyclun Community Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 February, 1996.

The matter was noted.

(n) **Fire alarm**

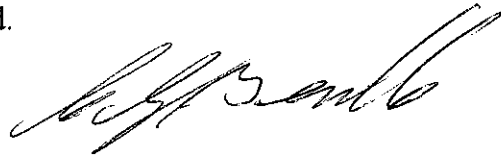
The Clerk advised the Council that in order to comply with the terms of the Community Centre's fire certificate it would be necessary to activate the fire alarm at the Centre during the



Council's meeting on 6 March, 1996. Any disruption to the Community Council's meeting would be minimal.

The matter was noted.

21. The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. Smith', written in a cursive style.