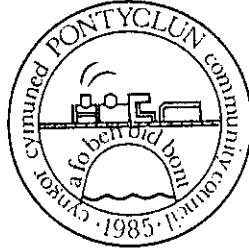


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APPENDIX No. 1

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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 November, 1996

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Mr T J Burton, Mrs A Cale, Mr J G Davies, Mr T Flood, Mrs M M Griffiths, Mr J V Huish, Mr R G Norman (Chairperson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Steve Keddle (for part of the meeting) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R O Edwards and M Rea.

2. **Chairperson's business**

(a) **Governing Body of Pontyclun Primary School**

The Chairperson, Councillor Norman, reported that he had been coopted on to the Governing Body of Pontyclun Primary School and had been elected as Chairperson.

The matter was noted.

(b) **Centenary Dinner - ~~Pontyclun Rugby~~ Football Club**

The Chairperson reported that since the last meeting of the Council he had attended the Centenary Dinner of the Pontyclun ~~Rugby~~ Football Club. He had participated in a very enjoyable evening.

The matter was noted.

R G Norman

(c) **Pontypridd and District Age Concern**

The Chairperson reported that he had attended the last meeting of Pontypridd and District Age Concern. The meeting had been addressed by Superintendent Alan Davies who gave an interesting presentation on "Lifeline"

The matter was noted.

(d) **Pontyclun Surgery**

The Chairperson reported that problems had recently been experienced with the out of hours emergency telephone line to the Pontyclun Surgery. The line had continually given the engaged tone. Enquiries with British Telecom engineers indicated that the telephone had been left "off the hook". Subsequent enquiries on the following day with Mr Prior, the surgery manager, had indicated that there had been a fault on the line and that B T engineers were working on the problem at that time. The line was now functioning normally.

The matter was noted.

3. **Police matters**

(a) **Community Centre car park**

P C Keddle advised the Council that the number of complaints from residents of River's Edge about anti social behaviour in the adjacent Community Centre car park had decreased. It was believed that the youths concerned had moved their congregating point since complaints were now being received about youths gathering in the shelter of the Pontyclun Primary School. The situation would continue to be monitored by the police.

(b) **Car Parking in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

P C Keddle informed the Council that motorists continued to park their vehicles in the laybys immediately adjacent to the pedestrian crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, despite the clear presence of zig zag lines in sections of the laybys. A number of motorists had again been reported for parking illegally.

P C Keddle stated that the long awaited report on the survey, carried by the Highway Authority on traffic problems in Pontyclun, would assist in that it would highlight problem areas and propose solutions. The Clerk confirmed that the report had still not been received and that he had reminded the Highway Authority that it was awaited.

RESOLVED: That until such time as the report is received, and to avoid any confusion in the minds of motorists, the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council be requested to erect bollards in the laybys to prevent illegal parking.

4. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 2 October, 1996**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 2 October, 1996, be approved as an accurate record subject to the following amendments:

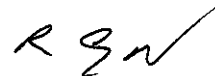
1. The inclusion of a further point, (vi), under minute 6, to read " (vi) That the Council consider the results of the Questionnaire again after the views of the children have been obtained"
2. The inclusion of the words "and the Brunel Arms" after the words "Bute Arms" and before "Pontyclun" in minute 17 (c).

5. **Matters arising**

(a) **Consumption of alcohol outside licensed premises**

The Clerk advised the Council that he, together with Councillors Bendle and Burton, had attended the last meeting of the Police Consultative Liaison Committee in Pontypridd on 17 October, 1996.

The Clerk had enquired of the police panel when the proposed legislation to control the consumption of alcohol outside licensed premises was likely to be introduced. The Clerk referred to the proposed legislation which had first been made at an earlier Consultative Liaison meeting when it was understood that the area of Rhondda Cynon Taff had been selected to pilot a scheme in South Wales.



The response was that the proposed scheme would be similar to schemes operating elsewhere in the United Kingdom but, to be implemented, would be dependent on the local unitary authority passing the required by law.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(b) **Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre**

The Clerk reported on the sub committee meeting which had taken place on the evening of 4 November, 1996, to consider what steps could be taken to mount a campaign for the retention of Talygarn House and grounds for use by the public.

The sub committee had recommended that a Steering Group of around 10 committed and enthusiastic people be formed to progress the campaign. It was suggested that invitations to sit on the Steering Group be extended to Mr Derek Kingham, Mrs Martha Edwards, Mrs Coral Wilson, Mr Andrew Hopper, Councillors Jonathan Huish, Islwyn Wilkins and Colin R Thorngate, two representatives of the Llantrisant Community Council, together with Councillors Margaret Griffiths and Gordon Norman and the Clerk.

At a later date it was envisaged that the Steering Group might wish to enlist the support of prominent persons in the public sector.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That the recommendations of the sub committee be approved subject to invitations also being extended to:
- (a) every Member of the Pontyclun Community Council
 - (b) a representative of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade
- (ii) That the Clerk make arrangements for the inaugural meeting of the Steering Group to be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre.

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(c) **Correspondence with the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**

The Council noted Councillor Huish's letter of 14 October, 1996, to the Chief Executive of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council about unanswered correspondence with the Borough Council.

The Council further noted that since Councillor Huish's letter two outstanding replies had been received.

The first letter advised that since the opening of the new roundabout in Miskin weight restrictions had been re-imposed on School Road, Miskin, and that if contraventions of the restrictions took place the police should be informed.

The second letter from the Borough Council advised that the request for municipal diaries would be placed before the next meeting of the appropriate committee.

RESOLVED: That the replies be noted.

(d) **Building work at the Pontyclun RFC and Sports Club**

The Council received a letter from the Secretary of the Pontyclun RFC who acknowledged that during building work at the new premises there had been a certain amount of disruption to residents of the Community. The Secretary regretted the inconvenience and pointed out that liaison had taken place with the building contractor about the Community Council's concerns and that he hoped that the complaints had been satisfactorily resolved.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

(e) **Information from SUSTRANS**

The Council discussed the information contained in the brochure provided by SUSTRANS on cycleways.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk obtain an information pack and a booklet from SUSTRANS entitled "Safe routes to Schools"

- (ii) That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish what cycling facilities exist within the County Borough.

(f) **Grants**

(i) **Diabetes Concern**

The Council noted the information from Diabetes Concern on their proposals for spending the grant given by the Community Council to the benefit of sufferers of diabetes.

(ii) **Pontyclun Group of the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust**

The Council noted a letter from Captain K Dixon in which he thanked the Council for its grant and asked for the cooperation of Members in bringing to the Group's attention instances of intrusion into the countryside.

6. **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Act namely, legal proceedings or contemplated proceedings.

7. **Boundary dispute at the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler**

The Council received the letter of the District Valuer and Valuation Officer dated 25 September, 1996, and noted its contents.

RESOLVED: That enquiries be made with the Llantrisant Community Council and the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

8. **Land at the western end of School Street, Pontyclun**

The Council discussed the reply from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to the Community Council's earlier enquiries about the apparent development of land at the western end of School Street, Pontyclun.

It was the intention of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to investigate the apparent development and write further to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the County Borough Council's letter be noted.

9. **Alteration to wall, The Mill, Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler**

The Council received the reply of the Director of Planning to the Council's earlier enquiries about the alteration to a wall of a farm building at The Mill, Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

It was advised that provided the alteration did not exceed one metre in height there was no requirement to obtain planning consent for the alteration.

RESOLVED: that the reply be noted.

10. **Letter from Mrs B Smith, 7 Ffordd Talygarn, Pontyclun**

The Council received a letter from Mrs B Smith, 7 Ffordd Talygarn, Pontyclun, about three matters which concerned her in the Community. The Council also received a letter of reply which had been sent by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That both items of correspondence be noted.

11. **Arrangements for the planting of Spring flowering bulbs**

The Clerk advised the Council that, as in previous years, he had purchased 6 bags of Spring flowering bulbs for planting in grass verges throughout the Community. The Clerk further advised that in previous years Councillor Norman had arranged for children in the Community to assist with the planting.

A discussion ensued and it was felt by the Council that its Handyman should be responsible for planting the bulbs for 1996. At the same time, the Council was anxious not to create the impression that the arrangements made in previous years by Councillor Norman were in any way unsatisfactory.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk arrange for the Council's Handyman to plant the Spring flowering bulbs in 1996.

(ii) That Messrs Trafalgar Construction and Amey Construction be requested to donate some bags of bulbs to the Community as a gesture of goodwill for the

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(iii) That the Handyman consult members on suitable sites for bulbs in their wards.

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damage caused to bulbs already in the ground at the new Miskin roundabout and the Pontyclun Fire Station respectively

12. **Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

(a) **October Circular**

The Council received the October Circular from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils giving details on Borrowing Approvals, 1996/97, Planning Aid Wales Conference & Exhibition, Consultation of Community Councils - Monitoring Record, the Welsh Language Act, 1993, the New Audit and Accounts Regulations and Membership Fees for 1997/98.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(b) **Annual Morning Forum**

The Council received details of the Annual Morning Forum organised by the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The 1996 Annual Forum was to be held in the Civic Chamber of the Caerphilly County Borough Council on 9 November, 1996, and the theme would be "Local Government Reorganisation (The Aftermath) & Parliament for Wales. The Community Council had been invited to send representatives to the Forum.

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson and Clerk be nominated to attend the Forum.

13. **Applications for grant**

The Community Council discussed applications for grant aid from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol and the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club. (Councillors Flood, Griffiths and Huish declared an interest in the application from the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club and took no part in the Council's deliberations.)

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant of £50.00 be made to Eisteddfod Genedlaethol
- (b) (i) That the application from the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club be deferred pending receipt of a statement from the

Treasurer of the Club that, in the event of the Community Council agreeing to make a grant, no grant money would be paid to players following the decision of the rugby union authorities to revoke amateur status.

- (ii) That on receipt of the Treasurer's statement the views of the District Auditor be sought before any grant be made.

14. **Planning applications for weeks ending 27 September and 18 October, 1996**

Application No. 96/2368/10

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

- (i) the density of the proposed units is too high
- (ii) the development would exacerbate the problems already experienced by motorists emerging from side streets in accessing the A4222 in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

15. **Payment of creditors**

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 18 to the Council's agenda.

16. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Purolite Plant, Pontyclun**

Councillor Bendle reported that he had received disturbing reports about closure action which had needed to be taken against the Purolite Plant as a result of emissions. The facts surrounding the closure were unclear but it had been widely reported in the press that the plant had been forcibly closed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Inspectorate of

Pollution and the National Rivers Authority to establish the facts in the case and to find out whether there was any threat to the public or to the environment from the incident. In addition, that copies of the letters be forwarded to Mrs Diane Baker, Clerk to the Llantrisant Community Council in her capacity as Clerk to the Purolite Standing Conference.

(b) **National Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils**

Councillor Mrs Griffiths gave a report on her attendance at the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 12 October, 1996.

Councillor Griffiths advised the Council that its motion to Conference, calling for a performance standard where principal councils would be expected to provide a written response to the enquiries of community and town councils within a reasonable timescale, was passed by Conference.

Councillor Griffiths gave the Council a resume of the other motions before Conference and indicated whether the motions were approved or failed to attract sufficient support.

The report was noted.

(c) **Presentation at the Llanharry Welsh Medium Comprehensive School**

Councillor Flood reported that he had recently been invited to attend a presentation at the Llanharry Welsh Medium Comprehensive School designed to get pupils into jobs. Also at the presentation were representatives of the Welsh Development Agency, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and the Midland Bank. A booklet produced for the presentation had been funded by the European Economic Community. In future years it was anticipated that some of the costs of the presentation would be met locally.

The report was noted.

(d) **Erection of Christmas Tree**

Councillor Flood referred to the earlier decision of the Community Council to purchase a Christmas Tree for erection off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun and sought clarification on how payment for the tree would be made.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange payment production of an invoice.

(e) **Possibility of development without planning consent**

Councillor Flood drew the Council's attention to a recent development off High Street, Brynsadler, where it appeared that hay barn had been erected without the benefit of planning consent.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Director of Planning of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(f) **Erection of a light column in High Street, Brynsadler**

Councillor Huish enquired about the latest position on the Council's plan to erect a light column in High Street, Brynsadler. The Clerk responded that a site meeting had taken place with a street lighting engineer from the Highway Authority and he was awaiting a specification in order that the work could be put out to tender.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk press the engineer for production of the specification.

(g) **Countryside Strategy**

Councillor Huish advised the Council that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council had recently produced a Countryside Strategy. The document provided a "vision" for the future of the countryside within the Rhondda Cynon Taff area and described the actions and partnerships needed to achieve the vision. The Strategy contained a questionnaire which members of the public were invited to complete and return to the Borough Council.

The Clerk advised that he had received a copy of the

Countryside Strategy that morning and that he would be providing Members with a copy with the their agendas for the December monthly meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Countryside Strategy be deferred to the Council's December meeting.

(h) **Construction of new roundabout in Miskin**

Councillor Huish referred to the construction of the new roundabout in Miskin and while he was pleased that work was almost completed he reminded the Council of the considerable noise, dust and inconvenience which had been suffered by Miskin residents for many months.

Councillor Huish wondered whether, as a gesture of good faith by the contractors towards Miskin residents, the contractors would be prepared to construct a wayside seat in stone in the vicinity of the new roundabout.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the contractors, Trafalgar and Cuddy.

(g) **Police Liaison Committee**

Councillor Burton referred to the Police Liaison Committee which had been reported upon earlier and pointed out that Commander Vaughan was adamant that he had attended a meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council in the Pontyclun Community Centre. While not wishing to contradict Commander Vaughan in a public forum he was able to state categorically that Commander Vaughan had not attended a meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council. Councillor Burton believed that Commander Vaughan may have mistaken a meeting of Age Concern for a meeting of the Community Council.

Importantly, from the viewpoint of residents of the Community of Pontyclun and neighbouring areas, a tacit agreement was achieved whereby the Liaison Committee would consider holding a future meeting in the Community.

The report was noted.

(h) **Annual General Meeting of Age Concern**

Councillor Davies reported that he had attended the annual general meeting of Age Concern Pontypridd and District. Councillor Davies produced a written report of the meeting for the Council's information.

The report was noted.

(i) **Perimeter fence - playing field**

Councillor Davies reported that following a road traffic accident some weeks previously the perimeter fence of the playing field used by Pontyclun Primary School parallel with Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, had been damaged and left in a dangerous state. Temporary repairs had been effected but dangers to playing field users still existed.

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson take the matter up with the Headteacher of the Pontyclun Primary School.

(j) **Footpath lighting**

Councillor Davies drew the Council's attention to the lack of illumination at night time in a well used back lane between School Street and Lewis Street, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for an estimate of the cost of the erection of a single light column to be received.

(k) **Possibility of the erection of a noticeboard outside the Pontyclun Post Office, Pontyclun**

Councillor Davies asked whether the Borough Council had responded on whether planning consent was necessary for the erection of a noticeboard on the wall outside the Pontyclun Post Office, Pontyclun.

The Clerk replied that he had not been advised by the Borough Council but would remind the officer handling the matter that the query was still outstanding.

The matter was noted.

(l) **Approach road to the Pontyclun Community Centre**

Councillor Mrs Cale drew the Council's attention to the considerable pooling of water which regularly occurred during wet weather at the junction of the approach road to the Pontyclun Community Centre and Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. The pooling of water was such that it frequently overlapped the pavement and pedestrians were often soaked.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request the Director of Highways Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to investigate the problem and carry out remedial works.

(m) **Approach road to the Infant Department of the Pontyclun Primary School**

Councillor Flood asked for the latest position on the Council's earlier decision to erect a light column on the approach road from Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun to the Infant Department of the Pontyclun Primary School. The Clerk responded that he had requested a specification to be produced from a lighting engineer but had not yet received the document.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries about when the specification was likely to be received.

(n) **Dangerous "gap" in hedge**

Councillor Burton advised the Council of a large "gap" in the hedgerow adjacent to the kissing gate at the junction of the footpath from Maelog Close to Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. There was a real risk that children using the "gap" might easily fall into the busy highway.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Community Council's Handyman to close off the "gap" to pedestrians in the interests of safety.

17. There were no matters of an urgent nature for consideration by the Council.
18. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

