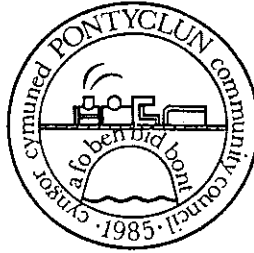


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in Hope Presbyterian Church, Cerdin Avenue, Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 September, 1994

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffith, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Two members of the public for part of the meeting.

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of P C Steve Kettle

2. Draft Taff Ely Local Plan

(a) Pontyclun Chamber of Trade

The Council noted the correspondence which had taken place between the Clerk and the Secretary of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade since the Council's last meeting.

(b) Address by Mr Ratcliff, planning officer with the Taff Ely Borough Council

Mr Ratcliff addressed the Community Council and said that the Borough Council was very pleased with the "lively" response which had been received from the public in Pontyclun when the mobile exhibition on the Draft Plan had been brought to the Community.

Mr Ratcliff summarised the main points affecting the Community in the Plan. He referred to:

(i) The provision of around 60 additional parking places in the vicinity of the new Community Centre currently nearing completion.

(ii) The deletion of the proposal by the County Council for a Pontyclun By Pass since the County was not in a position to buy the land required at that time.

- (iii) Plans of the County Council for road improvements in Clun Avenue and Llantrisant Road, and Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.
- (iv) Plans of the Borough Council to extend The Windsor Field, Pontyclun
- (v) The plans for further residential development at Cefn-yr-Hendy with access and egress at two new road junctions in Miskin.
- (vi) The desire of the Borough Council to keep the undeveloped part of Cefn-yr-Hendy in the direction part of Pant Marsh a buffer zone between Pontyclun and Talbot Green. He believed that there would be pressure for further development.
- (vii) The possibility that the route of the planned new access road for the Mwyndy Industrial Estate would need revision in the light of the strongly rumoured closure of the I C I storage facility.
- (viii) The need to retain the tree screen in Mwyndy between the A4119 and the Industrial Estate.
- (ix) The need to keep any developments in Groesfaen within existing village limits.
- (x) The need to safeguard the designated Conservation Areas of Talygarn and Miskin from development.

(c) Address by a spokesman on behalf of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade

Mr Steve Rogers, on behalf of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade, gave the Chamber's views on what developments were needed in Pontyclun. Mr Rogers emphasised that the views he expressed were those of the Chamber of Trade and not those of the recently formed Pontyclun Action Group.

Mr Rogers stated that Pontyclun needed a greater share of the investment monies being spent within the Borough.



Specifically, there was need for:

- (i) More car parks to enable shoppers to use Pontyclun shops.
- (ii) A road link from Tylagarw to Pontyclun.
- (iii) A link from the proposed housing development at Cefn-yr-Hendy into Pontyclun.
- (iv) A pedestrian crossing in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

Members welcomed the interest and support displayed by the Chamber of Trade but expressed their surprise that the Chamber did not appear to be aware of the efforts which had been made by the Community Council, Borough Council members and the County Council member to address the matters raised. The Chamber's motivations were queried, too.

Sixty parking places would be available in the vicinity of the new Community Centre/Day Centre. Agreement had been reached for the creation of additional parking spaces in School Street and Lewis Street where construction work was imminent. Additional parking had already been provided on the Cefn-yr Hendy Estate. A further twenty two parking spaces would become available when the westbound platform of the Pontyclun railway station was completed.

The need for road access between Tylagarw and Pontyclun had been recognised for some time and representations had been made by the Community Council to the Borough Council and County Council. The Community Council was aware that the Borough Council had applied to the Welsh Office under the Strategic Development Scheme for grant aid to improve access from Tylagarw to Pontyclun as part of a larger scheme within the Llanharry Ward of the Borough.

Members pointed out that access to the new housing development at Cefn-yr-Hendy would be from new road junctions at Heol Miskin and Bute Road, Miskin. Without doubt, shops in Pontyclun could be easily accessed by those wishing to do so.

Again, an additional pedestrian crossing for Llantrisant Road had been requested by the Community Council from the

County Council. The County Council had responded to the effect that a survey had shown that the number of pedestrians crossing the road was below the threshold required to install a pedestrian crossing.

(d) Community Council's comments on the Draft Plan

RESOLVED: That the following comments be offered to the Borough Council on the Draft Plan:

1. While accepting the need for a new access road to the Mwyndy Industrial Area, the Council would strongly urge the Borough Council to oppose the current plan to allow access from the A4119 opposite the Corner Park Garage. If the current plan is implemented it will lead to the destruction of good quality agricultural land, destroy a woodland covered by a Tree Preservation Order and pass within yards of one of the few listed buildings in the Community.

There is ample land to construct an access road to the Industrial area from the northern end. Access to the A4119 at this point would also be significantly better because of improved visibility.

2. The Borough Council should take steps to designate the Pant Marsh and the adjacent Coed-yr Hendy (policy en72) as a green belt to prevent applications for development on the natural boundary between Pontyclun and Talbot Green.
3. The northern boundary of the Talygarn Conservation Area should be the M4.
4. The area to the southwest of the Talygarn Conservation Area, bounded by the A4222, and the boundary with South Glamorgan, should be designated an area for recreational use since most of this land has already been granted outline consent for a golf course.



5. The area to the east of Nant Rhydhalog to Talygarn, and north from the A4222 to the M4 should be safeguarded from residential development. Part of this area already falls within the outer limit of the buffer zone around the limestone quarry at Forest Wood. It is considered that residential development in this area would lead to continual conflict between potential residents and the quarry operator. An example of the type of conflict can currently be found between the operator of Hendy Quarry, Miskin, and Miskin residents.
6. In the light of the Borough Council's plans to extend sporting facilities at the Windsor Field, Pontyclun, additional parking provision should be made in the vicinity. These additional parking spaces should be made available to sportsmen and shoppers alike.
7. There is need for greater environmental protection and controls in the vicinity of the Hendy Quarry, Miskin, where an asphalt plant has been installed. A recent authoritative report commissioned by the Community Action Campaign in Gwaelod-y-Garth drew attention to the mounting evidence of links between bitumen and cancer. Production of the report led to an application for consent to install an asphalt plant at the Steetly quarry in Taffs Well being withdrawn. The report has also been successfully used in the village of Yarnsley, Oxfordshire, to get another application for consent for the installation of an asphalt plant withdrawn.
8. Prior to the construction of the M4 walkers enjoyed access over a public right of way from Pontyclun to public rights of way in the the countryside around Talygarn. This access was severed by a very high embankment when the M4 was constructed. It is considered that the



severing of this footpath was a major loss to Community residents. The Community Council would strongly urge the Borough Council to pursue the possibility of constructing a tunnel through the base of the embankment to restore the public's link from Pontyclun to the public rights of way in the countryside around Talygarn and beyond into South Glamorgan.

9. The Community Council would urge the Borough Council to bring pressure upon the County Council to ensure that with increased demand from vehicle users, following residential development at Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun, the Bute Road access on to the A4119 at Mwyndy is kept open. (It is understood that current thinking would limit access on to the A4119 to a single junction at School Road.)
10. The Community Council would urge the Borough Council to bring pressure upon the County Council to restore the vehicular access from Mwyndy to Cross Inn which was lost with the construction of the Talbot Green By Pass.


3. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, congratulated Councillors Mrs Pam Phillips and John Dilworth on their election to the posts of Chairperson and Secretary, respectively, of the new Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee.

The Chairperson extended his thanks to the police for the resources which had been allocated to the fund raising event on the Windsor Field during August in aid of the Paul Flowers Trust Fund.

The Chairperson reported on his attendance at the Civic Service for the newly installed Mayor of Taff Ely. The Councillor Bendle commented that all the Chairpersons present at the Service wore their chains of office. Councillor Bendle suggested that the Council might wish to give consideration to the purchase of a chain of office for the Chairperson of the Pontyclun Community Council.

The Chairperson reported that the Pontyclun Primary School had been



successful in its fund raising events last year and over £1,500 had been raised. This year the school hoped to be able to purchase 2 very large litter bins fashioned in the image of a bear. Councillor Bendle invited the Council to consider the purchase of one of the bins and donating it to the school.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Headteacher of Pontyclun Primary School to get further details of the litter bin.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994 be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Purolite Standing Conference

The Clerk advised the Council that he had made enquiries at the Pontyclun Post Office, the Central Surgery and the Public Library about the possibility of providing a facility for the public to record comments on environmental pollution. The proprietor of the Post Office and the Surgery Manager felt that they were not in a position to participate in the exercise. However, the Librarian had been pleased to be of assistance. Consequently, questionnaires and a box for the receipt of comments were now in place in the Pontyclun Library. Councillor Dilworth had kindly agreed to collect completed questionnaires periodically.

The report was noted.

(b) Proposed Asphalt Plant, Gwaelod-y-Garth

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mrs Norma Procter, Secretary to the Community Action Group in Gwaelod y Garth and had obtained a copy of the authoritative document compiled by eminent people with specialised knowledge of the potential risks to health from bitumen. It was generally believed that the document had led to the withdrawal of the application for consent to construct an asphalt plant at Gwaelod y Garth. It was believed, too, that the document had been largely responsible for an application for consent to install an asphalt plant in the village of Yarnsley, Oxfordshire, being withdrawn.



Permission had been given by Mrs Procter for the document to be photocopied and while the original document had been returned a photocopy was now in the possession of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Procter be thanked for forwarding the document and that a sum of £5.00 be sent to the Community Action Group to cover postage costs.

(c) Pavements in Pontyclun

The Council noted the reply of the Area Surveyor of the Mid Glamorgan County Council in reply to the Community Council's complaints about poor standards of maintenance to the pavements in the Community. It appeared that while defects to pavements which were categorised as "hazardous" were programmed for repair within 48 hours of the inspection, other defects falling below the hazardous definition were entered in a register and prioritised for repair subject to budget limits.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request a site meeting for Members with the Area Surveyor to discuss defective pavements in Maesyfelin, Cefn yr Hendy, Miskin Road, Llantrisant Road, Cowbridge Road, Heol y Coed, Heol Miskin, Clun Avenue and Lon-yr-Awel.

(d) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk informed the Council that it had not been possible to submit a motion for debate at the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils due to the very limited time available for the receipt of motions.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

(e) Dumping of rubbish in the river Ely

The Clerk advised the Council that he had contacted the National Rivers Authority about the possibility of removing rubbish from the river Ely below the western end of Merthyr Street, Pontyclun. He had been told that the N. R. A. would arrange an inspection of the rubbish and that if there was a substantial obstruction present in the riverbed, such as would give rise to flooding, it would be removed by the N. R. A. If, on the other hand, the rubbish in the river was the result of fly tipping it would not be removed since experience had shown that the removal of rubbish in these instances encouraged further dumping.



(f) Strategic Development Scheme

The Council received a copy of the Borough Council's bid for funding to the Welsh Office under the Strategic Development Scheme. The Council was pleased to note that although the main thrust of the bid was directed at the Borough's Llanharry Ward provision had been made in the proposals for improving the access road to the Ely Valley Industrial Area. The Community Council had strongly urged the Borough Council to give urgent attention to improving access to the Industrial Area when asked for proposals for submissions under the Strategic Development Scheme some months earlier.

RESOLVED: That additional copies of the Borough Council's bid be provided for Councillor Tudor Burton and the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade.

(g) "Bevelled" pavements

Councillor Viv James referred to the discussion which had taken place at the meeting of 6 July about the installation of "bevelled" pavements which would assist the elderly, the handicapped and mothers with young children in crossing roads. Councillor James sought clarification on whether it would be in order for the Community Council to carry out such work. The Clerk responded that he had written, in the first instance, to the County Council, as the highway authority, to ascertain if that authority would be prepared to undertake the work. In the event of a negative reply he would establish whether the Community Council could carry out the work.

RESOLVED: That the matter be discussed further when the reply of the County Council had been received.

6. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 13 July, 1994

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 13 July, 1994, be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

(a) Undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

(i) The Clerk reported that Welsh Water had agreed to the Council's suggestion that the undercharge for

water consumption at the public conveniences be repaid over two years. A standing order had been arranged with the Council's bankers.

- (ii) An order had been placed for the installation of a "CYSTERNMISER" at the conveniences to achieve still better control over water consumption.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's report be noted.

(b) Surface water drain, Bute Lane, Pontyclun

The Council noted the result of a survey carried out on the drains in the vicinity of Bute Lane, Pontyclun. The survey had established that faults in the construction of sewers and drains were responsible for the venting of foul odour. The Council was pleased to note that improvements to resolve the problem had been authorised.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish when work was likely to commence.

(c) New Pontyclun Community Centre

(i) Official opening

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips, Chairperson of the Community Centre Management Committee, advised the Council that the official opening of the new Community Centre would be at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 September, 1994. The opening ceremony would be performed by the Mayor of Taff Ely and invitations to attend the opening had been sent to a wide range of organisations associated with the Centre, including the Community Council. Events were planned to take place in the Centre on the afternoon and the evening of 20 September, 1994.

Councillor Mrs Phillips further advised that on Saturday, 24 September, 1994, the Management Committee of the Centre would be holding an open morning when members of the public would be free to call in to walk around the new facility.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council be represented at the opening ceremony by Councillors Mr Tudor and Mrs Anita Burton together with Councillor Eric Griffith.

(ii) Access for the disabled, the elderly and mothers with prams

It was noted in a letter received from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Borough Council that while the new Community Centre had been constructed with the needs of the disabled in mind there was concern about the height of kerb stones in the vicinity of the Centre. The Chief Executive and Clerk had written to the Mid Glamorgan County Council requesting that consideration be given to lowering kerbstones in the vicinity of the Centre to allow easier access by the disabled, the elderly and mothers with prams to the new facilities.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

(d) Speeding vehicles, Llanharry Road, Brynsadler

The Clerk reported the receipt of a petition from residents of Brynsadler who were worried about the effects of speeding vehicles entering Brynsadler from the direction of Llanharry. A recent incident had resulted in a speeding vehicle demolishing a bus stop sign, a garden fence, and a front door before it came to rest only a few feet away from the householder of No. 2 Llanharry Road, Brynsadler.

Councillor Delme Bowen stated that he was aware of the incident and the petition. He informed the Council that he had called for a site meeting and that the meeting had taken place. The Highways and Transportation Department of the County Council had commissioned a survey to establish what action was appropriate in Brynsadler. The results of the survey were expected in a few weeks' time and the recommendations would be placed on a list for action. Councillor Bowen informed the Council that he had already requested that the commencement the 30 m.p.h. speed limit be moved further in the direction of Llanharry.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council await the results of the survey.

(ii) That the petition received by the Clerk be forwarded to the County Engineer and Surveyor.

(e) Overhanging trees, The Hollies, Brynsadler

The Clerk outlined the background to the matter where



in the Autumn of 1993 representations were made by the residents of No.s 10 and 11 The Hollies, about "dangerous trees" in the Community Council owned Ivor Woods overhanging the rear of their premises. The Clerk had contacted the County Council's arboriculturist, Mr Brian Moss, and had sought advice. The Clerk was advised that the residents of No.s 10 and 11 The Hollies had already made contact with Mr Moss. He had advised the residents that the trees in question were healthy and the possibility of a branch falling from one of the trees was remote. Nevertheless, he believed that a certain amount of light was excluded from the properties and had advised the residents that it was possible to prune back the offending branches provided that appropriate application was made to the County Council since the trees in question were covered by a Tree Preservation Order. When the matter was discussed by the Council it was resolved not to object to any application to prune made by residents.

It appeared that residents took no action and at the Council's meeting on 13 July, 1994, a report was received that the resident of No. 10 The Hollies was again complaining about overhanging branches and suggesting that they were "dangerous". In his latest letter Mr Moss confirmed that no applications had been received from residents to prune. He doubted whether the trees had become dangerous in the short period since his previous visit.

A lengthy discussion took place on whether the Council should make application for consent to prune or whether it should be left to the resident of No. 10 The Hollies.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council make application to the County Council, as owner of the Ivor Woods, for consent to prune the tree overhanging No. 10 The Hollies, Brynsadler.

(f) Application for planning consent for reserved matters - Cefn-yr-Hendy, Pontyclun

The Clerk referred to the Council's decision at its meeting on 13 July, 1994, to request further details from the Borough Council on the application for planning consent for reserved matters. The further details sought showed the developer's plans for an access road on to Heol Miskin, the proposed road layout and the proposed house types. Details were circulated to Members on 25 July, 1994.

Councillor Gordon Norman advised the Council that, contrary to popular belief, there would be 4 separate pedestrian access links from the proposed new development to the existing developed area. He pointed out that it had been impractical to provide a vehicular link due to the inadequacy of the roads on the existing development.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the developer again to obtain an assurance that purchasers of houses on the new development would be fully compensated by the developer in the event of their properties being affected by subsidence.

(g) Reorganisation of Local Government -
Transition Committees

Councillor John Dilworth reported that he, together with the Chairperson and Clerk, had attended the joint meeting of representatives of the the National Association of Local Councils and the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to discuss the possibility of gaining coopted membership on the Transition Committees for each Unitary Authority in the area. It had been decided that a Liaison Committee would be formed for each Unitary area and that the Committee would make formal application on to the Transition Committee.

The inaugural meeting of the Rhondda/Cynon/Taff Liaison Committee had taken place where Mr Warwick J Butler had been appointed as Secretary/Administrator. The Community Council was now asked to nominate a representative to the Liaison Committee and to consider donating the sum of £10.00 as a contribution to the Liaison Committee's administration costs for its first quarter.

- RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor John Dilworth be the Council's representative on the Liaison Committee.
- (ii) That Councillor Dilworth's attendance at Liaison Committee meetings be designated an official duty.
- (iii) That the Council donate a sum of £10.00 as a contribution towards the Liaison Committee's administration costs for the first quarter.

8. Pamphlet issued by the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade

The Council referred to the pamphlet issued by the Pontyclun

Chamber of Trade dated 1 July, 1994. The pamphlet contained a number of inaccuracies and was openly critical of the actions of elected members of the Borough Council and County Council who sit on the Pontyclun Community Council.

Several members spoke of their deep disappointment that the Chamber of Trade should seek to promote divisions within the Community by attacking members who gave their services voluntarily, in good faith and without any ulterior motive. Ample evidence existed of the Community Council's efforts to persuade both the Borough Council and County Council to invest money in the Community to improve the quality of life for all residents. A number of members shared the belief that the shopkeepers' motives were profit driven.

Despite the claim by the Chamber of Trade that large shopping complexes and markets had had a "devastating" effect on the shopkeepers of Pontyclun, in reality, there were more shops in Pontyclun than ever before. There were, too, more parking spaces throughout Pontyclun; not merely those convenient to shops. Construction work on still more parking places was imminent in School Street and Lewis Street. The Community Council was actively pressing the County Council to complete the westbound platform of Pontyclun Station. Completion of the station would provide a further 22 parking places. These spaces, while primarily intended for British Rail travellers, would alleviate pressure on parking spaces in the vicinity of the shopping area of Pontyclun.

The improvements in parking facilities throughout the Community in recent years had been achieved largely as result of the case for Pontyclun being promoted by the Pontyclun Community Council and those of its members who sat on the Borough Council and the County Council. Members of the Council would continue to campaign for improvements in facilities and a balanced spend of monies.

It was acknowledged by the Community Council that there were matters of shared concern to both Chamber of Trade and the Community Council. The Chamber of Trade was urged to support the Community Council in pressing for improvements in those areas. The Chamber of Trade representatives present at the meeting were invited to write to the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Community Council and commence a dialogue on an united way forward.

9. Laybys in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing - Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the reply of the County Engineer and Surveyor to the Community Council's earlier letter about the future of the "traffic blocks" which had been installed in the western lay-by off Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

It was stated that the "traffic blocks" had been placed, not only to prevent parking close to the pedestrian crossing but also to prevent a potentially dangerous U-turning manoeuvre.

The experiment had been considered to be a success and arrangements were in hand to place further "traffic blocks" on the opposite lay-by in due course.

RESOLVED: That, as an alternative to additional "traffic blocks" being laid, the Clerk suggest to the County Engineer and Surveyor the possibility of the installation of a box junction with traffic lights to control traffic the intersections of Palalwyf Avenue, Cowbridge Road and the approach to the Pontyclun Community Centre.

10. Dog fouling

(a) New byelaws

The Community Council received details of new byelaws promoted by the Taff Ely Borough Council dealing with the removal of canine faeces from footpaths, footways, grass verges and gutters and no fouling on carriageways. The byelaws came into effect on 28 July, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the byelaws be noted.

(b) Anti Dog Fouling Campaign, 1994

The Council received a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Services Officer enquiring whether the Community Council would wish to receive a presentation from Councillor Margaret Harris and a member of his Department on the current Anti Dog Fouling Campaign.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

11. Borough Council's Environmental Study

The Clerk referred to correspondence earlier in the year from the Borough Council when it was learned that an environmental study had been commissioned throughout the Borough. At the Council's wish he had contacted the Borough Council to ask that the terms of reference for the environmental study include the Maxibrite plant at Mwyndy and the Hendy Quarry in Miskin. In a reply from the Chief Environmental Services Officer confirmation had been received that both companies' processes would be taken into account in the environmental study.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.



12. Diversion of Public Right of Way Footpath No. 341

The Council received details of the diversion of Footpath No.341 in the Community of Pontyclun. The diversion had been agreed in principle several years ago and recognised the footpath route through the Ivor Woods and around the bank of the river Ely to the footbridge across the Nant Dyfrgi near its confluence with the Ely.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council querying the validity of the Diversion Order since the Footpath was described as being in the Community of Llantrisant instead of the Community of Pontyclun.

13. A Countryside Strategy for Mid Glamorgan

The Council received a copy of a report produced by the County Planning Officer entitled "A Countryside Strategy for Mid Glamorgan"

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk arrange for each member of the Council to be provided with a copy.

14. Local Government (Morning) Forum - Saturday, 12 November, 1994

The Council received details from the Secretary of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils of an important forum to promote local democracy in Wales.

The forum was planned to take place in the City Hall, Cardiff, on the morning of 12 November, 1994, and would be addressed by Mr Gwilym Jones, MP, Under Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Alex Carlile, QC, MP, Mr Paul Murphy, MP, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, MP, together with Mr John Osmond, Chair of the Parliament for Wales Campaign.

While the main theme of the forum would be Democracy through a Welsh Parliament to Community and Town Councils, reference would also be made to the centenary celebrations of parish and community councils.

The Council was invited to nominate delegates to attend the forum.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council be represented at the forum by the Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, Councillor John Dilworth together with the Clerk.

(ii) That members' attendance at the forum be designated an official duty.



15. Complimentary letter

The Council was pleased to receive a complimentary letter from Mr R Fairlamb, JP, Groesfaen, about the way in which the Community Council's Handyman maintained footpaths in Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That Mr Fairlamb be thanked for his letter and that a copy of the letter be passed to Mr David Tookey, the Community Council's Handyman.

16. Licensing

(a) Transfer of a Justices' Licence -
Castell-y-Mynach Inn, Groesfaen

The Council received details of an application for a transfer of the Justices' Licence at the Castell-y-Mynach Inn, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(b) Transfer of a Justices' Licence -
Windsor Hotel, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council received details of an application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence at the Windsor Hotel, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

(c) Proposed alteration to licensed
premises - Castell-y-Mynach Inn, Groesfaen

The Council received details of proposed alterations to licensed premises at the Castell-y-Mynach Inn, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

17. Planning applications contained in Weekly
Notifications for Weeks Ending 8, 15,
22 and 29 July, and 5 and 12 August, 1994

RESOLVED: That no comment be made on any of the planning applications.

18. Exclusion of Press and the Public

RESOLVED: That, due to the lateness of the hour, a resolution excluding the Press and Public be not passed.

19. Late applications for grant

RESOLVED: That consideration of the late applications for grant aid be deferred to the Council's meeting of 5 October, 1994.

20. Payment of creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix No. 29 to the Agenda.

21. Reports from Members

There were no reports from Members.

22. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Construction of laybys

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that construction work on new laybys for Lewis Street and School Street would start shortly. Advance notification of the work had already been given to residents in both streets.

The report was noted.

(b) Works at the Hendy Estate, Pontyclun

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that work to erect a new fence on the embankment between the highway and houses in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, had been completed. Arrangements had been finalised for the erection of a handrail along the footpath connecting Heol Miskin and Heol-y-Coed. Councillor Norman was confident that work would begin soon. Investigations continued, too, to find suitable sites for the creation of further off street parking areas.

(c) Bollards on footpath - Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

Councillor Eric Griffith reported that he had been advised of the removal of bollards on the footway parallel with Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. It was unclear who had moved the bollards, or the reason for doing so, but the effect was that lorries were now using the footway to gain access to houses in Heol Miskin.

The report was noted.



(d) Speeding vehicles, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir wished to thank the police for their assistance in controlling the speed of vehicles through the village of Miskin by the periodic operation of radar traps. Councillor Moir believed that the actions of the police had made Miskin a safer place for residents.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the gratitude of the Community Council to the local police.

(e) Hendy Quarry, Miskin

Councillor Gordon Moir reported that blasting at the Hendy Quarry had recommenced and that complaints were again being received.

The report was noted.

(f) Disused caravan on the Hendy Estate

Councillor Mrs Anita Burton reported that complaints had been received about an abandoned caravan on the Hendy Estate. It was reported that young children were now playing in, and around, the caravan and there was a likelihood of an accident resulting if no action was taken to remove the caravan. It was believed that the abandoned caravan may have been reported to the Borough Council.

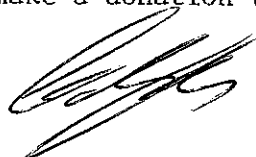
RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the abandoned caravan to the police.

(g) Paul Flower Trust Fund

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the Secretary of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and the District Auditor to clarify whether the Community Council had powers to make a contribution to the Paul Flower Trust Fund.

The reply from both sources was similar in that a council could exercise a discretion to make a donation to a cause which would have wide community benefit. It seemed unlikely that the Council could argue that a payment in the case of the Paul Flowers Trust Fund would have wide community benefit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise the trustees of the Paul Flowers Trust Fund that the Community Council was unable to make a donation to the Fund.



(h) Conference on Drug Misuse

The Clerk read out details of a day Conference on Drug Misuse which was scheduled to be held in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on 17 October, 1994. The Community Council was invited to send representatives to the Conference. Admission was free.

RESOLVED: That the Community Council be represented at the Conference by the Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle and Councillor Tudor Burton.

(i) Use of the Hope Presbyterian Church Hall

The Clerk advised the Council that no charge had been made for the Community Council's use of the Hope Church Hall for that evening's meeting. He reminded the Council that on those occasions in the past when the same Church Hall had been used the Council had made a donation to Church Funds for use of the Hall. The Clerk asked the Council whether it wanted to make a donation for that evening's use of the Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £20.00 to the Hope Presbyterian Church for the use of the Hall on the evening of 7 September, 1994.

(j) Dipali restaurant, Pontyclun

The Clerk distributed a letter from the Borough Council which indicated that the Authority were no longer taking enforcement action against the proprietor of the Dipali restaurant, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, for the reasons given in the letter.

The matter was noted.

(k) Overgrown hedge, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, reported that the hedge bordering the pavement on the A4222 immediately north of the river Clun bridge was considerably overgrown. The state of the hedge was such that pedestrians, especially children walking to Y Pant Comprehensive School, were forced to walk in the highway. Councillor Bendle asked if it could be arranged for the Council's Handyman to trim back the hedge to allow the pedestrians to walk safely on the pavement.

Councillor Tudor Burton objected to the proposal on the grounds that the hedge was outside the boundary of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gordon Norman take the matter up with the Education Department of the County Council since it was believed that the hedge formed part of the boundary of Y Pant Comprehensive School.

23. Notice of Motion

Councillor Tudor Burton gave notice that he wished the subject of street names for the new residential development on Cefn-yr-Hendy to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

24. The meeting ended at 10.40 p.m.

