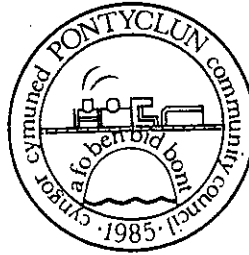


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 July, 1996.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs V A Cale, J G Davies, R O Edwards, Mrs M M Griffiths, R G Norman (Chairperson), and M Rea

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors C G Bendle, T J Burton and T Flood.

2. **Chairperson's business**

The Chairperson, Councillor Norman, advised the Council that he was aware that a meeting had been arranged for that evening in nearby licensed premises to discuss the possibility of making twinning arrangements involving Pontyclun. Councillor Norman found it strange that an invitation to attend the meeting had not been extended to the Pontyclun Community Council since it was normal to promote twinning arrangements through principal or local councils. Councillor Norman reminded the Council that principal and local councils had been given statutory powers to incur expenditure on twinning arrangements.

A discussion took place on the matter.

RESOLVED: That, after full details of the proposals to promote twinning were known, the Clerk be instructed to write to the organiser of that night's meeting suggesting that proposals for twinning be progressed through the Pontyclun Community Council.

R G Norman

3. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, namely, applicants for a service by the Council.

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4. **Allocation of grants for the 1996/97 financial year**

RESOLVED: That the Council award the following grants for 1996/97:

	£	p	
St David's Church, Miskin	100	00	
Rock Solid - Bethel Church Centre	50	00	
Cylch Ti a Fi, Pontyclun	50	00	\$
St Paul's Church Nursery	50	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	200	00	
Pontyclun and District Allotments Association - Maesyfelin Site	50	00	*
Pontyclun Senior Citizens Assoc.	300	00	
Pontyclun Community Wheels	200	00	#
Pontyclun Bushido Judo Club	50	00	
Miskin and Mwyndy W.I.	50	00	
Pontyclun Football Club	200	00	
TNT Youth Group - Bethel Baptist Church Centre	50	00	
1st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	50	00	
Young at Heart After 50 Afternoon Club (Monday)	75	00	
Pontyclun W.I.	50	00	
Pontyclun and Llantrisant Childminders' Support Group	50	00	
Pontyclun Arthritis Care	75	00	
Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee	200	00	
Age Concern - Pontypridd and District	50	00	@
Cantorian Pontyclun	100	00	
1st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	50	00	
Llantrisant and Town Wards - Age Concern	100	00	#
Talygarn Cricket Club	100	00	&

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- § Councillors Cale and Davies declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures
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- & The Council resolved that the grant be held in abeyance until an Income and Expenditure Account is produced.

Notes

In awarding the above grants the Council took into account the advice given by the District Auditor on the changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. In particular, whether:

- (a) The payments were of direct benefit
- (b) The benefits were in proportion to the payment made
- (c) The organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and
- (d) The money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers

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- (e) The impact of grants and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups.

5. **Reports from Members**

(a) **Signage in Maesyfelin**

Councillor Dick Edwards drew attention, again, to the inadequate signage on the Maesyfelin Estate, Pontyclun. While some progress had been made in getting street names erected there were still some obvious omissions. In particular, there was a need for a sign "Leading to Maes-yr-Afon" and a further sign "Leading to Glan-yr-Afon"

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

(b) **Glass on highway**

Councillor Mrs Ann Cale referred to the regular sight of broken glass in the highway outside the Bute Arms in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. There was little doubt that the problem stemmed from the practice of youths consuming alcohol outside the licensed premises and it was inevitable that a member of the public would eventually be injured by the broken glass.

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

(c) **Obstructions on highway, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun**

Councillor Mrs Ann Cale reminded the Council that displays placed on pavements by shopkeepers in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, were again becoming a problem and that there had been further complaints from members of the public who had had walked into the obstructions.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again seek the advice of the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(d) **Uneven pavement - 18 Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun**

Councillor Graham Davies advised of an accident to a member

of the public outside 18 Palalwyf Avenue, Pontyclun, as the result of an uneven pavement.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the incident to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

(e) **School buses**

Councillor Graham Davies reported a recent incident where the engines of school buses waiting to collect pupils from the Pontyclun Primary School had been left running for approximately half an hour. The incident had resulted in unpleasant diesel engine fumes polluting the air in Palalwyf Avenue. Councillor Davies stated that he had taken the matter up with the coach proprietors, Edwards Coaches, but the representative of the company found it difficult to believe that their drivers would act in this way.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forward a letter to Edwards Coaches reinforcing the complaints made by Councillor Davies and asking for the company's cooperation in preventing similar incidents.

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

Councillor Merfyn Rea reminded the Community Council that the former Mid Glamorgan County Council had agreed to move the 30 m.p.h. speed restriction on the western side of Groesfaen to a point further west in the direction of the Castell-y-Mynach public house. Despite several reminders, the work was still to be carried out.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to establish when work on the agreed scheme would commence.

(ii) That copies of the Community Council's correspondence in the matter be forwarded to the Pontyclun representative on the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Councillor Jonathan Huish.

(g) **Trimming of hedges bordering pavements**

Councillor Mervyn Rea drew the Community Council's attention to the recent hedge trimming which had taken place alongside the pavement from the Castell-y-Mynach public house to Groesfaen. He pointed out that while considerable trimming had taken place at low level, the hedge had not been trimmed at a higher level with the result that hedge growth was causing obstruction at eye level.

RESOLVED: That the hazard be brought to the attention of the Director of Highways, Transportation and Engineering of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

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

(a) **Site meeting - Public right of Way - Footpath No 333**

The Clerk gave a report on the site meeting which had taken place on the evening of 4 July, 1996, to discuss the route of Public Right of Way - Footpath No 333. Present at the meeting were four Members of the Council together with John Griffiths, Footpaths Officer of the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Mr Sparks, one of the landowners and Mr G Long, a resident of the Community. An apology for absence was received on behalf of Dr Wynne Davies, the other landowner involved.

There was unanimous agreement from all present that the official route of Footpath No. 333 was tortuous and impractical and that there was an urgent need to formally divert the Footpath to recognise the route the public had used for many years. It was understood that Dr Wynne Davies would also be in favour of the diversion.

Mr John Griffiths advised that the cost of a formal diversion would be in the region of £450 but that it may be possible to obtain a reduction in the charge if a further alteration in the route of the Footpath could be achieved in the vicinity of Mr Sparks' farm to enable a lane to be recognised as part of the Footpath.

The site meeting agreed to recommend to the next meeting of the Community Council that the Clerk be authorised to contact

the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council with a view to requesting a formal diversion of Footpath No. 333 to incorporate both alterations.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the site meeting be adopted and that the Clerk be given authority to contact the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to progress the necessary diversion order.

(b) **1995 Community Council Elections**

The Clerk reported receipt of an detailed invoice from the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, which had been received on 4 July, 1996, for £3,437.22. The invoice related to Community Council elections held in May, 1995, by the former Taff Ely Borough Council. The Clerk advised that the amount was properly due since community councils were responsible for paying for all their election costs. The sum due had been placed on deposit since May, 1995, and had earned interest for the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange payment of the invoice.

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

The Clerk reported receipt of notification of the Annual Conference of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils. The Annual Conference would be held in Aberystwyth on Saturday, 12 October, 1996, and the Council was invited to nominate up to three delegates to attend the Conference in addition to submitting up to two motions to be considered by Conference.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk be nominated to represent the Council at Annual Conference.

(ii) That the Clerk draft and submit a motion for debate highlighting the difficulties experienced in obtaining replies from principal authorities and suggesting that the Welsh Office consider the introduction of a performance standard where principal authorities would be expected to respond to community and

town councils within reasonable timescales.

- (iii) That attendance at the Annual Conference be regarded as an approved duty.

(d) **District Auditor's Annual Report**

The report of the District Auditor on his audit of the Community Council's accounts for the 1995/96 financial year, which had been received the previous day, was distributed to Members.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

R S Osborne.

- 7. The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.