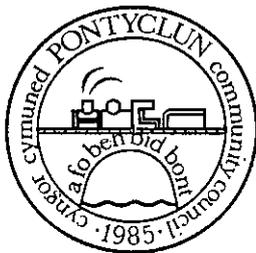


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 July, 1994

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson), Professor I D Bowen, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr V P James, Mr G Moir, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton and Mr E V Griffith

2. Chairperson's business

The Chairperson, Councillor Cyril Bendle, referred to his unavoidable absence from the Community Council's meeting on 6 July, 1994, and thanked the Vice Chairperson, Councillor John Dilworth, for the efficient and business like way he had chaired the meeting.

3. Alleged undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Mr Colin Miles of Welsh Water gave a detailed presentation to the Council on how an undercharge for water consumption at the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun had arisen. Mr Miles produced records of water consumption at the conveniences from September, 1988, and assured Members that tests had been carried out to establish if there were any leaks on the consumer side of the meter. All checks had proved negative.

Mr Miles explained that the reason for the undercharge had been the fault of a Welsh Water meter reader who had mistakenly read the meter and assumed that a new meter had been installed. As a result, invoices rendered for water consumption, and sewage disposal, had been considerably below the correct amount. The error had been discovered by Welsh Water in September, 1993, by which time, undercharges of £1,322.97 had accumulated.

Mr Miles acknowledged that when the invoice for the undercharge was submitted to the Community Council, and had been queried by the Clerk, Welsh Water had not handled the matter very well. In fact

Welsh Water had confused matters by referring to "an inadvertent change of water meter" when no meter change had taken place. Understandably, the Community Council had been misled and confused when there was a very simple explanation.

Mr. Miles accepted that Welsh Water was entirely to blame for the unfortunate incident but pointed out that the pattern of consumption over five and a half years had remained much the same. With the undercharge, and subsequent water and sewerage disposal charges, the Council owed £2,712.77 to Welsh Water. Mr Miles gave the Council guidance on how it might reduce water consumption at the conveniences.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk write to Welsh Water offering to pay the sum of £2,712.77 by monthly payments over 2 years.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for the installation of a "CYSTERNMISER" at the conveniences to gain more effective control over water consumption.

4. Draft Taff Ely Local Plan

The Clerk informed the Council that since the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1994, he had contacted the Borough Council with a view to arranging the promised presentation by a planning officer for that evening's meeting. The Clerk had been informed that, due to pressure of work on planning officers resulting from the mobile exhibition, it would not be possible for a planning officer to be in attendance for that evening's meeting. The Clerk had made arrangements for the presentation to take place at the Council's meeting on 7 September, 1994.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk send an invitation to the Secretary to the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade to attend the Council's meeting of 7 September, 1994, to hear the planning officer's presentation and to offer the Chamber of Trade's views on the Draft Local Plan.

(ii) That Members study their copies of the Draft Plan in order that the Council may formalise its comments at the meeting of 7 September.

(iii) That, to gain as much feedback as possible from the public, Councillor Viv James place his second copy of the Draft Plan in the Pontyclun Library.



5. Condition of certain outlying footpaths in the parts of the Community

The Council discussed a letter from Mrs A Phillips of 1 Danygraig Cottages, Cross Inn, in which complaints were levelled at the state of some of the outlying footpaths and stiles in the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Mrs Phillips thanking her for her letter, and her interest in footpaths, explaining that:

- (i) as a relatively small Community Council, with limited resources, the footpaths in the more populated parts of the Community were given priority treatment for grasscutting during the summer months.
- (ii) responsibility for the maintenance of stiles in the Community lay with the appropriate landowners and not the Community Council.
- (iii) arrangements would be made for the Community Council's Handyman to contact her in order to familiarise himself with some of the problems with the outlying footpaths.

6. Talbot Green Golf Course - Planning consent for residential development

The Council discussed the copy letter of protestation from the M P for Pontypridd, Dr Kim Howells, to the Secretary of State for Wales about the Welsh Office inspector's decision to overturn the decision of the Taff Ely Borough Council not to grant planning permission for residential development on Talbot Green Golf Course. Dr Howells stated that he believed it important that the Secretary of State be made aware of the almost total opposition, locally, for the proposed development. Dr Howells called upon the Secretary of State to intervene and to order a fresh inquiry before the proposed development progressed any further.

RESOLVED: That Dr Howells' letter be noted.

7. 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 provided by the Council.

8. Allocation of financial grants for 1994/95

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

	£	p
DIAL Llantrisant	50	00
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	300	00
St Paul's Church Nursery	75	00
St David's Church, Miskin	100	00
* Age Concern, Llantrisant Town Ward	100	00
1st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	100	00
Pontyclun and District Allotments Association (Maesyfelin Site)	60	00
& Miskin and Mwyndy W. I.	100	00
Pontyclun Juniors F. C.	150	00
1st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	100	00
Pontyclun Community Wheels	100	00
Bethel Church Youth Group	100	00
Pontyclun F. C.	150	00
Young at Heart Club - Mondays	50	00
Pontypridd and Llantrisant Sub Aqua Club	No grant	
Schools Police Leisure Activities (during the Summer Holidays) (SPLASH)	No grant	
Babell C. M. Church, Groesfaen	200	00
St John Ambulance - Llantrisant Division	100	00
Pontyclun W. I.	100	00

\* Councillor Gordon Norman declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

& Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips declared an interest in this application and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

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

9. Reports from Members

(a) Surface water drain, Bute Lane, Pontyclun

Councillor John Dilworth reported that residents in the vicinity of School Street, Pontyclun, had been concerned for some time about offensive odours emanating from a surface water drain in Bute Lane, Pontyclun. The matter had been reported to the County Engineer and Surveyor on 4 September, 1991 who had promised to investigate the matter. Councillor Dilworth was pleased to be able to report progress in that the County Council's contractor responsible for gully cleansing, Brophy, had undertaken a survey of the manholes in the area and intended returning on 14 July, 1994 to carry out tests using tracer dye.

The report was noted.

(b) Pontyclun Community Centre

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips reported that the Borough Council intended convening a public meeting in the Pontyclun Community Centre on the evening of 21 July, 1994 for the purpose of electing a management committee for the new Community Centre. Councillor Mrs Phillips reminded Members of the Community Council's significant contribution towards the construction cost of the new facility and urged an active interest in the work of the new management committee.

The report was noted.

(c) Cleveston Cottages, Groesfaen

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that a request had been received by the Borough Council from the occupiers of No.s 1, 2 and 3 Cleveston Cottages, Groesfaen, to change the name Cleveston Cottages to Red Cow Cottages.



Councillor Norman stated that there were varying views on the request but that the matter would be decided by the Borough Council in due.

The report was noted.

(d) Hedge trimming

Councillor Gordon Norman reported that he had been approached by Mrs Hughes of "Brynhyfryd" Miskin Road, Pontyclun about an invoice she had received from a contractor for trimming her hedge and cutting her lawn. Councillor Norman understood that in the past, as a gesture of goodwill, the Community Council's Handyman had trimmed Mrs Hughes' hedge. Councillor Norman requested the Council to consider reimbursing in whole, or part, the expense incurred by Mrs Hughes.

RESOLVED: That the request be not acceded to and that the Clerk return the receipt to Mrs Hughes.

(e) Speeding vehicles, Llanharry Road, Brynsadler

Councillor Delme Bowen referred to earlier concerns expressed by the Council over the speed of certain vehicles entering Brynsadler from the direction of Llanharry. Recently, there had been a case where a speeding vehicle entering Brynsadler had gone out of control. The vehicle had mounted the pavement, knocked down a bus stop sign, demolished a fence, careered across a lawn, and caused extensive damage to the front door of a house. The owner of the house was a matter of feet away from where the vehicle eventually came to rest.

Councillor Bowen had again taken up the need for more effective speed restrictions in Llanharry Road, Brynsadler with the County Council. There was likely to be a site visit in July.

The report was noted.

10. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society -  
Community Allotments Competition

Councillor Gordon Norman reminded the Council that it had resolved, several years ago, to award an annual prize of £100.00 to the Community Council Allotments Competition



organised by the Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society. In addition, the Council had regularly made a grant to the Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society of up to £300.00 to stage the annual Pontyclun Flower Show. For a number of reasons the annual Flower Show would not be staged in 1994 and consequently no grant application would be received from the Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society.

Councillor Norman asked whether, in the circumstances, the Community Council would look favourably upon a request to increase the prize money to the Community Council Allotments Competition from £100.00 to £120.00.

RESOLVED: That the prizemoney to the Community Council Allotments Competition for 1994 be increased from £100.00 to £120.00.

(b) Overhanging trees, The Hollies, Brynsadler

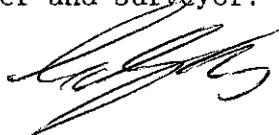
Councillor John Dilworth reported that he had been contacted by the occupier of No. 10 The Hollies, Brynsadler about overhanging branches from Community Council owned trees in the Ivor Woods, Brynsadler. It was claimed that the branches were dangerous and that the Community Council should arrange for them to be suitably pruned.

RESOLVED: That a report on the overhanging branches be obtained from County Council's arboriculturist in order that the matter could be discussed at the Council's meeting of 7 September, 1994.

(c) State of pavements in Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips drew the Council's attention to the poor condition of many of the pavements in Pontyclun. Many paving stones and kerb stones were broken and it appeared that many months elapsed before any repair works were carried out. Examples of pavements in poor condition were to be found in all parts of Pontyclun but of particular concern were those in Brynamllwg, Heol-y-Coed and Maesyfelin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the County Engineer and Surveyor.



(d) Land at The Hollies, Brynsadler

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter and plan which had been received from Ideal Homes Wales Ltd in which an offer was made to donate a small plot of land at the entrance to the estate to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to accept the donation subject to a satisfactory surveyor's report and clarification on legal costs.

(e) Pontyclun Railway Station

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter received from the County Council which dealt with the completion of outstanding work at Pontyclun Railway Station. The letter had been received too late for inclusion with the Council's Agenda papers.

RESOLVED: (i) That a copy of the letter be placed in each of the Community Council's noticeboards.

(ii) That a copy of the letter be forwarded to Mr Graham Sharkey, owner of the Pontyclun Joinery.

(f) Planning

(i) Application No. 56/94/0243

The Clerk referred to the Council's request at its meeting on 6 July, 1994, to receive further details of the application. The additional details had been received and were distributed to Members.

RESOLVED: That in view of the details now available the Council's earlier decision to hold a site meeting be rescinded.

(ii) Application No. 56/94/0493

The Council noted that an application for planning consent in respect of "reserved matters" had been made in connection with the proposed housing development at Cefn-yr-Hendy.



RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain further details of the application.

(g) Reorganisation of local government - Formation of Transition Committees

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter which had been received from Mr Des Bibey, acting on behalf of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and the Mid Glamorgan Association of Local Councils, which extended an invitation for representatives of the Community Council to attend a meeting to discuss the establishment of a "Liaison Committee" in connection with the appointment of Transition Committees as a forerunners to the reorganisation of local government in Wales.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council be represented at the meeting by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the Clerk.

(ii) That Members' attendance be designated an approved duty

(h) August recess

The Clerk reminded the Council that there would be no meeting of the Council during August. The next scheduled meeting would be on 7 September, 1994.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairperson, be given authority to deal with any urgent matters arising during the August recess.

11. The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

