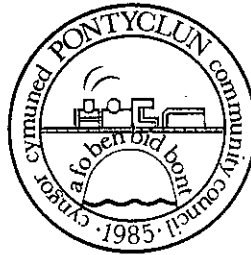


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 July, 1995

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle (Chairperson), Mr J G Davies, Mr R O Edwards, Mrs M M Griffiths, Mr G M Moir and Mr M Rea (for part of meeting)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr T J Burton, Mrs V A Cale, Mr T R J Flood and Mr R G Norman

2. Chairperson's Business

Purolite Joint Liaison Committee

The Chairperson, Councillor C G Bendle, read out a letter he had received from Councillor John Dilworth, a member of the Purolite Joint Liaison Committee and the Llanharan Community Council, drawing attention to the fact that the Pontyclun Community Council's representative to the Purolite Joint Liaison Committee, Councillor T J Burton had failed to attend the last meeting of the Liaison Committee. Neither had any apology been received for the representative's absence.

Councillor Dilworth stated that it was disappointing to find that nobody had represented the Pontyclun Community Council at the Joint Committee's last meeting since the place on the Committee had been won only after intense efforts on behalf of the Community Council.

The Chairperson asked that the matter be placed on the Community Council's Agenda for its September.

3. Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying in Mid Glamorgan

The Council considered the Mineral Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying in Mid Glamorgan and discussed whether, in view of the limited achievements of the Community Council in earlier consultation exercises by the Planning Department of the Mid Glamorgan County Council, it should offer its further observations. The Council also received from the Clerk the verbal observations of Councillor T J Burton. Councillor Burton had earlier tendered his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to the County Council:

Policy 11

Item 4.10.3 Misleading statement of damage only at PPV of 50mm/sec. This is dependent on speed of blast and the corresponding Hz rate is not quoted.

Item 4.10.7 Code of Practice

(1) "Except with written authority from County Planning Office blasting only from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Mon/Friday"

Recently erected notice at quarry states blasting from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Has such permission been granted to Hendy Quarry and if so why has no consultation taken place with Community Council. On 17/7/95 blasting took place at 5.00 p.m. and 5.05 p.m. totally contrary to above details.

(2) Blasting - general cover of 4 mm/sec over 95% of all blasts over 20 consecutive weeks. This still allows for rogue blasts to be discounted and is unacceptable.

General blanket conditions as above are not suitable for Hendy Quarry due to proximity of residential properties and separate conditions should apply to same.



Policy 13

Item 5.3.2

"Dust - There is little evidence that dust emissions cause a problem at this site"

- (1) Claims have been made that property has been damaged by vibration caused by blasting and concern has been expressed about unacceptable levels of dust.

These two statements appear to be a contradiction.

- (2) Concern about depth and possible effect on water resources.

Can we have N R A assurances that no damage is being caused by the breach of the water table and the natural gravity of pulling water from the surrounding area into the Quarry.

That in recognition of the fact that Pontyclun Community Council residents are also affected by quarrying activities at Forest Wood Quarry a separate Liaison Committee be established for Forest Wood Quarry.

4. South Wales Constabulary -
Taff Ely Division - Annual Plan for 1995/96

The Council discussed the Annual Plan for 1995/96 of the Taff Ely Division of the South Wales Constabulary which had been circulated to Members shortly after the Community Council's meeting of 5 July, 1995.

In general the Council welcomed the Plan since it re-iterated many positive points. However, in comparison with the Annual Plans being produced in local government, and several other branches of the public sector, the Plan left much to be desired. It failed to mention targets. It was grammatically



incorrect in several places and, for an organisation spending millions of pounds of taxpayers' money, was presented in a manner lacking in professionalism.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made on the Plan:

- (i) In the view of the Council, the reference to "visible patrol" should mean a foot patrol since it was well known that foot patrols posed a greater deterrent to criminals than a mobile patrols.
- (ii) While the Council would not disagree with the priorities identified by the police, a lack of attention to the "minor" crimes will lead to a loss of confidence in the ability of the police to enforce the law. It will also result in the habitual offender acquiring increasing confidence that his offences will remain undetected.
- (iii) The Council is doubtful whether the response times stated will be achieved.
- (iv) The police service is to be congratulated on the achievement of a 9% reduction in reported crime. However, there are worries that because "minor" crimes are not being pursued vigorously the public see little purpose in reporting them. This effect can give a misleading impression.
- (v) The Council is unconvinced that the strength of the Taff Ely Division is adequate to meet the full demands placed on the service.

5. Footpath between Misikin Square and The Drive

the Council received the comments of the County Engineer and Surveyor about improvement works which could be carried out to the footpath to improve drainage during periods of wet weather. It was noted that it was likely to be more costly to reduce the path level at suitable points to instal drainage, and would require the agreement of Welsh Water to connect to a public sewer, rather than raising the level of the footpath to promote water flow towards the existing highway at both ends of the footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for a survey of work, together with associated costs, for both proposals.

6. Unauthorised street trading in Pontyclun

The Council noted the correspondence which had taken place between the Secretary of the Pontyclun Chamber of Trade and the Clerk about unauthorised street trading in Pontyclun.



The Clerk advised the Council that since the Council's last meeting on 5 July, 1995, he had approached the proprietor of the hot food caravan which had regularly been parked on the Community Council owned plot of land outside the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. The proprietor had been told that the land upon which the hot food caravan had been parked was in the ownership of the Community Council and the Community Council did not wish him to operate his business from the land. The proprietor had said that he understood the land to be in the ownership of the Taff Ely Borough Council but apologised for the misunderstanding and gave an undertaking to site his caravan elsewhere. Checks by the Clerk on two succeeding evenings had shown that the trader was not operating his caravan from the Community Council land.

A subsequent check on the evening of 21 July, 1995, showed that the trader had returned to the site. The clerk again advised the trader that he was trespassing and that the Community Council might have to resort to the law to get the trader moved from the site. The Clerk informed the trader that in the event of the Community Council having to resort to law it was likely that an application would be made for the trader to be responsible for any legal costs incurred by the Council. Following the Clerk's conversation with the trader on 21 July the caravan had not reappeared on site.

On the morning of 22 July, 1995, the trader rang the Clerk. He asked if there was any prospect of the Community Council "negotiating" with him over the use of the site. The Clerk indicated that it was highly unlikely that the Community Council would be prepared to enter into any negotiations for the use of the site but, that if the trader wrote formally to the Council the Clerk would ensure that his letter would be placed before Members. To date no letter had been received.

RESOLVED: That in the event of the trader re-commencing his activities at the site the Clerk be authorised to:

- (a) Formally write to the trader making it clear that under no circumstances would the Community Council be prepared to give permission for trading from the site.
- (b) Contact the police for assistance to remove the trader from site.

7. Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee

The Council received the letter of 10 July, 1995, from the Chief Executive and Clerk to the Taff Ely Borough Council setting out the terms of reference of the Borough Council/Community Councils' Joint Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.



8. Highway diversion in Miskin

The Council discussed the plans for diversions of the B4264 and School Road, Miskin, in connection with the plans to build a roundabout adjacent to the new Roman Catholic Church to facilitate the movement of traffic from Miskin, Pontyclun, and the new Cefn yr Hendy development to the A4119 at Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: That the plans be noted.

9. Guidelines on the implementation of the Welsh Language Act

The Council discussed guidelines for the implementation of the Welsh Language Act.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the Council's September monthly meeting.

10. 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.

11. Allocation of grants for the 1995/96 financial year

RESOLVED: That the Council award the following grants for 1995/96:

	£	p
Taff Ely Drug Support	75	00
St David's Church, Miskin	100	00
Rock Solid - Bethel		
Church Centre	50	00
DIAL Llantrisant	50	00
Cylch Ti a Fi, P'clun	50	00
St Paul's Church		
Nursery	50	00
Tabernacle Congregational		
Church, Pontyclun	100	00
* Miskin Manor Cricket Club	200	00
* Miskin Manor Junior		
Cricket Club	200	00
+ Taff Ely Multiple		
Sclerosis Society	75	00
Taff Ely Victim Support	75	00
The Samaritans,		
Bridgend Branch	50	00
Pontyclun Darby and		
Joan Club	75	00

+	Pontyclun + District Allotments Association - Maesyfelin Site	50	00
	Pontyclun Senior Citizens Assoc.	300	00
	Pontyclun Mini + Junior RFC	150	00
	Pontyclun Community Wheels	100	00
	Pontyclun Bushido Judo Club	50	00
	Miskin and Mwyndy W I	50	00
	Pontyclun Football Club	150	00
	TNT Youth Group - Bethel Baptist Church	50	00
	1st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	50	00
\$	Talygarn Cricket Club	100	00
	Young at Heart After 50 Afternoon Club (Monday)	75	00
	Pontyclun W I	50	00
	Pontyclun Arthritis Care	75	00
	Pontyclun Juniors F C	150	00
	Pontyclun Community Centre Management Committee	300	00

Notes:

(i) Applications for grant from Pontyclun R F C, Pontyclun and Llantrisant Childminders Support Group and Llantrisant Road Neighbourhood Watch were deferred pending production of the associations' accounts

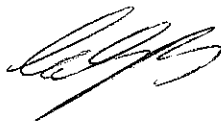
(ii) The application for grant from Clun Watch was refused

(iii) Councillor G Moir declared an interest in the applications prefixed * and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures

Councillor G Davies declared an interest in the applications prefixed + and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures

Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths declared an interest in the application prefixed \$ and took no part in the Council's deliberations. The necessary entry was made in the Register of Disclosures

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

12. Application for financial assistance from the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £150.00

13. Planning Notifications for Weeks Ending 30 June, 7 and 14 July, 1995

The Council received Weekly Notifications for Weeks Ending 30 June, 7 and 14 July, 1995.

RESOLVED: That the details be noted

14. Reports from Members

(a) Motor vehicle accident, Pontyclun

Councillor R Edwards referred to a recent accident in Pontyclun when a lady who was using the pedestrian crossing was knocked down by a vehicle. It appeared that the police, initially, were not proposing to take action against the offending motorist. Further enquiries had shown that the injured lady would qualify for partial legal aid to pursue an action against the offending driver. It appeared that four witnesses had been traced who were prepared to give evidence about what had happened in the incident. Subsequently the police had indicated that it may be possible for their enquiries to be re-opened. It was hoped that the injured lady would no longer need to bring a private prosecution.

The report was noted.

(b) Wasps' Nests

Councillor G Davies reported that a resident had recently



contacted the Borough Council to ask for the removal of a wasps' nest from her premises. The resident had initially been quoted a fee of £10.00 for the removal but, on completion of the work, she had been asked to pay £15.00. Councillor Davies sought clarification on the correct charge.

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

(c) Station Terrace, Pontyclun

Councillor G Davies reported that traffic accessing the industrial units in the vicinity of the Pontyclun Joinery were now using Station Terrace instead of the customary access road. It appeared that the bollards at the western end of Station Terrace had been removed thus encouraging drivers to use the Station Terrace route rather than the parallel access route.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority drawing attention to the removal of the bollards and asking when the access improvement scheme to the industrial units in the vicinity of the Pontyclun Joinery was likely to be completed.

(d) Activities in the vicinity of Station Terrace, Pontyclun

Councillor G Davies reported that he had received complaints of youths congregating in the evenings and drinking alcohol and sleeping rough in the vicinity of Station Terrace, Pontyclun. The youths' anti social behaviour was a worry to local residents.

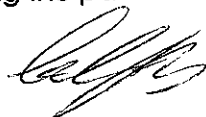
RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey residents' worries to the police and ask for the area to be regularly patrolled.

(e) Cutting of roadside verges

Councillor G Davies reported a case of a roadside verge in Mwyndy where the grass was in urgent need of being properly cut. Councillor Davies agreed to establish the precise location of the verge and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

(f) Overhanging hedge, Groesfaen

Councillor M Rea reported that pedestrians attending a function at "Croffta", Groesfaen, had been impeded by a hedge overhanging the pavement. Councillor Rea had



reported the matter to the County Council's Highways and Transportation Depot in Llantrisant and an inspector who had visited site soon after the report had agreed to get the hedge cut.

The report was noted.

(g) Planning consent

Councillor M Rea reported a case in Groesfaen where the occupier of "The Rise" had erected a fence without first having obtained planning consent. After complaints from residents an inspector from the Planning Authority visited site and confirmed that planning consent was necessary for the erection. The resident had been advised to apply for retrospective planning consent to regularise matters.

The report was noted.

15. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Stray horses in Pontyclun

Councillor G Davies commented on the number of complaints which had been received about straying horses in Pontyclun. It appeared that the owner of the horses lived in Cardiff and paid little regard to the safety of his stock or the safety of the public. In the interests of safety the police had frequently been obliged to turn the horses into the nearest convenient field. The police were investigating whether any charge could be brought against the owner of the horses

The report was noted.

(b) Proposed development at Maxibrite, Mwyndy

Councillor M Rea referred to the application for further planning consent at Maxibrite, Mwyndy, which was due to be discussed at the Council's meeting on 5 July, 1995.

Councillor Rea regretted that he had been unable to attend the Council's meeting of 5 July, 1995, but, had he been able to do so, he would have drawn the Council's attention to the fact that residents in Groesfaen regularly suffered shortages of water on account of the large consumption of water at the Maxibrite works. Councillor Rea said that he would have urged the Council to highlight existing water supply problems in Groesfaen to the Borough Council in deciding the application for further planning consent.



RESOLVED: That in the event that the Borough Council had not yet determined the application, the Clerk be requested to advise the Borough Council of the Community Council's concern that further development at Maxibrite might exacerbate water supply problems in Groesfaen.

(c) Volunteer Service

Councillor Mrs M M Griffiths enquired whether the Community Council ran a volunteer service whereby volunteers carried out odd jobs within the Community.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda of the Community Council's September monthly meeting.

(d) Tipping in Talygarn

The Clerk reported that following a number of complaints from residents and walkers in Talygarn about fly tipping of builders' rubble in a field he had taken the matter up with the Borough Council.

It appeared that the Borough Council was aware of the problem and had already established ownership of the field where the tipping was taking place. The Borough Council had requested the owner to remove all the rubble from the field. In the event of a refusal from the landowner to remove the rubble it was proposed to take enforcement action.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's actions in the matter be approved.

(e) Clerk's annual leave

The Clerk advised the Council that he would be taking a fortnight's annual leave from 30 July, 1995 to 12 August, 1995.

The matter was noted.

16. The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

