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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Council, Pontyclun, on Monday, 3 February, 1986, at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Miss A M Bath, Dr I D Bowen, Dr S M Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr E J Francis, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard(Chairman), Mr F Monckton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of P C Ian Guildford.

I. Minutes of the meeting of 6 January, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 January, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Refurbishment of public toilets

The Clerk reported that the building contractor had returned to carry out further works at the toilets on 27 January. An invoice for £3,065.90 had been rendered for work completed to date. A further invoice for approximately £300 was expected on the completion of all works. The matter was noted.

(b) Community Programme

The Clerk read out NACRO's letter of 29 January, 1986 detailing the projects envisaged in the Community and the total labour involvement.

RESOLVED: That Councillor James make enquiries about suitable premises in Pontyclun which NACRO could use as a work base and storage area.

(c) Footpath No.337

The Clerk reported on the site visit which had taken place on 4 January, 1986, at the point where Footpath No. 337 joined the Pontyclun to Cowbridge road. It was confirmed that a sign had been erected on the main gate indicating that the road

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over which the footpath passed was private. However, no attempt had been made to deprive the public of access to the footpath through the adjacent wicket gate.

The matter was noted.

(d) Boundary Commission Review of Community Councils

In response to a question from the Council the Clerk confirmed that an order had been placed for the Boundary Commission's latest report.

The matter was noted.

(e) Ivor Bridge

Councillor James reported that he had been offered guidance on the type of work required to reinforce the Bridge foundations.

RESOLVED: That following Councillor James' advice the Clerk draw up a specification of work. When finalised the specification to be circulated to local builders and to the contractors recommended by the Welsh Water Authority for competitive quotations. The Clerk to take the necessary action to report the Council's intentions to the Welsh Water Authority.

(f) Logo

A short discussion took place on the adoption of the Council's official logo.

RESOLVED: (i) That until such time as a logo was adopted by the Council members be responsible for affixing temporary headings to the Council's noticeboards.

(ii) A letter be sent to a local college of art offering a prize of £50 for the submission of a suitable logo. A copy of the Logo Competition rules and a factsheet on the Community be sent with the request.

(g) Footpath No.4 (Llanharan)

Members again discussed the response of the Llanharan Community Council to the Council's observations on the route of the Talbot Green By Pass and the preservation of Footpath No.4 (Llanharan).

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RESOLVED: That the Council's observations urging suitable safeguards for the preservation of the footpath be sent to the Engineer and Surveyor of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

3. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 20 January, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 20 January, 1986 be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Parish Office - Establishment of Sinking Fund

The Clerk reported that from the enquiries he had made it appeared in the Council's interest to open an Investment Account with the National Savings Bank for the purpose of the Parish Office Sinking Fund.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the appropriate action to open an Investment Account with the National Savings Bank for the purpose of the Parish Office Sinking Fund. Withdrawal arrangements to be the same as those applying to the Council's General Bank Account.

(b) Adoption of Budget for 1986/87

RESOLVED: That the Budget as given in Appendix I be adopted as the Council's Budget for 1986/87.

(c) Precept for 1986/87

RESOLVED: That the precept to be levied on the Taff Ely Borough Council for the 1986/87 financial year be £31,526.

(d) Part-time clerks working from home

The Clerk declared his interest in the matter and took no part in the proceedings.

RESOLVED: That an annual amount of £500 be paid to the Clerk in recognition of the need for him to work from home.

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(e) Employment of Handyman

- RESOLVED: (i) That the post be regarded as temporary, part-time until the outcome of the Council's precept requirement was known.
- (ii) That a working group comprising the Chairman together with Councillors Burton, Monckton and Norman meet on 10 February, 1986 to draw up a short-list of applicants for interview.

5. District Liaison Committee Meeting of 23 January, 1986

The Clerk reported that:-

- (i) the Borough Council had agreed that the Community Council had been inadvertently included in a schedule showing that the Council had responsibility for cemeteries and crematoria.
- (ii) the Borough Council were treating sympathetically the Community Council's request for responsibility for allotments.
- (iii) the Borough Treasurer had appealed to all representatives of Community Councils to restrict any increase in their precepts for 1986/87 to 5%. Of the five community councils who had already notified their precept requirements for 1986/87 only one had contained its increase to within 5%.

The Clerk's report was noted.

6. Footpath No.26 (Llanharan)

The Council considered the proposed diversion of Footpath No.26(Llanharan) at Pontyclun Joinery/Ely Yard, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That while the Council had no objection in principle to the diversion of the footpath it was not in a position to make any contribution towards the cost of the diversion.

7. Llantrisant Green Group- Request for support in urging the Taff Ely Borough Council to adopt a form of dog control

The Council considered the correspondence received from the Llantrisant Green Group.

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RESOLVED: That detailed consideration of the points raised be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

8. Bus Shelter Maintenance

The Council considered the letters received from Bus Shelters(Wales) Ltd offering their services in the maintenance of bus shelters in the Community and quoting a price of £157.63(excluding VAT) for the repair of the bus shelter at Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Bus Shelters (Wales) Ltd declining the offer of their services since in the foreseeable future the Council would be carrying out its own bus shelter maintenance.

9. Weekly Planning Lists for Weeks 51+52,1,2,and3.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to offer the following comments:-

(i) Application 56/I468/85

In view of the existing environmental problems experienced from the plant the Council object to the granting of planning permission for a further curing oven.

(ii) Application 56/0026/86

The Council object to the granting of planning permission since the entrance to the proposed development would be potentially dangerous. Furthermore, there would be a significant loss of amenity for local residents.

(iii) Application 56/0032/86

The Council object to the proposed development on the grounds that there would be difficulty in gaining vehicular access. Additionally, a frequently used footpath would be destroyed. There would also be a considerable loss of amenity to local residents.

10. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 7 and the Addendum to Appendix 7.

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II. Any other business

- (a) Application for grant-aid -  
Ebenezer Church, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Secretary of the Church to suggest that the work required be included in an MSC Scheme and that the Council would consider making a grant towards the cost of the materials involved.

- (b) Management Committee of the Community Centre

The Clerk reported that despite several approaches having been made to a member of the Management Committee of the Community Centre about possible Council representation on the Committee and the installation of a simple public address system in the Centre there had been no progress in either matter. He reported that he had now raised th matters with the Chaiperson of the Committee who had agreed to report back to the Clerk as soon as possible.

The matter was noted.

- (c) "Community Wheels"

Members referred to the resolution of the Council of 2 December, 1985, and agreed that the time was opportune for promoting "Community Wheels".

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Dr I D Bowen, and the Clerk liaise with a view to holding an inaugural meeting of "Community Wheels" in March, 1986.

- (d) Proposed amalgamation of Maesyfelin Infants' and Pontyclun Junior Schools

Members expressed their serious concern about the proposals to amalgamate the Pontyclun Infants' and Junior Schools. It appeared that the Education Authority had already taken a decision on the matter and that the recommendations of the Governing Body of the Schools had carried little or no weight. Furthermore, the Council were disturbed to find that the matter was being reported in the press without any referral back to the Governors.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Education Authority:-

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- (i) Opposing the amalgamation of the Schools.
- (ii) Expressing surprise that the views of the Governors had apparently been overlooked.
- (iii) Conveying its disappointment that the matter was reported in the press without any referral back to the Governors.

(e) Response from Fire Service

Members were told of a recent case where, in the case of an emergency call-out of a fire engine from the part-time station in Pontyclun, it appeared that only three men were available to man the appliance. A second fully manned appliance needed to be summoned from Pontypridd.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the matter up with the Chief Fire Officer.

(f) Mud on A4119 in Groesfaen

Several members spoke of their concern about substantial quantities of mud being deposited on the A4119 in Groesfaen as the result of tipping in a nearby field.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk establish from the Borough Council the nature of the tipping.

- (ii) That the Clerk bring the matter of the mud on the highway to the attention of the Mid Glamorgan County Council underlining that a motorcyclist recently suffered an accident at the spot.

(g) Molehills in Pontyclun Children's Playground

Members discussed the nuisance caused by the large number of molehills in the Pontyclun Children's Playground.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Parks Department of the Borough Council about the matter.

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(h) Ivor Park- Forestry Commission

The Clerk reported that he had recently been in contact with Mr Peter Charlesworth of the Forestry Commission about progress on the Ivor Park Scheme. It appeared that a complication had arisen in that the Forestry Commission had discovered that in applying for a felling license it had been discovered that a tree preservation order was in existence for Ivor Park. Discussions would need to take place within the Forestry Commission before a felling licence could be granted.

The matter was noted.

(i) Notice of Motion

The Chairman gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he wished to raise the matter of a bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws and the sewerage problem at Castell-y-Mwnws.

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