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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 7 April 1986.

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.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Minutes of the meeting of 3 March, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 March, 1986, be approved as an accurate record subject to the reference to "governors" in minute 15(i) being amended to read "county councillors".

2. Matters arising

(a) Boundary Commission Report - Electoral Arrangements within the Borough of Taff Ely

The Clerk reported that the Order approved, to give effect to the changes, provided for the Community of Pontyclun to be represented on the Borough Council by two councillors. The provisions were to be effective from the date of ordinary elections in 1987. The matter was noted.

(b) Ivor Bridge - Reinforcement work

The Clerk reported on a site meeting which had been convened at short notice between himself, the Chairman, and a representative of the Welsh Water Authority. The W.W.A. had verbally agreed that as they were committed to return to the river Ely to carry out further "retraining" work, they would carry out the reinforcement works needed to the banks of the river, below the bridge, using W.W.A. plant and expertise, subject to the Council purchasing the blockstone necessary. It was estimated that the blockstone would cost about £800.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council approve the purchase of blockstone up to the maximum value of £800 to enable the necessary work at the Bridge to be carried out by the W.W.A.
- (ii) That as a matter of urgency the Clerk contact the W.W.A. drawing attention to the dangers to young children arising out of the storage of large quantities of stone in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

R G Norman

(c) Concurrent Functions - Allotments - Proposed terms of leasing arrangements

The Council considered the Borough Treasurer's letter of 14 March, 1986, and the enclosed site plan.

RESOLVED: That a working party comprising Councillors F G Monckton, R G Norman, and O P Phillips consider the matter in detail and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

(d) Community Programme - Premises

The Clerk reported that he had traced, and contacted, the owners of the plastics factory in School Street. He had established that the owners were not prepared to lease the premises to the Council for use under the Community Programme.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish whether the Borough Council would be prepared to allow the use of the dilapidated Groesfaen Village Hall for use under the Programme.

(e) Dog Control

The Clerk referred to the bye-laws made by the former Glamorgan County Council, and subsequently adopted by the Borough Council on 1 April, 1974, for the purpose of controlling the fouling of the highways by dogs. It appeared that the controls were largely ineffective since enforcement was a major problem. Members agreed the fouling of footpaths, pavements and open spaces in the Community by dogs constituted a significant problem and that other local authorities had achieved some success in controlling dog fouling.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dr S M Bowen make research into forms of dog control employed elsewhere and report back to the Clerk.

(f) Community Wheels

The Clerk outlined the discussions which had taken place at the inaugural meeting of Community Wheels which took place on 19 February, 1986. Members noted that Councillors Dr I D Bowen, Mr V P James, and Mr R G Norman had been invited to participate in the Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £50 to the Scheme as a contribution to administrative costs.

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(g) Sewage at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Clerk reported on the site meeting which had taken place on 8 March, 1986.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the sewage leak be reported to both the Welsh Water Authority and the Taff Ely Borough Council and enquiries be made to establish what plans exist to improve the situation.
 - (ii) That a request be made to both authorities for the handrails over the nearby stream to be repaired.
 - (iii) That the Welsh Water Authority be asked to trace, and remedy, the source of the pollution in the same stream.

(h) Bus-stops at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Clerk reported on the site meeting which had taken place on 8 March, 1986.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That a bus shelter be built on the left hand side of the road at Castell-y-Mwnws when travelling from Pontyclun to Llanharry.
 - (ii) That the possibility of getting the work carried out under the Community Programme be investigated.

(i) Bollards at Heol Miskin

The Clerk reported on the abortive meeting which had taken place at the site with members and officers of the County Council.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to see if that authority would be prepared to undertake an improvement at the site.

(j) Hendy Estate - Conditions of Tenancy

The Clerk reported on the enquiries he had made with the Housing Department of the Borough Council. It was understood from the enquiries that the Borough Council were prepared to take action against persons damaging the Borough's housing stock. However, complainants should be prepared to have to state their allegations in court.

The matter was noted.

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3. Notice of Motion: "That this Council deprecates any moves to privatise the Welsh Water Authority" - Councillor Dr S M Bowen.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council strongly oppose plans to privatise the Welsh Water Authority on the grounds that:-
 - (a) It would be impossible for a commercial organisation to adequately police rivers and waterways and prosecute those responsible for causing pollution.
 - (b) Standards of hygiene may not be maintained and improved at sewage works in private control.
 - (c) Personal hygiene could be at risk, since, if charges were to be based on consumption, there would be a reluctance to use water.
 - (ii) That copies of the Council's resolution be sent to the Borough Council, the County Council, and the Welsh Office.
 - (iii) That a copy of the Council's resolution be issued as a press release.

4. Reports from Members and Clerk

Reports were received on:-

- (a) The County Councillors' Meeting of 4 March, 1986, on the future of the Maesyfelin Infants and Pontyclun Schools.
- (b) The Community Centre's Management Committee Meeting of 5 March, 1986.
- (c) Age Concern - Taff Ely- Meeting of 18 March, 1986.
- (d) Conference of Local Council Clerks - 4-6 April, 1986.

The reports were noted.

5. Employment Status of Council's Handyman

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Council amend the employment status of the post of Handyman from temporary, part-time, to permanent, full-time.
 - (ii) That the Chairman and Clerk be empowered to settle the detailed changes to the conditions of service of the Handyman arising from the decision.

6. Traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

Members noted the observations of the police on traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk thank Superintendent Roger Vaughan for the views of the police in the matter.

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7. Tipping at Talygarn

Members heard with concern that there had been renewed complaints about the tipping of waste at Talygarn.

RESOLVED: That a further site meeting take place at the tip at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 8 April, 1986.

8. Response from Fire Service

The Clerk referred to the discussion which had taken place at the Council's meeting of 3 February, 1986, on the response of the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service to a recent fire in the locality. The Chief Fire Officer had responded that house fires were invariably attended by two appliances, although because of operational requirements, it could not be guaranteed that the appliances would be from a local station. The Chief Fire Officer advised that the standard of service provided by the Mid Glamorgan Fire Service was of a higher level than that prescribed by the Home Office.

The matter was noted.

9. Invitation to join the National Association of Local Councils

Members considered the National Association of Local Councils' invitation to join that Association.

RESOLVED: That the Council reaffirm its earlier decision to be a member of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils and that the invitation to join the National Association be declined.

10. Transfer of Gaming License

The Council noted the transfer of the gaming license for the Vans Bingo and Social Club, Pontyclun.

11. Confirmation of Diversion of Footpath No 341

The Council noted the provisions of The Borough of Taff Ely (Footpath No. 341 - Community of Pontyclun) Public Path Diversion Order, 1986.

12. Proposed Council Dinner

Members discussed the merits of holding a dinner to mark the first year of service of the Council. After some discussion the suggestion to hold a dinner was withdrawn.

13. Planning Notifications for Weeks 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Members discussed the planning notifications for Weeks 8, 9, 10, and 11. (The notification for Week 12 had not been received by the date of the meeting).

RESOLVED: That further information be sought on the following applications:-

56/0198/86
56/0216/86
56/0282/86

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14. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

15. Any other business

(a) The Chairman reminded Members that the facility of "Any other business" on the Agenda was to enable matters of urgency to be discussed at short notice. Where Members wished to raise matters which were not urgent then Members should give notice for that matter to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

(b) Council's Annual Meeting

The Clerk reminded the Council that because the first Monday in May fell on a Bank Holiday the Council had opted to bring its May meeting forward to 28 April, 1986. The Clerk had since established that the statutory Annual Meeting of local councils had to be held in May of every year in all but ordinary election years.

RESOLVED: That the Council's next meeting, the Annual Meeting, be held on Monday, 12 May, 1986.

(c) Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were given for discussion at the Council's next meeting:

(i) Recognition of the retirement of Dr Mason.

(ii) "That this Council present a half-yearly bulletin for circulation to members of the public"

(iii) Car parking problems at the Llwynfen Road end of Cerdin Avenue.

(iv) Annual Function.

16. The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

R G Norman