

CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun on Monday, 3 June, 1985 at 7.30 pm.

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 G Monckton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

1. Order of business

Members agreed to revise the order of business for the Meeting.

2. Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils

Mr Cyril Hughes, General Secretary of the Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils addressed the Meeting and outlined the role of the Association, its structure, and the facilities afforded to member authorities. Following the address Mr Hughes responded to questions from Members.

Resolved: that application forms for membership of the Association be obtained by the Clerk.

3. P C Ian Gilford

The Chairman introduced P C Ian Gilford to the Council. The Community fell within P C Gilford's policing area and he expressed the wish to attend future meetings of the Council, subject to his work commitments.

4. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of 29 April, 1985, as amended, be approved as a correct record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Insurance Cover

Resolved: (i) that the Clerk give a draft outline of the proposed insurance cover for the Council to the Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils for comment.

(ii) that the Clerk make arrangements for a further extension of temporary insurance cover.

R. C. Kennard

(b) Operating Procedure

Members noted that a Meeting of the Working Party had taken place on 13 May, 1985. A further meeting of the Working Party was arranged for 10 June, 1985.

(c) Public Toilets

Resolved: that an advertisement be placed in the local press inviting applications from local builders interested in carrying out maintenance work at the premises. Additionally, that those builders expressing interest be given a specification of the work to be carried out and asked to submit tenders by 31 August, 1985.

(d) Footpath Number 328 at Talygarn

The Clerk reported that following consultation with the Chairman a further letter had been sent to the Administrator at the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre reaffirming the opposition of the Council to a diversion of the footpath along the proposed route, but pointing out that the Council would be prepared to consider a diversion along some other route.

Resolved: that the action of the Chairman and Clerk be confirmed.

(e) Ivor Park, Brynsadler

- (i) The Clerk reported that after enquiries he had established that Ideal Homes (Wales), the developers at the "Hollies" housing site had not submitted an application for the diversion of footpath number 341.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact Ideal Homes (Wales) informing them that they were in contravention of a planning condition for the site and asking their intentions for the safeguarding of the footpath. Additionally, that the Clerk seek the assistance of the Footpaths Officer of the Mid Glamorgan County Council and establish the legal position.

- (ii) Members were informed of the meeting which had taken place at the Woods on 20 May, 1985 with a representative of the Forestry Commission.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Forestry Commission again with a view to entering into a contract for the management of the Woods as a parkland.

- (iii) The Clerk reported that no reply has been received from Mr Phillip Lewis of Talygarn Farm on the request of the Council seeking permission to resite the stile bordering the Woods and the "Soggy Field".

- (iv) Members considered the damaged handrails on the Ivor Park Bridge.

Resolved: that the Clerk obtain quotations from two local welders to repair the handrails and that the lowest tenderer be requested to carry out the repairs. In addition, the Clerk be instructed to attempt to recoup the costs involved from the contractors responsible for the damage.

R.K.

- (v) Members were told that repairs to the leaking sewage pipes were regarded as capital expenditure and would have to be specially sanctioned by the Welsh Water Authority.

Resolved: that the Clerk report the leaking sewage to the Taff Ely Borough Council as a public health hazard.

(f) Community Noticeboards and Postboxes

The Chairman produced plans of a noticeboard and postbox.

Resolved: that quotations for the construction of 6 noticeboards and 6 postboxes be obtained. Councillor Bath to arrange for a quotation from Rookwood Hospital and Councillor James to obtain a quotation from Community Services at Pontypridd.

(g) Community Logo

A progress report from the Working Party was noted.

6. Clerk's Contract of Employment

Resolved: that the Chairman be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

7. Clerk's Gratuity Insurance

Resolved: that the Council make an annual contribution of £526.00 to Patrick Moore Williams for a scheme to provide a clerks gratuity.

8. Nominations to Governing Bodies of Schools

- Resolved:
- (i) that Councillors Bath, Francis and Norman be the nominees to the governing body of Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior School.
 - (ii) that Councillor I D Bowen be the nominee to the governing body of Y Pant Comprehensive School. The Council noted that discussions would need to take place with the Community Councils of Llanharry and Llantrisant to decide upon the period of representation.
 - (iii) that the Clerk seek clarification on whether the Council was also entitled to make nominations to the governing bodies of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant and Ysgol Gyfyn, Llanharry.

9. Items deferred from the meeting of 29 April, 1985

(a) Damaged Bus Shelters

Members heard of the damaged bus shelters in Llantrisant Road and Heol Miskin, Pontyclun.

Resolved: (i) that the Clerk make arrangements to make safe the bus shelter in Miskin Road.

ReK

- (ii) that the Clerk contact the Llantrisant Community Council to establish who repairs that authority's bus shelters.
- (iii) that the Clerk obtain estimates for the installation of steel plates in place of glass at the bus shelter in Heol Miskin.
- (iv) that the Clerk obtain information on vandal-proof bus shelters.

(b) Obstruction of footpaths in Groesfaen

Resolved: that a site meeting be held at 7.00 pm on 17 June 1985 and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Adoption of sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant Pontyclun

Members were told that there was no record of the developer at Rhyd-y-Nant having offered the sewers for adoption to the Borough Council. It was noted that Councillors I D Bowen and Francis would be meeting Mr Evan G Jones to discuss the matter and would report back to the Council.

(d) Carparking in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun

Members discussed the traffic congestion in Clun Avenue and the previous unsuccessful attempts to obtain additional parking spaces.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Mid Glamorgan County Council with a view to removing the grass verges between the trees in Clun Avenue and replacing them with lay-bys. Members voting for the motion were Councillors I D Bowen, S M Bowen, Burton, Francis, James, Norman, Phillips and Kennard. Members voting against the motion were Councillors Bath and Monckton.

10. Allocation of Grants

Resolved: (i) that the Clerk contact the Llantrisant Observer to find out whether an article on the availability of grants from the Community Council to local bodies could be published in a future edition of the newspaper. In the event of the newspaper being unable to publish an article the Clerk be authorised to insert a small advertisement on the availability of grants in the Llantrisant Observer.

- (ii) that the Council would continue support for the Allotments Competition and agreed to underwrite the Competition to the same amounts as previously.

11. Employment of a part-time employee

Resolved: (i) that the Clerk contact the local Jobcentre to advertise the vacancy for a temporary, 25 hour per week handyman.

- (ii) that authority be given for the purchase of suitable tools.
- (iii) that executive authority be given to the Chairman and Clerk to progress the matter.

RCK

12. Miskin Sewage Works

Resolved: that the Tree Preservation Order included at Appendix 4 to the Agenda be noted.

13. Any Other Business

(i) Litter in Llantrisant and Cowbridge Roads, Pontyclun

Members expressed concern at the increasing amount of litter in Llantrisant and Cowbridge Roads. It was believed that overtime for the roadsweeper had been discontinued and that this had resulted in the accumulation of litter at certain times.

Resolved: that the Clerk pursue the matter with the Taff Ely Borough Council.

(ii) Matters raised under Any Other Business

Resolved: that only matters of urgency be discussed under Any Other Business at Council Meetings without prior notice. In all other matters at least 48 hours advance written notice of the intention to raise a matter be given to the Clerk.

14. Matters deferred to Meeting of 1 July, 1985

It was agreed that items 11,12 and 14 be deferred to the next meeting of the Council to be held at 7.00 pm on 1 July, 1985.

15. Payment of Orders

Resolved: that payment be made to the creditors in Appendix 8.

16. The meeting ended at 10.20 pm.

PC. Kemmunt