

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00p.m. on Monday 1 June, 1987.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr E Hopkin, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman (Chairman), Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

Also in attendance: P C Ian Guildford

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors I D Bowen and V P James.

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 11 May, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 11 May, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Nominations to schools' governing bodies

(i) Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Clerk reported that he had again pursued with Taff Ely District Education Officer the matter of the Council's nomination to the governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant. The decision of the D.E.O. remained that the Council could nominate a representative to the governing body only from serving members of the Council. The Clerk informed the Council that he had requested the D.E.O.'s decision in writing before referring the matter to the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils for comment.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had also sought clarification from the Taff Ely District Education Officer on the Council's representation on the governing body of Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun. The D.E.O. had confirmed that the shared place for minor authorities on the governing body of Y Pant was allocated to the Pontyclun Community Council for the school year beginning on 1 September, 1988. It had been pointed out by the D.E.O., however, that as a result of the change in composition of school governing bodies following the implementation of the Education Act, 1986, it was unclear whether minor authorities would continue to be entitled to make nominations.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk continue to press the D.E.O. for clarification of the Council's position.

*GP Phillips*

(b) Application for financial assistance from the Taff Ely and District Community Police Consultative Committee

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from Superintendent Roger Vaughan of the South Wales Constabulary which gave information on the formation of Police Consultative Committees, and their establishment in police Sub Divisions by every police force in England and Wales.

RESOLVED: That the application for financial assistance be supported and that the Council make a donation of £20.00 to the Committee.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk reported that the matters which the Council wished to have the benefit of the advice of the Society's Special Adviser had been forwarded to the Area Secretary. However, in view of the fact that the Area Committee's Annual General Meeting and next Ordinary Meeting were scheduled to take place on a date close to the date of the General Election, it had been decided that both meetings be postponed to 16 June, 1987. The Clerk informed the Council that as he would be on leave on 16 June, 1987, he would be unable to attend the meetings.

The matter was noted.

(d) Planning

The Council received further details of Applications 56/0416/87 and 56/0429/87.

Both applications were noted.

(e) Occupier of Brofiscin Farm, Groesfaen - Refusal of Vote

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the Returning Officer for Taff Ely to establish why the occupier of Brofiscin Farm, Groesfaen, had been refused a vote at the recent Community Council election. The reply from the Returning Officer had been that whenever a declaration from an occupier of premises, giving the people eligible to vote, had not been received for three consecutive years, the persons shown on the register of electors against that particular property were removed. If a citizen subsequently complained at this action he, or she, could make application to be included on a Supplementary List and receive a vote at a future election. It was emphasised that although application could be made for inclusion on a Supplementary List the applicant would not be eligible to receive a vote where an election was pending at the time of the application.

The matter was noted.

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(f) Traffic Sub Committee

The Clerk informed the Council that he had not yet received copies of the County Council's Structure Plan or the Borough Council's Local Plan.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken to convene a meeting of the sub committee until copies of the Plans had been received.

3. Notice of Motion - Creation of a Local Directory (Councillor Kennard)

Councillor Kennard explained that there was a need, within the Community, for a small directory containing information for residents on important topics of public concern. Such a directory would contain information on the location of schools, health and sports facilities, Department of Health and Social Security Offices, local social services offices, medical facilities, the availability of evening classes, refuse collection days, names of local councillors etc.

Councillor Kennard believed that a directory of the type he had in mind could be funded almost entirely from advertising space which could be sold to local traders.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Kennard be authorised to produce a draft of a directory which would be placed before a later meeting of the Council.

(ii) That Councillor Kennard be authorised to approach local traders with a view to selling advertising space in the directory.

(iii) That an invitation to assist Councillor Kennard in the work be extended to all members of the Council.

4. Creation of a footpath from the Maesyfelin estate into the Maesyfelin sportsfields - (Councillor James)

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1987.

5. Stability of Trees in the Ivor Woods - Report of the site visit of 12 May, 1987

The Clerk gave a summary of the findings of the members who attended the site visit on the evening of 12 May, 1987.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council arrange for the "topping" of the tall spindly tree at the rear of No 7 The Hollies, at approximately 20 feet above ground level,

(ii) That the Council invite tenders for the removal of the large tree on the riverbank which was likely to be dislodged when the river Ely was in flood.

(iii) That tenders for the removal of the tree be invited from the following:-

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- (a) Mr Kevin Williams, Pontyclun.
- (b) Lyons Landscapes, Pontyclun.
- (c) D H Roderick and Sons, Pendoylan Nurseries.

6. Fishponds at Talygarn - Report of the site visit of 12 May, 1987

The Clerk outlined the findings of the members who attended the site meeting of 12 May, 1987. On balance, it was felt that the development, if properly managed and landscaped, could be an asset to the Community. However, serious reservations remained about:-

- (a) the threat of flooding at Maesyfelin as a result of the construction of earth walls above the level of the flood plain.
- (b) the lack of any fencing around the ponds.
- (c) the blockage of the public right of way (Footpath No 341), the route of which had been confirmed by the County Council.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That assurances be sought from the Borough Council, in conjunction with the Welsh Water Authority, that the development posed no danger of flooding to the residents on the Maesyfelin estate.
  - (ii) That the Borough Council be requested to carry out an inspection of the earth banks at the development and to give an assurance that the banks posed no danger to the public.
  - (iii) That the Clerk establish what progress had been made by the Borough Council in getting the developer to make application for a diversion of the public right of way (Footpath No 341).

7. Sewage problems in Brynsadler

The Council considered the reply of the Borough Council on sewage problems in Brynsadler.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Borough Council be again asked for their comments on the polluted state of the Nant Felin Fach.
  - (ii) That clarification be obtained from the Borough Council on whether the new sewage pumping station being built in Brynsadler would incorporate adequate venting facilities and avoid the stench experienced with the old plant.

8. Garages on the Hendy estate

The Chairman outlined the nuisances being caused on the Hendy estate by youths who were using garages for purposes for which they were not intended. It appeared that as a result of several garages becoming vacant, and in some cases derelict, they had become congregating places for youths. There was concern that in addition to the abuse which was directed at some of the nearby residents, the garages may have become the focal point

for illegal activities. It also appeared that youths were using the footways adjacent to public roads to ride motor cycles. Despite complaints to the police it appeared that little effective action had been achieved since most of the land on the estate was in the ownership of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: (a) That a letter be written to the Borough Council drawing attention to:-

- (i) the derelict state of a number of garages and pointing out that there was a risk of a serious accident occurring.
- (ii) the dangers to children and pedestrians resulting from youths riding motor-cycles on Borough Council owned land.
- (iii) the noise nuisance and feeling of insecurity being experienced by residents on the estate resulting from the actions of youths congregating around the garages.

(b) That a site meeting be held at 7.30pm on the evening of 3 June, 1987.

#### 9. Planning

##### (a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 19, 20 and 21

The applications contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 19 and 20 were noted. It was understood from the Borough Council that Weekly Notification No 21, which was due for reporting to the Council, was being combined with Weekly Notification No 22. It would be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

##### (b) Planning Appeal

It was noted that an appeal against the decision of the planning authority not to grant planning permission for land south of Hensol Road, Miskin, was due to be held on 6 August, 1987 at the Borough Council Offices, "Danygraig" Llantrisant.

#### 10. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in appendix 4 to the Agenda.

#### 11. Any other business of an urgent nature

##### (a) Donation of £20.00 to Mr Adam Rosser of 6 Derwen Road, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That for the purpose of the Council's minutes only, the decision of the Council at its meeting of 3 November, 1987, to award £20.00 towards the costs of Mr Adam Rosser of 6 Derwen Road, Pontyclun be reaffirmed.

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- (b) Possibility of holding the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Taff Ely in 1991

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from the chairmen to the Pontypridd and Llantrisant Committees of the Urdd which informed the Council of a meeting to be held at the Polytechnic of Wales on 26 June, 1987, to decide upon whether an invitation could be extended to the Urdd to hold its National Eisteddfod in Taff Ely in 1991.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented at the meeting by Councillor I V Evans and that her attendance be regarded as an approved duty.

- (c) Glamorgan Wildlife Trust

The Clerk read out a letter received from the secretary of the local branch of the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust.

The matter was noted.

- (d) Wayside Seats

The Chairman referred to the decision of the Council of 15 May, 1987 to replace the wayside seats outside St Paul's Church, Pontyclun, and in Station Road, Pontyclun, and asked the Council to consider installing a further wayside seat at Mwyndy.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council instal a further wayside seat at Mwyndy.

(ii) That the existing seats outside St Paul's Church and in Station Road be refurbished with a view to being resited in the Ivor Woods.

- (e) Roadsweeping outside No.2 Mwyndy Cottages, Mwyndy.

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke informed the Council that she had received a complaint from a resident at No 2 Mwyndy Cottages, Mwyndy, that, as a result of a lack of roadsweeping, the resident was obliged to remove a considerable quantity of dirt from immediately outside the house every day.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate the matter with the highway authority.

- (f) Litter bins

The Clerk reported that he had hoped to present further brochures on litter bins to the Council. The brochures had not been received but reminded members of the Council's decision for each member to make an assessment of his, or her ward's requirements. The matter would be placed on the agenda for the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1987.



(g) Hedge Trimmings

Councillor Kennard reported that the hedge along the Brynsadler to Castell-y-Mwnws road had recently been trimmed but that the trimmings had not been removed and presented a hazzard to users of the footway.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the highway authority.

(h) Burial Costs

Councillor T J Burton raised the matter of burial costs. He was of the view that since the reorganisation of community boundaries in 1985, when Pontyclun and district ceased to be a burial authority on its separation from the Llantrisant Community Council, burial costs had risen dramatically for residents of the Community of Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain a comparison of pre-reorganisation and post reorganisation burial costs for consideration by the Council.

(i) Annual Leave - Clerk

The Clerk informed the Council that he would be taking annual leave from Friday, 5 June, 1987, to Friday, 19 June, 1987.

The matter was noted.

12. The meeting ended at 9.40 pm

*G.P. Phillips*