

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on 6 April, 1987.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford (for part of meeting)

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 March, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Footpath No 309, Miskin.

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from the officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council dealing with footpath diversions. An apology had been offered to the Community Council because the diversion of Footpath No 309 had preceded consultations with the Community Council.

The matter was noted.

(b) Fishponds at Talygarn - Footpath No 341.

The Clerk reported that the concern of the Council over the blockage of Footpath No 341, in clear breach of planning consent, had been conveyed to the Borough Council. It was understood that a site meeting had taken place with the developer where it had been pointed out that in addition to obstructing the footpath the developer had encroached on an adjacent landowner's property and dammed the Nant Dyfrgi. A formal reply from the Borough Council was awaited.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk continue to press the Borough Council in the matter and that the matter be raised again at the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Footpath No 296 at Llwynmilwas Farm, Groesfaen.

It was reported that a site visit to the farm for the purpose of establishing whether access to the footpath was still being denied took place on 5 April, 1987. The landowner was adamant that he was not prepared to allow the public right of access to the footpath.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to both the County Council and the police.

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3. Reports by Members and Clerk

- (a) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Area Committee Meeting of 3 March, 1987.

Councillor James reported that attendance at the Area Committee meeting of 3 March, 1987, had been disappointingly low. The reasons for the low attendance were not clear but it was suggested that it may have been due to the meeting clashing with another meeting for regular attenders.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Area Committee be asked to identify the reasons for low attendance, and, if possible, to suggest ways of achieving an improvement in attendance.

- (ii) The matter be placed on the agenda of the next Community Council meeting.

- (b) Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

Councillor Dr Bowen reported on the suggestions made on the establishment of a disciplinary body. Dr Bowen also informed the Council that an inspection had been carried out by Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. It was anticipated that the Inspector's report would be available shortly. In celebration of the School's tenth anniversary it was proposed to hold a series of events locally. Appeals for financial assistance would be made to local bodies. A discussion ensued about the difficulties experienced by the Council's nominees to governing bodies of schools where meetings were held during working hours.

RESOLVED: (i) That Dr Bowen's report be noted.

- (ii) That the matter of the Council's nominations to schools' governing bodies be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

- (c) Pontyclun Christian Action Council

The Clerk reported that he had received an approach from Father Martin Reynolds, acting as convenor for the Pontyclun Christian Action Council, informing him of the plans for the establishment of a Day Centre/Church in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. Father Martin Reynolds had sought clarification on whether the Community Council required accommodation in the Day Centre/Church and, if so, the amount of accommodation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Father Martin Reynolds thanking him for his approach, welcoming the plans for the development, and asking for the written proposals of the Pontyclun Christian Action Council in order that the matter could be fully considered by the Community Council.

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4. Landslip at Ivor Woods - Report of Consulting Engineers

The Clerk reported that when Ove Arup and Partners, Consulting Engineers, had been asked for a quotation of their professional fees for carrying out a report on the causes of the landslip at Ivor Woods an amount of £500.00, excluding VAT had been quoted. On the basis of the quote Ove Arup and Partners had been commissioned to produce the report. Following receipt of the report an invoice had been rendered for £750.00, exclusive of VAT, together with a letter of explanation on why the fees being charged exceeded the quoted amount. A lengthy discussion took place by the Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That Ove Arup and Partners be thanked for producing the report.

(ii) That it be pointed out to Ove Arup and Partners that at a time when the Community Council was under considerable pressure to limit the amount of its precept increase it was inappropriate to agree to an increase of 50% over the quoted fee, and that the Community Council pay £500.00, exclusive of VAT, as originally agreed.

5. Provision of Children's play area in Miskin

Discussion took place about the shortage of children's play areas in Miskin. It was recognised that if a suitable plot of land could be found in the village for the creation of a children's play area no one site would be ideally located for all Miskin children.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council to ascertain whether the vacant plot of land adjacent to The Drive, Miskin, which was understood to be in the ownership of the Borough Council, could be made available to the Community Council for the creation of a children's play area.

6. Taff Ely Drug Support Group

The Council received a progress report of the Group's activities during the preceding year, a request for additional information on the Community, and an enquiry about the Council's willingness to publicise the Group's services to residents within the Community.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk reply to the Group giving the factual information sought.

(ii) That the Council indicate their willingness to display the Group's literature.

(iii) That the Council agree to assist in the distribution of leaflets.

7. Sewage problems at Brynsadler

The Council considered the reply from the Borough Council on sewage problems which had been experienced in the vicinity of the Ivor Arms, Brynsadler.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk again contact the Borough Council to ask for the overall position in Brynsadler since many complaints about sewage problems continued to be received from the residents. In particular, there was frequent evidence of raw sewage in the Nant Felin Fach and the owner of Elms Farm complained of obnoxious smells emanating from his drains.

8. Age Concern Taff Ely - Llantrisant Town Ward - Invitation to nominate representative

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs O P Phillips be nominated as the Council's representative and that her attendance at meetings be regarded as an approved duty.

9. Proposed dates for Community Council Meetings for 1987/88

RESOLVED: That the schedule of dates at Appendix 6 to the Agenda be approved.

10. Appeals for financial assistance

RESOLVED: (i) That as a matter of policy all applicants for financial assistance from the Council be advised to apply on official forms by the first week in July each year.

(ii) That exceptionally, where the Council receive applications for financial assistance for ad hoc events then those applications be considered outside the annual pattern.

(iii) That the applications from:-

- (a) Miskin Manor Cricket Club
 - (b) Llantrisant Leisure Centre Sharks Swimming Club
 - (c) Spectacle Theatre
 - (d) National Language Centre
 - (e) Taff Ely Playscheme for Children with a Mental or Physical Handicap
- be treated in accordance with (i) above

(iv) That the application from the Taff Ely and District Community Police Consultative Committee be deferred to the Council's next meeting.

11. Planning

(a) Notifications for Weeks No.s 9,10,11,12, and 13

RESOLVED: (i) That the applications contained in notifications for Weeks No.s 9,10, 11, 12, and 13 be noted subject to the following comments:-

Application No 56/0291/87

That the Council unanimously oppose the proposed development on the grounds that:-

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- (a) There have been blatant breaches by the tip operator of the tipping license at his present site.
- (b) It is only when those breaches have been forcibly brought to his attention that any remedial action has been taken.
- (c) There is a grave risk of further pollution to the Nant Dyfrgi
- (d) There are worries, arising from evidence discovered at the existing site, that toxic materials may have been tipped. There would be nothing to prevent a repetition of events at the proposed tip.
- (e) The proposed development would constitute a significant intrusion into an environmentally sensitive area.

Application No. 56/0302/87

That although the brief details supplied by the Borough Council were not clear on the point the Council expressed the view that workshops ought not to form any part of the development since Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun is a residential area. The Council were also of the view that sufficient parking space within the development should be provided.

Application No. 56/0304/87

That reservations be expressed about the road access to the proposed development.

- (ii) That the Council's views be conveyed to the Borough Council and, in the case of Application No. 56/0291/87 to the Welsh Water Authority.

(b) Planning Inquiry - Access Road to Miskin Manor

The Borough Council's letters of 23 March, 1987 were noted and provisional arrangements were made for the Council to be represented at the Inquiry by Councillor Monckton and the Clerk.

12. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 15 to the Agenda.

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13. Any other business of an urgent nature

- (a) Community and Environmental Programme -European Year of the Environment - European Week 25/4/87 - 4/5/87

RESOLVED: (i) That as the Council's contribution to the Programme the Council notify the Borough Council of its intention to upgrade the litter bins in the Community.

- (ii) That the matter of litter bins be placed on the Council's Agenda for its next meeting.

- (b) Applications for financial assistance

Applications for financial assistance were received from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, and the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club.

RESOLVED: (i) That as the application from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, was in connection with special celebratory events which would take place before the Council allocated financial grants for 1987, an amount of £50.00 be donated towards the appeal.

- (ii) That the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club be advised to reapply for grant in late June, 1987, and that the application would be considered when the Council allocated grants for 1987.

- (c) Maesyfelin Infants/Pontyclun Junior Schools-Governing Body Meeting

The Chairman reported on the latest meeting of the governing body.

The report was noted.

- (d) Accumulation of litter near Maelog Close, Pontyclun

Councillor Burton spoke of her concern about the accumulation of litter near the kissing gates at the entrance into Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

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

- (e) South Wales Electricity Board - Reinstatement Works

Several members reported instances of recent work carried out by the South Wales Electricity Board where reinstatement works had been poor.

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RESOLVED: That the instances of poor reinstatement works at the Riverside development, the Windsor Field and near the Brynsadler to Llanharry Road be reported to the South Wales Electricity Board.

(f) Council's Logo

The Clerk reported that the artwork for the Council's logo had been completed and that supplies of stationery bearing the logo would be received from the printers shortly.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council confirm the action of the Clerk in arranging supplies of stationery.
- (ii) That the Clerk make investigations into the possibility of obtaining brooches and ties bearing the Council's logo.

(g) Retiring Members

Councillor Kennard, in recognition that Councillors Bath, Dr Bowen, Francis and Monckton would not be seeking re-election on 7 May, 1987, paid tribute to the invaluable contribution made by each member to the work of the Council in its inaugural years. Councillor Kennard was supported in comments by Councillor James. Councillor Bath responded and thanked all present for their help and cooperation over the previous two years. She was confident that the Council would continue to represent the best interests of the residents of the Community.

- RESOLVED: (i) That each member not seeking re-election be presented with a signed photograph of the Council and a scroll.
- (ii) That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

14. The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

R. G. Norman