

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 2 February, 1987

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Dr S M Bowen, Mrs A Burton, 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

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Miss A M Bath.

1. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that item 5 on the Agenda be taken first.

2. MSC/NACRO - Pontyclun Project

The Scheme Manager and Senior Supervisor gave a progress report on the Pontyclun Project. It was anticipated that work in Ivor Park would be completed towards the end of March and that other work on footpaths, painting and decorating, and garden tidying would occupy the remainder of the Scheme's initial year. Confirmation had been obtained from the trade unions involved with the Borough Council's Direct Labour Organisation that there was no objection to NACRO becoming involved with those aspects of the maintenance of Borough Council housing which were properly the responsibility of the tenant.

The Scheme Manager was optimistic that approval would be granted by the MSC for an extension to the Pontyclun scheme for a further year. During the further year it was planned to carry out additional work on footpaths, the erection of two bus shelters, and the possible construction of a car park. It was also possible that work could be carried out on St Anne's Chapel at Talygarn, and at St Cawrdaf's Monastery, Miskin. The Scheme Manager agreed to make enquiries about the possibility of obtaining grant-aid for some of the schemes.

The report was noted.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 5 January, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Planning Application No. 1387

RESOLVED: (i) That in the event of permission for the development being granted the Borough Council be requested to ensure that the operator of the tip take all reasonable steps to avoid nuisance to the residents of the Community.

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- (ii) That the Borough Council require the tip operator to take appropriate steps to prevent the deposit of mud on the highway.
- (iii) That a copy of the Council's observations also be sent to the County Council.

(b) Planning Applications No.s 1410, 1468, and 1473

The applications were noted.

(c) Off street lighting at the rear of the public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The Clerk reported that the recently erected light column was fully operational.

The matter was noted.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of 12 January, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 12 January, 1987, be approved as an accurate record and be adopted by the Council.

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Proposed diversion of Footpath No 309, Miskin

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held at the site of the proposed diversion at 10.30am on Sunday, 8 February, 1987.

8. Bus shelters

(a) Proposed bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Council noted the County Council's letter of 15 January, 1987, which confirmed that subject to the County Council standard conditions there was no objection to the erection of a bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws.

(b) Provision of bus shelters

The Council noted the letter received from More-O'Ferrall- Adshell advising of the services which were offered in the provision of bus shelters.

9. Public lighting on A4119

The Council noted the reply of the Borough Council on the principles adopted in deciding which lengths of the A4119 would be illuminated night.

10. Community Skips

The Council noted the information provided by the Borough Council on the location and frequency of the provision of Community Skips.

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11. Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy, - Parking on pavements

The Council noted the reply of the County Council about the concern previously expressed by the Community Council over the regular parking of vehicles on pavements in the vicinity of the Corner Park Garage, Mwyndy. It was understood that enforcement action was the responsibility of the police.

12. Fishponds at Talygarn

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 15 January, 1987, which explained why the original application had been refused and the subsequent application approved. Despite an assurance that the development was considered acceptable from a safety standpoint, the Council again expressed its reservations.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk again write to the Borough Council to express the Community Council's grave concern at the proposals to dig ponds and to allow the ponds to be unfenced in the knowledge that a public right of way crossed the site.
 - (ii) That the Clerk establish whether a license for the extraction of water for the development had been issued by the Welsh Water Authority.

13. Sewage problems at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 8 January, 1987, which outlined the measures taken to alleviate the sewage problems at Castell-y-Mwnws.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the information be noted.
 - (ii) That the Borough Council be requested for information on the cause of the blockage at Brynsadler and the plans of the Borough Council to rectify the matter.

14. Litter bins

The Clerk reported that following the earlier request of the Council to obtain information on litter bins he had approached three manufacturers for literature. Copies of the brochures received were distributed.

- RESOLVED: That consideration of the matter be deferred to allow all members on opportunity to study the literature.

15. Requests for financial assistance

- (a) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru-Merthyr Tydfil and District, May, 1987

Councillor S M Bowen declared her interest in the matter and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

- RESOLVED: That the Council make a donation of £75.00

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(b) Glamorgan Trust for Nature Conservation - Pontyclun Group

The Clerk reported that he had received a belated application for financial assistance from the Group.

RESOLVED: (i) That a grant of £25-00 be made.

(ii) That the Treasurer of the Group be advised that any further application for financial assistance should be made in time for the annual allocation of grants in July of every year.

(iii) That a copy of the letter to the Treasurer be sent to the Secretary of the Group.

16. The Bute Arms - Transfer of License Application

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the application.

17. Planning(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 50+51, 1+2, 3, and 4.

The applications contained in notifications 50+51, 1+2, and 4 were noted. There were no applications in Week 3 considered to have an effect on the Community.

(b) Permission for Development - Cafe and Takeaway - No 79 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

The decision of the Borough Council to grant permission for development was noted.

18. Payment of Creditors

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

19. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Late night disturbances in Cowbridge and Llantrisant Roads, Pontyclun.

A large deputation of shopkeepers, traders and residents voiced its concern about late night vandalism and rowdyism in Cowbridge and Llantrisant Roads, Pontyclun.

Inspector Squires of the South Wales Constabulary responded and said that, generally speaking, Pontyclun was one of his quietest policing areas. With limited manpower at his disposal, resources were concentrated on those areas which regularly caused problems for the police.

Inspector Squires was aware that occasionally, and usually on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening disturbances took place in Pontyclun. Difficulties

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arose in apprehending the culprits since there was a reluctance by the public to become involved. Inspector Squires quoted the instance of the disturbance on a recent weekend and said that despite a very rapid response by the police, progress in investigating the incidents had been hampered because the initial report received by the police was anonymous. Inspector Squires made a request for the public to become more involved. He said that over the following weeks he would arrange for temporary additional police resources to be allocated to Pontyclun at high risk times. This solution had been relatively successful in controlling the problem in the past.

The long-term solution to the problem lay in getting greater cooperation from the public and in obtaining additional manpower. Representations on increasing manpower were currently being made to the Police Committee and the Home Office.

A vote of thanks was extended to Inspector Squires by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

(b) District Council/Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee Meeting of 22 January, 1987

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the discussions which took place at the District Council/Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee Meeting of 22 January, 1987.

The report was noted.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Area Committee Meeting of 27 January, 1987

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the discussions which took place at the Special Meeting of the Area Committee on the proposed new Welsh Language Act.

The report was noted.

(d) Footpath No 296 - Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That a date for a site visit be arranged at the Council meeting of 3 March, 1987.

(e) Effluent in River Ely

Councillor Francis reported that he had recently contacted the Welsh Water Authority to express his concern about the black and grey effluent which was discolouring the River Ely. The W W A had promised to monitor the situation and had thanked the Council for its diligence.

(f) Visit to local typewriter factory

Councillor James reported that the management of a local typewriter factory had extended an invitation to the Council to tour the factory.

RESOLVED: That Councillor James liaise with the Clerk and arrange a date for the visit.

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(g) Illumination of the Brynsadler to Castell-y-Mwnws road

Councillor Kennard reported that problems were being experienced with the illumination of the Brynsadler to Castell-y-Mwnws road at night and that an uneven level of illumination had resulted.

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

(h) Taff Ely Horticultural Show, 1987.

The Chairman reported that he had been appointed by the Borough Council as an organiser for the Taff Ely Horticultural Show to be held in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre in August, 1987.

The Council offered its congratulations to the Chairman on his appointment.

20. Exclusion of the public and accredited representatives of the press

RESOLVED: That the public and accredited representatives of the press be excluded during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that disclosure of terms under consideration by the Council might prejudice their position in negotiations concerning land, property, goods or services.

21. Land slippage at Ivor Wood

RESOLVED: (i) That a copy of the Consulting Engineers' Report be provided to any resident of the Hollies who makes application.

(ii) A site meeting be held at the Wood at 10.00am on Sunday, 8 February, 1987.

22. The meeting ended at 10.10pm.

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