

CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 3 February, 1988 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Professor I D Bowen, Mrs I Evans, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mr E Hopkin and Mr R G Norman.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Chair

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Chairman of the Council, Councillor R G Norman, the Chair be occupied by the Vice-Chairlady, Councillor Mrs O P Phillips

2. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that item 3 on the Agenda be taken first.

3. NACRO/MSK - Community Programme 1988/89/U K 2000

The Council was addressed by the Scheme Manager and his Senior Supervisor.

RESOLVED: (i) That NACRO's submission of work for approval to the MSC for 1988/89 include provision for :-

- (a) Additional car parking in the Community
- (b) A further two bus shelters
- (c) Additional work at St Anne's Chapel, Talygarn.

(ii) That further discussions take place on the detail of (i) and the content of the Council's submission for inclusion in U K 2000.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 January, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 January, 1988 be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Noticeboard in Brynsadler

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for a further, waterproof, noticeboard to be erected outside the post office in Brynsadler.

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(b) Bus shelter opposite Ivor Arms Car Park, Brynsadler

The Clerk reported that the approval of the highway authority had been obtained to the erection of a bus shelter on the grass verge opposite the Ivor Arms Car Park. No comment had been received from DRIVE on the Council's plans.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again contact DRIVE about the Council's plans. In the event of no reply being received in 14 days the Council would assume that DRIVE had no objection to the Council's plans.

(c) Footpath No 341 - Footbridge

The Council noted that, subject to certain reservations, Dr Wynne Davies, the landowner to the east of the Nant Dyfrgi, had no objection to the erection of a footbridge across the Dyfrgi.

RESOLVED: That the Council consider the matter further when the observations of the Taff Ely Borough Council, the Mid Glamorgan County Council and the Welsh Water Authority had been received.

(d) Public conveniences - Water penetration of roof

The Clerk reported upon the discussions he had had with the County Consumer Protection Officer.

RESOLVED: (i) That arrangements be made for the repair of the convenience roof.

(ii) That tenders be sought for the repair of the roof with:-

- (a) bituminous felt
- (b) fibre glass
- (c) by the installation of a pitched roof

(iii) That enquiries be made of the Taff Ely Borough Council for the services of a surveyor to specify the work required.

(e) Bus shelter advertising

Councillor T J Burton reported on his attendance at a meeting of Community Councils in Taff Ely, hosted by the Llantwit Fardre Community Council, at which representatives of More O'Ferrall Adshel were present. The representatives of More O'Ferrall Adshel outlined their plans for the installation of "free" bus shelters. It was also explained that in providing bus shelters, M O A required exclusive rights to advertising space and would exercise the

right to veto the erection of other bus shelters in the vicinity. It appeared that M O A were more interested in providing their service in urban rather than rural areas.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to make its own arrangements for bus shelters in the Community.

(f) Premises for Handyman

The Clerk reported the observations of the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council on the Community Council's plans to lease the former Mission Hall off Merthyr Street for the use of the Community Council's Handyman as a store/workshop.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for a formal application for planning consent for a change of use of the premises.

6. Minutes of the Council's Finance Committee meeting of 25 January, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Finance Committee meeting of 25 January, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

(a) Recommendations on the Council's expenditure for 1988/89

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee's recommendations be adopted.

(b) Recommendations on the Council's budget and precept for 1988/89

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee's recommendations be adopted.

8. Speeding vehicles

The Council considered the letter of the South Wales Constabulary dated 25 January, 1988, about speeding vehicles in the Community.

The contents of the letter were noted.

9. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(a) Rural Transport Innovation Grant Scheme

The Council considered details of the Rural Transport Innovation Grant Scheme forwarded by the secretary of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee.

RESOLVED: That the details be forwarded to the secretary of Pontyclun Community Wheels.

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- (b) Proposal to build nuclear power station at Hinkley Point - Lack of adequate emergency evacuation procedures - Letters of opposition

The Clerk reported that copies of letters of opposition had been delayed but would be reported to the Council upon receipt.

RESOLVED: (i) That the letters of opposition be reported to the next meeting of the Council after receipt.

- (ii) That the Council's opposition to the building of a further nuclear power station at Hinkley Point be conveyed to the Secretary of State for the Energy.

- (c) Nominations for Area Representative to act as co-opted member to the East Glamorgan Community Health Council

Councillor Mrs O P Phillips declared her interest in the matter and withdrew from the deliberations of the Council.

RESOLVED: That nominations be made in the following order:-

1. Mrs O P Phillips (Pontyclun)
2. Mr N Follis (Pentyrch)
3. Mr L C J Leonard (Llanharan)

10. Painting of murals

The Council discussed a letter from Mrs F M Williams, 6 Hensol Road, Miskin, who sought permission for her son Simon to paint a mural on the wall of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Mrs Williams thanking her for her interest, requesting a sample of Simon's work, but pointing out that the wall of the public convenience was not considered a suitable location for a mural. Mrs Williams be also informed that the Council would make enquiries about an alternative site for the painting of a mural.

11. Posting facilities in the Community

The Council noted that after carrying out surveys in the Rhyd-y-Nant, Fairview Close and Castell-y-Mwnws areas, the Post Office was of the view that existing posting facilities were sufficient.

12. Taff Ely Community Drug Date Lunch Meetings

The Council noted the proposals to hold Taff Ely Drug Date Lunch

Meetings once every month in Pontypridd from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

RESOLVED: (i) That the two members of the Community Council with a particular interest in drug problems, Councillors Mr T J Burton and Mrs D Richards-Clarke be nominated to attend the meetings on behalf of the Council as and when they are able to attend.

(ii). That attendance at the meetings be regarded as an official duty.

13. Siting of litter bins

The Council noted the response from the County Engineer and Surveyor who offered no objections to the Community Council's proposals to site three further litter bins on the footways in Pontyclun.

14. Poll Tax - Reply of Mr Brynmor John, MP

The Council noted the reply of Mr Brynmor John, MP, to the Council's earlier letter requesting him to oppose the Government's plans to introduce a poll tax.

15. Applications for financial assistance

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:-

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| (i) | Dr Barnardo's                        | £25.00 |
| *   | (ii) Royal National Eisteddfod       | £25.00 |
|     | (iii) Wales Council for the Disabled | £30.00 |

\* Councillor Professor Bowen declared an interest in this application and withdrew from the deliberations of the Council

16. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 51+52, 1, 2 and 3

The planning notifications contained in weekly notifications 51+52, 1,2 and 3 were noted.

(b) Public Inquiry

The Council noted that a planning inquiry in respect of a refusal of planning consent to develop land at Talygarn was to be held at the Council Offices, Danygraig, Llantrisant on 18 February, 1988.

17. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 22 to the Agenda.

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18. Any other business of an urgent nature

- (a) Dog fouling of lane connecting Palalwyf Avenue and Pontyclun Primary School

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke spoke of her serious concern about dog fouling, and the consequent health hazards, in the lane connecting Palalwyf Avenue with Pontyclun Primary School.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Taff Ely Borough Council to establish what action could be taken.

- (b) Koinonia Centre, Pontyclun

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke outlined to the Council the plans of five local churches to take joint action to convert the Methodist Church in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, into a centre to provide for the needs of youngsters and the elderly. It was intended to provide a venue for the older members of the area who wanted companionship and activities during the day as well as a safe and friendly place for youngsters to meet in the evening. It was also proposed to include a Methodist Church at the Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Council welcome the initiative and wish it every success.

- (c) Retirement of Inspector Squire

Councillor James reported that Inspector Squire of the South Wales Constabulary, who was a resident of the Community, had announced his retirement from the police force.

RESOLVED: That the Council's congratulations be conveyed to Inspector Squire and that he be thanked for the assistance he had given in the work of the Council.

- (d) Brunel Arms - Dancing Licence

Councillor James reported that the dancing licence held by the Brunel Arms had not been renewed. The matter was noted.

- (e) Non adoption of sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun

Councillor James reported that the Taff Ely Borough Council had made provision in their budget for 1988/89 for a survey of the non adopted sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun. The matter was noted.

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(f) Blasting at Hendy Quarry

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs I Evans the Clerk reported that he had contacted the Polytechnic of Wales to establish if it would be possible to monitor levels of vibration following blasting at the Quarry. The Polytechnic had agreed to assist but needed a formal approach, together with details of blasting times and an indication of the houses which suffered most.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter formally with the Polytechnic.
- (ii) That a circular be drafted and delivered to every property in Miskin advising residents of the monitoring plans and the intention of the Taff Ely Borough Council to use disused quarries in Miskin for refuse disposal.

(g) Car Park - Ivor Park

In response to a question from Professor Bowen the Clerk advised that work on the car park at Ivor Park would begin shortly provided weather conditions were suitable.

(h) Articles for inclusion in the next issue of "CLUN"

Professor Bowen reminded the Council that articles were now required for the next issue of the Community Council's magazine "CLUN".

(i) Letter from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter received from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party which sought clarification on the car park at Ivor Park and the bus shelter near The Paddocks, Brynsadler.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk respond giving the reasons for the delay in starting work on the car park.
- (ii) That the Clerk respond to the queries on the bus shelter to the effect that:-
- (a) the site was chosen after a survey of bus users had been undertaken.
  - (b) consultations had been entered into with residents in the immediate vicinity of the bus shelter.
  - (c) the approval of the highway authority had been obtained to the siting of the bus-shelter.

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- (j) Letter from Captain K Dixon,  
41 Heol Miskin, Pontyclun

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter received from Captain K Dixon of 41 Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, in which the Council's attention was drawn to an inconveniently parked vehicle near the junction of Heol Miskin and Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, and the untidy state of some of the residents' gardens in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. The Community policeman offered his observations on the former matter.

RESOLVED: That Captain Dixon be informed that:-

- (i) despite being parked inconveniently the vehicle in question was parked legally and the police were not in a position to take action.
- (ii) although the Community Council had no powers to deal with untidy gardens, his comments were noted by those members of the Community Council who were also members of the Taff Ely Borough Council.

- (k) Footpath No. 323

Members were reminded that since the construction of the M4 motorway public access to Talygarn Lake via Footpath No.323 was no longer possible. The Council believed that a valuable amenity in the Community had been lost.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of the Welsh Office to ascertain whether approval could be obtained for the use by the public of the very large, and normally dry, drainage culvert running underneath the motorway for the purpose of reinstating public access to Talygarn Lake.

19. 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.

20. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council's insurers be contacted and made aware of the situation.

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(ii) That in the event of the Community Council being invited to attend meetings in connection with the slippage, a representative of the Council attend that meeting.

(iii) That the incorrect statements by Ideal Homes Wales be refuted.

21. The meeting ended at 9.45pm

*R G Newman*  
