

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 5 January, 1987

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford and Messrs D H Williams and D Copp (Welsh Water Authority)

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor R C Kennard.

1. Order of business

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

2. Quality of water in the River Ely and Nant Dyfrgi

The Council was addressed by Mr D H Williams, Water Quality Officer, and Mr D Copp, Development Liaison Officer, of the Welsh Water Authority. The Council was informed that the W W A categorise rivers into four separate classes. Class one rivers were those regarded as "clean" while, at the other end of the scale, Class four rivers were those regarded as "grossly polluted". The rivers Ely and Clun both fell into Class three where fish were regarded as "absent or in sporadic attendance".

The reasons for the relatively low rating of both the Ely and the Clun were the bio-chemical demand of the water, and the presence of ammonia.

During the next five years, with the advent of the new sewage treatment works at Coslech, and with the plans to discharge ammonia effluent from the Beddau Coking Works to the sewers rather than to the rivers, it was confidently forecast that the Ely and the Clun would both be rivers falling within Class two.

The new sewage works at Coslech was expected to be operational in May, 1988, and there would be a need to close down some of the smaller sewage works upstream of Coslech. Negotiations were also taking place with industrialists with a view to their effluent also joining the new sewer.

Mr Williams said that routine testing of the rivers took place at about monthly intervals although, in response to a question from Dr Bowen who asked why no bacteriological sampling had taken place since 1979, he replied that the information would be "nice to know rather than essential". Mr Williams said that the W W A would certainly be interested in the results of sampling taken by a student of Dr Bowen's.

The representatives of the W W A stated that when the Nant Dyfrgi was last sampled it was categorised as a class one stream. They were aware that problems had arisen as the result of the tipping operations at Talygarn Tip and that instructions had been issued

to the tip operator to cease the tipping of paper waste since surface water which had come into contact with the paper waste and later found its way into the Nant Dyfrgi was causing pollution. The paper waste had since been covered over. It was agreed that the W W A would again take samples of water from the Nant Dyfrgi beneath the tip.

Reference was made to the proposed fish farm at Talygarn and the W W A representatives thought it likely that water for the farm would be extracted from the Nant Dyfrgi rather than from the river Ely. Water extraction would be subject to the issue of a licence from the W W A.

A vote of thanks was extended to both Mr Williams and Mr Copp for their interesting presentation.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 December, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 1 December, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Annual General Meeting of the Governing Body of the Maesyfelin Infants/ Pontyclun Junior Schools

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in the matter.

- (b) Glamorgan Community Trust Appeal

The letter and enclosures from the Secretary of the Glamorgan Community Services Council were noted.

- (c) Planning Applications No.s 1323, 1345, and 1387

The additional details provided for applications 1323 and 1345 were noted.

RESOLVED: That consideration of application No 1387 be deferred to the Council's next meeting.

- (d) Christmas/New Year Function

RESOLVED: That Councillor V P James be authorised to make enquiries on the Council's behalf about the availability of a room at the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club for a function early in March, 1987.

5. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

- (a) Welsh Language Bill

RESOLVED: That members' comments on the provisions of the Bill be conveyed to the Council's representatives on the Area Committee by 27 January, 1987.

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(b) Statement on Government's Green Paper
on Local Government Finance

RESOLVED: That as the Council had already written to the Secretary of State opposing the provisions in the Green Paper no further action be taken.

6. Footpaths - Responsibilities of County, District and Community Councils

RESOLVED: That as the Chairman of the County Council's Highways and Transportation Committee would be unable to attend a Community Council meeting on the first Monday of the month, the Council agree to convene a special meeting on another day and that the Clerk contact the County Council to establish a convenient date.

7. Footpath No 296 - Groesfaen

The Council considered the County Council's letter of 17 December, 1986, in which it was stated that the landowners of Llwynmilwas Farm had been warned on several occasions about the consequences of denying the public access to Footpath No 296 at Llwynmilwas Farm.

RESOLVED: (i) That the County Council's letter be displayed in the Groesfaen noticeboard.

(ii) That the Council hold a site meeting, approximately two weeks after its meeting of 2 February, 1987, to establish whether public access to the right of way was still being denied.

8. MSC/NACRO - Report by Councillor James

Councillor James reported that following agreement by the MSC to continue funding the Pontyclun Project for a further twelve months, a delegation of Council members had met representatives of NACRO to suggest suitable additional schemes in the Community. NACRO representatives had emphasised that in view of the limited resources likely to be made available by the Community Council, best value to the community would be achieved by pursuing labour intensive schemes. It was agreed that the NACRO representatives would compile a list of costed schemes for presentation to the Council

The report was noted.

9. Finance Committee

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Finance Committee be held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun on Thursday, 15 January, 1987.

10. Community Council Precept for 1987/88

The Council discussed the letter of 12 December, 1986, received from the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce and Industry about the level of precept for 1987/88.

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RESOLVED: That the letter be referred to the Finance Committee meeting of 15 January, 1987.

11. Application for Justices Licence - Mwyndy Barn

The Council considered the resubmitted application for a Justices Licence at Mwyndy Barn.

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the resubmitted application

12. Application for Financial Assistance - Shelter Wales

RESOLVED: That Shelter Wales be advised to make further application to the Council in July, 1987, when financial grants for 1987 would be allocated by the Council.

13. County Council's Annual Report and Financial Statement 1985/86

Receipt of the Annual Report and Financial Statement were noted.

14. C N D Matters

The information received from CND was noted.

15. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51

The Clerk reported that only notifications for Weeks 47, 48, and 49 had been received. There were no planning applications included in Week 48 which were considered to have any effect on the Community.

RESOLVED: (i) That further details be sought on applications No.s 1410, 1468, and 1473.

(ii) That enquiries be made about the non-receipt of notifications for Weeks 50 and 51.

16. Payment of Creditors

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

17. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Land Slippage at Ivor Wood, Brynsadler

Mr Griffiths and Mr Jones of No.s 5 and 3 respectively, The Hollies, addressed the Council about the slippage. Mr Jones handed a letter to the Council which he had received from solicitors acting on behalf of Ideal Homes, Wales.

Mr Griffiths and Mr Jones were informed that the Council were not, at that time, in a position to make any public statement about the matter, but that as soon as the Council were in a position to make a statement the views would be conveyed to them.

(b) Traffic Dangers - Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

Mr and Mrs Hole of 22 Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler, made representations to the Council about the dangers confronting

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those residents of Cowbridge Road whose front entrance gave access immediately on to the highway. The dangers to residents were increased as the result of poor vision at the point of entry into the highway, and the tendency of traffic to speed in a restricted area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council to establish what plans were in existence to eliminate the dangers to the residents of Cowbridge Road.

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

The Clerk reported that following consultations with the Borough Council he had placed an order with the South Wales Electricity Board for the installation of a single light column at the rear of the public conveniences. It was likely that the existing softwood pole outside the Windsor Arms could be utilised thereby dispensing with the need to erect a separate column.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk progress the matter with the South Wales Electricity Board.

- (d) Community Noticeboard - Miskin Village

Concern was expressed that the Council had not erected a community noticeboard in Miskin Village. Various locations for the erection of a noticeboard were discussed.

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor James make enquiries about the acquisition of a further noticeboard.
(ii) That the Clerk contact the Vicar of St David's Church, Miskin, about the possibility of erecting a noticeboard within the Church boundary similar to the noticeboard in St Paul's Church, Pontyclun.

- (e) Community Council Precepts 1987/88

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 30 December, 1986.

RESOLVED: That the letter be referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

18. 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.

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19. Land slippage at Ivor Park Woods

RESOLVED: That the Pontyclun Community Council cannot be held responsible for the land slippage which has occurred at Ivor Woods or for any consequential damage which may have been suffered by adjoining properties.

20. The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

R G Norman