

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 6 January, 1988, at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V 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 Community 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, Councillor R G Norman, the Chair be occupied by the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Mrs O P Phillips.

2. Councillor R G Norman

RESOLVED: That the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Councillor R G Norman.

3. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that item 2 (b) on the Agenda be taken first.

4. Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant - Report of Dr S M Bowen - the Council's representative on the governing body

Dr Bowen prefaced her report by thanking the Council for its recent contribution towards the school's celebration concert.

Dr Bowen informed the Council of the recent report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. The school had been commended by the Inspectorate on a wide range of matters. In particular, its Welshness was a significant feature. Also, tribute was paid to the strong support given by teachers and parents. The Education Authority, the Mid Glamorgan County Council, had commented that the report was one of the best received on schools in Mid Glamorgan. Reference was made in the report to the possibility of county councils combining to provide tertiary education.

Dr Bowen informed the Council of domestic changes at the school. In particular, the former headmaster, Mr John Pugh had been appointed to the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education in Cyncoed. The new headmaster at the school was Mr Gerwyn Williams of Gwaelod-y-Garth. A further change had seen one of the teachers leave to become Deputy Head at Castellau Primary School. His replacement at Llantrisant was Mr Roberts.

RESOLVED: That the Council's thanks be conveyed to Dr Bowen for giving an informative report.

OT Phillips

5. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 December, 1987

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

6. Matters arising(a) NACRO/MSK - UK 2000

The Clerk advised the Council that he had received a message earlier that afternoon from the Scheme Manager to the effect that he, and his Senior Supervisor, would not be able to attend the meeting as previously agreed.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Scheme Manager and his Senior Supervisor be invited to attend the Council's meeting of 3 February, 1988.

(ii) That an informal meeting of members be convened by Councillor Kennard before the meeting of 3 February to consider proposals for inclusion in the Council's submission to participate in U K 2000.

(b) Proposals for grass veges in Groesfaen

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred pending the return to duty of Councillor R G Norman.

(c) Footpath No 341 - Proposal to erect footbridge over the Nant Dyfrgi

The Clerk reported that he had written to the landowners on either side of the Nant Dyfrgi proposing the erection of a small footbridge across the Dyfrgi near the stream's confluence with the river Ely. Mrs M Davies, on behalf of the proprietor of Otters Brook Trout Pools, had signified her agreement in principle to the proposal. It was understood that the other landowner, Dr Wynne Davies, would not, in principle, object to the proposal.

RESOLVED: That on receipt of Dr Davies' outline approval the Clerk contact the Taff Ely Borough Council, the Mid Glamorgan County Council, the Welsh Water Authority and the Council's insurers to obtain their views on the proposal.

(d) Proposal to erect bus shelter on grass verge opposite the Ivor Arms car park, Brynsadler.

In response to a question from Councillor Kennard the Clerk reported that permission to erect a bus shelter at the site had not been received from the County Council. The comments of DRIVE, the organisation owning the property immediately adjacent to the proposed site were also awaited. Councillor James reported that he had raised the matter of the erection with the landlord of the Ivor Arms and that he had no objection to the Council's plans.

RESOLVED: That after the approval of the County Council and DRIVE had been received the Clerk contact the National Welsh Bus Company with a view to moving the bus stop on the opposite side of the road to a position where the new bus shelter could reasonably serve bus users travelling in both directions.

7. Public conveniences, Pontyclun -
Water penetration through roof

The Clerk reported that he had made several requests to the builder who had carried out repair and renovation works at the public conveniences in late 1985/early 1986 to return to attend to water penetration of the roof. The builder had failed to respond to any of the requests.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter through the Consumer Protection Department of the County Council.

8. Bus shelters

(a) Letter received from Mr J R Dilworth
3 School Street, Pontyclun.

The Council considered a letter from Mr J R Dilworth of 3 School Street, Pontyclun, in which he asked for the cost of erecting the bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws and the projected costs of similar schemes in the Community.

RESOLVED: That Mr Dilworth be advised that the cost of erecting the bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws was £554.20 and that the erection of similarly designed bus shelters would cost a similar amount.

(b) Letter from the Llantwit Fardre Community Council

The Council considered a letter from the Llantwit Fardre Community Council in which it was proposed that the Llantwit Fardre Community Council host a joint meeting of Community Councils interested in participating in a scheme to provide advertising space inside bus shelters.

RESOLVED: That Councillor T J Burton be nominated to attend the meeting and report back to the Council.

9. Premises for Handyman -
Report of the District Valuer

The Council considered the report of the District Valuer on the former Mission Hall off Merthyr Street, Pontyclun, which the Council believed would make a suitable base and workshop for the Council's Handyman.

RESOLVED: That before a lease be agreed with the owner of the premises the Clerk make enquiries of the Borough Council to ascertain that planning permission for the change of use would be granted.

10. Proposed children's play area, Miskin.

The response of the Borough Council to an earlier request by the Community Council to develop a small plot of land in Miskin as a children's play area was considered by the Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That bearing in mind that the Borough Council's short-term plans were to obtain planning permission for building development on the land the Community Council decline the offer of a short lease.

(ii) That members of the Miskin Ward make enquiries about other suitable plots of land within the Ward and report back to the Council.

11. Proposal to instal lighting on the footpath connecting Maelog Close with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council noted the response of the Mid Glamorgan County Council that they were unable to fund the provision of lighting on the footpath connecting Maelog Close with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That as the Borough Council and the County Council were both unable to fund the provision of lighting on the footpath, the Community Council exercise its powers to provide the service.

12. Renewal of Justices Licenses - Letter from Mr J R Dilworth, 3 School Street, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That as the matter raised by Mr Dilworth had been discussed in some detail by the Council at an earlier meeting there be no further discussion on the matter.

13. Spectacle Theatre

The Council noted the literature provided by the Spectacle Theatre about its latest production "It".

RESOLVED: That no invitation be extended to the Theatre to bring the production to the Community as it was considered that a production of more general interest would be more appropriate.

14. Effects of blasting at Hendy Quarry, Miskin

The Council considered the responses of the Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive to complaints about the effects of blasting at the Hendy Quarry. It was felt that while the Borough Council were sympathetic to the situation the Health and Safety Executive appeared to be less sympathetic and were prepared to base their response to the problem on an examination of records kept by the quarry. Since the quarry had a vested interest in

the matter, and claimed that prior to 7 October, 1987 no complaints had been received, the Council was disappointed that the Health and Safety Executive did not appear to be prepared to take a more independent stance.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk make enquiries about the possibility of installing independent monitoring equipment to record vibration levels.
 - (ii) That a public meeting of Miskin residents be convened with a view to establishing a monitoring group of residents.
 - (iii) That the residents of Miskin be provided with copies of the Community Council's correspondence on the matter.

15. Sewage problems at Castell-y-Mwnws

The Council welcomed the reply of the Borough Council in which it was stated that a scheme to uprate the length of trunk sewer between the main Brynsadler/Llanharry Road and the Treatment Works was in preparation with implementation scheduled for early 1988. The increase in pipe capacity would cure the incidents of surcharging at Castell-y-Mwnws.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chief Technical Officer of the Borough Council thanking him for the information.

16. Car parking facilities in Pontyclun

The Council were pleased to note that although the County Council considered the signposting of the car park at the rear of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, to be basically adequate, they had, nevertheless, agreed to reinstate the signs to their original condition.

- RESOLVED: That representations be made through the Council's two members on the Management Committee of the Pontyclun Community Centre for that committee to make further representations to the Borough Council for a reconsideration of the decision not to open the car park at the rear of the Centre for use by the general public.

17. Finance Committee of the Community Council

- RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Finance Committee be held at No 81 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun on 25 January, 1988, at 7.30p.m.

18. Trade waste collection/disposal

The Council noted that the Borough Council had accepted the Community Council's offer of its services as a means of communicating information of common interest to Pontyclun traders. The Clerk informed the Council that the Community Council had assisted, initially, by distributing to Pontyclun traders, a revised schedule of refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas holiday period.

19. Footpath No 296 - Groesfaen

The Council noted that the County Council were now satisfied that Footpath No 296 was obstructed and that it was proposed to serve a notice under Section 143 of the Highways Act, 1980, on the landowner to remove the obstruction.

20. Next issue of "Clun"

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the next issue of the Council's magazine "Clun" be scheduled for 31 May, 1988.
 - (ii) That future issues of "Clun" be on an annual basis with 31 May being the date for issue.
 - (iii) That a notice inviting the submission of articles for the magazine be placed in each of the Council's noticeboards.
 - (iv) That shopkeepers and traders in the Community be given the opportunity to purchase advertising space in the magazine.
 - (v) That an Editorial Board comprising Professor I D Bowen, Mrs D Richards-Clarke, Mrs I V Evans and the Clerk be formed with Mr R C Kennard advising on graphics.
 - (vi) That the Editorial Board have co-option powers.
 - (vii) That the Clerk be responsible for convening meetings of the Board.

21. Annual Report of the Taff Ely Borough Council for 1986/87

The Clerk reported receipt of the Borough Council's Annual Report for 1986/87.

The matter was noted.

22. "Taff Ely News"

The Council noted that the Borough Council had supplied the Community Council with ten copies of the new issue of "Taff Ely News" and sought appropriate locations for distribution of the newspaper within the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council welcoming the publication and advising that suitable locations for the distribution of the newspaper would be:-

- (i) The waiting rooms of doctors' and dentists' surgeries
- (ii) Opticians' waiting rooms
- (iii) The public library
- (iv) Ladies' hairdressers
- (v) Churches and chapels

23. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 16 to the Agenda

24. Planning Notifications for Weeks 48, 49 and 50

The planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 48, 49 and 50 were noted.

25. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Taff Ely Borough Council's Community Programme Scheme - Christmas Trees and Lights

A lengthy discussion took place on the Taff Ely Borough Council's Community Programme Scheme which had provided a number of Christmas trees, with lights, in Pontyclun over the Christmas period. It was felt that the scheme had been a qualified success although there were a number of lessons which had been learned from the exercise.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council agree in principle to the erection of a Christmas tree in Pontyclun at Christmas, 1988.

(ii) That the matter be placed on the Council's Agenda for September, 1988.

(b) Community Wheels

Councillor James reported that the next meeting of Community Wheels would be held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 20 January, 1988

The matter was noted.

(c) Brynsadler Noticeboard

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the sodden state of the Council's noticeboard in Brynsadler. He suggested that better protection from the weather would be achieved by erecting the noticeboard in the new bus shelter in Brynsadler.

RESOLVED: That the noticeboard be re-erected in the new bus shelter in Brynsadler.

26. The meeting ended at 9.40pm

C.P. Phillips