

CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 7 July, 1986.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Dr S M Bowen, Mrs A Burton, Mr E J Francis, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman, (Chairman), and Mrs O P Phillips.

Also in attendance: P C Ian Guildford

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Miss A M Bath, Mr F G Monckton and Professor I D Bowen.

1. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that items 3 and 4 on the Agenda be taken first and second respectively.

2. Talygarn Lake

The Council received an address from Mr D Gass, Land Drainage Engineer to the Welsh Water Authority, about the W.W.A.'s proposals to drain farming land on the Ystradowen Moors. The scheme affected Talygarn Lake in that it would need to be de-silted and the water level lowered.

Mr Gass, who was accompanied by Mr John Davies, Fisheries Officer for the W.W.A., outlined the history of the previous proposals to carry out similar drainage work. The current proposal, which had not, at that time, received approval by the Local Land Drainage Committee, was likely to be the last opportunity to carry out the work. A cost/benefit analysis had been carried out by the Silsoe Agricultural College. The present benefit had been assessed at £61,000. Local farmers who would benefit from the scheme would be required to make a contribution of 50% towards the costs after grant aid. Both Mr Gass and Mr Davies emphasised that if no work was carried out to de-silt the Lake silting would continue with the result that the Lake would eventually cease to exist as a lake.

Mr Gass told the Council that before any work could commence it would be necessary to drill test bore-holes. The purpose of the bore-holes would be to establish the nature of the rock bed beneath the Lake. Provided the scheme received the approval of the local Land Drainage Committee it was proposed to commence work on the bore-holes during the autumn. If the rock bed proved suitable silt would be sucked from the bed of the Lake and deposited on a field higher up the Nant Dyfrgi. The weir on the Lake would be reduced in height to allow a reduction of the water level by about two feet. It was possible that the "tide-mark" left after lowering the level of the water could be seeded or planted.

Both Mr Gass and Mr Davies answered a series of questions from Members and assurances were received that fences would be erected around the bore-holes to prevent accidents. At the conclusion of his address

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Mr Gass asked the Council to convey its response to his presentation to the W.W.A. in writing.

RESOLVED: That the Council's response be deferred to the Council's Special Meeting of 16 July, 1986.

3. Community Programme

The Scheme Manager and his Deputy gave the Council an update on progress to date. Formal approval for the scheme had been given a fortnight previously and it was essential that a physical start to the project was made within 3 months of formal approval.

Despite extensive enquiries within Pontyclun it had not been possible to identify suitable premises to use as a base for the project. There was some optimism that the Borough Council would allow NACRO the use of the dilapidated village hall in Groesfaen. The NACRO representatives had reservations about the amount of repairs which would be required to the Groesfaen village hall and asked if it was possible for the Council to increase its financial commitment of £4,000.

RESOLVED: (i) That a sub committee be formed to meet and liaise with NACRO on matters of detail.

(ii) That where matters of an urgent nature arise executive powers to resolve those matters be conferred on the Chairman and Clerk.

(iii) That any request by NACRO to increase the Council's financial commitment of £4,000 be referred to the Finance Committee.

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

(a) Garage/Workshop rear of Post Office, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that the solicitor acting on behalf of the Council in arranging a lease with the owner of the garage/workshop had informed him that the owner of the premises had changed her mind about entering into an agreement with the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for an advertisement to be placed in the Llantrisant Observer seeking alternative premises in the Community.

(b) Earthworks near the site of the ancient monastery, Miskin.

The Clerk reported on the site meeting which had taken place on 5 June, 1986. The cause of the earthworks appeared to be an extension of the nearby quarry. A letter had been sent to the owners of the quarry asking if a representative would be prepared to explain the owners' plans for the quarry to the Council.

The matter was noted.

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6. Audit of Accounts for 1985/86

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed his audit of the Council's accounts for 1985/86 on 4 June, 1986. The District Auditor had certified that he had completed the audit in accordance with Part 3 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1982, and with the Code of Audit Practice. In the District Auditor's opinion the accounts presented fairly the financial position of the Authority.

The auditor had recommended the following administrative changes in the Council's practices:-

- (a) Cheques drawn on the General Account be signed by two Members in addition to the Clerk.
- (b) The Schedule of Payments to Creditors, signed by the Chairman, to accompany each set of signed minutes.
- (c) All financial grant moneys to be acknowledged by the recipients.
- (d) Year-end accounts for future years to be signed by the Chairman in addition to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take the necessary action to implement the recommendations of the District Auditor.

7. Access to Merthyr Street

RESOLVED: That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council's Special Meeting of 16 July, 1986.

8. Ivor Park - Tree Preservation Order

The Clerk reported that the County Council, as custodians of the Tree Preservation Order on Ivor Park had convened a meeting to discuss the Community Council's proposals at 10.00a.m. on Tuesday, 8 July, 1986.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Francis and James, together with the Clerk, be delegated to attend the meeting.

9. Requests by the Borough Council to display posters

The Clerk reported that in the past several requests had been received from the Borough Council to display posters. He had taken the matter up with the Borough Council to point out that the Community Council had no facility for displaying posters. Now that the Council had its own noticeboards the Community Council would wish to consider its policy in the matter.

RESOLVED: That those posters dealing with revised arrangements for refuse collection be displayed. The Clerk to exercise his discretion in displaying other posters.

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10. Financial Grants 1986/87

RESOLVED: That the matter be considered by the Special Council Meeting of 16 July, 1986.

11. Planning Notifications for Weeks 20+21,22,23, 24, and 25

(i) Application No 56/0551/86

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the route of the proposed road on the grounds that the road would impinge on an area of great natural beauty. In addition it was unclear what effect the road would have on the adjacent public footpath.

(ii) Application No 56/0573/86

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the plans for the restaurant on the grounds that access to the premises would be inadequate.

(iii) Application No 56/0576/86

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the plans on the grounds that the development provided dual access to the site. The Council firmly believed that access should be from Cowbridge Road only.

(iv) Application No 56/0691/86

That further details of the application be obtained from the Borough Council. In addition, that when the details were received, copies be passed to the Talygarn Action Committee.

12. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 7 to the Agenda.

13. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Adoption of sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish whether that authority would adopt the sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

(b) Footpath No.296 - Groesfaen

The Clerk distributed copies of the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 1 July, 1986, in which the Surveyor considered that the owner of Llwynmilwas Farm now accepted that Footpath No 296 crossed his yard.

RESOLVED: That copies of the letter be displayed in the Council's noticeboards.

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(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk distributed copies of a report on the major decisions taken at the Annual Meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee of the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils on 1 July, 1986.

The changes were noted.

(d) Handyman's car - Insurance cover

The Clerk reported that the Council's handyman, who necessarily used his car in carrying out his duties, had drawn to the Clerk's attention the fact that his car was insured only for private and domestic use.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk instruct the handyman to extend his insurance cover to permit the car's use on Council business. The Council agreed to bear the cost of extending the insurance policy.

(e) Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were given:-

- (i) Grass verges in the Community
- (ii) Provision of a panda crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

14. The meeting ended at 10:45p.m.

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