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

PRESENT: Community Councillors Miss A M Bath, Dr S M Bowen, Mrs A Burton, 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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen and Mr E J Francis.

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 February, 1987

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

2. Matters arising

(a) Footpath No 309, Miskin, - Application to divert

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held on 8 February, 1987. Members were of the view that there was no objection to the proposed diversion although concern was expressed that the diversion had already been carried out and, that the new length of footpath had been left in a very muddy condition.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the above views to the Borough Council.

(b) Fishponds at Talygarn - Footpath No 341

The Clerk reported that:-

(i) enquiries had been made of the developer of the site. It had been established that it was the developer's intention to apply for a diversion of Footpath No 341.

(ii) enquiries had been made with the Welsh Water Authority. It had been established that although the developer had made preliminary enquiries about a water abstraction license for the Nant Dyfrgi no formal application had been made.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk:-

(i) establish from the County Council the precise route of Footpath No 341.

(ii) establish whether the developer intended abstracting water from the Nant Dyfrgi or the River Ely.

(iii) establish whether the development was for the purpose of breeding fish for sale to the public or the breeding of fish for the stocking of rivers.

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- (iv) make enquiries about the availability of a plan outlining the developer's intentions for the site.
- (v) enter into discussions with the landowners on both sides of the Nant Dyfrgi with a view to erecting a wooden bridge to connect Footpath No 341 with the footpath on the eastern side of the Nant Dyfrgi.
- (vi) make arrangements for a site meeting with the developer.

(c) Footpath No 296, Llwynmilwas Farm, Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be held at 10.00am on 15 March, 1987, to ascertain whether access to the right of way was still being denied.

3. Adoption of sewers at Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

The Council considered the letter of 18 February, 1987, from the Borough Council about the non-adoption of the sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun. The Borough Council stated that as records of the adoption of the pumping station and rising main existed it was unlikely that any records had been mislaid for the adoption of the sewers, as claimed by the developer.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Borough Council be asked for the full implications of the Water Authority making a declaration that the sewers in question were vested in them under Section 17 of the Public Health Act, 1936.
 - (ii) That a copy of the Borough Council's letter of 18 February, 1987, be distributed to residents of Rhyd-y-Nant.

4. Groesfaen Village Hall

The Council, having had the benefit of detailed costings from NACRO, reviewed its commitment to carry out refurbishment works at the Groesfaen Village Hall.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That in view of the extensive works needed at the Hall, and the pressure from the Borough Council to limit the amount of increase in the Community Council's precept, no refurbishment works be carried out during 1987/88.
 - (ii) That the Clerk convey the decision to the Borough Council and enquire whether that authority were aware of any grant-aid which could be made available to carry out the work.

5. Premises for Handyman

The Council considered the letter of 9 February, 1987, from the District Valuer and Valuation Officer in which it was stated that

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the Valuer, acting on behalf of the Council, had failed to reach an agreement on terms for a lease with the owner of the garage at the rear of No 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. The Clerk reported that he had made informal enquiries with the Borough Council about the availability of premises in Clun Avenue. It was possible that the premises could be made available to the Community Council.

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

6. Footpath No 341 at the Nant Dyfrgi

RESOLVED: That there be no further discussion under this heading since a full discussion had already taken place under heading 2(b).

7. Analysis of water from the river Ely and Nant Dyfrgi

Dr Bowen reported that the results of the sampling of water from the river Ely and Nant Dyfrgi had been given to the Welsh Water Authority. The W W A had been surprised at the high bacteria counts and had agreed to carry out further investigations on effluent emanating from Talygarn Tip and the presence of sewage which was understood to be coming from a local farm.

Members again spoke of their grave concern over the situation at Castell-y-Mwnws where, as a result of improvement works carried out at Llanharry, additional strain was being placed on the un-improved section of sewer connecting with the Castell-y-Mwnws treatment plant. It had been noted that some of the pipes in the un-improved section had been broken in a number of places which allowed sewage to enter the Nant Felin-fach. Sewage was being carried down the Nant Felin-fach to the river Ely.

A vote of thanks was passed in appreciation of the work carried out by Dr Bowen and her assistant.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk report the potential health hazard posed by the raw sewage in the Nant Felin-fach to the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer.

(ii) That the Clerk write again to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor informing him of the position at Castell-y-Mwnws.

(iii) That members keep a close watch on the river Ely and Nant Dyfrgi and that in the event of anything untoward happening the WWA be immediately informed.

(iv) That a letter be sent to Dr Bowen's assistant thanking her for the assistance she had given in compiling the information presented to the WWA.

8. Renewal of Gaming License - Van's Bingo and Social Club

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the application for the renewal of the license.

9. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 5,6,7, and 8

The Clerk reported that there were no applications in Week No 5 which were considered to have an effect upon the Community. The applications contained in Weeks No 6,7, and 8 were noted.

10. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 6 to the Agenda.

11. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Adoption of Community Council Logo

Councillor Kennard produced revised designs for consideration by the Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That design 2(c) be adopted as the official logo of the Community Council.

(ii) That the Clerk make arrangements for the printing of the logo.

(b) Working Party on Straying Animals

Councillor Philips reported on her attendance at the last meeting of the Borough Council's Working Party on Straying Animals.

The report was noted.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

Dr Bowen reported, on behalf of Professor Bowen, that he would be unable to attend the Area Committee meeting on Tuesday, 3 March, 1987.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bath attend the meeting in place of Professor Bowen.

(d) Water on highway - Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Monckton reported the presence of a large pool of water on the highway immediately outside the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun, during periods of heavy rain.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to the highway authority.

(e) Water on highway - Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun.

The Chairman reported the presence of a large pool of water on the highway near the Masonic Hall in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, during periods of heavy rain.

RESOLVED: That the matter be reported to the highway authority.

(f) Surfacing of back lanes in the Community

Councillor Kennard reported upon a complaint he had received

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from a resident in Brynsadler that no action had been taken to surface the back lane entrance to High Street, Brynsadler. Councillor Kennard had pointed out that the surfacing of back lanes was a function which was being carried out by the Borough Council but that progress was slow due to the fact that the Borough Council had sufficient monies to surface only one back lane per Ward per year. Nevertheless, the Community Council would do its utmost to persuade the Borough Council to allocate more monies to the service.

The matter was noted.

(g) Overhanging trees at Mwyndy

The Chairman reported that as a result of the weight of recent snow branches of trees near the footpath on the approach to the Maxiheat plant were now at eye level and presented a danger to users of the footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of the proprietors of the Maxiheat plant.

(h) Proposed Housing development at Llwyncrwn, Beddau

The Chairman informed the Council that a public meeting to discuss the proposed housing development at Llwyncrwn, Beddau, would be held at the Beddau Welfare Hall, Beddau, at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5 March, 1987, and that an invitation to attend was extended to all present.

The matter was noted.

(i) St Cawrdaf's Monastery, Miskin.

The Clerk read out a letter which he had received from Cadw, the official body in Wales charged with the preservation of ancient monuments. The letter cast doubt on the authenticity of St Cawrdaf's Monastery. Several members expressed their surprise at the views put forward by Cadw and felt that more local research might reveal the true origins of the monastery.

RESOLVED: That copies of Cadw's letter be provided to Councillors Bath and Kennard.

(j) Community Council Social Evening

Councillor James reported that he had made arrangements for the Social Evening to be held at the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club at 7.30pm on Thursday, 19 March, 1987. An invitation to attend was extended to all members and employees of the Council, NACRO officials, and the Community Policeman.

The matter was noted.

12. 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

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that disclosure of terms under consideration by the Council might prejudice their position in negotiations concerning land, property, goods or services.

13. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

The verbal report of the Clerk was noted.

14. The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

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