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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 2 March, 1988, at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman (Chairman), Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr E Hopkin and Mr R C Kennard

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Chairman

The Chairman told members that he was very pleased to be able to resume his Council duties after his recent hospitalisation. He wished to thank everybody for their kind messages of goodwill during his indisposition.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 February, 1988

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 3 February, 1988, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Footpath No 341 - Proposed footbridge

The Clerk reported on the responses of the Welsh Water Authority, the Borough Council and the Community Council's insurers.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a site meeting between members of the Community Council, the Welsh Water Authority and NACRO.

(b) Public conveniences, Llantrisant Road, -
Water penetration of roof

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the Chief Technical Services Officer of the Borough Council who had agreed to provide assistance in specifying remedial work needed to the roof of the conveniences.

The matter was noted.

(c) Bus shelter scheme/Proposed joint committee
of Local Councils in the Borough of Taff Ely

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council re-affirm its earlier decision not to participate in the bus shelter scheme as proposed by Adshell.

R G Norman

- (ii) That the Council agree in principle to participate in the formation of a joint committee of local councils in Taff Ely and that the Clerk make enquiries of the Llantwit Fardre Community Council about the number of representatives per council.

(d) Premises for handyman

The Council considered the reply of the Borough Council in which it was pointed out that full planning permission would need to be sought for the former Mission Hall and that detailed drawings would be required to accompany the application.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk apply for full planning permission and that, if necessary, the Clerk engage the services of a surveyor to produce the necessary drawings.

(e) Poll Tax

The replies of the Welsh Office and the Borough Council to the Community Council's letters of opposition to the government's plans for the introduction of a poll tax were noted.

(f) Koinonia Centre, Pontyclun.

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Management Committee of the Koinonia Centre. The report was noted.

4. Off Street Lighting

(a) Footpath across the Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had obtained an estimate of £3,186.63 for the installation of lighting on the footpath crossing the Windsor Field.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(b) Footpath connecting Llantrisant Road and Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

The Council noted that, contrary to the earlier information provided by the Borough Council, permission to erect footpath lighting on the footpath connecting Llantrisant Road with Maelog Close, Pontyclun, needed to be obtained from the County Council and not from the Borough Council under the terms of the lighting agency arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the necessary permission be sought from the County Council.

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(c) Glan-yr-Afon, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That an estimate of the costs involved in providing off street lighting be obtained by the Clerk.

(d) Lane at the rear of
No.s 16 to 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

RESOLVED: That an estimate of the costs involved in providing off street lighting be obtained by the Clerk.

5. Talbot Green Bypass

The Council considered the information supplied by the County Council on the definitive plans to build the Talbot Green Bypass. It was noted that an assurance had been given by the County Council in 1986 that appropriate safeguards would be taken to preserve Footpath No 24 (Llanharan) connecting Pontyclun with the A473 at Lanelay Road, Talbot Green.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the Clerk of the Llantrisant Community Council to ensure that suitable safeguards were proposed for the footpath running alongside the River Clun - Footpath No 311 (Llantrisant)

(ii) That a copy of the route of the bypass be forwarded to the public library for display.

(iii) That a copy of the route of the bypass be provided to Councillor Mrs A Burton.

6. Automatic Payment Conveniences

The Council considered literature forwarded by the Borough Council on Automatic Payment Conveniences.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk inform the Borough Council the Community Council were satisfied with the present standard of public convenience provision within the Community and did not wish to participate in the provision of Automatic Payment Conveniences.

7. Traffic and parking conditions in Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

The Council considered the response of the County Council on traffic and parking problems in Merthyr Street and Maelog Close, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That in view of the large number of vehicles, including articulated lorries, using the junction of Merthyr Street and Maelog Close as a turning area, the County Council be requested to consider the introduction of restrictions making Merthyr Street and Maelog Close "Access Only"

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8. Lane connecting the A4119 with Miskin Manor Hotel, Miskin

Following an earlier request, the Community Council were pleased to note that the County Council intended erecting signs in the lane connecting the A4119 with the Miskin Manor Hotel, warning motorists of the possibility of encountering cattle in the lane.

9. Cardiff NACRO - Headstart in business initiative

RESOLVED: That Councillors T J Burton and Mrs O P Phillips be nominated to attend the presentation and that their attendance be regarded as an official duty.

10. Application for the renewal of a gaming license - Vans Bingo Club

The application for the renewal of the gaming license at Van's Bingo Club, Pontyclun, was noted.

11. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7

It was noted that there were no planning applications contained in Week No 7 which were considered to have an effect on the Community.

RESOLVED: That further details be sought on application No. 56/0064/88

12. Payment of Creditors

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

13. Any other business of an urgent nature(i) Wayside Seat - Approach road to Pontyclun Joinery

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's handyman had experienced some difficulty in obtaining access to the wayside seat located at the Cowbridge Road end of the approach road to the Pontyclun Joinery. Access was needed for the purpose of replacing the seat.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the owner of the Joinery Road to establish the reasons for the difficulty over access.

(ii) Community Programme - Assistance for the disabled

Councillor Burton sought clarification on whether it was possible to carry out, under the existing Community Programme, works to aid the disabled in the Community. It appeared that preliminary enquiries had revealed that only those projects which had received the advance approval of the Manpower Services Commission would qualify.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Manpower Services Commission and NACRO.

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- (iii) Community Programme - Possibility of erecting a bus shelter at the junction of Hendy Lane and Heol Miskin, Miskin

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seek the approval of the County Council for the erection of a bus shelter at the site.

- (iv) Bottle Banks

Councillor Mrs Richards-Clarke referred to the earlier plans of the Borough Council to site bottle banks in the Borough. She asked for clarification on the present position.

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

- (v) Back lane schemes

Councillor Bowen informed the Council that the Borough Council were in the process of drawing up a list of back lanes in the Borough to be made up. He advised Community Council members to liaise with their Borough Council members on the matter.

- (vi) Changes in the appointment of school governors

Councillor Bowen advised the Council that changes were proposed in the appointment of school governors. It was anticipated that the changes would be effective from the summer of 1988.

RESOLVED: That the matter be discussed in greater detail at the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1988.

- (vii) Parking facilities in Pontyclun

Mr Tony Lane, a shopkeeper in Pontyclun, drew the Council's attention to the shortage of parking facilities in Pontyclun and the refusal of the Borough Council to increase parking facilities by allowing the car park at the rear of the Pontyclun Community Centre to be available for use by the general public. The decision of the Borough Council appeared to be inconsistent with the decision of the Borough Council in allowing the car park of the Talbot Green Community Centre to be available for use by the general public.

RESOLVED: That Councillor R G Norman raise the apparent inconsistency at the next meeting of the Borough Council's Leisure and Recreation Committee

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(viii) Possible residential development at Talygarn

Reference was made to the rugby field in Talygarn and concern was expressed that the Area Health Authority, who were understood to be the owners of the field, had advertised the land for sale. The Council, while not opposed to development in principle, were of the view that Talygarn was a local beauty spot and that any development needed to be carefully controlled to avoid a major intrusion into the countryside.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain clarification on the matter from the Area Health Authority.

(ix) Meetings of the Council

A number of members spoke of their concern that certain of their colleagues were unable to be present for the start of Council meetings at 7.00pm.

RESOLVED: That with effect from the Council's meeting of 6 April, 1988, Council meetings be timed to start at 7.30pm

14. 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.

15. Land slippage at Ivor Woods

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That a copy of Haiste Ltd's letter of 16 February, 1988, be forwarded to the solicitors acting for the residents of The Hollies. Furthermore, that the solicitors be asked to produce a copy of their surveyor's report.
 - (ii) That the Council's insurers be notified of the latest legal advice and the advice of the insurers be sought on the question of felling a further tree, albeit that there was little or no danger to Wood users
 - (iii) That tenders be sought for the felling of the further tree in anticipation of the Council's insurers advice.

16. The meeting ended at 9.45pm

R G Norman