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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 12 May, 1986.

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 R C Kennard, Mr F Monckton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor R G Norman be appointed Chairman of the Council for 1986-87.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Professor I D Bowen be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1986-87.

3. Chairman's Allowance

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's Allowance be fixed at £500.00 for 1986-87.

4. Appointment of members and representatives to committees

RESOLVED: That the undermentioned members and representatives be appointed to the following committees:-

(a) Finance Committee

Councillors Professor I D Bowen, E J Francis, R C Kennard, R G Norman and O P Phillips

Co-opted Members

Councillors A M Bath and V P James

(b) District/Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor R G Norman and the Clerk. (In the event of Councillor Norman being unable to attend his place be taken by Councillor V P James.)

(c) Straying Animals Working Party

Councillor O P Phillips and the Clerk

(d) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee.

Councillors Professor I D Bowen, V P James R G Norman and the Clerk.

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5. Minutes of the Council's Meeting of 7 April, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 April, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

(a) Concurrent Functions - Allotments

The Clerk reported that the Working Party to consider the terms of the proposed leasing arrangement had not met. It was intended to convene a meeting during the following week with the intention of reporting back to the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1986.

The matter was noted.

(b) Community Programme

The Clerk reported that all information requested by NACRO for the administration of the proposed scheme in the Community had been provided. The completed proposals had been forwarded to the Manpower Services Commission and approval was awaited. It was reported that NACRO had transferred the administration of the scheme from Merthyr Tydfil to Cardiff and that NACRO were seeking a representative of the Council to sit on a steering committee. NACRO had also suggested that as an aid to securing approval by the MSC for the scheme, letters of support for the project be obtained from four local organisations.

RESOLVED: (i) That in view of Councillor James' previous involvement with NACRO he be appointed to the steering committee to represent the Council.

(ii) That the Clerk arrange for letters of support for the scheme from organisations within the Community to be sent to NACRO.

(c) Planning Applications

The Clerk gave further information on planning applications 56/0198/86, 56/0216/86. and 56/0282/86.

The information was noted.

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Retirement of Doctor Mason (Councillor R G Norman)

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a letter to Dr Mason conveying the appreciation of the Community Council for the services he had performed for the residents of Pontyclun and district over many years, and wishing him a long and enjoyable retirement.

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- (b) "That this Council present a half-yearly bulletin for circulation to members of the public (Councillor Professor I D Bowen)"

Members discussed the proposal and agreed that there was a need for a bulletin as a vehicle of communication between the Council and the residents of the Community.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That a bulletin of 4 to 5 pages be produced every six months and that the first edition be produced in the late summer/early autumn.
 - (ii) That the Council aim to arrange delivery of the bulletin to every household in the Community.
 - (iii) That the Clerk elicit articles from members of the Council.
 - (iv) That an Editorial Board comprising Councillors A M Bath, I D Bowen, E J Francis, together with the Clerk, be formed to be responsible for the production of the bulletin.

- (c) Car parking problems at the junctions of Llwynfen Road and Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun (Councillor E J Francis)

Councillor E J Francis reported that following consultation with P C Guildford it had been agreed that the latter would approach, on an informal basis, the drivers of the vehicles which had been causing traffic problems at the junction of Llwynfen Road and Cerdin Avenue.

The matter was noted.

- (d) Annual Function (Councillor I D Bowen)

RESOLVED: That the Council reaffirm its earlier decision not to hold an annual function.

8. Reports from Members and Clerk

- (a) Talygarn Tip (Clerk)

The Clerk reported on the site visit of 8 April, 1986, and the subsequent visit to the tip on 27 April, 1986. It had been noted that the tip operator had largely complied with the conditions of the Tipping License although there were other matters which had subsequently given cause for concern.

- RESOLVED: That as the Taff Ely Borough Council were responsible for granting the Tipping License the Clerk write to the Borough Council seeking clarification upon :-
- (i) Responsibility for the repair of the damaged approach roads to the tip.

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- (ii) Responsibility for the repair of the damage caused by vehicles to the fencing bordering the approach roads to the tip.
- (iii) Responsibility for the repair of the damage caused to the grass verges abutting the approach roads to the tip.
- (iv) That copies of the Council's letter be sent to both Mr P Lewis, owner of Talygarn Stables and to the Administrator at the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre.

(b) Community Wheels(Councillor V P James)

It was reported that two further meetings had taken place and that good progress was being made. It was intended that a fact-finding exercise would commence shortly which would involve the delivery of a newsletter and questionnaire to each household in the Community.

The report was noted.

(c) Joint Liaison Committee Meeting of 22 April, 1986, (Clerk)

The Clerk reported that:-

- (i) The Borough Council would consider the allocation of monies for dog control in compiling their estimates for 1987-88. The monies for dog control would need to come out of the "Free two pence" but for the current financial year all such available monies were being allocated to the make up of back lanes in the Borough.
- (ii) There appeared to be agreement from the Borough Council that precept levels for those Community Councils affected by reorganisation on 1 April, 1985 had been too low, and as a result, 1986-87 precept levels for those councils had been significantly higher than the guidelines which had been issued by the Borough Treasurer. Councils were urged to conform with Borough Council guidelines in future years.

The report was noted.

(d) Garage/Workshop at rear of Post Office, Pontyclun (Clerk)

Members discussed the report of the District Valuer following his site visit with the Clerk on 21 April, 1986.

RESOLVED:

That the terms and conditions proposed by the District Valuer be accepted and that the Clerk be given authority to approach a solicitor to prepare a formal leasing agreement.

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(e) Community Centre - Public Address System (Clerk)

The Clerk reported that he had met three separate contractors at the Centre and had requested quotations for the installation of a basic public address system. Only two quotations had been received at the date of the Council's meeting.

RESOLVED: That the selection of a contractor be deferred to the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1986, to allow time for the outstanding quotation to be received.

(f) Annual Audit (Clerk)

The Clerk reported that notification had been received on the arrangements to apply for the audit of the Council's accounts for 1985-1986.

The matter was noted.

9. Talygarn Lake

Members expressed serious concern about the recently announced plans of the Welsh Water Authority to carry out silt removal work at the Lake. It appeared that little, or no prior consultation had taken place and there would be a massive upheaval to wildlife both in and around the Lake if the plans were to go ahead. The Council endorsed the action of the Chairman and Clerk in sending a letter of protest to the WWA.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk write to the WWA pointing out that the Community Council were in favour of a balanced programme of spending and that at a time when councils were being urged to control their spending the WWA seemed to be in a position to spend up to £40,000 largely for the benefit of two farmers on the Ystradowen Moors.
- (ii) That a copy of the letter be sent to the Area Health Authority and the local press.

10. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils(a) County Electoral Arrangements

RESOLVED: That the Council support the views of the Boundary Commission and that the Association be notified to that effect.

(b) Green Paper - "Paying for Local Government"

The views of the Association were noted.

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(c) Annual General Meeting of the East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be made:-

- (i) Chairman - Mr I Gylee
- (ii) Secretary- Mr A Rosser
- (iii) Treasurer- Mr V P James

(d) Nominations to Consultative Committees

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be made:-

Taff Ely Community Health Council

- (i) Miss A M Bath
- (ii) Dr A Goodwin

Welsh Water Authority - Taff LCAC

Dr S M Bowen

Welsh Transport Users Consultative Committee

Mr V P James

Age Concern -Wales Executive Council

Mr Bill Rees

(e) Tenth Annual Conference, Aberystwyth, 18 October, 1986

(i) Nominations to Office

RESOLVED: That the Council nominate those officers listed in paragraph 2 of the Association's letter of 7 april, 1986.

(ii) Motions

RESOLVED: That consideration of motions be deferred until the Council's meeting of 2 June, 1986.

(iii) Delegates

RESOLVED: That the delegates be the Chairman, Councillor Bath, and the Clerk.

11. War Memorial in Miskin

The Council considered the request of the Llantrisant Young Farmers' Club to clean the war memorial in Miskin.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk establish the ownership of the war memorials in Miskin and Pontyclun.

(ii) That the Clerk contact the Young Farmers' Club, thanking the Club for its offer, and pointing out that Community Council would need to establish ownership of the memorial in Miskin before any authority to clean the monument could be given.

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12. Talbot Green By-pass Footpath No 24 (Llanharan)

The Council noted the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 11 April, 1986.

13. Applications for Financial Assistance

RESOLVED:

(i) That a grant of £50.00 be made to the 1986 Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales.

(ii) That a grant of £50.00 be made to the Kidney Research Unit for Wales Foundation.

14. Miskin Manor - Applications for a combined Residential and Resaurant License together with a Supper Hours Certificate

The applications were noted.

15. Windsor Arms Hotel - Transfer of License

The application was noted.

16. Planning Applications for Weeks 12, 13 and 14

(a) Week 12

The details were noted.

(b) Week 13 and 14

Councillor A Burton declared an interest in application No 56/0358/86 and took no further part in the deliberations of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to express the reservations of the Council on access to the infill site on application No 56/0361/86.

17. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED:

That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 14 to the Agenda.

18. Any Other Business

(a) Retiring Chairman

The retiring Chairman, Councillor R C Kennard, presented a report summarising the achievements of the Council during its historic first year of existence.

A vote of thanks was passed by the Council congratulating Councillor Kennard on the excellent way he had carried out his duties in the Council's first year of office.

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(b) Car parked on footpath near Mwyndy Garage, Mwyndy.

Councillor Monckton spoke of his concern about the obstruction of the footpath near the Mwyndy Garage, Mwyndy, by a car which was being offered for sale. P C Guildford outlined the action which the police could take.

The matter was noted.

(c) Community Noticeboards

- (i) Councillor James reported that it would not be possible to site a noticeboard in his garden.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of the County Librarian to see if it was possible to locate the noticeboard on the railings on the approach to the library in Pontyclun.

(ii) Noticeboard Keys

RESOLVED: That each Member of the Council be given a key for the noticeboard in his or her ward and that the Clerk retain a masterkey for all noticeboards.

(d) Proposal to amalgamate Maesyfelin Infants' and Pontyclun Junior Schools

Councillor Francis reported that a meeting of the ^{PARENTS AND} governors had taken place on 21 April, 1986. A vote had been taken at the meeting which had rejected the amalgamation proposal.

The matter was noted.

(e) Invitations to recent site meetings

The Clerk clarified the position on invitations to the site meetings which had been held to discuss bollards on the footpath near Heol Miskin, and traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

In the former case the Council had been allowed to be represented by only two members. It was considered appropriate to invite the two ward members who lived on the Hendy Estate, that is, Councillors Norman and Phillips. In the latter case it was known that the Borough Council had held a site meeting, at the instigation of the Community Council, but that no invitation to attend that meeting had been extended to the Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk establish the present position on both matters with the County Council and Borough Council.

19. Notice of Motion

Councillor A Burton gave notice that she wished to discuss the matter of the earthworks which were taking place near the site of the ancient monastery at Miskin at the Council's next meeting.

20. The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

E G Norman