

CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00pm on Monday, 3 November, 1986

PRESENT: Community Councillors 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 G Monckton, Mr R G Norman (Chairman) and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received on behalf of Community Councillor Miss A M Bath.

1. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 October, 1986

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 October, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Ivor Park Woods - Meeting of 10 October, 1986

The Council received a report on the site meeting of 10 October, 1986, which had been attended by representatives of the Council, NACRO, residents of The Hollies and a representative of the Forestry Commission.

RESOLVED: (i) That a note be prepared of the Council's plans for the Ivor Park and that a copy of the note be delivered to each property at The Hollies sharing a boundary with the Council.

(ii) That the Council decline the request of the owner of No 7 The Hollies to erect a fence on the boundary of her property with Ivor Park Wood.

(iii) That NACRO be reminded that the only wood to be removed from the Wood be the wood marked by the Forestry Commission.

(iv) That the siting of the two picnic tables near the bridge over the River Ely be as originally proposed.

(b) Premises for Handyman

The Clerk reported that the written report of the District Valuer had been received and that a copy of the document had been forwarded to the owner of the garage at the rear of No 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun as the basis of a lease between the owner and the Council.

(c) Community Bulletin

The Clerk reported that a proof copy of the Community

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Bulletin had been received, checked, and returned to the printer. Copies for distribution were imminent.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for copies of the Bulletin to be sent by post to the outlying properties in the Community.

- (d) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales - County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Mid Glamorgan - Draft Proposals.

Members discussed the contents of the Draft Proposals, as they affected the Community, in detail. Concern was expressed that the proposals envisaged the creation of a single member electoral area to cover the existing Communities of Pontyclun and Pentyrch thus creating an electoral area with the largest electorate in the Borough of Taff Ely.

RESOLVED: That the Council submit the following observations to the Boundary Commission:-

- (i) The proposal to create an electoral area encompassing an electorate of 7,907 contributed to a significant under representation for the population of the new electoral area. It was noted that the electorate of the average electoral area in Taff Ely was proposed at around 6,000.
- (ii) The under representation of the proposed new electoral area would be further increased as a result of population movement into the two Communities. Increases in the population of both Communities had been forecast in the Local Plan and large scale development was already taking place in Creigiau. Additionally, with the removal of the uncertainties over the sewage treatment works in Miskin, it was likely that further development would take place on land in, and around Pontyclun where outline planning permission already existed.
- (iii) The proposed new electoral area did not represent a geographical area in the normally accepted sense.
- (iv) Consideration should be given to either:-
 - (a) Linking the Communities of Pontyclun and Llanharry to form an electoral area OR
 - (b) Retaining the proposed link with Pentyrch Community but creating a two member electoral area.

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(e) Planning Application No 56/1024/86

The Clerk provided the information sought by the Council on the access to the proposed development.

The matter was noted.

3. Sewage Problems at Ivor Park

The Council considered the plans provided by the Borough Council, acting as agents for the Welsh Water Authority, for the refurbishment of the sewage pumping station at Ivor Park. The Council also considered the proposals submitted by the Borough Council for the temporary and permanent diversion of Public Footpath No 345 to allow refurbishment works to take place.

RESOLVED: That the Council welcome the proposals of the Borough Council and that no adverse comment be expressed on either the refurbishment plans or the diversion plans for the public footpath.

4. Role of the Community Council in identifying suitable premises in Community for small industrialists

The Council were informed of the enquiries made by a businessman to locate small industrial premises in or near the Community. It appeared that prior to his approach to a member of the Council the businessman had made earlier enquiries and had been directed to some unsuitable premises at Beddau. Following the approach to the member of the Council a list of potential premises within a two mile radius of Pontyclun had been provided. The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries about the services offered by the Borough Council and County Council. He had discovered that although the County Council maintained a schedule of business premises, and certain other ancillary information, the service was not a comprehensive one and that an industrialist seeking premises would, in addition, frequently need to seek the advice of many other organisations. It was felt that the absence of a single body to provide comprehensive advice was a weakness in the existing structure.

The matter was noted.

5. Public Right of Way - Llwynmilwas House, Groesfaen

Concern was expressed by members that despite an assurance from the County Council that the owner of Llwynmilwas House, Groesfaen, accepted that the route of Public Footpath No 296 crossed his yard, access to the footpath was still being denied to the public.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again refer the matter to the County Council and request that the County Council exercise their statutory powers to resolve the matter.

6. Car Parking adjacent to Playing Fields, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Discussion took place about traffic congestion in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, caused by the owners of vehicles parking their cars when using the playing fields at Maesyfelin and Ivor Park.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk make informal enquiries of the County Council, who were understood to be the owners of the land, about the possibility of constructing a car park on the plot of land adjacent to the soccer field and the premises occupied by the School Playing Fields Section of the Education Department.

7. Public Seat near Station Terrace, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that the new owner of the Pontyclun Joinery had contacted him pointing out that the road to the Joinery from its junction with Cowbridge Road was a private road which he owned. He told the Clerk that there had been several instances where the public seat, located near the junction with Cowbridge Road, had been removed by vandals and placed in the middle of his private road. The owner of the road requested that the Council consider removing the seat from its present site.

RESOLVED: (i) That the request to remove the seat from its site be declined.

(ii) That the Council arrange for the seat to be securely into a concrete base and repainted.

8. Entertainment and Arts - The Spectacle Theatre

The Council considered the letter of 8 October, 1986, from the Administrator of the Spectacle Theatre.

RESOLVED: (i) That due to the shortage of notice the offer of the Theatre to bring a production to Pontyclun during November and December be declined.

(ii) That the Clerk indicate to the Administrator of the Theatre that the Council would look favourably upon a request to sponsor a production in the Community during the Spring or Summer of 1987.

9. C N D Information

The information received from C N D was noted.

10. Planning - Weekly Notifications for Weeks 39,40,41, and 42

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council about application No 56/1268/86 and express the Council's opposition to the application on the grounds that:-

- (a) The proposal would result in parking difficulties at the site.
- (b) The proposal would result in children being attracted to the premises during their lunch hour and being placed in some danger because of the necessity of having to cross a busy highway.
- (c) The proposal would result in an increased litter problem in the area.

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11. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 5 to the Agenda.

12. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Quality of water in the River Ely and Nant Dyfrgi

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Welsh Water Authority to establish whether a representative of the Authority would be available to speak to the Council about the quality of the water in the River Ely and Nant Dyfrgi. A spokesman for the WWA had indicated that a representative would attend a future meeting of the Council

The matter was noted.

(b) Talygarn Lake - Local Land Drainage Committee

The Clerk reported that a decision on the proposal to de-silt Talygarn Lake had been deferred. It was likely that a decision would be taken at the next meeting of the Local Land Drainage Committee. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for December, 1986.

The matter was noted.

(c) War Memorials in the Community

The Clerk reported that in his attempts to trace the ownership of the war memorials in the Community he had contacted the Borough Council, the Royal British Legion, and Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams. All efforts to trace ownership had failed.

RESOLVED: That the Council exercise the powers available under the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act, 1923, to maintain the war memorials in the Community.

(d) Adoption of Sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

Councillor I D Bowen referred to the earlier discussions by the Council about the non-adoption of the sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun, and reported that a meeting of residents had taken place on 29 October, 1986. The decision of that meeting was to petition the developer of the estate to offer the sewers for adoption again.

The matter was noted.

(e) Public seat adjacent to the footpath near the Pontyclun Rugby Football Club Clubhouse

Councillor Monckton reported that the public seat had become detached from its anchorage.

RESOLVED: That the Council arrange for the seat to be securely fixed into a concrete base.

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(f) Public Refuse Tip at Llanharry

Councillor Kennard drew the Council's attention to the lack of amenity for the public at the Llanharry Refuse Tip when the skips outside the tipping area were full.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council drawing attention to the lack of amenity and suggesting that a concrete area be constructed, outside the tipping area, large enough to accommodate skips and providing sufficient turning space for the vehicles of the public. Additionally, that steps be taken to regularly empty the skips to avoid the necessity for members to enter the main tipping area.

(g) Talygarn Lake

Councillor Francis referred to the Council's previous discussions on the Lake and reported that the angling club had, as in previous years, erected a plank at the wier to increase the depth of the water. It appeared that there was a delay in the removal of the plank and, when it was eventually removed, had led to acrimony among some local residents.

The matter was noted.

14. The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

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