

Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Wednesday, 7 October 1987, at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mrs I V Evans, Mr R C Kennard, Mr R G Norman(Chairman) and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mr E Hopkin, Mr V P James and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Matthews and Constable Guildford of the South Wales Constabulary.

1. Order of business

The Chairman announced that Sergeant Matthews of the South Wales Constabulary had attended the Council's meeting to inform members of a new initiative being taken to promote crime prevention in the locality.

RESOLVED: That the order of Council business be revised to allow Sergeant Matthews to make his presentation.

2. Crime Prevention

Sergeant Matthews informed the Council of a policy decision to devolve greater responsibility to the local police station in Talbot Green. One of the effects of the change in emphasis in policy was that the local police would, in the weeks approaching Christmas, be mounting a major crime prevention campaign. Approaches had already been made to local stores and local firms for their support in mounting the campaign. Leaflets would be widely distributed in the locality and residents would be encouraged to take greater care of their property. It was also intended to establish neighbourhood watch schemes. As a longer term objective in securing greater police effectiveness it was intended to forge closer links within the communities. Sergeant Matthews also spoke of the possibility of a police station being established in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council welcome the initiative being taken by the police.

(ii) That the Council offer the facility of the Council's noticeboards for the purpose of displaying leaflets connected with the crime prevention campaign.

3. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 September, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 7 September, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Sewage problems at Brynsadler

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter

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of 25 September, 1987.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Borough Council be formally thanked for all the effort and hard work carried out during the summer months to free the Nant Felin Fach of pollution.

(ii) That a copy of the Borough Council's letter be displayed in the Council's noticeboards.

(b) Footpaths - Responsibilities of the County Council, District Council and Community Council

The Clerk reported that since receiving the County Clerk and Coordinator's letter of 9 September, 1987, he had been contacted by staff of the County Engineer and Surveyor's Department who proposed attending the Community Council's meeting of 4 November, 1987. Members agreed to give thought to the questions they required answered by the County Council officers on 4 November, 1987.

(c) Planning - Further details of applications

The Council noted the further details received in respect of planning applications 56/0700/87, 56/0713/87 and 56/0717/87.

(d) Planning

(i) Letter from the Pontyclun Labour Party

RESOLVED: That a reply be sent to the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party pointing out:-

- (a) The unsuitability of the Council's noticeboards, through shortage of space, for purpose of displaying the Weekly Planning Notifications received from the Borough Council.
- (b) The intention of the Council to investigate the possibility of displaying each Weekly Notification in the Pontyclun public library.
- (c) That in the event of successful arrangements being concluded for the display of the Weekly Notifications in the Pontyclun public library, the Council would erect, on a permanent basis, a notice in each of its noticeboards drawing the attention of members

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of the public to the display of the Weekly Notifications in the library and of residents' rights to make representations about the applications to the Community Council or to the Borough Council.

- (d) that the Community Council was greatly disappointed that while the matter was still in the process of being considered the Pontyclun Labour Party should seek to make political comment.

(ii) Local Plan - Ynysddu Farm

The Council considered the reply of the Borough Council on whether the proposed housing development at Ynysddu Farm formed part of the Llantrisant Local Plan. The reply of the Borough Council was noted.

(e) Footpath No 296 at Llwynmilwas, Groesfaen

The letter of the County Clerk and Coordinator, dated 28 September, 1987, was noted.

(f) Blasting at Hendy Quarry

Councillor T J Burton reported the initial reactions of residents in Miskin to his survey on the effects of balasting at the nearby Hendy Quarry. The letter of the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council was noted.

5. Notice of Motion - Backlanes in the Community - Councillor Mrs D Richards- Clarke

It was noted that Mrs Richards-Clarke's original motion was specific to the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun, but as a result of concern expressed by other members the motion was amended to include all backlanes in the Community. Reference was made to the practice of the Borough Council of improving one lane per ward per year. It appeared that no backlane in the Community of Pontyclun had been improved since the Council took office in April, 1985.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish the current policy on improving backlanes.
 - (ii) In the event of no alteration to the Borough Council's policy the Borough Council be requested to state the lane selected for improvement in the Community of Pontyclun for 1987/88.
 - (iii) That the dangerous condition of the lane at the rear of Llwynfen Road, Pontyclun be brought to the attention of the Borough Council with a request for action to be taken to remove the dangers to lane users.

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- (iv) That a copy of the letter to the Borough Council be also sent to the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council asking whether that officer had any powers in the matter bearing in mind the dangerous condition of the lane.

6. Applications for financial assistance

The Council considered applications for financial assistance where additional information had been sought from the applicants.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be made for 1987/88:-

- (i) Drive - Taff Ely and Rhondda Mental Health and Support Group - £50.00
- (ii) Pontyclun and Talygarn Parish Youth Club - £50.00
- (iii) Llantrisant and Pontyclun Anglers - £100.00

7. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

- (a) Welsh Office letter of 28 July, 1987, -
"Paying for Local Government"

The contents of the letter from the Welsh Office were noted.

- (b) Welsh Office letter of 10 August, 1987, -
"Construction of Superstores"

The contents of the letter from the Welsh Office were noted.

8. Off street lighting - Footpath connecting Maelog Close with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

A discussion took place on the poor level of night time illumination of the footpath connecting Maelog Close, Pontyclun with Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. There was agreement that the Community Council should take steps to improve the level of illumination of the footpath.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to establish whether there was any prospect of that authority installing off street lighting to illuminate the footpath at night.
 - (ii) In the event of a negative response from the Borough Council the Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the installation of offstreet lighting to illuminate the footpath at night.

9. Speeding vehicles in Pontyclun

The Council discussed the letter of 29 September, 1987, received from Superintendent Vaughan of the South Wales Constabulary, on the results of the monitoring of traffic in Pontyclun during the months of August and September. It was noted that 28 speeding offences had been detected and that the monitoring would continue.

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- RESOLVED: (i) That the Council's appreciation be conveyed to Superintendent Vaughan for his assistance.
- (ii) That a request be made to set up the speed detector equipment on the stretch of road connecting Brynsadler with Llanharry.

10. Parking problems in Pontyclun

The Council considered the response of the Borough Council to an earlier request by the Community Council for additional parking spaces to be made available in Pontyclun. It had been suggested by the Community Council that additional car parking could be made available at the Pontyclun Community Centre. The Borough Engineer and Surveyor had replied that the Council wished to reserve the parking spaces at the Community Centre for the use of Community Centre patrons. Members believed that use of the parking spaces at the Centre during daytime by Centre patrons was minimal.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk contact the caretaker of the Community Centre to establish the level of daytime use of the Community Centre.
- (ii) In the event of use of the Community Centre during daytime being minimal, the Clerk convey that information to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor with a request to reconsider his decision not to make the car park available for use by non-patrons during daytime.

11. Proposed siting of Wayside Seat, Maesyfelin, Pontyclun.

The Council considered the County Engineer and Surveyor's letter of 24 September, 1987, and noted that the County Council had no objection to the siting of a Wayside Seat in Heol-y-Felin, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

12. Proposed erection of a postbox in the vicinity of Millfield, Pontyclun

The Council learned with regret that the District Head Postmaster was not prepared to erect a postbox in the vicinity of Millfield, Pontyclun.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk make enquiries of the District Head Postmaster to find out whether his decision was based on the number of houses in the area or whether it took into account wider matters such as the number of infirm, or elderly people living in the area.
- (ii) That the Clerk ask the District Head Postmaster whether it would be possible to locate a postbox in the Fairview/Rhyd-y-Nant area of Pontyclun and at Castell-y-Mwnws, Brynsadler.

13. Proposed diversion of Footpaths Nos 309 and 311

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 10 September, *RCW*

1987, in which the views of the Community Council were sought on the proposed diversion of Footpaths No.s 309 and 311.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Community Council's disappointment be expressed to the Borough Council that the Borough Council had not sought the views of the Community Council before the diversion had been effected.

(ii) That the Borough Council be requested to ensure that the diverted footpaths be adequately signposted.

14. Proposed Car Park, Ivor Park, Pontyclun.

The Clerk referred to the joint meeting which had taken place on 20 August, 1987, between members of the Council, officers of the Department of the Director of Land and Buildings of the Mid Glamorgan County Council, Trustees of the Pontyclun Football Club and representatives of NACRO. The Council considered the points summarised by the Director of Land and Buildings in his letter of 7 September, 1987.

RESOLVED: That the Council confirm its acceptance of the conditions required by the County Council and that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

15. Seminar "Benefits of Being Elderly" - 27 October, 1987

RESOLVED: That Councillor V P James be nominated to attend and that his attendance be regarded as an official duty. In the event of Councillor James being unable to attend the seminar his place be taken by Councillor Mrs A Burton.

16. Justices Licenses

The following applications to Justices were noted:-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Application</u>
Ivor Arms, Brynsadler	Protection Order
Ivor Arms, Brynsadler	Transfer of Licence
Hendy Stores, Pontyclun	Transfer of Licence

17. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 24 to the Agenda.

18. Planning Notifications for Weeks 35&36, 37&38, and 39

RESOLVED: That further details be sought from the Borough Council on applications:-

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19. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Superannuation of Handyman

The Clerk referred to the need to make superannuation provision for the Council's full-time handyman. The Clerk informed the Council that there were a number of alternative methods of arranging superannuation but that the one commonly adopted was for a community council to make application to its county council for its employees to participate in the county council's superannuation fund.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to request the County Council to allow employees of the Community Council to enter its superannuation fund and that the Clerk make arrangements for the Community Council to consider the appropriate motion.

(b) Overgrown trees in private garden, Miskin

Councillor Evans raised the matter of overgrown trees in a private garden in Miskin. The trees had been neglected for a number of years and were now causing a nuisance to nearby properties.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Taff Ely Borough Council.

(c) Ivor Woods

The Chairman referred to the Council's plans to make the Ivor Woods a more attractive and a more frequently used recreation area within the Community. There was agreement that the Woods could be enhanced further by the planting of spring flowering bulbs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a sack of spring flowering bulbs for planting in the Ivor Woods.

(d) Footpath No 326

Councillor I D Bowen reported that Footpath No 326 was presently unusable as the result of the action of the farmer in ploughing too close to a nearby hedge.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Council's handyman to investigate the matter in the first instance.

20. The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.

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