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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 1 September, 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.G Monckton, Mr R G Norman (Chairman) and Mrs O P Phillips.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Minutes of the Council's Meeting of 7 July, 1986.

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

2. Matters arising

(a) Talygarn Lake

The Clerk reported that the Local Land Drainage Committee, who would decide whether the proposed scheme would proceed, were due to meet in the third week of September. In the normal course of events the Clerk would have distributed copies of the Council's minutes, dealing with the proposed Talygarn scheme after those minutes had been approved at the Council's meeting of 1 September, 1986. However, the Welsh Water Authority had asked for the Council's views as a matter of urgency during August and the Clerk had forwarded draft minutes of the Council's views to the WWA.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the action of the Clerk be approved.
- (ii) That in similar situations the Chairman and Clerk, after consultation, be empowered to forward draft minutes containing the views of Council.

(b) Community Programme

The Clerk reported that:-

- (i) NACRO had arranged for messing and storage facilities in Ivor Park.
- (ii) Arrangements for supplies of materials had been made with local suppliers.
- (iii) Leaflets about the facility for tidying gardens had been printed and delivered to NACRO.
- (iv) Instructions had been given to the Scheme Manager, his Deputy, and the Senior Supervisor not to fell any trees in the Park.

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RESOLVED: That negotiations continue with the Borough Council with a view to securing the use of the Groesfaen Village Hall for a second year's programme under the Community Programme Scheme.

(c) Handyman - Premises

The Clerk reported that Mrs Humphreys of 50 Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun had expressed her willingness to lease the large garage which she owned at the rear of her home to Council for use by the Council's handyman. The Clerk informed the Council that he had requested the District Valuer to carry out an inspection of the premises and to report back to the Council.

The matter was noted.

(d) Ivor Park, Pontyclun - Tree Preservation Order

The Clerk reported that the County Council had given their consent for selected felling of trees within the Park. The space provided by felling would create room for re-planting and allow for the sturdier growth of the remaining trees. It was intended to convene a meeting between representatives of the Council, the Forestry Commission and NACRO to coordinate activities at the Park.

The matter was noted.

(e) Adoption of sewers at Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Borough Council about the non-adoption by the Borough Council of the sewers in Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun. The view of the Borough Council was that adoption would be considered when the sewers were offered for adoption by the developer.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries to establish whether, in view of the fact that the Borough Council had been accepting rates, which included an element for the provision of sewers, from the householders of Rhyd-y-Nant over many years, there was any obligation on the Borough Council to provide a service to those householders albeit that the sewers had not been adopted.

(f) Planning Applications

In response to questions from Members the Clerk reported that whenever the Council had offered its observations to the Borough Council on planning applications there had never been any resulting correspondence from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council to clarify whether, in deciding an application where the Community Council had offered its observations, those observations were taken into account.

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3. Minutes of the Council's Meeting of 16 July, 1986.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 16 July, 1986, be approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising(a) Additional Grant Applications

RESOLVED: That the following additional grants be made:-

- (i) Pontyclun Darby and Joan Club - £50.00
- (ii) Pontyclun Environment Group - £50.00
- (iii) Cantorion Pontyclun - £100.00
- (iv) Pontyclun and District Horticultural Society - Maesyfelin Allotment Site - £20.00
- (v) Ysgol Feithrin Llantrisant ar Cylch - £100.00
- (vi) An amount of £100.00 be earmarked for the Pontyclun Institute and Athletic Club (Bowls Section) but no payment be made until that organisation make formal application.

(b) Community Bulletin

The Clerk reported that arrangements for the printing of the community bulletin, which was scheduled for distribution in the Autumn, had been made with the County Supplies Officer of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

RESOLVED: That the matter of a title for the bulletin be referred to the Editorial Board.

5. Adoption of a Council Logo

The Council considered the logo designs submitted by students of the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education and two further designs which had been submitted by residents of the Community.

RESOLVED: That design number A.3, submitted by the Institute, be chosen as the basis of a logo and that Councillor Kennard arrange for some modification to the basic design.

6. Clerk's report on hours of work and level of salary

The Council considered the report of the Clerk enclosed as Appendix 3 to the Agenda.

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

7. Notice of Motion - Grass verges in the Community

Information was provided that there was no legislation to prevent children playing on grass verges in the Community. In the knowledge of this information the motion was withdrawn.

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8. Notice of Motion - Provision of a panda crossing in Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Members discussed the efforts which had been made in earlier years to obtain a safe crossing place for pedestrians across Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun. It appeared that the existing zebra crossing in Cowbridge Road was sited as close as considered reasonably safe to the bridge carrying Cowbridge Road over the main railway line.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Mid Glamorgan County Council to seek advice on the provision of a zebra crossing in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. Additionally, in view of the numbers of elderly people crossing Llantrisant Road, that a request be also made for "SLOW ELDERLY PEOPLE CROSSING" signs.

9. Notice of Motion - Provision of garage/workshop in the Community

RESOLVED: That in view of the information provided by the Clerk under 2 (c) the notice of motion was withdrawn.

10. Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

(a) Area Secretary's letter of 21 July, 1986, and enclosures

The Clerk reported that the Area Secretary, following comments made by the Council's representatives at the Association's Annual General Meeting, had contacted both the Welsh Water Authority and the Welsh Office. Copies of the responses received by the Secretary were enclosed with his letter and had been circulated with the Agenda.

The matters were noted.

(b) Area Committee Meeting at Blaina, 2 September, 1986

The Chairman and Professor Bowen advised that they would not be in a position to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented by Councillor James and the Clerk.

11. Footpaths - Responsibilities of the County Council, District Council and the Community Council

The Council discussed the letters of the County Council dated 27 March, 1986, and 3 July, 1986, in which a commitment had been given for a presentation by the County Council on the respective levels of responsibilities of the three tiers of local government. Disappointment was expressed that the County Council considered it necessary to involve the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the Highways and Transportation Committee plus the local County Council members for the area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the County Council again to clarify the Community Council's requirements and to ascertain whether it would be possible to meet the County Council officers dealing with footpaths.

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12. Land adjacent to No 18 St David's Road, Miskin.

Members considered the Borough Council's letter of 7 August, 1986, but were unable to provide any information on the owners of the land.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council be advised that the land is not a designated footpath and that the Community Council had no information about the landowner. Additionally, that the Borough Council be advised that information on the ownership of the land might be available from the County Council or Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

13. Traffic congestion in Clun Avenue, Pontyclun.

The Council discussed the Borough Council's letter of 2 July, 1986, in which it was proposed to seek advice from the County Council on the advisability of introducing traffic regulations/restrictions to ease the problem of traffic congestion in Clun Avenue.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Borough Council and advise that:-

- (i) The Community Council would be opposed to Clun Avenue being designated a "no waiting" area without additional off-street parking being made available.
- (ii) The Community Council considered that a more practical solution to the problem of traffic congestion lay in imposing a weight restriction on the vehicles using Clun Avenue thereby diverting heavy traffic via Heol Miskin.
- (iii) The Borough Council had, initially, appeared in favour of the Council's suggestion to create additional parking spaces in Clun Avenue.

14. Planning Applications - Weekly Notifications for Weeks No 27,28,29,30,31, 32 and 33.

Members noted the applications contained in weekly notifications 27, 29, 30, and 31. It was also noted that there were no applications considered to have any effect on the Community contained in notification 32. Notification 33 had not been received.

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That further details be sought on application No 56/0807/86.
  - (b) That the Clerk follow up the non-receipt of weekly notification 33.

15. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Agenda.

16. Any other business of an urgent nature(a) Community Programme

The Council discussed the tentative approaches made by NACRO for an increase in the level of financial commitment

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by the Council to the Community Programme Scheme.

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

(b) Weedspraying service of the County Council

RESOLVED: That the Clerk convey the appreciation of the Community Council to the County Council for arranging the services of the weedspraying team to be directed to the Community, and requesting that in addition to the street already mentioned in Maesyfelin, attention be also given to the remainder of Maesyfelin, Rhyd-y-Nant, and the Hendy Estate.

(c) Community Property - Conveyance of Title

In response to a question on the conveyance of title of Community Council property from the former Llantrisant Community Council the Clerk confirmed that he had instructed a solicitor to act for the Council on the conveyance of the title deeds of Ivor Park to the Council. From the enquiries the Clerk had made about the title deeds of the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road he had received confirmation from the Clerk of the Llantrisant Community Council that the deeds were in her possession. An assurance had been given that the title deeds would be passed to the Pontyclun Community Council shortly.

(d) Urban Programme Holiday Projects 1987

The Clerk distributed copies of the circular received from the Welsh Office, via the Borough Council, on details of grants to fund holiday projects during the Easter and Summer School Holidays in 1987.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the circular be deferred to the Council's meeting of 6 October, 1986.

17. The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

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