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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Monday, 7 September, 1987 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 C Kennard, 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 and Mr E Hopkin.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Ian Guildford

1. Community Councillor E Hopkin

The Council were informed that Community Councillor E Hopkin was an in-patient at Llandough Hospital.

RESOLVED: That the Council send Councillor Hopkin its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

2. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1987

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 6 July, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Garages on the Hendy Estate

(i) Comments of the Community Policeman

P C Guildford read out a report which the Acting Chief Superintendent in Pontypridd had sent to the Taff Ely Borough Council. The police would continue to monitor the situation. Additionally, the Chairman, in his capacity as Borough Councillor, had conveyed local concern to the Borough Council. A promise had been received by the Chairman that the complaints would receive attention.

The matter was noted.

(ii) Allocation of Garages

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the Housing Department of the Borough Council about the allocation of garages on the Estate. The Clerk had been told that although it might appear that there were vacant garages on the site, in fact, there were none awaiting to be allocated. It appeared that before damaged garages were re-allocated it was essential that they be repaired. The resources of the Housing Department were concentrated on repairing housing stock and, as a result, garage repairs received a low priority.

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RESOLVED: That the report of the Clerk be noted and that the Clerk contact the Area Superintendent of the Borough Council in Pontyclun to the request the removal of the accumulation of rubbish near the garages.

(b) Children's Playground, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That enquiries again be made of the Borough Council during October, 1987.

(c) Proposed Children's Playarea, Miskin.

RESOLVED: That the Council await the decision of the Borough Council's Capital Programme Committee.

(d) Late night disturbances and violence in Pontyclun

The Council considered the letter of 7 July, 1987, from Mr J R Dilworth of 3 School Street, Pontyclun, together with a letter dated 24 August, 1987, received from Acting Chief Superintendent Roger Vaughan of the South Wales Constabulary.

A long discussion took place during which Mr Dilworth addressed the Council. Reference was made to the earlier meeting of the Community Council when a large number of shopkeepers and residents expressed their grave concern at the disturbances. It was noted that the police were adopting a higher profile than previously and that they had visited all licensed premises in Pontyclun advising licensees of their responsibilities in serving alcohol. A number of members of the Council believed that the troublemakers were not residents of the Community.

RESOLVED: That the situation continue to be monitored and that in the event of the disturbances continuing consideration be given by the Council to objecting to the renewal of licenses to sell alcohol.

4. Minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 13 July, 1987.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Special Meeting of 13 July, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

Late applications for financial assistance

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council make the following donations:-

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	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Pontyclun Cricket Club	£100.00
*	Age Concern - Llantrisant and Town Wards	£50.00
	Pontypridd Citizens' Advice Bureau	£50.00
*	Pontyclun Group of the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust	£25.00

* That the grant be subject to the production of an Income and Expenditure Account for the previous financial year.

(ii) That the application from the Spectacle Theatre be deferred until a programme of the theatre's activities for the forthcoming year is produced.

6. Minutes of the Council's Finance Committee Meeting of 16 July, 1987.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Finance Committee Meeting of 16 July, 1987, be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee be adopted by the Council.

8. Notice of Motion - Coordination of Community Council meetings with Borough Council meetings - Councillor Professor Bowen

Councillor Bowen pointed out that three of the members of the Community Council were also members of the Borough Council. In order for those three members to be able to discharge their duties effectively it was important that they be allowed the opportunity to attend both Community Council and Borough Council meetings. In practice, it was found that the monthly Community Council meeting took place on the same evening as major committee meetings of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That with effect from the October monthly meeting of the Community Council, future ordinary monthly meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

9. Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Mid Glamorgan.

The Council expressed its disappointment that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales had not been able to recommend to the Secretary of State for the Home Department either of the suggestions put forward by the Community Council in the review of County electoral arrangements.

The report was noted.

10. Adoption of sewers at Rhyd-y-Nant, Pontyclun.

The Council discussed the Welsh Water Authority's letter of 14 July, 1987, together with a letter on the subject from the Taff Ely Borough Council.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk convene a Special Meeting of the Council to which representatives of the Welsh Water Authority, the Taff Ely Borough Council and residents of Rhyd-y-Nant be invited to attend.

11. Erection of bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws, Brynsadler.

The Council considered a letter from Miss A J Lewis of 7 Castell-y-Mwnws, Brynsadler, objecting to the erection of the bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council re-affirm its earlier decision to erect a bus shelter at Castell-y-Mwnws.

(ii) That the Clerk write to Miss Lewis conveying the Council's decision.

12. Sewage problems at Brynsadler

The Council considered the Borough Council's letter of 8 July, 1987.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Taff Ely Borough Council be advised that the stretch of the Nant Felin Fach where pollution had been noted lay above and below the filter beds at Castell-y-Mwnws.

(ii) That in the event of the Borough Council being unable to locate the affected stretch the Community Council offer to hold a site meeting.

13. Parking problems on the highway at Mwyndy Garage, Mwyndy.

The Council noted that the County Council proposed introducing a Prohibition of Waiting Order on the B.4264 from its junction with the A.4119 for a length of 250 metres to the western boundary of Bute Cottages. The effect of the Order would be to reduce the hazard caused by vehicles parking on the road.

14. Proposed diversion of Footpath No 300 at Groesfaen.

RESOLVED: That the Council offer no objection to the diversion of the footpath.

15. Footpaths - Responsibilities of the County Council, Borough Council and Community Council

The Community Council, who had been attempting to arrange a meeting with representatives of the County Council for many months to discuss the matter of responsibilities for footpaths, noted the latest response from the County Council.

RESOLVED: (i) That in the event of the County Council being unable to give their promised presentation in the near future, the County Council be requested for a written guide to the respective responsibilities.

(ii) That any written guidance from the County Council be incorporated into the next issue of "Clun"

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16. Taff Ely Drug Awareness Seminar

RESOLVED: That Councillors Mr T J Burton and Mrs D Richards-Clarke represent the Council at the seminar.

17. Community Environment Programme

RESOLVED: (i) That the Council agree in principle to participate in the scheme suggested by the Borough Council for the fixing of brackets capable of accommodating Christmas trees or alternatively hanging baskets.

(ii) That Councillor T J Burton make enquiries within the Community to ascertain the availability of locally produced brackets.

18. Public Meeting - Evening Train Services

The Council considered a letter from County Councillor W J Williams, Chairman of the County Council's Highways and Transportation Committee, in which he called for support from the public to help combat vandalism on late night train services. A public meeting to discuss the problem was proposed for 14 September, 1987.

RESOLVED: That copies of County Councillor Williams' letter be displayed in each of the Community Council's noticeboards.

19. Letters of Appreciation

The Council noted letters of appreciation received from:-

- (a) Mr A J Jones, 7 The Hollies, Brynsadler (dangerous trees)
- (b) Mr J B Jones, Talygarn Farmhouse, Talygarn, (assistance in opposing planning application)

20. Payment of Creditors

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

21. Planning Notifications for Weeks 28,29,30,31 32,33,34 and 35

The Clerk reported that the only applications considered to have an effect on the Community were contained in Weekly Notifications No.s 30,31 and 32. Weekly Notification No 35 had not been received at the date of the meeting.

RESOLVED: (i) That further details be sought for applications 56/0700/87, 56/0713/87 and 56/0717/87.

(ii) That enquiries be made of the Borough Council on whether the proposal to build houses on land at Ynysddu Farm would require any amendment to the Structure Plan.

22. Any other business of an urgent nature

- (a) Annual Audit of Accounts 1986/87

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Council's Accounts for 1986/87 had been completed on 14 August, 1987.

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The Accounts had been certified as audited in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Finance Act, 1982, and with the Code of Audit Practice. In the auditor's opinion the accounts presented fairly the financial position of the Authority.

The auditor had suggested that:-

- (i) The Council's Fidelity Insurance be increased to £20,000.
- (ii) The salary of the Clerk be adjusted from Scale 2 to Scale 1 to take account of the revised method for estimating the Community population.
- (iii) That in the event of legal action being commenced by the Taff Ely Borough Council to recover moneys in respect of Ivor Woods, the Community Council notify the Borough Council of the expenditure it had incurred in order that a combined claim be made.

The Clerk reported that immediate action had been taken to implement the auditor's suggestions.

(b) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk reminded the Council's representatives on the East Wales Area Committee of the WAofCTCs that the next meeting of the Area Committee was due to take place at the Rhymney Valley District Council Offices, Ystrad Mynach, at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday, 8 September, 1987. The matter was noted.

(c) Ivor Park - Proposed construction of car park

The Clerk gave a verbal report on progress in the Council's plans to construct a car park at the entrance to the soccer field at Ivor Park.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Community Council be responsible for providing, and maintaining, a gate at the river end of the proposed car park.
 - (ii) That the Community Council arrange for insurance cover for any claims arising from the use or construction of the car park.

(d) Planning - Letter from the Pontyclun Labour Party

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter received from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party about planning matters.

- RESOLVED: That consideration of the letter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

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(e) Footpath No 296 at Llwynmilwas, Groesfaen.

The Clerk read out the latest letter from the County Council in which it was stated that the County Council believed that the footpath was available for public use.

RESOLVED: (i) That the County Council be advised that, in fact, the footpath was physically blocked and had not been available for public use for some years.

(ii) That a site meeting be requested.

(f) Plot of land in Ely Street, Pontyclun.

Councillor T J Burton raised the matter of the footpath at the bottom of Ely Street where access into Station Approach was presently restricted by the presence of iron bars.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries into the matter.

(g) Blasting at Hendy Quarry

Councillor Mrs I V Evans reported the concern of residents in Miskin about the effects on properties and nuisance caused as a result of blasting at the nearby Hendy Quarry.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

(ii) That Councillor T J Burton conduct a survey into the apparent structural effects of the blasting.

(h) Proposal to erect a Christmas Tree in Pontyclun

Councillor Kennard referred to the practice in previous years of erecting a Christmas Tree on a prominent site in Pontyclun. The Council believed that there was considerable support within the Community for such a project.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the necessary enquiries with the Borough Council with particular reference to the site outside the public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

(i) Management Committee of the Talbot Green Community Centre

Councillor I D Bowen sought permission from the Council to erect a notice in each of the Council's noticeboards drawing attention to a meeting called to elect a management committee for the Talbot Green Community Centre.

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RESOLVED: That permission be given for the erection of a notice in each of the Community Council's noticeboards.

(j) Notice of Motion

Councillor Mrs D Richards-Clarke gave notice that she wished the matter of the Community's back lanes to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

(k) Annual Pontyclun Flower Show

The Chairman, on behalf of the organising committee of the Annual Pontyclun Flower Show, expressed the appreciation of the committee for the continued financial support of the Community Council.

The Chairman's remarks were noted.

23. The meeting ended at 9.40p.m.

R.G. Norman