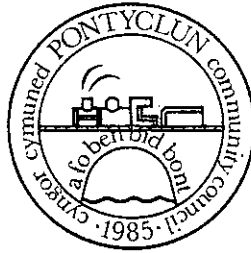


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Minutes of the special meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 October, 1992.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, (Chairman), Mr J R Dilworth, Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Janet Davies, Leader of the Coalition on the Taff Ely Borough Council, and Mr Dennis Gethin Chief Executive and Clerk of the Taff Ely Borough Council.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mr E V Griffith and Mr G M Moir

2. Proposals for the reorganisation of local government

Mrs Janet Davies and Mr Dennis Gethin addressed the Council about the government's proposals for the reorganisation of local government in Wales and in particular how those proposals affected the Borough of Taff Ely.

The proposals had always envisaged that shadow unitary authorities would be in place by 1 April, 1994, with unitary authorities assuming their full responsibilities on 1 April, 1995. It appeared that the County Councils would not form a basis for the unitary authorities but instead an expanded role was foreseen for a smaller number of district councils. It was not clear how many unitary authorities there would be in Wales but it was predicted that the eventual number would be between 23 and 27.

Taff Ely's position was far from clear. In some of the Secretary of State's earlier proposals Taff Ely was proposed as an unitary authority. In a later proposal the Borough was merged with the Borough of Rhondda. The latter proposal had generated fierce opposition as Taff Ely was seen as a young, expanding area with strong attractions to industrialists. Amalgamation with the Borough of Rhondda was seen to lessen the attractions of Taff Ely and present practical difficulties in the administration of services.

Mrs Davies and Mr Gethin believed that the Taff Ely Borough Council and the residents of Taff Ely had mounted an effective campaign to influence the Secretary of State's thinking. It was understood that over 12,000 residents had written to the Secretary of State expressing the wish for Taff Ely to become an unitary authority in its own right. Optimism was high that the amalgamation proposals would be dropped.

Mrs Davies and Mr Gethin also spoke of the role of community councils in a reorganised system. The Secretary of State's Consultation Document of June, 1991, had talked about enhancing the roles of community and town councils. The subsequent Green Paper had proved to be extremely disappointing with little or no enhanced roles proposed. From the Taff Ely perspective it would be essential to review existing agency arrangements with community councils in an unitary system.

The way forward would become clear with the publication of a White Paper by the government. It was predicted that the White Paper would be published on 16 November, 1992.

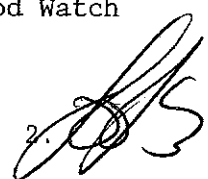
Mrs Davies and Mr Gethin responded to a number of questions on reorganisation from the Community Council. They thanked the Council for allowing them the opportunity to address and update Members on the current situation.

3. Financial grants - 1992/93

The Council considered the award of financial grants for 1992/93 in the light of the amendments made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the District Auditor's letter of 25 August, 1992.

RESOLVED: (i) That, with the exception of the grant awarded to the Miskin and Mwyndy W.I., the grants awarded at the Council's meeting of 8 July, 1992, remain unaltered. The awards are:

	£	p	
Pontyclun Senior Citizens' Organisation	300	00	*
Monday After 50 Club	50	00	*
Welsh Canoe Association	20	00	
Pontyclun Horticultural Show Society	300	00	
Pontyclun Rugby Football Club	200	00	#
7up + 11 plus Club	100	00	
St. Paul's Church Nursery	100	00	
Brynsadler and Talygarn Cricket Club	50	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club	50	00	
Miskin Manor Cricket Club (Junior Section)	100	00	
North Miskin Neighbourhood Watch	20	00	



Miskin and Mwyndy W.I.	75	00	
Pontyclun Darby and Joan Club	20	00	
Llantrisant and Town Wards - Age Concern	100	00	*
Pontyclun Mini and Junior R F C	200	00	#
Cantorion Pontyclun	50	00	
Pontyclun and District Allotments Association - Maesyfelin Site	60	00	
Childline Wales (deferred from 13/5/92)	100	00	

Note:

At the Council's meeting on 8 July, 1992, the following members declared an interest:

(a) Councillor Mrs Pam Phillips declared her interest in the applications denoted * and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

(b) Councillor Eric V Griffith declared his interest in the applications denoted # and took no part in the Council's deliberations.

(ii) That the Council decline to make a grant of financial assistance for the Schools and Police Liaison Activities for Summer Holidays (SPLASH)

(iii) That the Council award the following late applications for financial grant:

	£	P	
St. David's (Miskin) Organ Fund	100	00	
D.I.A.L Llantrisant	100	00	
1st Pontyclun Girls Brigade	100	00	
Barddas	25	00	
Pontyclun Football Club	100	00	
Babell C.M. Church, Groesfaen	100	00	
Ysgol Feithrin A'r Cylch	100	00	\$
The Rest Convalescent Home	100	00	
Miss Maureen Collins and Miss Cynthia Evans	100	00	
Pontyclun Junior Football Club	100	00	

Notes:

(a) Councillor Dilworth declared his interest in the application denoted \$ and took no part in the Council's deliberations



(b) In awarding all grants for 1992/93 the Council took into account the following factors:

- (a) whether the payment was of direct benefit
- (b) whether the benefit was in proportion to the payment made
- (c) whether the organisation's own resources were sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils; and
- (d) the money was not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
- (e) The impact of the award of grants made and in particular of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups.

4. Any other business of an urgent nature

Governorship of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant

The Clerk read out a letter from the Llantrisant Community Council requesting a meeting with members of the Pontyclun Community Council to decide how the one shared place for minor authorities on the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Llantrisant, was to be allocated for a four year period.

RESOLVED: That a delegation from the Community Council, comprising Community Councillors Delme Bowen, John Dilworth, Eric Griffith and Gordon Norman meet members of the Llantrisant Community Council to resolve the matter.

5. The meeting ended at 6.40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Dilworth', written in a cursive style.