



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
Talbot Community Centre
Wednesday 23rd February 2011**

Present

Councillors; P James (Chair), L Ellis, D Williams, A John, G Hooper, K John, M Rogers
Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence
 - a. Councillor J Tame
 - b. Councillor B Morris

2. Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 – Any interest to be declared as items arise through the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes for the meeting held on 12th January 2011 were approved. Proposed by Cllr G Rogers. Seconded by Cllr A John. There were no objections

4. Business Arising
 - a. Employment Committee
It was resolved that the following would form the Employment Committee;
Cllr P. James (Chair), Cllr D Williams, Cllr L Ellis
 - b. Cricket Field
In response to a letter from BCBC the Council acknowledged it would not be possible to prepare a cricket square for this season, but it was resolved to make an early start this year in order for the wicket to be ready for the 2012 season and instructed the clerk to obtain quotations for the preparation of the wicket, one of which to be from BCBC. Cllr G Rogers reported the schools were eager to have

access to a cricket field. The Council was pleased to hear that Gareth Evans of BCBC will arrange for the seasonal removal of the spectator barriers.

c. Fun Day.

The clerk informed the council of the difficulties of obtaining Croft Goch on 27th August as it falls in the winter sports season which commences on 13 August and although it is possible there will not be any fixtures on that day, it will not be known until the fixtures are published in July. The Council resolved to hold the fun day on Saturday 6th August 2011.

A sub-committee was formed consisting of Cllrs L Ellis, D. Williams, G. Hooper, K. John, G Rogers. It was resolved to co-opt Mrs Karen Evans to the committee together with an invitation to Mrs Joyce Williams and Mrs Anita Hampton. The committee will have further powers to co-opt.

d. Bus Shelters.

At a previous meeting the clerk was instructed to award the contract to clean the bus shelters to Mr Dean Francis. It was reported to the meeting that Mr Francis was unable to carry the work due health reasons. Cllr James was to meet with representatives of BCBC to discuss the location of three new shelters and would take the opportunity to ask if the BCBC could undertake the cleaning of the shelters.

e. Citizens Advice Bureau

A meeting has been arranged for the Chair Cllr James to meet with a representative of the CAB, on Wednesday 2nd March at 11.00am to arrange monthly sessions in the Talbot Community Centre.

f. H.M.R.C.

The Clerk informed the council that as the HMRC disk could not be found he had not yet drawn any salary. The appropriate program has now been downloaded and the situation can now be rectified.

g. Royal Wedding

Cllr G Hooper reported the cost of official commemorative mugs will be £2.20 each or a total of £1338.00. It was thought this was excessive and discussion should be held with the schools to see if the Council could support the schools in some other way to commemorate the wedding.

h. Great Poppy Party Weekend

The Clerk reported to the Council the management of the Talbot Community Council were prepared to arrange an evening of entertainment on Saturday 11th June. It was resolved the Council will pay for the room hire. Proposed Cllr D Williams and seconded by Cllr G Rogers

i. Love 2 Walk Festival

It was proposed the walk should be from Bedford Park heading west along the old railway line eventually arriving in the Collywn

j. Report on the meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum

Council is to identify its three main functions and report back to the forum. Resolved. Clerk and Chair to comply.

5. Reports

- a. Cllr P James reported on a meeting with BCBC reference next year's community charges and that although most other councils had raised their precept, she was happy to report that Pyle CC had held the same precept as for the last 3 years
Cllr P James reported on The Citizens Award for Mynydd Cynffig Comprehensive School. The award would be in two parts one for a pupil residing in Pyle and one for a pupil residing in Kenfig Hill. The trophies are to be perpetual and will cost £200.00 each. Each winner will also receive an individual trophy to keep at a cost of £9.00 each and a W.H. Smith Voucher for £30.00. Cllr P James was authorised to order the trophies from the supplier Lasers r Us on Village Farm Estate. Cllr Kay John suggested Cllr James should enquire about a suitable award to recognise the achievement of Nathan Stephens in the Para World championships in New Zealand where he won a Gold Medal.
- b. Cllr A. John reported on the seven footpaths and other matters managed by the Council
 - (i) Mill Farm Steps.
Request to BCBC to move steps from existing. BCBC have agreed as long as the new steps meet required standard before the existing are removed and then maintain for 12 months before Pyle CC take responsibility. Karen Davies of BCBC overseeing.
 - (ii) Bus Shelter to Post Office.
This long standing unadopted footpath is subject to an application to BCBC from Pyle CC to be formally adopted. Karen Davies of BCBC overseeing.
 - (iii) Prince Road.
Request to BCBC for Marker Post. Karen Davies of BCBC overseeing.
 - (iv) School Road to Cefn Cribwr
Dispute on correct location of path. Cllr A John and Cllr K John met with Karen Davies who agreed the correct route and is looking at a resolution in conjunction with the landowner Mr D George. Also to look at the problem of Japanese Knotweed.
 - (v) Crown Road, Riverside Walk.
To replace existing path which was built on. Application to BCBC is being actioned by Andrew Mason
 - (vi) Bryndu
Concerns re railway crossing. Cllr A. John has been in contact with the Railways Board for approximately 6 years. Railways Board to ascertain if this crossing is on their rolling programme of repair. Although the responsibility for the path ends at the river, the path the other side in Neath and Port Talbot is not accessible and a request to have the position rectified needs to be made to Neath and Port Talbot Council

- (vii) Steps from School Road to Victoria Road
Cllr A. John to contact Peter John to clean steps (Identified need to remove ivy Cllr A. John contacted BCBC requesting the cost be charged to them.)
- (viii) Land off station Road opposite Woodstock
Reference new children's play area. To be monitored and discussed in future meeting
- (ix) Land between Prince Road & Margam Row.
Clerk to establish ownership

Cllr A. John was congratulated on his continued efforts to keep the footpaths open for the community

6. Correspondence

Received

- a. PCSO Jon Howe. Request for a litter bin to be sited in Ffordd Ddu, Hazel Grove, Pyle. Chair to action
- b. Society of Local Council Clerks. The council approved a request from the Clerk to join the SLCC
- c. One Voice Wales. Notice to inform member councils of a Garden Party to be held in Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 12th July 2011. The party is to recognise the past service of the current/outgoing chairperson. One Voice Wales has received 32 invitations. The decision by One Voice Wales on the final invitations will be made by drawing nominations from a hat
- d. Bridgend C.B.C. Reference Planning Objections. It is requested any future objections should specifically identify clear material planning objection in the response.
- e. Welsh Assembly Government. "Section 137 Expenditure" Limit for 2011-12. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, permits community councils to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers. The maximum expenditure in 2011-12 will be £6.43 per elector (subsequently amended to £6.44)
- f. Report on the meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum requesting Town and Community Councils to identify their three main functions and also for comments on the draft article attached to the report. Resolved. Clerk to circulate copies of the report to all members of the Council.

7. Planning

- a. 8, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill. Single Storey Rear Extension. No objection received.
- b. 59, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. (Aaron Photography). Shop Front Improvements and New Ramped Access. No objection received
- c. 16, Tre-Newydd, Kenfig Hill. To cut back branches of overhanging trees. No objection received.

8. Requests for Donations

- a. Boys' Club of Wales. Application for support for C. Leyson to assist with expenses incurred in representing Wales under18's Rugby v Belgium in Brussels. Application for support for C. Leyson to assist with expenses incurred in representing Wales under18's Rugby v Belgium in Brussels.
- b. Cynffig Comprehensive School. Request for financial support for the provision of interactive white boards. After taking advice from One Voice Wales and SLCC that the Council can donate to this request under section 137 of the Local Government Act, it was resolved to donate £1000. Proposed by Cllr L Ellis. Seconded by Cllr G. Hooper.
- c. Walk for Life. (Supporting families across Wales affected by kidney disease and renal failure). The Council would not be in a position to stage a Walk for Life but resolved to donate £25.00. Proposed by Cllr L Ellis. Seconded by Cllr K John.
- d. Maesteg Animal Welfare Society. Request for support declined. Out of immediate area.
- e. Air Cadets. 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron. Application for funding cadet(s) on an overseas course named Snow Eagle this is a course for 1st time skiers. It was resolved to donate £100. Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr L Ellis.

9. Matters for further discussion.

- a. Car parking. It was resolved to contact Valleys to Coast to ascertain if they have any objections for formal use of land opposite the Girl Guide hall as car parking with appropriate signage.

10. Items for the next meeting

See Above

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Wednesday 23rd March 2011 at 6.30pm. Questions from the public 6.15pm, at the Talbot Community Centre. Kenfig Hill

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....
Cllr P James, Chair

Dated.....