



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 29 June 2011
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.35pm

1. Present

- a. Councillors; K John (Chair), L Ellis, P James, A John, G Hooper, B Morris, M Rogers, J Tame, D Williams.
- b. In attendance; Clerk to the Council, Harold Phillips.

2. Apologies for Absence.

3. 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.

4. Approval of Minutes.

- a. The minutes for the meeting held on 25th May 2011 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr G Hooper. There were no objections

5. Business Arising

a. Cricket Pitch

The annual cost for providing a natural turf facility for cricket at Groft Goch is in the region of £4,000.00 and an on-going annual cost of £4,000.00 plus annual inflation. It is now required that Pyle Community Council is to commit to meeting this annual level of funding before taking the matter forward. Although all Councillors spoke in favour of the provision of a cricket facility and approve the cost, Cllr James voiced her concern over the open ended agreement to meet the cost ad infinitum. After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr L Ellis and seconded by Cllr B Morris to make the commitment, the Council voted unanimously in favour of the motion. The Clerk was instructed to obtain letters of commitment to the use of such a facility and then write to Bridgend CBC to request the work to proceed in order to provide a cricket facility as soon as possible.

b. Fun Day

Cllr G Hooper, as Chair of the Fun Day committee, reported a very enthusiastic committee had plans in place for a very successful inaugural Fun Day. Posters are ready to be posted around the two communities and 2500 flyers with competition entry forms on the reverse side are ready for distribution, the schools are to be given enough for each of their children. It is hoped the raffle tickets will be available for the next meeting of the Fun Day committee. The next meeting is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 6 June in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club.

c. Bus Shelters (also litter bins)

No progress has been made since the last meeting Cllr James is to contact the appropriate departments in BCBC

d. Great Poppy Party Weekend

The Great Poppy Party Weekend Cabaret Evening was an outstanding success enabling the Council to send a cheque for £500.00 to the Royal British Legion. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Richard Sims, Chairman of the Talbot Community Centre, to thank for his work in organising the evening. Proposed Cllr James seconded by Cllr Hooper.

e. Bridgend Youth Council

Catherine Jones, Deputy Youth Mayor of the above, told the Council the Youth Council was formed in 1999 to empower young people to get involved with local politics. The Council has 54 members in the 11 to 25 age group. They meet in the Council Chamber Bridgend each Monday from 5.30 to 7.30.

The "Pet" project would like see 2 local young people between the age 14 -25 attend each meeting of Pyle Community Council as link to and from the youth of the area. The Youth Council would also like to see two Community Councillors to act as mentors or friendly faces. Cllrs L Ellis, G Hooper and P James agreed to act as friendly faces.

6. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

- i. The Clerk reported any backlog of work due to recent events has been cleared and much of his report will be covered in reports from the finance and employment committees' meetings
- ii. He reported the accounts for year to March 2011 had been given to the Council's internal auditor and apologised for not being able to present a financial report as the books were still with the auditor. He has however requested a meeting with the finance committee in July to inspect the accounts for the first 3 months of this new financial year.

b. Employment Sub Committee Meeting

Monday 27th June 2011 at 12.00 noon

Cllrs P James (Chair), L Ellis and D Williams.

In attendance Harold Phillips. Clerk to the Council.

On requesting of the Clerk how he was getting on if there was anything we could do to facilitate his job, the Clerk requested several points that he wished to make.

- i. That he wanted to have more contact with the Councillors and suggested that perhaps he could have individual meetings with them on a Monday as this is the day the Talbot Community Centre is closed.

- ii That he wanted the Planning Sub - Committee to meet on a Monday every two weeks to look at planning as we only have a 21 day turn around.
- iii Also he made a request that this Council agree to computerised accounting and on line banking. At this the Chair informed the Clerk that the last time this was brought up One Voice Wales counselled against it but it is known other councils were now doing this so the Clerk was asked to check with One Voice Wales and if this was now common practice, if so the committee had no objections.

The Cllrs then asked the Clerk to leave the room to discuss the Position of his Employment as it was stated that after 6 months of a 12 month contract we would review his salary. All agreed that his performance was outstanding and that we would put it to the finance committee the recommendation for a grade rise.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

c) Meeting of the Finance Sub Committee Meeting

Monday 27th June 2011 at 12.40pm

Cllrs P James (Chair), A John and D Williams.

Apologies received from Cllr G Hooper

The sub-committee checked annual accounts for year ending March 2011 before presentation to the in house Auditor and commented on how professionally they were produced. The committee commended the Clerk on the accounts and agreed for them to be given to the in-house auditor.

The Cllrs then asked the Clerk to leave and informed Cllr John of the previous discussion regarding the Clerk's salary Cllr John agreed to the recommendation of grade rise to grade 19.

The meeting closed at 01.15pm.

After the meeting Cllr James discussed with Cllr Hooper the matters arising from the finance meeting and she agreed with the conclusions of the group. Cllr James then informed the Chair Cllr Kay John on her return from holiday of the outcome of the two meetings and she agreed with the finance and employment committee findings and said she in her roll as chair would inform the other members of the Council.

7. Correspondence

- a. Bridgend CBC. An invitation Local Development Plan Key Stakeholder Forum Meeting on Friday 1st July at 11am. Cllr G Rogers to attend.
- b. David Robertson. Concerns re the re-siting of steps at Llanmihangel Mill Farm and rumours of the building of further dwellings. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Robertson outlining the terms of the granting of the planning permission for the re-siting of the steps and that no planning application has been received for the building of further dwellings.
- c. Bridgend CBC (*Reach. for a better rural Bridgend*). An invitation to attend a meeting to discuss Rural Development funding. Meeting on Monday 18th July at 9.30 in the Reach offices unit 3 Castle View, Bridgend CF31 1NJ. Cllr James together with the Clerk to attend. Proposed Cllr L Ellis, Seconded Cllr Gina Hooper.
- d. South Wales Police Authority. South Wales Community Safety Volunteer Awards. The Council is requested to nominate someone from its community. The Clerk to investigate details of a safety scheme in operation in Mynydd Cynffig Infants School.
- e. Bridgend CBC. The Council is requested to consider a list of proposed street names for the former Goricon site. The names suggested are; 1) Fordd y Ddol, 2) Fordd y Dollydd, Fordd Erwain, with a preference of the developer for Fordd Erwain. The Council were unanimous in opposing all three and suggest the original name of Quarry Road or the Welsh: Ffordd y Chwarel. The Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

- f. Edward Harries Solicitor. Letter informing the Council of the removal of the registered charge by Valley to Coast on the land known as the Collwyn.
- g. Bridgend Town Council. Invitation to the Chair to attend the Civic Service of the Mayor of Bridgend on Sunday 3rd July. Accepted
- h. Porthcawl Town Council. Invitation to the Chair to attend the Civic Service of the Mayor of Porthcawl on Sunday 26th June. Declined
- i. Y Cefn Gwerdd. A request for written for their application for funding, from the Heritage Lottery Fund, to enable a definitive history of the horse drawn tramroad linking Maesteg to Porthcawl and later to Bridgend. Acceptance Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded Cllr B. Morris.

8. Planning

- a. Lock up shop (formerly a Newsagent). Change of use to a Café/Takeaway. Objection on the grounds of the number of such establishments in the immediate vicinity and the lack of parking.
- b. Llanmihangel Mill Farm, Pyle. Barn Conversion. Minor increase to roof height. No objection.
- c. Cynffig Comprehensive School, Kenfig Hill. Installation of a canopy within the school No objection.
- d. Cherry Tree Stables, Kenfig Hill. New stable block. No objection.
- e. 50, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. Part demolition of rear section and construct two storey extension. No objection.
- f. 80, Pwll y Garth Street, Kenfig Hill. Re-building and extending garage/shed. No objection.
- g. 4, Bower Street, Kenfig Hill. Demolish lean-to and build new single storey extension. No objection.
- h. 4 Marlas Close, Pyle. Double storey rear extension. No objection.
- i. 36 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill. Single storey extension to side and rear. No objection.
- j. Central Athletic Ground, Kenfig Hill. Alterations to sports pavilion. No objection.
- k. KPC Youth off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle. Replace existing building with permanent two storey building and single storey workshop. No objection.
- l. 15, High Street. Single storey extension to replace existing sun lounge. No objection.
- m. Margam Row, Kenfig Hill. Retrospective planning permission fo change of use to 2 dwellings with garages. No objection.
- n. 16, Heol Cambrensis, Pyle. (Planning Conditions)
The use hereby permitted shall be discontinued and the building restored to its former condition on or before 31 December 2013.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to assess the impact the development has on amenities of the area and to enable the matter to be reviewed at the end of the period of the temporary consent.

The use hereby permitted shall not be open to customers outside the following times:-
Monday - Saturdays 0900 - 1800 hours
Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Reason: In the interests of residential amenities.
(Policy EV45 - Bridgend Unitary Development Plan)

The only individual permitted to work at the Hair Salon hereby approved shall be an occupant of No. 12 Heol Cambrensis.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and to avoid confusion over the extent of the consent granted.

(Policy EV45 - Bridgend Unitary Development Plan)

9. Donations

a. Acknowledgments.

- i. Boys' Clubs of Wales.
- ii. Shopmobility Scheme (Receipt only)

b. Requests

- i. KPC. Request for funding for summer play scheme. Clerk to write requesting further details and a copy of latest accounts.

10. Finance and Accounts

- a. See item 6 a ii

11. Matters for Further Discussion

12. Items for next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 July 2011

Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council

Questions from the public

1. Mr Chris Dyer had three questions
 - a. He has requested BCBC to have a quantity of nuts and bolts removed from the rear of the property in Bridge Street occupied by the company One Vision. Cllr P James advised Mr Dyer to contact Borough Councillor Clive James who would investigate his concern.
 - b. Could consideration be given to removing the time limit for parking in Bridge Street and Pisgah Street? The initial comments were; this would merely extend the difficulty of parking after six o'clock to the rest of the day.
 - c. The legal position of parking and ownership of the land opposite Heathbridge Surgery and enforcement. The council will attempt to clarify the position.

2. The Chair reported she been approached by a member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting reference the on-going problems with the Gorican site in particular road cleaning. This is matter is continually under the scrutiny on the Council. Cllr James advised anyone with a concern to talk to the site manager who in the past has treated all problems sympathetically and resolved most.