



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on  
Wednesday 26 October 2011  
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

1. Present

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

2. Apologies for Absence.

- a. Councillor; B Morris.

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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr J Tame. There were no objections
- b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

5. Business Arising

- a. Parking in-front of Dentist Surgery  
The Clerk has written to BCBC declining to fund the remedial work. Awaiting reply
- b. Festival Week 2012  
Cllr G Hooper presented a report of a meeting held on Tuesday 18th October in Kenfig Hill RFC

Planned Events

Date	Event	Organisation	Location
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Concert	Pisgah	Pisgah Chapel
	Flower Festival	St Theodore's Church	St Theodore's Church
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Festival	St Theodore's Church	St Theodore's Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Martial Arts Demo	Tang Soo Do	Pyle Life Centre (5.00pm - 6.30pm)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cabaret	The Festival Committee	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Horse Race Night	Kenfig Hill RFC & Guides & Scouts	Kenfig Hill RFC

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Day	All	Croft Goch
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise		St Theodore's Church

Enquiries are to be made reference a Schools' Sports Day to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

The Talbot Community Centre are considering staging an "Old Thyme Music Hall Evening" on either Tuesday or Wednesday

The Talbot Community Centre is to hold an evening to choose a Festival Queen (Aged 11 - 16), Attendants (Aged 8 - 10) and Flower Girls (Aged 5 - 7). The evening will take place on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6.00pm - 7.30pm and would also include a children's disco and other entertainment. Festival Queen will be paraded through the communities on the morning of the Fun Day.

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 November 2011 at 6.30pm

c. Bus Shelters & Litter Bins.

- i. Bus Shelters. Cllr P James confirmed BCBC have placed the order with the supplier to install the shelters.
- ii. Litter Bins. Due to the delay in the installation of bins originally requested it resolved to identify the current needs in addition to the original request for bins at Moriah Place and Hazel Grove. Councillors were requested to notify the Clerk of any further requests for bins before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

d. Civic Service.

Cllr K John thanked everyone who made the day a success. The Clerk was instructed to write to thank Rev Jonathan Durley and the Talbot Community Centre for their contribution.

e. Land opposite Heathbridge Surgery

The recommendations of the Sub Committee meeting on Monday 22 October are as follows;

- i. The square to be known as Heathbridge Miners' Square
- ii. The main feature is to be a Coal Dram on a dais/plinth.
- iii. Suitable signage dedicating the square to the miners who worked and died in the listed mines
- iv. To resurface the whole of the area with tarmacadam. (As per the new coastal footpath in Porthcawl).
- v. Bollards to be installed around the square to prevent the parking of vehicles.
- vi. Install three benches, one litter bin and a bicycle rack.
- vii. All brickwork and flowerbeds to renovated.

All the planned work will be subject to the transfer of the land from Bridgend CBC and a thorough financial plan to be approved.

f. Remembrance Service

The Clerk reported all matters in hand. New service sheets (slight amendments in accordance with an update from the Royal British Legion) will be produced by the Rev Jonathan Durley. An application to close the road has been approved, copies of the licence to be displayed. (The application also covered the switching on of the Christmas lights)

g. Christmas Community Draw.

The draw will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the night the Christmas lights are switched on.

h. Christmas Lighting.

BCBC have been instructed to install the Christmas lights and the Clerk has requested a report from BCBC on how many sets are still serviceable. An application to close the road has been approved. (For road closure see item f. Remembrance Service)

## 6. Reports

### a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered in other items.

### b. Members Reports

Rights of Way and Open Spaces. Cllr A. John requested the Clerk write to BCBC with reference to the lack of a pavement on section of Croft Goch Road. The Clerk was also asked to restore "Rights of Way and Open Spaces" to the agenda

## 7. Correspondence

a) Letter from The Rev Dr Duncan Walker of The Parish of Pyle & Kenfig requesting the use of land adjacent to the St James' Church (The Collwyn) for use as Graveyard and Garden of Remembrance. This request could not be granted as there are specific clauses in the Deeds of Sale and Purchase prevent change of use.

However the Clerk was requested to invite The Rev Walker to attend a meeting with the Council with a view to the continual improvement in the working relationship between the Church and the Council. (A similar invitation has been accepted by Rev Jonathan Durley pending fixing a date)

b) The lane adjacent to Pwllgarth Street. Letter from BCBC stating, the lane is one of many such lanes within the borough and there are no plans to install any traffic calming measures. The Clerk was requested to reply pointing out the significant difference between this lane and most others is Cynffig Junior School's main entrance opens onto it.

c) Letter reference a Queens Jubilee Beacon. It was resolved not have a beacon.

## 8. Planning

a) 1, Ton View Kenfig Hill. Crown reduction of trees to the rear. No objection.

b) 50, Pyle Road, Pyle. Replace existing temporary sign (Saga Group) No objection.

c) Station Road, Kenfig Hill. New Bungalow. (Amended Layout). No objection.

d) Unit 17, Village Farm Industrial Estate. Food and contaminated waste treatment facility. Intec Ltd. Revised application. No objection.

## 9. Donations

### a. Acknowledgments.

i. Samaritans.

ii. ATC.

iii. Swansea Valley Miners Appeal Fund.

iv. Pisgah Chapel.

### b. Requests

i. South Wales Police. Request for funding for weather proof Cycle uniform for local PCSO's. It was resolved to send £200. Proposed Cllr L Ellis. Seconded Cllr J Tame.

ii. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre. Request for general support. Declined as a request earlier this year was granted.

iii. The Parish of Pyle & Kenfig. Request for support towards security work to prevent further vandalism. It was resolved to send £100 Proposed Cllr P James. Seconded Cllr L Ellis.

## 10. Finance and Accounts

a. The Clerk reported he had secured a refund of an overpayment of Tax and National Insurance for the year 2009/10 of £ 1,187.69.

b. Receipts and Payments. The Clerk reported that payments for the six months ending the 30th September 2011 were £12017.89 and full list of receipts were available for inspection.

- c. Precept. Cllr P James reported on a meeting of the finance committee. The budget for the year commencing April 2012 was presented together with a recommendation the precept remain unchanged. This is the fourth year in succession this Council has maintained the precept at this level. The recommendation was unanimously accepted.

11. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Ellis expressed concern following his visit with Cllr P James and Borough Cllr C James to the Margam Opencast Mine. The perimeter fence has been breached in many places and is routinely being used for access by children. The site constitutes an imminent danger. It was resolved to take the following actions;
  - i. To form a sub-committee to monitor all activities. The members of the sub-committee will be Cllrs A. John, L Ellis & P James
  - ii. To invite Cefn Community Council requesting a meeting.
  - iii. The Chair Cllr K John to visit schools to outline the dangers
  - iv. The Clerk had previously reported on correspondence with both Bridgend CBC and Neath Port Talbot CBC and the final comment by both Councils saying they were awaiting the outcome of the recent appeal. It was resolved to write a follow up letter to the Borough Councils.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 23 November 2011

*Harold J. Phillips*  
*Clerk to the Council*