



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 22 February 2012
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence.
Cllr J Tame

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.

- a. The minutes for the meeting held on 24th January 2012 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr G Hooper. There were no objections
- b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

4. Business Arising

- a. Parking in-front of Dentist Surgery
Declaration of Interest. Cllr Ellis declared an interest and left the room.
 - i) The Clerk informed the meeting he had received a telephone call from BCBC accepting responsibility for the implementation of the correct signage and markings, the work will be carried out within a few weeks.
 - ii) Supplementary to the preceding the Clerk was also informed the correct signage and markings would be implemented in Waunbant Road at the same time
- b. Festival Week 2012
Cllr G Hooper reported the Festival met on Tuesday 14th February 2012 and distributed the arrangements made.
- c. Bus Shelters & Litter Bins.
 - i. Installation of Bus Shelters. The shelter in Commercial Street has been installed and an invoice received from BCBC. The clerk was authorised to pay the invoice. The proposed bus shelters in Helig Fan could not be installed as a result to objects raised by two of the residents in Helig Fan.

- ii. **Bus Shelter Cleansing.** The Clerk reported he had received the quotation as requested by Cllr P James in the previous minutes; the quotation was for £30 per clean. This represented 4 shelters x 4 times per year; 16 cleans @ £30 = £480.00 per annum. The quotation from BCBC for a weekly inspection and clean as necessary would total £1102.00. It was agreed to seek further quotations.
- iii. **Litter Bins.** The Clerk has accepted the proposal from BCBC to install two bins in the vicinity of Hazel Grove, Pyle and one in Moriah Place, Kenfig Hill. Installation date 6/8weeks
- d. **Heathbridge Miners' Square.**
Cllr P James reported she had been informed the transfer of the land from Bridgend CBC has been agreed on a 25 year rent free lease. The application for funding submitted to BCBC is pending a decision. Cllr G Rogers suggested an application be made to the Co-operative Communities Charity.
- e. **Christmas Lighting.**
The final accounts from both BCBC for the erection of the lights and Npower for the electricity supply is awaited
- f. **Olympic Torch.**
The Council decide that no monies would be spent on decorating the route of the Olympic Torch but information on the date and time the torch will pass through Pyle will be conveyed to local schools and organisations to enable those who wish to see the torch do miss this once in a lifetime event.
- g. **The Collwyn.**
Edward Harries Solicitors have written to Ms Dessant instructing her to take the necessary action to withdraw the application to register the Collwyn as a Town or Village Green.

5. Reports

- a. **Clerk's Report**
The Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered in other items.
- b. **Cllr P James reported on a meeting with Ministers of local Places of Worship.**
A meeting with local ministers was held on Monday 30th January in Pyle Church Hall. Councillors and Clergy expressed their views as to their aspirations for the communities of Pyle and Kenfig Hill and both the Rev Dr Duncan Walker and the Rev Jonathan Durley were both enthusiastic in their support for the Community Festival Week.
- c. **Margam Opencast Mine.** Cllr L Ellis reported on the latest efforts of himself together with Cllr P James and Borough Cllr Clive James; Cllr Ellis that he and Cllr P James and Borough Cllr C James had attended the site to secure an unlocked gate and whilst being there also saw breaches in the perimeter fence almost certainly made by children. Cllr Ellis then referred to reports that he and Cllr P James and Borough Cllr C James had by their publicity increased the awareness of local children to the site; children who would otherwise been unaware of the existence of the site. Cllr Ellis asked if each member of the Council would give their opinion. Cllr B Morris said it was, his opinion, wrong for individual Councillors taking such action, he said it should have been done with the authorisation of the Council. He went on to request it was recorded that he thought Cllrs Ellis and James should have declared an interest in this discussion. Cllr James stated she, Cllr Ellis and Borough Cllr Clive James attend not as members of the Council but at the behest of the Labour Party.

6. Correspondence

- a. **National Grid. Refurbishment of Margam/Pyle Overhead Lines** will commence in mid-February and will be complete in August. Working hours will be 7.30am - 6pm Monday to Friday and alternative weekends form 7.30am - 2pm on Saturdays and 7.30am - 4pm on Sundays.
- b. **RWE npower renewables. Atlantic Array Offshore Wind Farm.** Further consultation to take place towards the middle of 2012 the precise date will be advertised in advance inviting participation.

- c. The Mayor of Bridgend. Invitation to the Chair of Pyle Community Council to attend the Mayor's Charity Gala Dinner. As neither the Chair or the Vice chair is able to attend the invitation is extended to the immediate past chair. It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to reserve 2 tickets at £35.
- d. Countryside Council for Wales. Every ten years the maps of open access to mountain, moor, heath, down land, and registered common land are reviewed. Draft Maps will be produced in July and representation will be received until 23 November 2011. Drafts of the new map will produced on August 2013 and following any appeals the new maps will be produced in September 2014.
- e. Valleys to Coast. Llys Ton. An invitation to the Chair to attend the official opening on March 1st. To be accepted.
- f. Madeleine Moon MP. RAF Presentation. An invitation to the Chair to attend the presentation on Thursday 22 March. To be accepted.
- g. BCBC. Margam Mine Liaison Committee. The planned meeting for the 7 February has been postponed. It now hoped to re-schedule the meeting until March in order to enable Oak regeneration's representatives, SLR, to attend.
- h. Pisgah Chapel. Invitation to the Chair to attend their Centenary Service on Thursday 19 April at 7.00pm. To be accepted.

7. Planning

- a. 1 Ton View Kenfig Hill. Single Storey Rear Extension. No objection.
- b. 143, Waunbant Road, Kenfig Hill. Amendment to approved extension. No objection.
- c. Plot 119 Village Farm Road, Pyle. Erection of Modified Palisade Security fencing and gates. No objection.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

- a. BCBC. Implementation of Action Points in Rights of Way Improvement Plan. BCBC is requesting Community Councils to identify and submit any schemes for the improvement of public rights of way and cycle tracks within their area, which could be implemented during the 2012/13 financial year. Applications to submitted by the 24 March. BCBC is expecting it will receive many more requests than the funding available.
- b. BCBC Public Footpath Diversion Order No. 2 2012 re Footpath 13 Pyle. An order was made on 15 February 2012 permitting the re-siting of the steps from Marla Road to Llanmihangel Mill farm. Objections to be received before the 19 March 2012.
- c. Riverside Walk. Cllr A. John informed the Council that answer form BCBC will be given in the next 3 weeks.
- d. Sign Posting of Public Footpaths. Cllr D Williams reported he had inspected the signpost within the Pyle Community and found they were all in satisfactory condition.
- e. Steps leading from Prince Road. The steps are the responsibility of BCBC, who had visited the site and address the recent complaint received.
- f. Cllr A. John requested the Council obtain the most recent definitive map of footpaths within the Pyle Community in order to identify which authority is responsible for each path.

9. Donations

- a. Acknowledgments.
 - i. Llangollen International Eisteddfod
 - ii. Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir on behalf the junior choirs of Da Capo and crescendo.
 - iii. Junnie Brittain on behalf of the Stroke Association.
 - iv. Anna Underhill (Girl Guides)
 - v. Wales Air Ambulance
 - vi. Marie Curie
- b. Requests
 - i. Y Bont. Request for financial assistance for annual running costs. It was resolved to send £50.00. Proposed Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr L Ellis.

- ii. 1st Kenfig Hill Guides Fund Raising account. Request for financial assistance to enable overseas travel. It was resolved to send £100.00. Proposed Cllr G Rogers. Seconded by Cllr B Morris.
- iii. Relate Cymru. Request for financial assistance declined. Out of area with no specific link.

10. Finance and Accounts

Receipts and Payments. The summary of receipts and payments for the 3 months ending 31st March will be available for inspection by the finance committee in order for them to be presented to the Council at the April meeting.

11. Any Other Business

Cynffig Junior School Board of Governors. Cllr L Ellis brought to the attention of the Council an email he received confirming notices of meetings had been sent to the wrong address which was the reason he not attended meetings. The email was not presented to the Council.

Llys Ton. The Council expressed a wish to visit Llys Ton and Cllr Rogers was asked to enquire if it would be possible.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 28 March 2012

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*