



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 27 June 2012
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

Present

Councillors; K John (Chair), G Hooper, P James, A John, B Jones, M Kearm,
E Peakman.
Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips.

1. Apologies for Absence.
Cllr **A** Jones
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 23rd May 2012 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr G Hooper.
 - b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2012
In response to a request from the Mrs Karen Evans, in question time prior to the meeting, to record her congratulations and thanks to the Council for their support of the Festival Week, the Chair Cllr K John thanked the Festival Committee and all who helped to make the Festival Week and Fun Day a success.
Individual Cllrs commented on events they attended, all gave positive comments.
The Clerk reported the cost to date was £2200 against a budget of £3000. It was resolved to await next month's meeting to discuss further donations to supporting organisations.
 - b. Footpath to Hafod Heaulog Farm
Cllr A. John reported the dangers of the river crossing and his dealings with successive rail companies.
Borough Councillor Luke Ellis is contact with Andrew Mason at BCBC who in turn is in contact with Neath Port Talbot Council.
The Clerk is dealing directly with Neath Port Talbot Council and has been asked to ascertain the position with Railtrack
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
A meeting was held with Michaela Richter, (Funding), Geoff Whittington, (Landscape Artist) Jon Davies (Archaeologist) and Nigel Talbot (Artist) all of the Groundwork's Trust. Nigel Talbot displayed a portfolio of his work and outlined his thoughts on the design produced by Geoff Whittington. The main theme would be the introduction of simulated pit props and cast iron seam into the stone wall. The pit props symbolic of a coal face and the cast iron seam that

of a coal seam running the length of the stone wall. The cast iron seam will carry the stories of the mines of the area. Nigel will work with Mynydd Cynffig Junior and Pil Primary Schools on stories and history of the mines. Jon will work with Cynffig Comprehensive School with the construction of two time capsules. Michaela is working on the funding. This new ambitious design and obtaining the funding means the project will not take commence until the spring. It is essential the project commences within this financial year.

- d. Five Year Plan. At the meeting to discuss The Heathbridge Miner's Square, Michaela Richter of the Groundworks' Trust gave further details of the consultation survey. Having identified approximately 360 houses to be surveyed the method of carrying out the survey needs to be finalised. While the surveys will be led by the Council the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Cynffig Comprehensive School to involve sixth form students to assist in the survey.
- e. Lane adjacent to Pwllgarth Street.
A meeting is to be arranged with Kwaku Opoku-Addo of BCBC's "Safe Routes in the Community" on Monday 9th July at 10.30am

5. Reports

- a. Clerk's Report
The Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered in other items.
- b. Member Reports
 - i. Pil Primary School. Cllr Eileen Peakman attended a Governors meeting and reported on the high standards which are being masked by the special needs requirements.
 - ii. Communities First. Cllr James reported she asked the Clerk to contact the office Carl Sargent AM the Communities Minister. The Clerk reported that part of the Marlus area has Community First status. After many phone calls the Clerk made contact with Lynne Berry in BCBC, Lynne will come and address the Council on the implications of Community First status in September.

6. Correspondence

- a. KPC Youth. Annual General Meeting. Cllr B Jones, Cllr G Brown to attend
- b. One Voice Wales. Notification of New Councillor Induction Training. It was resolved not to attend
- c. Talbot Community Centre. Request to change the date of the September meeting from Wednesday 26th September to Wednesday 19th September. It was agreed the September meeting will be held on the 19th.
- d. Porthcawl Town Council. Invitation to attend Civic Service on Sunday 8 July. The Chair to attend.
- e. Bridgend Town Council. Invitation to attend Civic Service on Sunday 23 September. The Chair to attend
- f. Maesteg Town Council. Preliminary notification of a Civic Service to be held on 12th August.
- g. BCBC. Confirmation of a meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum on Monday 16th July 2012. Cllr M Kearns to attend.
- h. RWE npower renewables. A letter referring to the offshore wind farm in the Bristol Channel and a further consultations to take place during the summer months
- i. BCBC. Notification of a Code of Conduct presentation on 13 August. A reservation is to be made for all Councillors.
- j. BCBC. The Clerk read a detailed letter informing the Council of the changes at Pyle Life Centre. Cllr P James reported on a meeting called by BCBC to discuss the changes, in the meeting Cllr James strongly questioned the change of use of the theatre into a book storage area. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC objecting to the closure of the theatre.

7. Planning

- a. 9, Monks Close Pyle. Application for proposed semi-detached 1 Bedroom House. (Revised Application)
- b. Eagle House, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Single Storey Pitched Roof Building. No objection.
- c. 21 Prince Road, Kenfig Hill. Conversion of House into two Apartments with parking to the rear. No objection
- d. 30, High Street, Kenfig Hill. Demolish existing garage and construct new double garage. No objection

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported

Work cannot be carried out on either the Steps at Llanmihangel or the re-routing of the path at Riverside Walk due to a single objection in each case. BCBC officers are to consult with objectors to attempt to overcome the objections.

The maintenance of footpaths is falling behind because of the weather but it is hoped to catch up in the week or so.

Cllr P James reported the fencing round the Guide & Scout Hall is to be repaired by Valleys to Coast within the 7/10 days

9. Highways

Cllr P James to investigate problems with the Beech Road footpath. The Clerk to write to BCBC.

10. Donations

a. Acknowledgements

- i. Hollie Rebecca Allen was not able to raise the necessary funds for her internship in the USA and has returned the cheque issued by the Council.
- ii. Kenfig Hill Rainbows.
- iii. West Glamorgan Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse.
- iv. Citizens Advice Bureau

b. Requests

- i. Llys Ton Residents. Request for a donation towards equipment for social events. It was resolved to give £50. Proposed Cllr M Kearns. Seconded by Cllr A John.
- ii. Rest Bay Lifeguards . Request for financial support for new equipment. It was resolved to give £40. Proposed Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr G Hooper.

11. Finance and Accounts

The external auditor has the accounts for year end 31 March 2012. On the return of the books the Clerk will convene a meeting of the Finance Committee.

The clerk reported a heavier than usual expenditure for the quarter ending 30 June of £15075.00. Five items totalling £8826.67 account for over half of this amount.

Election Costs	3322.90
Annual Insurance	1691.56
Festival Week & Fun Day	2571.32 (less an income of 230.00)
Litter & Grit bins	744.00
Electricity Christmas Lights	496.89 (normally paid the first quarter)

12. Any Other Business

Litter Bins. A request for a litter bin to be placed in Pyle Inn Way at the entrance to Groft Coch Fields.

Grit Bins. A request for the Grit bin which used to be in Pyle Inn Way to be replaced

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 26 July 2012

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*