



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 18 July 2012
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

Apologies for Absence. Cllr E Peakman.

1. 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.
2. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. The minutes for the meeting held on 27th June 2012 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr A. John.
 - b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
3. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2012
 - i. Donations. It was resolved to make the following donations to those organisations who assisted in the running of the Fun Day. £100 to the ATC, Kenfig Hill RFC Junior Section, Fire Service, Police & Talbot Community Centre. £300 to the Scout & Guide Hall Committee. This brings the total expenditure to £3000. Proposed Cllr G Hooper, Seconded by Cllr M Kearns
 - ii. Christmas Prize Draw. It was proposed by Cllr A. John and seconded by Cllr P James that the prizes be increased as follows; £300, £150, £75, £50. There were no objections and the motion was carried. The Clerk was authorised to order the tickets.
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heaulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
The clerk reported that a meeting with has been arranged with Jon Griffiths of Neath Port Talbot Council to walk the above footpaths on Tuesday 31 July at 10.30am. The Clerk also commented on the lack of a definitive map of the footpaths within our area and resolved to rectify the situation during August
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
The Clerk reported that all three schools have been briefed on their part in the creation of the square The Clerk & the Chair Cllr John met with Mynydd Cynffig Junior School,

The Clerk, the Chair Cllr John, & Cllr M Kearn met with Pyle Primary School and The Clerk, the Chair Cllr John, & Cllr P James met with Cynffig Comprehensive School. Mynydd Cynffig Junior and Pil Primary Schools are to research stories and history of the mines, to be depicted on the cast iron seam in the main wall. Cynffig Comprehensive School are to create two time capsules. The Chair also has visited Mynydd Cynffig Infants and advised the Head of all the plans advising her that at some time it hoped to find a role for the Primary school to be involved with the project.

d. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.

A meeting was held with Kwaku Opoku-Addo of BCBC's "Safe Routes in the Community" on Monday 9th July at 10.30am. Mr Opoku-Addo recommended the Council do survey and consultation of all the routes to the schools within the area and put together a report he can then put to the Welsh Government for funding. It was resolved that before any decision on such a survey the Borough Councillors be requested to meet with the BCBC's traffic department to discuss our simple request to make both ends of the lane "No Entry" by erecting the appropriate signs and obtaining the necessary permissions.

e. Litter Bins

A request for a litter bin to be placed in Pyle Inn Way at the entrance to Groft Coch Fields has been made to Howard Butler BCBC.

f. Grit Bin

A request for the Grit bin which used to be in Pyle Inn Way to be replaced has been made to Jason Jenkins at BCBC. Borough Councillor Clive James offered to make representations to BCBC

g. Pyle Life Centre

The Clerk read a letter of response to the proposals set out by BCBC. The Council approved the letter.

h. Footpath Beach Road

Cllr P James has made a preliminary visit to Beach Road but was unable to identify the problem area and is arranging with Cllr E Peakman to revisit the site.

i. Civic Service

The Civic Service will be held on 23 September in St Theodore's Church at 3.00pm and afterwards at the Talbot Community Centre.

j. FiveYear Plan.

- i. Consultation Survey. Approximately 360 houses have to be surveyed. The Clerk, the Chair Cllr John, & Cllr P James met with Cynffig Comprehensive School together with representatives from Groundwork Trust. It was agreed that sixth form students will assist by surveying 150 houses on 23 September they will be supported by teachers and Groundwork Trust and Councillors the method of carrying out the survey needs will be managed by Michaela Richter of Groundwork Trust. The students will also carry out a consultation survey within the school.
- ii. Joint Meeting. A meeting of the full Council together with the three Borough Councillors to discuss possible schemes to be included and how to involve the support of BCBC.

4. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

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

b. Member Reports

- i. Councillors attended the following since the last meeting
 - 25th Anniversary of Rainbow Guides at Cynffig Comprehensive School (7 members attended)*
 - Mynydd Cynffig Junior School Concert "The Hills are Alive"*
 - Mynydd Cynffig Junior School Concert "End of Year Presentations"*
 - Mynydd Cynffig Infants School Concert*
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 - Councillors also visited Mynydd Cynffig Junior and Infant Schools together with KPC Youth and The Scout & Guides to present prizes for the painting and cookery competitions held at the Community Fun Day*
- ii. Cllr Geraint Brown reported on the KPC Youth AGM. The main point being the reduction of funding means the current funds will run out early next year. Cllr B Jones reported that the existing Portacabin is no longer fit for purpose and much of their reserves have been allocated for a permanent replacement. Cllr Brown has been invited to join the board of KPC Youth and Cllr Jones has become a member of the fund raising team. Both Councillors spoke positively of the work carried out by KPC and the Council endorsed the new links and co-operation between Pyle Community Council and KPC Youth. Unfortunately the Council's limited funding prevents the amount of financial support that KPC require although the Council will help and support any applications that KPC makes to others sources.
- iii. Town & Community Forum. Cllr M Kearn attended the recent meeting. Cllr Kearn has also been invited to join the board of the Talbot Community Centre.

5. Correspondence

- a. KPC Youth. Annual General Meeting. Cllr B Jones, Cllr G Brown to attend
- b. One Voice Wales. Notification of the AGM of the Bridgend/Vale/Cardiff Area Committee to be held on Monday 23rd July at 7.00pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.
- c. Maesteg Town Council. Invitation to attend Civic Service on 12 August. Chair to attend
- d. BCBC. Fund for Town & Community Council Projects. Letter received confirming match funding for the Heathbridge Miners Square project to a maximum of £10,000
- e. Kenfig Corporation Trust. Letter re Cllr L Ellis. Matter on-going.
- f. Daly International. Notification of the decommissioning of a Vodaphone mast at The Village Farm Garage and combining it with the mast a Woodcraft DIY Centre.

6. Planning

- a. 12, Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill. Redesign of roof space to afford extra accommodation. (Revised Application).
- b. 7 Longlands Close Pyle. To fell a Sycamore tree. No objection.

7. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported on the land between Victoria Road and School Road, Cllr John and the Clerk are to walk the area and report back to Council.
Steps from Victoria Road. Borough Cllr Clive James is to make representations to BCBC
Cllr G Brown reported the lane from Cribwr Square to Marshfield Avenue is overgrown

8. Highways

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

9. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
 - i. Kenfig Hill Rainbows.

- ii. Rest Bay Lifeguards
 - b. Requests
 - i. Samaritans. Request for financial assistance. It was resolved to give £100 and also to express thanks for the attendance at the Fun day. Proposed Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr G Hooper.
10. Finance and Accounts
The Clerk reported the accounts for the year end 31 March 2012 have been approved by the Councils internal auditor Mr Jeff Carne and sent to the external auditors Mazaars.
11. Any Other Business
The Clerk reported an oversight in the presentations of the Citizens Awards at the Comprehensive School. Last year we presented plaques and WHSmith vouchers for £30 to the two winners, this year we overlooked the vouchers. It was resolved that vouchers be obtained for presentation at the start of the new term.

Christmas Lights

Chain of Office. The clerk was authorised to obtain a quotation for additional plaques The last plaque was for 2007/8. Additional plaques required for 8/9 and 9/10 for Cllr P James and 11/12 and 12/13 for Cllr K John

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 19 September 2012

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*