



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 19 September 2012

in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

### Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence. Cllrs **A** Jones, **B** 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were approved. Proposed by Cllr G Hooper, Seconded by Cllr P. James.
  - b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
  - a. Festival Week 2012
    - i. Festival Week 2013 will commence on Saturday 22nd June and conclude on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June with the Community Fun Day being held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
    - ii. Christmas Prize Draw. Tickets will be distributed at the meeting of the Festival committee on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.
  - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heaulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm  
The clerk reported he had received a communication from Jon Griffiths of Neath Port Talbot Council acknowledging the work needed to be carried out and he will report back on what action will be taken by NPT.
  - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.  
Groundwork Trust Wales are struggling to find the grants required. The main problem seems to be we are a local authority. Grants could be available if an independent community group was established. The group would require a constitution and a bank account but more crucially a five year lease on the land; this would be difficult and definitely would take a long time. Time is of an essence with this project as the two grants we have already received must be used within the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. The Clerk was to meet with Groundwork Trust to scrutinise their costing's' and to ascertain if it is possible to complete the project without further loans. Cllr P James to contact the head of Groundwork Trust

- d. Litter Bins  
The request for a litter bin to be placed in Pyle Inn Way at the entrance to Groft Coch Fields made to Howard Butler BCBC is to be forwarded to Cllr P James for progress
- e. Grit Bin  
BCBC have questioned the previous existence of a bin in Pyle Inn Way and have asked for evidence. Cllr Hooper gathered the names of 18 residents in the area who confirm the existence of the bin. Cllr James offered to progress the matter.
- f. Pyle Life Centre  
BCBC acknowledged the letter of response to the proposals set out by BCBC. They question the Community Council's assertion that the theatre is a valuable asset to the community in the light of the little use made of the facility. BCBC say that the final decision to convert the theatre to an extension of the library will not be taken until the end of the year and it will be dependent on the necessary finance being available. Cllr James to enquire as to whom consultations have been made
- g. 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.
- h. Land between Victoria Road & School Road  
This to be discussed at the meeting reference the "Five Year Plan"
- i. Steps from Victoria Road  
These steps are the responsibility of BCBC. Cllr P James is to liaise with Cllr K John to ascertain if the necessary work has been carried out.
- j. Lane from Cribwr Square to Marshfield Road  
The work required has been completed
- k. Five Year Plan.  
A meeting of the full to discuss possible schemes and how to involve the support of BCBC to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm
- l. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.  
The Borough Councillors are 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.
- m. Chain of Office. The clerk is awaiting a quotation from Thos. Frattorini Ltd for the price for additional name plates. Prices have been requested for Gold and for Silver Gilt

## 5. Reports

- a. Clerk's Report  
The Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered in other items.
- b. Member Reports
  - i. Cllr P James to approach the new owner of the shop opposite Lloyds TSB Bank to seek his views on allowing a bus shelter with free advertising outside his shop. Cllr James is also pursuing the replacement or refurbishing of bus shelters in Pyle.

## 6. Correspondence

- a. Cllr E Peakman reference the Milestone on the A48 which is in need of re-painting. Cllr P James to establish ownership
- b. Edward Harries Solicitors. Notification of the publication of the statutory notice of the withdrawal of the application of the registration of the Collwyn as a town or village green. Edward Harries confirmed he was quite happy that the withdrawal was completely proper. The Clerk was asked to place an article in the press with the details of the decision to withdraw the application.
- c. BCBC. Town & Country Forum. Notification of a meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 October at 4.00pm in the Civic Offices Angel Street, Bridgend. Cllr Kearn to attend
- d. BCBC. Croft Goch Road. Temporary road closure between 22.00 hours on 25 October and 06.00 hours. On 26 October or until such time as the works are completed for a maximum period of up to 5 days, to facilitate bridge inspection.
- e. BCBC. Agency Agreement for Public Rights of Way. Notification that the entitlement for the maintenance of Rights of Way will remain the same for 2012/13 at a rate of £44.00

- per Km. A resultant payment of £297.88 for the maintenance of 6.77Km of footpaths
- f. BCBC. Public Footpath 13, steps at Marlas Road. A request to remove the overgrowth which is reducing the width of the steps. Cllr A. John informed the Council the work has been carried out.
  - g. Cynffig Comprehensive School. Invitation to attend the Annual Presentation Evening on Thursday 27 September at 6.00pm in the School Hall. This is a change to the traditional Easter timing. The Clerk was instructed to acquire the necessary plaques and vouchers for the Good Citizens Awards. Cllrs Gina Hooper & Beverley Jones to attend
  - h. BCBC. Fund for Town & Community Council Projects. Letter received confirming match funding for the Heathbridge Miners Square project to a maximum of £10,000
  - i. Kenfig Corporation Trust. Letter from Geldards, solicitors to the Trust. The letter stated that “although a practice of Pyle Community Council appointing two trustees had arisen, this is not a valid practice, no such right being contained within the governing documents of the charity”. The letter concluded by stating; “Pyle Community Council has no right to appoint or indeed to nominate persons to act as Trustees of the Charity.”
  - j. Invitations to Civic Services
 

September 2.	Mayor of Bridgend CBC.	The Chair Cllr K John attended
September 16.	Chair of Cornelly CC.	The Chair Cllr K John attended
October 7.	Mayor of Pencoed TC.	The Vice Chair Cllr M Kearn to attend.

## 7. Planning

The following were received without objection.

- a. 43 South View, Kenfig Hill. Erect entrance porch to front door and conservatory to side.
- b. 62 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. PV Installation to front roof and roof enlargement to rear coach house.
- c. 2 Heol Cambrensis, Pyle. First floor side and single storey rear extension.
- d. Pyle Life Centre. Change of use from Class D1 & D2 to B1, D1 and D2 (Mixed use) and internal partition alterations.
- e. 19 Moriah Place, Kenfig Hill. Remove flat roof, increase height of walls to match existing and add pitched roof.

## 8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

- a. Land between School Road and Victoria Road to be included within the Five Year Plan
- b. The remaining 12 seats that have not been covered to be covered and a new seat to be placed in the vicinity of “The Ton” at Penscastell Farm. Proposed Cllr P James and Seconded by Cllr G Hooper,

## 9. Highways

Problems with the Beach Road footpath still unresolved

Pot holes in Pyle Inn Way. Borough Cllrs P James and Luke Ellis to pursue.

## 10. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
  - i. Llys Ton.
  - ii. Laura Underhill (Guides)
  - iii. Ogmores Valley Silver Band
  - iv. Samaritans (by email)
- b. Requests.

## 11. Finance and Accounts

Cllr P James reported the accounts to the end of July were scrutinised by the finance committee and were found to be in order.

## 12. Any Other Business

- a. Road closure for Remembrance Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November and for the switching on of the Christmas Lights on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr P James kindly offered to contact both the Police and BCBC.

- b. PCSOs. Cllr M Kearns reminded the Council that the community was to lose both its PCSOs. Both Jonathan and Nerys are held in high esteem and the Council instructed the Clerk to write to them acknowledging their outstanding contribution to the community and also to write to the Chief Constable expressing the same sentiments.
- c. Write to Nathan Stephens reference the Paralympics Games
- d. The Clerk was asked to write the Co-op re the lighting on the Car park re the withdrawal of cash.
- e. The Clerk was asked to write to Comprehensive School reference their recent excellent results.

*Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 24 October 2012*

*Harold J. Phillips  
Clerk to the Council*