



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 28 November 2012

in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllrs B. Jones, A. John.
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 October 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
 - i. Festival Week 2013. Cllr G Hooper reported that all matters are well in hand, the next meeting will be held on January 8th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill RFC
 - ii. Christmas Prize Draw. Cllr G Hooper all 3000 books of tickets have been allocated and arrangements were made for the collection and folding of the tickets. Cllr Hooper also reported she had acquired the selection boxes for Santa to give out.
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
Although Jon Griffiths of Neath Port Talbot Council had said he would report back on what action will be taken by NPT before the November meeting he failed to do so, the clerk to progress the matter.
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
The Clerk reported on an email from Matthew Harries of BCBC stating that although access to commence work can be given by licence there could be planning issues. The clerk has sent Mr Harries detailed plans in order for him to obtain informal views of the planning department. Cllr P James will also consult with Mr Harries. The clerk then sought authority from the Council to commission the start of the work if the final quotation is within the estimated price of £37k. The authority to commence was given to the Clerk with the proviso the Heathbridge Miners' Square subcommittee is informed . Proposed by Cllr P James and Seconded by Cllr M Kearns
 - d. Litter Bins
The request for a bin in the vicinity of Groft Coch playing fields will put in abeyance.

- e. Footpath Beach Road
Cllr P James reported BCBC had looked at the potholes in the pavement on Beach Road and have concluded they are not of a condition which warrants individual attention but that particular stretch of pavement is scheduled to be resurfaced.
- f. Steps from Victoria Road
All work completed
- g. Five Year Plan.
The consultation, which is required as part of any future funding application, will cover 10% of the houses in the ward approximately 300. Michael Richter of Groundwork Trust is liaising with the Comprehensive school to visit half the other half is to be done by the council. The clerk is awaiting the list and will contact councillors in due course.
The result of a meeting held on Monday 24th September with Louise Frad from BCBC, Louise Frad is still awaited.
- h. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.
Cllr P James spoke with Mr Keith Power of BCBC's Highways department who suggested we cut the lane in half as a temporary measure which will be quicker and more cost effective than the proposal to make both ends of the lane "No Entry" by erecting the appropriate signs and obtaining the necessary permissions.
Cllr James will progress this solution after the Christmas break.
- i. Community Seats
The Clerk reported the new seat to be sited on the Ton will now not take place as the owners of the land have had a change of heart due to disturbances around the existing seat. PJ Landscapes has commenced work on the re-covering the remaining seats.
- j. Chain of Office
The clerk was authorised for the order for the new links to be placed in January.
- k. Milestone on the A48.
Cllr P James reported that although the milestone is a listed monument, like for like routine maintenance will not require permission from CADW. Albeit the milestone island owned by BCBC the responsibility for the upkeep of milestones lay with the Community Councils. Cllr James went on to say she may be able to obtain some funding from the brewery of the Pyle Tap Inn. The clerk was requested to obtain quotations from suitably qualified companies.
- l. Christmas Lights.
This year the Christmas Lights will be switched on 7th December followed by Father Christmas in his Grotto, the Drawing of the Community Prize Draw and the Community Centre Disco. The traffic order for the closing of the roads and the attendance of the police is in place.
- m. Footpath 24 Cefn Cribwr to Victoria Road
The final 200 yards of this path was destroyed when work on the steps was carried out. The Clerk has arranged a site meeting with BCBC footpaths department on Wednesday 5th December at 11.00am
- n. Web Site
Cllr M Kearn reported there were no contact details for the Chair Cllr K John. The Clerk undertook to rectify the matter that evening.

5. Reports

- a. Clerk's Report
The Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered in other items.
- b. Member Reports
 - i. Cllr G Hooper reported Mynydd Cynffig Junior School Concert will now be held in the Rugby Club on Tuesday & Wednesday 11th & 12th December. Town & Community Councils Forum. The main item to report is the introduction of joint intuitive between BCBC and The Vale Councils to introduce council employed Traffic and Dog Wardens
 - ii. Cllr M Kearn reported the dumping of an upholstered settee on the Waun, Cllr Kearn also enquired where the boundary between Pyle and Cefn Cribwr lay. Cllr Kearn

committed himself to contact BCBC to have the settee removed.

6. Correspondence

- a. **KPC Youth.** A copy of their Annual Report was sent for the Council's information. KPC Youth also requested the opportunity to make presentation to the Council on the work and activities carried out at the centre. The Clerk was instructed to accept the invitation and suggest the presentation take place immediately before either the January or February meeting.
- b. **Invitations.**
 - a) Porthcawl Town Council. Christmas Event, Saturday 1st December
 - b) Maesteg Gleemen. Dunraven Young Singer Competition, Saturday 19th January
 - c) Pysgah Ladies' Fellowship. Annual Carol Concert, Monday 10th December
 - d) KPC Youth. Annual Christmas Evening, Monday 17th December
- c. **BCBC. Re Agency Agreement for Public Rights of Way.** In future a copy of invoices for expenditure will need to be attached to the annual claim, a procedure already adopted by this Council.
- d. **BCBC. Request for Application for Annual Precept 2013/14.** After presenting the report of the finance committee it was agreed to increase the precept from £45,000 to £50,000 which reflect an increase in the overall Council Tax of a little over £2.00 per household and will move Pyle Council from the 18th position out of 19 councils to about 15th if other councils remain the same. As the precept has not increased for seven years it has fallen behind inflation, to have the same spending power as seven years ago the precept should now be £55,000.
It was resolved to apply for a £50,000 precept for the year 2013/14. Proposed by Cllr G Hooper and seconded by Cllr A Jones there were no objections.
- e. **St James' Church, Pyle.** The Clerk reported he had received a telephone call from a Mr David Davies who wished to record the thanks of St James's Church for the prompt way Pyle Community Council dealt with problem of the overhanging trees and the danger they posed

7. Planning

The following were received without objection.

- a. **Unit 124a Village Farm Industrial Estate, Kenfig Hill.** External alterations to convert building into 3 separate units
- b. **Ty Gwg, Pyle Road Pyle.** Build a detached double garage
- c. **1 Maes Llan, Kenfig Hill.** Orangery to the rear
- d. **15 Silurian Way, Kenfig Hill.** Retention of Boundary Fence

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

9. Highways

Cllr P James reiterated that a concerted effort was being made to repair the many of potholes within our ward.

10. Donations

- a. **Acknowledgements**
 - i. **Junnie Brittain**
 - ii. **Llangollen International Eisteddfod**
- b. **Requests.**
 - i. **Kenfig Sands Surf Lifesaving Club.** Funding for a Rescue Back Pack. It was resolved to give £120.00. Proposed Cllr E Peakman, Seconded by Cllr M Kearns
 - ii. **Bridgend Young Singer of the Year.** Financial assistance for their annual competition. It was resolved to give £50.00. Proposed Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr M Kearns.
 - iii. **2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC.** Financial assistance for a 3 day visit to RAF Northolt. It was resolved to give £200.00. Proposed Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr G Hooper.
 - iv. **Talbot Community Centre.** Financial assistance for general running expenses It was resolved to give £500.00. Proposed Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr G Brown.

- v. All Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline. Financial assistance for recruiting volunteers
It was resolved to give £50.00. Proposed Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr G Brown.

11. Finance and Accounts

A full report was given in the September meeting

12. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr G Brown reported he had been approached by an organisation wishing to carry out a Geo Caching event on public rights of way. As the event is on public rights of way permission is not required, but the Council welcome their use.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 23 January 2013

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*