



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 30 January 2013
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

Councillors; G Brown, K John (Chair), P James, A John, B Jones, A Jones, G Hooper,
M Kearn.

Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips.

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllr E Peakman.
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 28th November 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. Christmas Prize Draw. 3000 books of tickets were distributed and 400 returned unsold which will have resulted in the organisations who sold tickets benefiting to the sum of £5200.00.
The winning tickets were
1st Prize; Collin Rees, Llys Ton, Kenfig Hill
2nd Prize; Collin Rees, Llys Ton, Kenfig Hill
3rd Prize; Yvonne Granville, Cefn Cribwr
4th Prize; Amy Davies, Port Talbot
 - ii. Festival Week 2013. The Clerk reported the final cost of the 2012 Fun Day was £3087 and the predicted cost for 2013 is £3300 Cllr G Hooper reported there will more paying stands this year offsetting some increased costs. It is hoped that as numbers attending increase we will attract more paying commercial stands helping to balance the budget. Cllr Hooper also reported the Fun day will be concluded with a barbeque. The next meeting will be held on February 12th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill RFC
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heaulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
 - i. Hafod Heaulog Farm.
Although Jon Griffiths of Neath Port Talbot Council reported that some work had

been carried out on cutting back the overgrowth and this work was now scheduled. As for the path; NPT have agreed to have hard-core placed on the pathway from the road the incline up to railway line. The original plan for the incline was to replace the handrail, this is now considered in sufficient and it is now intended to put steps up the railway line. A timetable for the work has not been given as it is thought likely to have to receive permission from network rail for steps.

ii. Bryn Du House Farm

Jon Griffiths reported this other path may prove a bit more tricky. We're currently speaking to Celtic Energy about getting the horses either moved from the fields or securely kept in the field. Once they are off from the path it will give us some scope to get some work done on the path; which will involve scrapping the mud off and getting down to the original ash path, which we could stone. Celtic have in the past helped on paths in other areas and I'm hopeful of getting something similar - although no guarantees. I hope to have some more information when Celtic come back to me, hopefully in the next few days with a bit of luck

c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

The Clerk reported that tenders were sent to four contractors on the 21st February and are to be returned on or before the 11th of February a meeting will be held with Groundwork Trust to determine the successful tender. Planning permission is expected in the first half of February and work should commence shortly afterwards.

d. Five Year Plan.

Cllr P James reported; as a result of a meeting held on Monday 24th September with Louise Frad; Julian Thomas, a regeneration officer has been assigned to review the plan as discussed with Louise Frad and the three Borough Councillors. Cllr James is awaiting the date of meeting with Julian Thomas.

Cllr James also reported the first of the new signs on entering our community will be placed on High Street.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.

Cllr James to progress.

f. Milestone on the A48.

Cllr James is still attempting to obtain some funding from the brewery of the Pyle Tap Inn. The clerk was requested to obtain quotations from suitably qualified companies.

g. Christmas Lights.

The Clerk reported that 14 lighting features were sited and he was to meet with Mr Steve Cottrell of BCBC to discuss suitable replacements and also to discuss previous year's overcharges. Recommendations for replacement lights will be brought back to Council for approval

h. Footpath 24 Cefn Cribwr to Victoria Road

Awaiting report from Andrew Mason of BCBC

i. KPC Youth

It was agreed that KPC Youth were to be invited to give a presentation of their activities prior to the February Council meeting at 5.45pm.

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 reported on further damage to the Bus Shelter in Moriah Place and BCBC are to replace the damaged panel

ii. Cllr M Kearns reported on un-adopted lanes and requested a map showing those in our community.

6 Correspondence

- a. Cynffig Comprehensive School. Invitation to attend Christmas Concert. The Chair Cllr K John attended together with Cllr B Jones
- b. BCBC. Notice of temporary road closure at Marlas Bridge on the 5th and 6th March
- c. BCBC. Notification of Civil Parking Offence. From the 1st April illegal parking will become a Civil Offence not a Criminal Offence and will be enforced by wardens employed by the local authority. Parking Wardens will return on 1st April.
- d. Welsh Government. Notification of the next stage of the Bill on Local Government.

7 Planning

The following were received without objection.

- a. 50, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. Build a detached double garage
 - b. 18, Park Street, Kenfig Hill. To extend existing garage
 - c. 10, Cribwr Square, Kenfig Hill. Single storey extension.
 - d. Heathbridge Square, Kenfig Hill. To redevelop the area without change use
- All planning applications are now being receive by email and immediately forwarded to the planning sub-committee

5. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

6. Highways

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

7. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
 - i. Kenfig Sands Lifesaving Club. Have ordered their life support back pack.
 - ii. ATC. Thanks for the donation without which our visit to RAF Northolt and 10 Downing Street would not have taken place.
 - iii. Talbot Community Centre. Thanking the Council for generous donation.
 - iv. Mynydd Cynffig Junior School. Thank you for the monies raised from the sale of tickets in the Christmas Prize Draw
 - v. All Wales Abuse Line. Thanks for the donation
- b. Requests.
 - i. Urdd Gobi Cymru. Financial assistance for this year's Eisteddfod being held in Pembroke. It was resolved to give £50.00. Proposed Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr B Jones.
 - ii. Marie Curie. Application for financial assistance from the National Fund Raising Office in London. Declined as the Council does each year support the application from the local Fund Raising Office
 - iii. Stroke Association. Application for financial assistance from the National Fund Raising Office. Declined as the Council does each year support the application from the Bridgend Fund Raising Office

8. Finance and Accounts

In answer to a question from Cllr P James as to the amount of donations made in the current financial year the Clerk reported the figure to be in the area of £2300. (Post meeting the figure is £2460.00)

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Clerk reported the commendations for the Mayor's Citizens Awards have been submitted as requested.
- b. Cllr A John proposed plaques should be fixed to various assets indicating that they were provided by Pyle Community Council. The Clerk was instructed procure the plaques.
- c. Cllr G Hooper requested letters to be sent to;
Chris Tossle, 39 Pyle Inn Way, Pyle CF33 6LP

Andrew Davis, 47 Pyle Inn Way, Pyle CF33 6LP

who took it upon themselves to spread grit from the two new grit bins in Pyle Inn Way.

- d. Discussion was held reference the Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road. This is the most used and the most viewed shelter in our Community and without a doubt the most unsightly. It was agreed that cost permitting Pyle Community Council would replace the existing shelter with a new shelter. Cllr James was asked to investigate cost and procedure with the appropriate department in BCBC.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 27 February 2013

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*