



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 27 February 2013
in the Talbot Community Centre

The Council were delighted to welcome KPC Youth to give a presentation of their activities. The presentation was most informative and Chair Cllr K John thanked the representatives both for the presentation and for the work carried out by KPC Youth

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Council observed two minutes silence to mark the sad loss of Mrs Dorothy John wife of Cllr Allan John

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllr 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 30th January 2013 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. The Clerk reported on the meeting held on Tuesday 12th of February. Although it was poorly attended the meeting was constructive and all is on course for a successful Festival week and fun day The next meeting will be held on March 12th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill RFC
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heaulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
Although there is no further progress on these two footpaths in was agreed to keep the item on the minutes to ensure the matter does not get forgotten. The Clerk to progress.

c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

Tenders have been received from three of the nominated contractors, Afan Landscapes Ltd, Landcraft Projects Ltd and M&D Services Ltd. Messrs Gerald Davies Ltd declined to tender due to existing contracts. The successful tender of £32,282.35 was from Messrs Afan Landscapes Ltd.

A meeting with the Afan Landscapes Ltd and Groundworks Wales is to be held next Monday the 4th March at 2pm to go through the contract prior to signing.

The Clerk also reported that both Planning Permission and the Licence to access the land have now been received and work should commence in the next 7 to 10 days.

The Clerk was authorised to sign the licence upon its receipt. Proposed by Cllr P James and seconded by Cllr G Brown

The Chair Cllr Kay John proposed that a reception should be held after the opening ceremony and anyone who worked in the various mines should be invited.

The Clerk was requested to prepare suitable wording for the plaque to be placed in the square.

d. Five Year Plan.

As reported in the last meeting a meeting was held with Julian Thomas the regeneration officer appointed by BCBC to review our Five Year Plan. The Clerk together with Cllrs Clive James and Pauline James toured the community and explained the objectives of the Five Year Plan. A report of that meeting was received this morning. In it Mr Thomas noted the enthusiasm that was shown towards the plan. Although Mr Thomas' report does not make any financial commitment it does establish that BCBC will now be part of the execution of the plan. The Clerk has been requested to full report on each of the individual projects outlined, the report should include such details as; objectives, land ownership, photographs and cost.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.

Cllr James reported on a meeting she had with Keith Power who made proposals for putting a barrier across the lane to prevent through traffic. The proposals will be put in writing. The cost is estimated at £6000.00. Before the work can be authorised consultation with the residents concerned must take place.

f. Milestone on the A48.

The clerk is awaiting a quotation from J. J. Williams Industrial Painting Contractors

g. Christmas Lights.

The Clerk reported on a meeting with Mr Steve Cottrell of BCBC. Reference previous years' overcharges Mr Cottrell was quite pragmatic, if the figures presented to him were correct then any overcharge would have to be repaid. With reference new lighting features Mr Cottrell suggested he would erect some lighting features on lighting standards at their yard in Waterton for Councillors to view as he thought viewing from a catalogue can be misleading. Mr Cottrell is to notify us when it will be possible to view. Ideally as many Councillors as possible should attend.

h. Footpath 24 Cefn Cribwr to Victoria Road

A report from Andrew Mason of BCBC acknowledges the problem and has suggested answer, but before any discussions take place on funding he pointed out that the Parks department were 2 years through a 3 year programme of spraying to eradicate Japanese Knotweed and no work can be carried until this is finished. Early signs are the treatment is working.

i. Mayor's Citizenship Awards

The Clerk reported the nominations for both Jean Connelly and Pat Hewer were successful

j. Asset Plaques
Sample plaques were shown in Silver & Gold finishes. It was agreed the Clerk should order 25 plaques for benches and 5 plaques for bus shelters all plaques should be in the Gold finish.

k. Letters of thanks
The Clerk confirmed letters requested by Cllr Hooper, to Messrs Tossell and Davis thanking them for their work in spreading grit, have been sent.

l. Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road
The order has been given the BCBC to remove the old shelter and replace with a new one. This shelter is being funded by Pyle Community Council. Cllr P James reported BCBC Cllr C James had met with the Probation Service who is prepared to clean the area behind shelter.

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 the lack of disabled access to one side of Heathbridge Surgery and requested BCBC to investigate.
 - ii. Cllr M Kern reported on un-adopted lanes and requested a map showing those in our community.

6 Correspondence

There was no general correspondence

7 Planning

The following were received without objection.

- a. 26c, Sturmi Way, Village Farm Ind Estate, Pyle. Change of use to a Gym.
- b. Cherry Tree Stables, Kenfig Hill. Log Cabin for Staff Accommodation and Office.
- c. 68, Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill. Dormer Extension to rear elevation for a bedroom.
- d. 80, Village Farm Ind Estate, Pyle. Change of use from Plant Hire to B1 Storage & Distribution.
- e. 13, Longlands Close, Pyle. Demolish existing garage & build single storey extension.
- f. 4, Ffald Road Shopping Centre, Pyle. Permanent Shop Signage.

5. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

6. Highways

Cllr P James reiterated that work continues to repair the many potholes within our ward.

7. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
 - i. Urdd Gobiath Cymru. Thanks for donation towards the 2013 Eisteddfod
 - ii. Llangollen International Eisteddfod.
- b. Requests.
 - i. Kenfig Hill RFC Mini & Junior Sections. Sponsorship for forthcoming tour. It was resolved to give £200.00. Proposed Cllr M Kern, Seconded by Cllr B Jones.
 - ii. Wales Air Ambulance. Application for financial assistance. It was resolved to give £100.00. Proposed Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

8. Finance and Accounts

Cllr P James request a meeting of the Finance Committee before the end of March
Cllr P James also reported that our precept request for 2013/14 of £50,000 has been approved

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Clerk was requested to write to Ros Peers expressing the admiration of the Council for checking on the elderly who were trapped in their houses during the recent snow and icy conditions. Without being asked she delivered papers and offered to shop for the essentials such as bread and Milk
- b. Cllr M Kearns had been approached by Datacom the IT company opposite Lloyds TSB Bank about parking. Cllr P James advised all Councillors that the new enforcement officers take up their duties on 1st April and it is expected they will enforce the parking restrictions as displayed.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 27 March 2013

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*