



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 24 April 2013

in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

Councillors; A John, K John (Chair), P James, 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 27th March 2013 were approved. Proposed by Cllr A. Jones, Seconded by Cllr G. Hooper.
 - b. Cllr K. John signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2013.

Cllr G Hooper reported all is on course for a successful Festival week and fun day. The Festival Queen and attendants will be chosen on Friday 26th April in the Talbot Community Centre. All shops in Pyle and Kenfig Hill have been invited to dress the shop windows for the Festival Week. St James' Church in Pyle will be holding a Community Songs of Praise on Sunday 23rd June. Cllr Hooper also reported that Llys Cynffig will holding a “Ascot style Ladies Day” on the Thursday 20th June.
The next meeting will be held on May 14th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill RFC
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Healog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
Work has started on the path to Bryn Du House farm the path has been cleared of vegetation and levelled and is awaiting a delivery of stone to form a firm walking surface. Although the path that crosses the railway to Hafod Healog Farm has been cleared of vegetation Neath Port Talbot Council are awaiting permission to create steps and handrail.
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

Work on phase one has commenced and should be completed in 4 weeks and the claim for the grant of £10,000 from the Fund for Town & Community Council Projects

has been applied for. Cllr James reported on the visit made to David Brace to see the Coal Dram. Mr Brace asked if the Dram should be refurbished or subject to the minimal amount of work to straighten out the sides and maybe patch a few of the larger holes. It is recommended that the latter be the case as a total refurbishment would result in a what would resemble a new Dram. It was also recommended that the new walls which are to be rendered to be painted with an anti-graffiti paint. The Clerk reported that a grant of £10,000 from Marks & Spencer for community projects had been identified for phase two and an application submitted the result of the application should be known in the first two weeks of June. Cllr James suggested that phase two, which was to be completed later in the year, should be brought forward and should commence as soon as possible after the completion of phase one and the opening ceremony take place in September.

d. Five Year Plan.

This will be subject to a special meeting will be called to prioritise projects within the plan after the completion of the Heathbridge Miners Square.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.

Cllr James read a letter from Sgt Jason James to BCBC highways department supporting the proposal to place a barrier across the lane. Cllr James is preparing a document of consultation to present to the residents of Pwlygarth Street

f. Milestone on the A48.

Cllr James reported she had received a donation from the licensee of "Pyle Tap" for £120. The Clerk informed the Council the milestone will be painted before the next meeting

g. Christmas Lights.

Cllr James is to contact the relevant department in BCBC to haste the conclusion of the following;

- i. Previous years' overcharge
- ii. Charges for 2012/13
- iii. New lights for 2013/14

h. Asset Plaques

The plaques for benches and bus shelters have been received. Messrs P J Landscapes have been instructed to attach them.

i. Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road

The shelter should be installed within the next 4 weeks. Although the Co-operative store has cleaned the area of land immediately behind the shelter it was thought it would quickly return to becoming overgrown once the growing season begins. Cllrs John and Hooper agreed to meet the Co-operative to discuss the matter.

j. Additional Benches.

In addition to the four benches for the Heathbridge Square, seven more have been ordered for; four for the path from the car park behind the Surgery to Woodlands Drive, one in High Street in Kenfig Hill and two in Pandy Crescent Pyle. The benches behind the surgery and in Pandy Crescent are the property of BCBC so the requisite permission was sought and given.

5 Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on a telephone call with Rev Dr Duncan Walker of which the major point was the perception that Pyle Community Council favoured the community Kenfig Hill over the community of Pyle. The Clerk went on to say if there is such a perception Councillors should be aware of it and take every opportunity to highlight the work carried

out in Pyle in order the true position is reflected. The Clerk also requested that Councillors should take every opportunity to engage with as many organisations and events as possible to ensure everyone knows of the work carried out by this Council.

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllr M Kearn reported he had arranged meeting with an officer (Chris Howells) from BCBC to review some of the un-adopted lanes in the community.
- ii. Cllr P James informed the Council of the pending downgrading of the Princess of Wales Hospital.

6 Correspondence

a. BCBC Mayor's Charity Dinner.

As the Chair is unable to attend the Vice Chair Cllr M Kearn and Mrs Kearn will deputise.

b. Porthcawl Town Mayor's Charity Dinner

To be declined

7 Planning

a. The following were received without objection.

- i. Plot 40, Sturmi Way, Village Farm Ind Estate, Pyle. Use of land for concrete manufacturing including installation of batching plant.
- ii. 3, Ton View, Kenfig Hill. Two storey extension to the side
- iii. 38, Tre-Newydd, Kenfig Hill. Conservatory to rear.
- iv. 12, Swyn yr Afon, Kenfig Hill. Convert existing double garage to domestic dwelling with new curtilage and access.
- v. Unit 3 Plot 11 Village Farm Ind Estate, Pyle. Change of use from Class 1 to Class 3 Hot Food Takeaway (Pizza)
- vi. Mynydd Cynffig Infants School, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. Fell & remove 6 dead Ash trees.

5. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported on the work required at the Collwyn. It was agreed to engage PJ Landscapes to remove all litter and rubbish for the sum of £200. The Clerk also agreed to meet Peter John of PJ Landscapes reference the on-going maintenance of the Collwyn

Footpath 13, The Steps in Marlas Road, The Clerk reported he had received notification from the Planning Inspectorate that the Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act that the order is confirmed.

6. Highways

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

7. Donations

a. Acknowledgements

- i. Veterans in Society. Thanks for the donation
- ii. Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks for the donation

b. Requests.

- i. Sgt Jason Jenkins, South Wales Police. The provision of 2 cycles for PCSO's. Approximate cost £550 Proposed Cllr M. Kearn, Seconded by Cllr B. Jones.
- ii. Y Bont. Financial assistance for running costs. It was resolved to donate £50 Proposed Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

8. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk reported the accounts to year end March 31st had been audited by Mr G Carne the internal auditor and were ready to send to Messrs Mazaars the official external auditor. The Clerk was pleased to report the audit fee had been further reduced from £250 to £200

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Chair thanked everyone for making the last year an extremely pleasant year where the meetings were held in the most cordial of atmospheres with all members playing a very positive roll
- b. Cllr M Kearn reported on the large number of black bags of rubbish outside 21 Evans Street. Cllr P James informed the Council that the Environmental Health Department of BCBC were dealing with the matter.
- c. Mynydd Cynffig Infants School. Councillors were invited to visit the School to meet with the children to explain in simple terms the function of the local council
- d. Cllr A John also reported on the poor state of upkeep of two of the Wales & West Housing sites of Tre Derwyn and Yr Hendre. The Clerk was asked to write to Wales & the West with copies to BCBC for the attention of Chris Howells, Head of Street Scene

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 22 May 2013 following the 2013 AGM

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*