



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 22 May 2013
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm.

Present

Councillors; G Brown, A John, 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;
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 April 2013 were approved. Proposed by Cllr K. John, Seconded by Cllr P. James
 - b. Cllr M Kearn 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 were chosen on Friday 26th April in the Talbot Community Centre. The Police have been requested to escort the Festival Queen parade commencing 12.15pm from Marlas Road. There are well over 30 community and trade stands reserved and the main arena will be full from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. The Festival and Fun Day will be advertised in all 25000 copies of the Seaside News, posters and flyers are on order.
The next meeting will be held on June 4th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill RFC
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Healog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
The Clerk said this item could be on the agenda for some months but serves a reminder the work is outstanding.
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 is on-going. The Clerk reported that the outcome of the application for £10,000 from Marks & Spencer should be known in the first two weeks of June, this will enable phase two, which was to be completed later in the year, can be brought forward and should commence immediately after the completion of phase with the opening ceremony taking 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 Pwllgarth Street.

Cllr James reported on a letter from the Mr Neil Davies Headteacher of Mynydd Cynffig Junior School supporting the proposal to place a barrier across the lane. Cllr James is preparing a document of consultation to present to the residents of Pwllgarth Street
- f. Milestone on the A48.

The Clerk informed the Council the painting of the milestone commenced today and will be completed before the weekend.
- g. Christmas Lights.

The Clerk reported on the outcome of negotiations with BCBC

 - i. Previous years' overcharge
The Clerk reported that BCBC had completed their investigation into previous years' overcharges and concluded the claim made was justified and agreed to make a repayment of £4049.73
 - ii. Charges for 2012
The charge for the 18 features erected is £3630.60
 - iii. New lights for 2013
BCBC have yet to arrange a viewing of the choice of lights and to view effectively it needs to be dark which means it will be October before viewing is possible which will probably be too late to order for this year. If this is the case then a viewing of all the lights in the Borough should be arranged to identify the requirements for next year.
 - iv. It was agreed that the switching on of the Christmas Lighting will take place on Friday 6th December (The Mayor to be invited)
- h. Asset Plaques
Awaiting Messrs P J Landscapes to fit them.
- i. Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road
Cllr. P James to contact Kevin Sales of BCBC to ascertain the latest installation date. Cllrs John and Hooper met the manager of the Co-operative to discuss the matter the area of land immediately behind the shelter. He agreed to carry further work with a view to turning the area to grass. He also offered the services of the staff of the store to get involved with certain community projects.
- j. Additional Benches.

The four benches for the path from the car park behind the Surgery to Woodlands Drive have been installed; the one in High Street in Kenfig Hill and two in Pandy Crescent Pyle are awaiting delivery of extra brackets.

5 Reports

- a. Clerk's Report
Nothing that has not been covered
- b. Member Reports

- i. Cllrs G Hooper, A Jones & K John, reported on their visit to Mynydd Cynffig Infants School to receive questions from the children. They all commented on a very enjoyable & successful visit.
- j. Cllr P James informed the Council of the possibility of the downgrading of the Princess of Wales Hospital under plans to reorganise services in hospitals from Newport to Swansea.

6 Correspondence

a. National Mining Memorial.

The Clerk reported on a telephone call from Mr Wayne David MP for Caerphilly in which the memorial is being built. Mr David had noted Pyle Community Council was notable by its absence and was concerned Pyle would not be included on the plaque listing the Council who had given their support. The Clerk informed Mr David of the reason for Pyle not contributing Mr David understood the position and congratulated Pyle Community Council on their intuitive and wished them well with the project. The Clerk suggested to the Council it would be proper for Pyle to be listed for posterity and recommended the Council make a donation of £50. It was agreed unanimously.

b. BCBC. Footpath from Kenfig Hill Post Office to High Street

Following an application made by the Community Council in 2002 for adding of a footpath from Kenfig Hill Post Office to High Street finally funding has become available to appoint a consultant to review the application. The consultant will consider the original 24 statements made supporting the application, talk to as many of those still living in the area plus others wishing to make a statement and assess the needs as of today. If in his research he ascertains that it appears there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation the route has become a public footpath the BCBC will then need to proceed to make a Definitive Map Modification Order. The application is now a matter of due process.

c. Awards for All - Big Lottery Fund

Letter notifying the end of project report should be submitted by end of May. The Clerk reported he has spoken with Lottery Fund office and they have granted an extension until the 30 June 2013

d. BCBC

Reminder that the Community Council's Small Lottery Licence requires renewing. Resolved to renew.

e. Edward Harries Solicitor

Notification of the conclusion of the withdrawal of the application to register the Collwyn as a Village Green.

The letter also includes a recommendation that the Council puts up notices confirming that the public and neighbours have the permission of the Community Council to have access onto the land for quiet enjoyment, playing etc. By giving such "permission" it would effectively prevent people in the future claiming they have indulged in lawful pastimes on the Collwyn and therefore want it registered as a village Green. The Clerk was requested to ascertain costs.

f. BCBC

Notification of the next Town & Community Forum meeting on Monday 22 June at 4.00pm in Civic Offices Bridgend. The Chair Cllr. M Kern to attend

g. Kenfig Hill RFC Junior Section.

Invitation to attend presentation evening on Saturday 1st June. Chair to attend and notify acceptance.

h. Pisgah Ladies Fellowship

Invitations to the Chair & Consort and the Chair of the Festival Committee to attend the Festival Concert on the 22nd June. Accepted

7 Planning

a. The following were received without objection.

- i. Llanmihangel Mill Farm Pyle. Construct relocated section of footpath on land

- adjacent to Marlas Road affecting Footpath 13
- ii. 6 Kenfig Mews of 11 High Street, Kenfig Hill. Retrospective consent for 1 Four Bedroom Dwelling. Clerk to comment on the custom of applying for retrospective planning of developments which clearly require permission before commencement.
 - iii. Unit 11b Village Farm Ind. Estate, Pyle. Change of use to Class A1 Shop/Warehouse for an equestrian Feed and Supplies Shop
5. Rights of Way and Open Spaces
Cllr A. John reported that the application for the reinstatement of Riverside Walk has been referred to Cardiff
6. Highways
Cllr P James reiterated that work continues to repair the many potholes within our ward.
7. Donations
- a. Acknowledgements
 - i. Y Bont. Thanks for the donation
 - ii. Bridgend Citizens Advice Bureau. Thanks for the donation
 - b. Requests.
 - i. West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse. Financial assistance for running costs. It was resolved to donate £50 as in 2012
8. Finance and Accounts
The Clerk reported a VAT refund of £6868.22 has been applied for.
9. Any Other Business
- a. Cllr M Kern congratulated Cllrs Clive & Pauline James on their becoming Mayor & Mayoress of Bridgend County Borough Council for 2013/14
 - b. The Chair Cllr M Kern was invited to lunch in the Talbot Community Council on Friday 24th May for the visit of the Mayor & Mayoress of BCBC

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 3 July 2013

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*