



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 03 July 2013

(June Meeting)

in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

### Present

Councillors; A John, K John, P James, B Jones, A Jones, G Hooper, M Kearm (Chair).  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr A Jones
  - b. Cllr M Kearm signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

### 4. Business Arising

#### a. Festival Week 2013.

Cllr G Hooper reported the week had been successful, with all events relatively well attended. It was the opinion of all Councillors that the Fun Day was very successful and was agreed the following salient points should be noted.

- i. Litter management non-existent - to be rectified next year
- ii. Sound System unsatisfactory - to be rectified next year
- iii. Charges by Ride supplier to high - to be noted
- iv. Acknowledge the support of the Fire Service, Police and the ATC
- v. Letter of thanks to Stan Rumble for his work arranging the Classic Car Show
- vi. Donations to - Fire Service, Police and the ATC
- vii. To consider the provision of a news leaflet from the Council for distribution at year's Fun Day

#### 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 on a meeting with Nigel Talbot the artist designing the dram as a Memorial and displayed a sample of the 50-70 plaques, made by the pupils of Mynydd Kenfig Junior School and Pyle Primary School, which will face the "Faux Coal - Slate" tipping out of the tilted dram.

The Clerk also reported that the application for £10,000 from Marks & Spencer was successful, this will enable phase two, an enclosed Mothers and Toddlers area comprising of a grassed area, 2 benches, 3 more trees, 2 small rubberised play zones with play item and talking flowers ( 2 - 30" flowers connected by an underground tube enabling the exchange of messages). This was to be completed later in the year, can now be brought forward and to be completed by the end of August with the opening ceremony taking place in September. It was resolved to invite the First Minister to officiate on a Friday 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. The Clerk is to provide a draft report for the September meeting.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwllgarth Street.

Cllr James reported on a letter from the Mr Neil Davies Headteacher of Mynydd Cyffig Junior School supporting the proposal to place a barrier across the lane. Cllr James has prepared a document of consultation for the residents of Pwllgarth Street

f. Milestone on the A48.

The Clerk informed the Council the painting of the milestone has been completed, as acknowledged by The Friends of Kenfig and noted on their web site

g. Christmas Lights.

For reference

i. 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.

ii. It was agreed that the switching on of the Christmas Lighting will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

New shelter installed. Cllr P James requested the Clerk email a photograph of the shelter to Kevin Sales at BCBC. Awaiting the Co-operative to improve the area of land immediately behind the shelter.

j. Additional Benches

All benches installed

k. Collwyn.

i. Maintenance. The Clerk raised the issue of the maintenance of the Collwyn. Although the Council has had ownership since 2009 no planned maintenance policy is in place. It was resolved that a sum of £2000.00 be allocated. The Clerk to discuss with PJ Landscapes a maintenance policy. The Clerk thought

it appropriate to bring forward from correspondence a letter from Cardiff Conservation Volunteers outlining their work the countryside. The Clerk was authorised to arrange a meeting with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to discuss how they could assist with the maintenance of the Collwyn and other areas within the Community.

- ii. Signage. In response to a letter from the Edward Harries, Solicitor recommending signs to be erected at the two entrance points, the Clerk presented photographs of the type of signs required the cost of signs being in the region of £500. Cllr P James informed the Council that the Parc Prison make signs for the cost of the materials, the Clerk to investigate. In addition to the signs at the entrances it was also resolved to install a sign at the top steps down to the Fynnon Collwyn with the history of this famous spring.
- iii. Litter Bins. It was resolved to investigate to provision of bins at entrance off Pyle Road at St James' Church and also at entrance to the lane leading to the Collwyn by Wickhams shop. Cllr James to investigate the provision of litter bins by BCBC on public footpaths and bridleways
- iv. Extra Bench. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of the provision of a Picnic Bench to be placed in the vicinity of the dam

l. Footpath from the Post Office to High Street.

The Clerk notified the Council of a letter received from the Planning Inspectorate informing the Council that the application has been submitted to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation and now is a matter of due process to resolved one way or the other. The final decision could take up to 12 months

5 Reports

a. Clerk's Report

Nothing that has not been covered

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllrs P James outlined the benefits of the use of Credit Unions as an alternative to the much more expensive Pay Day loans. Cllr James urged fellow Cllrs to inform anyone who may need short term financial assistance of the benefits of Credit Unions.

6 Correspondence

a. Cornelly Community Council. Civic Service

Invitation to the Civic Service to be held in St Mary Magdalene Church, Mawdlam on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm. The Chair Cllr M Kearns to attend.

b. BCBC. Transfer of Footpaths

A letter from BCBC, informing Pyle Community Council of a request from Cornelly Community Council that BCBC consider transferring eight footpaths from Cornelly Community Council to Pyle Community Council. BCBC stated the BCBC has no particular views on the matter and requests if Pyle Community Council would consider the request. The matter was discussed and it was resolved to decline the request.

c. Ian Spiller. Princess of Wales Hospital

Letter requesting support for a March for the Retention of Acute Services to held on Saturday 6 July at 1.00pm commencing at Bridgend Leisure Centre.

d. KPC Youth. AGM

Reminder of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 8 July at 6.30pm

e. Mynydd Cynffig Comprehensive School. Invitation

Invitation to attend the Presentation of Awards Evening to held on Thursday 12 September at 6.00pm. Cllrs M Kearns (Chair), A Jones, B Jones and K John to attend. The Clerk was requested to make arrangements for the presentation of Pyle Community Council's Best Citizens Awards.

f. Communities First. Invitation

Invitation to attend inaugural meeting in Wildmill Life Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> July, Cllr P James to represent the Council

- 7 Planning
  - i. There were no planning applications.
  
5. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr B. Jones reported a complaint reference the path from Pyle Inn Way to the Fish shop in Ffald Road. Cllr P James pointed out this is not a designated footpath and is a mix of un-adopted land and Valley to Coast land, but said she would attempt to get the situation resolved.
  
6. Highways

Cllr B. Jones reported a complaint reference parking preventing road crossing outside Llys Cynffig. Cllr P James said she would attempt to get the situation resolved.
  
7. Donations
  - a. Acknowledgements
    - i. None
  - b. Requests.
    - i. KPC Youth. Request for a donation towards the purchase of a new gas oven. It was resolved to give £250.00
    - ii. St James' Church, Pyle. Request for a grant for work in the graveyard at St James' Church. It was resolved to give £250.00
    - iii. Home Start, Bridgend. Request for a financial assistance. It was resolved to give £100.00
  
8. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk reported a VAT refund of £6868.22 had been received
  
9. Any Other Business
  - a. Cllr M Kern reported on the danger of the combination of traffic and parking in Pwllgarth Street. To be referred to the next PACT meeting
  - b. The Chair, Cllr M Kern wishes to hold his Civic Service on Sunday 13 October at 3.00pm in St James' Church, Pyle

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

*Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 31 July 2013*

*Harold J. Phillips  
Clerk to the Council*