



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 31 July 2013
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllrs; A Jones & 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 3rd July 2013 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P. James, Seconded by Cllr A John
 - b. Cllr M Kearn signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2013.

Cllr G Hooper reported although she sent letters to the Glamorgan Gazette, thanking all those who had helped to make the 2013 Festival and Fun day a success, the paper has chosen not to print them.
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heaulog 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.
A meeting with Mr Jonathan Griffiths from NPT Council to discuss progress has been arranged for Thursday 8th August.
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
Work is on-going and to be completed by the end of August 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. The Clerk is to provide a draft report for the September meeting. Cllr P James reported the Head of BCBC is visiting the ward.

- e. Lane adjacent to Pwlllygarth Street.
Cllr James has reported the consultation with the residents of Pwlllygarth Street is on-going. She also reported on the objection put forward at the last PACT meeting by Mr Lawson the proprietor of Lawson's Car Repairs based in the lane concerned. Mr Lawson's letter will be forwarded to BCBC together with consultation documents from other residents.
- f. Christmas Lights.
The Mayor of BCBC will be attending the switching on of the Christmas Lighting which will take place on Friday 6th December.
- g. Asset Plaques.
Over half have been fitting awaiting Messrs P J Landscapes to fit the rest.
- h. Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road.
New shelter installed. Awaiting the Co-operative to improve the area of land immediately behind the shelter.
- i. Collwyn.
 - i. Maintenance. The Clerk recommended a programme of removal of some of the canopy, to allow better plant life, be undertaken. The initial work will cost under £500 and will be from the annual budget of £2000. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers.
 - 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 Wickham's shop. Cllr James to investigate the provision of litter bins by BCBC on public footpaths and bridleways
 - iv. Picnic Bench. After some discussion it was resolved to go ahead with the installation of a picnic bench in the vicinity of the dam
- j. Civic Service.
The Civic Service will take place on Sunday 13th October at 3.00pm in St James' Church, Pyle and afterwards in the Church Hall for refreshments. The guest list was approved.
- k. Footpath. Pyle Inn Way to Ffald Road.
The required work has been carried out.
- i. Llys Cynffig parking issues.
Cllr P James reported the white lines requested would be painted on the road outside Llys Cynffig, to alleviate parking issues as requested

5. Reports

- a. Clerk's Report
Nothing that has not been covered
- b. Member Reports
 - i. Cllrs P James reported on unruly behaviour by a group of children on the site of the unfinished houses in High Street adjacent to St Theodore's Church

- ii. Cllr B Jones reported on the continuing litter problem on Groft Coch Fields

6. Correspondence

- a. Countryside Access Management Ltd
Request for information about Footpath 23, reference an application for a modification order to upgrade it from a public footpath to a public bridleway. Footpath 23 is from Crown Road to Bedford Road Cefn Cribwr, of which only 150 yards is in Pyle ward
- b. BCBC re Heathbridge Miners' Square
An email reference a potential trip hazard at the entrance to Groft Goch Fields. Groundwork Bridgend have been instructed to remedy the situation
- c. RWE npower renewables
Notification of acceptance of application to construct and operate up to 240 wind turbines 15.5 km from the north Devon coast and 22 km from the South Wales coast
- d. Cynffig Comprehensive School
Confirmation of this year's winners of the Citizens Award, the winners being;
Kenfig Hill - Anna Underwood
Pyle - Callum Willmott and Corey Willmott
The letter also confirmed the awards will be presented by the Chair of the Council at Presentation Evening on Thursday 12th September
- e. BCBC Parks Department Karen Jones
Email confirming a charge of £50.00 for the removal of litter from Groft Goch fields after the Fun Day
- f. BCBC
BCBC response to the NHS South Wales Consultation. The letter concludes that BCBC supports the conclusion that option 3 would be in the best interests of the people not just in Bridgend but across all of South Wales
- g. Parking in Commercial Street
 - i. Copy of a referral from Cllr L Ellis to BCBC.
Cllr Ellis refers to the inequality of waiting times between Commercial Street (30 minutes) and Bridge Street (1 hour) and also the increased speed of traffic in Commercial Street since the enforcement of parking restrictions
 - ii. Letter from Mr Paul Williams who also points out the inequality of waiting times between Commercial Street and Bridge Street. Mr Williams also addressed the meeting at question time prior to the meeting.
 - iii. Cllr P James reported she as Borough Councillor had also referred the matter to BCBC and had received a copy of the reply to Cllr Ellis stating they are unable to make the requested change through lack of funding. The Clerk was instructed to write to BCBC supporting the request for equalisation of waiting times.

7. Planning

- a. Unit 9, Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Outline consent for erection of 4 detached industrial units.
- b. Unit 9, Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Erect new factory & offices - Gross floor space 798 sq mts
- c. Unit 3, Plot 11, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Change of use from class A1 to use Class A3 Hot Food Takeaway
- d. Land off Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Change of use from vacant land to external storage of machinery.
- e. Infant Welfare Clinic, Waunbant Road, Kenfig Hill, Change of use to residential dwelling

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr P James reported on a problem on a path off School Road, as there was some confusion on exactly which path was being referred to Cllr B Jones enquired if it is a possible to have a

map of footpaths available at future meetings.

9. Highways

Cllr A John reported on the lack of weed spraying in the lanes behind Evans street and Pwlygarth Street. Cllr John has reported the matter to BCBC but as of today no spraying has taken place. Cllr James, as a borough councillor, said she would look into the problem.

10. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
 - i. KPC Youth
 - ii. Home-Start Bridgend
 - iii. West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse
- b. Requests.
 - i. Shelter Cymru. Application noted

11. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk reported that Mazars (External Auditors) have approved the Accounts to 31st March 2013. Their main observation was on the reporting of fixed assets. Fixed assets should be recorded at their original cost and neither appreciated nor depreciated. The Clerk also reported our accounts were the first to be submitted for audit this year. The Clerk presented the salient points of the accounts to the Council and requested approval for the Chair to sign the accounts in order to return them to Mazars for final certification. The accounts were approved and duly signed by the Chair Cllr M Kearns

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 25 September 2013

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*