



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 informed the Council that the first meeting for the 2014 Festival will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club
  - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heulog 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 was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Allan John reported some work had been done on the Bryn Du path making it easily walkable. Mr Griffiths sent an email outlining the work he is planning to carry out;

Bryndu House path

    1. We will sort out the branches and roots
    2. We will do some minor clearance
    3. I will ask if we can do the drainage work to pipe the water under the path in the adjacent small ditch already there - hopeful we can as the landowner has done a great job in what he's done so far
    4. Ask Celtic if they can supply us some stone

Crown Road path

1. Carry out some minor clearance up to the railway line
2. Get some stone (possible recycled) to place at bottom of the

c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

The latest and hopefully the final work schedule is as follows;

- i. Afans' soft works contracts manager has confirmed that they will address the issues with the grass areas this Friday (27 Sept.). They will top dress the low areas and reseed. They will apply fertiliser and selective herbicide to the grass. Groundwork Trust will continue to monitor this to ensure the successful establishment of the grass.
- ii. Afan will be on site tomorrow to install the hooped railings to the lower garden area. This will take between 2 to 3 days.
- iii. Afan will cut out the planting beds and cultivate ready for planting in October and marry in the existing grass with the newly seeded grass area.
- iv. Afan have applied the grit to the joints in the paving but this requires topping up.
- v. Afan have applied a water proof seal to the retaining wall to allow for painting.
- vi. Nigel Talbot will be on site next Wednesday to paint the retaining wall. Nigel will also fix the stone work on the dram feature to allow for the positioning of a plaque.
- vii. The HERAS fencing will be removed from the top site and the grass area protected with chestnut pale fencing until it has successfully established. The HERAS fencing will remain on the bottom site.

The Clerk was instructed by the Council to inform the contractors that it is the Council's wish to keep the HERAS fencing around the complete site until the official opening

d. Five Year Plan.

The Clerk presented a draft report to the Council and this will be subject to a sub-committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of October at 7.00pm.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwlygarth Street.

The consultation with the residents of Pwlygarth Street is to be completed by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and then forwarded together with any objections to BCBC

f. Christmas Lights.

The Clerk reported he was awaiting a report on the condition of our lights and if any were to be condemned. Depending on how many are condemned will dictate how many sets are to be acquired. To help the decision on which lights to buy the Cllrs will be invited to visit BCBC lighting department in Waterton Bridgend.

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.

Awaiting the Co-operative to improve the area of land immediately behind the shelter. Cllr K John to progress

i. Collwyn.

- i. Maintenance. A programme of removal of some of the canopy, to allow better plant life has commenced. The Clerk is to meet with P J Landscapes to assess how much more is required to be removed. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers are to spend a day in January and a day in February on the removal of debris along the pathway and from the river
- ii. Signage. In response to a recommendation from the Edward Harries, Solicitor

it was agreed signs to be erected at the two entrance points. 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. The Clerk is to obtain costs

- iii. Litter Bins. Cllr P James confirmed that arrangements were in place for the 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.
- iv. Picnic Bench. The picnic bench has been delivered and will be installed by Messrs P J Landscapes

j. Civic Service.

At the Civic Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm in St James' Church, it has been requested that the prayers be read by Councillors. The readers will be Cllrs K John, G Hooper, P James, G Brown and Borough Cllr Clive James

i. Parking on Commercial Street.

The Clerk reported he had written to BCBC Highways reference the problems of the 30 minute waiting time

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

Nothing that has not been covered

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllr P James reported we were still awaiting the white lines to be painted on the road outside Llys Cynffig, to alleviate parking issues.

6. Correspondence

a. Councillor Megan Butcher

An email from Cllr Butcher requesting Pyle Community Council support the petition to oppose the closure of the local Fire Station. The Council agreed to support and the Clerk was asked if he would invite the South Wales Fire Chief to address the Council on the proposal

b. Maesteg Town Council

An invitation for the Chair to attend their Civic Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Chair Cllr M Kearns said he will attend

c. Girl Guides Invitation to attend

Guide Laura Underhill has been awarded The Baden Powell Award, the highest honour in Guiding. Laura will receive her award on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Scout & Guide Hall

d. KPC Youth

Reminder of a meeting to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs G Hooper, K John, G Brown and B Jones to attend.

7. Planning

- a. 11 Brynglas Terrace, Pyle. Single storey & first floor extension.
- b. 12 Crown Road, Kenfig Hill. Conservatory to rear
- c. 57 Pysgah Street, Kenfig Hill. Single storey extension to rear

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Riverside Walk. The Clerk was instructed to contact BCBC to obtain a progress report

9. Highways

Cllr A John once more reported on the neglect in the maintenance of back lanes in the community especially the lanes behind Evans street and Pwlygarth Street. Cllr John has reported the matter to BCBC but requested the Clerk send a letter outlining the problem to BCBC.

10. Donations

- a. Acknowledgements
  - i. 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC
- b. Requests.

There were no requests for donations

11. Finance and Accounts

There was no financial report

12. Any Other Business

Cllr Allan John reported a continuing presence of black refuse bags in the vicinity of 18 Pwlygarth Street and also the failure to collect recycling boxes from New Road on the appointed day. The Clerk was ask to refer the matter to BCBC

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

*Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 23 October 2013*

*Harold J. Phillips  
Clerk to the Council*