



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 27th November 2013

in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllr P James, K John, A Jones,
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 23rd October 2013 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr G. Hooper, Seconded by Cllr B. Jones
 - b. Cllr M Kearn (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2014.

Cllr G Hooper reported on the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club. The theme of this year's Festival Week is to be "All the Fun of the Fair". Stand holders to be requested to have stands in the style of an old fashioned fair eg; Hoopla, knocking tins of shelves, coconut shy, hook a duck etc. To limit expenditure on expensive rides which could divert income from local charities and organisations. Following the death of last year's organiser Mr Stan Rumble the Classic Car Show will be organised by last year's winner Mr David Languish and fellow enthusiast Gareth Jones who hoping to double the number of entries from last year. Full details of the Festival Week will be presented at the January Council meeting. The next meeting of the Festival organisers is on January 14th at 6.60pm in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm
For ongoing reference.
 - i. Bryn Du House Farm. Cllr Allan John reported some work had been done by the farmer on the Bryn Du path making it easily walkable and he is prepared to divert the storm water and spread hardcore if NPT Council will supply it.
 - ii. Hafod Heulog Farm. Network rail have carried out work to make the crossing easier to walk over.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Griffiths at NPT re both paths.

c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the formal opening and dedication was unable to take place as planned on Tuesday 26th. However staff from Groundwork trust arrived in the morning to plant the shrubs and were assisted by children from Kenfig Hill School, the children from Pyle primary school and Mynydd Cynffig junior school who created the plaques helped with the final clean of the dram and plaques and also helped with the painting of the coal seam on the circular wall. The square is now open and the formal opening will take place in the spring on a date to be decided. All outstanding work on the lower garden will be completed by this weekend but the gate will remain locked until the turf has formed a root system. The Clerk reported on the many requests he has had to have plaques naming individuals who worked in the colliers around our community. Plaques would cost £30 each and forms will be available in the New Year. To date from just word of mouth the Clerk has received approximately 40 enquires. Cllr B Jones suggested one of the plaques should give details of where to apply to obtain a plaque.

d. Five Year Plan.

The Clerk reported to the Council on the meeting with the Chief Executive of BCBC Darren Mepham and the three Borough Councillors on Friday 25th October. The meeting was held in the Talbot Community Centre where the plan was presented to the Chief Executive and afterward with the exception of Cllr Ellis visits to the various sites were made. Mr Mepham said he was very impressed with ambitious plan put before him and congratulated the Council on their positive attitude at time when negativity prevails.

e. Lane adjacent to Pwlllygarth Street.

A letter from Mr Keith Power from BCBC highways department recommended it would be more cost effective to apply for a permanent rather than a temporary solution as each application would incur separate legal costs of approx. £3500. If Pyle Community Council would confirm it will finance the permanent solution BCBC will start the consultation, if there is a large number of objectors the application will be referred to the appeals committee panel. It was resolved by the Council to confirm they will undertake to accept the cost of the permanent application and the Clerk was instructed to notify BCBC. Proposed by Cllr M Kearns and seconded by Cllr E Peakman.

f. Christmas Lights.

Cllrs, P James & K John together with the Clerk visited the lighting department at BCBC to view various displays. Eight additional displays have been ordered. Two each for A48 Pyle Road East, A48 Pyle Road West, High Street and Moriah Square. The Christmas lights will now be switched on at 5.00pm on Friday 6th December instead of 6.00pm as originally agreed. Santa's Grotto to be constructed at 5.00pm on Thursday 5th December

g. Asset Plaques.

The Clerk to check with Messrs P J Landscapes to ascertain when the remaining plaques will be fitted

h. Land to the rear of the Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road.

In abeyance awaiting the report from Cllr K John who met with the manager of the Co-operative Store.

i. Collwyn.

- i. Peter John had to remove an exceptionally large tree which had become unstable in the recent high winds

- ii. 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.
 - iii. Signage. The signs to be erected at the two entrance points a sign at the top steps down to the Fynnon Collwyn in abeyance awaiting final costs
 - iv. Picnic Bench. Awaiting installation by Messrs P J Landscapes
 - v. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers are spend one day in both January and February in the Collwyn
- j. Riverside Walk (Registered Footpath 21)

The inspector has concluded that under the Public Footpath Order Section 80 the proposed new route for this right away should be added to the definitive list. BCBC to complete the necessary work required including the installation of two kissing gates. This successfully concludes a 13 year campaign by the Community Council.
- k. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa

Reference the request from Cllr P James with reference for seating to be installed in the bus shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa on the A48 Pyle Road. Messrs P J Landscapes reported comments from a gentlemen who lives opposite the shelter, who is reported to have said if a seat is installed he will cut it up as the shelter is already misused by some local youths and the installation of a seat will make matters worse. However he would be happy to have a glass shelter with a seat to replace the existing solid construction. It was agreed to place matter in abeyance until the next meeting.
- l. Dropped Kerbs at Heol Mostyn

The lack of dropped kerbs at the entrance to Style Force is being investigated by Cllr P James
- m. Remembrance Sunday

This years' service at the Cenotaph ran in accordance with the planned timetable. As an improvement for the 2014 service it is planned to have some form of public address system and consideration be given to some form of retaining frame to hold the wreaths in place.
- 5. Reports
 - a. Clerk's Report

Nothing that has not been covered
 - b. Member Reports

Cllrs M Kear, G Hooper, P James, Eileen Peakman and K John attended a Girl Guides photo-shoot for those who had helped with the renovation of the hall. Cllr P James attended in her role as Mayoress)

Cllrs G Hooper, Eileen Peakman and Cllr A Jones attended the Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning in the Heronston Hotel. (Cllr P James attended in her role as Mayoress)

Cllrs P James & E Peakman attend a Communities First meeting
- 6. Correspondence
 - a. Porthcawl Christmas event

An invitation from the Mayor of Porthcawl to the Chair to attend on Saturday 30th November. Vice Chair to attend.
 - b. Porthcawl Urdd Carol Service

Invitation to all Councillors to attend a Carol Service in Tabernacle Church, Porthcawl on Wednesday 18th November. Apologies to be sent.
 - c. Atlantic Array Wind Farm off Porthcawl.

The application has been formally withdrawn.
 - d. BCBC - Mayor's Citizen's Award

Application for nominations to in by 24th January 2014. Two candidates are up for consideration at the January meeting. Mr Charles Griffiths who first played the last post at the Cenotaph in Kenfig Hill in 1945 and our late PCSO Nerys Lloyd for work over and above the call of duty

e. Lotteries for all Wales

A letter acknowledging the end of project report for Heathbrideg Miner's Square Grant.

f. Madeleine Moon MP

A letter informing the Council of War Commission use of local burial grounds for those who died in the two world wars. In our Communities there is one grave in St James' Church from WW1 and five graves in Pysgah two relating to WW1 and three relating to WW11. The letter suggests the Council may consider the placing of small posies for next Remembrance Sunday which will mark the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the Great War.

g. BCBC.

Letter referring to a meeting of the local government Forum where the Cabinet Member for Resources outlined areas where BCBC and Community Councils could work together to help protect some of the services under threat.

7. Planning

- a. 15 High Street Kenfig Hill. Convert garage into annexe with extension above
- b. 1 Simpson Way, Pyle External Wall Insulation and Verge Extension
- c. Woodstock, Station Road, Kenfig Hill. Demolish and construct seven new dwellings.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

a. Frog Pond

Cllr M Kearns recommended the area known as the Frog Pond be added to the list of peripheral areas on the Five Year Plan and also to give consideration to using the Cardiff Conservation Trust for a weekend tidy up session.

b. New Steps at Llanmihangel Mill Farm

Cllr A John reported on the excellent work being carried out by the owner of the property who is moving the path

9. Highways

10. Donations

a. Acknowledgements

- i. Park Street Allotments. Donation for Bonfire night fireworks.
- ii. Urdd Gobaith Cymru. Financial Assistance.
- iii. National Eisteddfod of Wales. Financial Assistance

b. Requests.

Scout & Guide Hall Committee. Request financial assistance for the acquisition of three tables at cost of £110 each. After much discussion it was agreed to support Cllr B Jones' proposition to meet the cost in full

11. Finance and Accounts

- a. The finance committee recommended the Clerk's scale of pay be increased by one point to; LC1, Spinal Column Point 22, on the pay scale as recommended by the National Association of Local Clerks July 2013. The recommendation was unanimously accepted.
- b. The Committee also recommended the Precept for 2014/15 be increased to £55,000 which will increase the average rate per household to £22 which will place our Council 14th out of the 22 Councils within BCBC. The recommendation was unanimously accepted.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr B Jones commented on the increase in dog fouling
- b. Cllr B Jones supermarkets should be asked to encourage customers to support the food banks which situated in their stores
- c. Cllr B Jones suggested local people should be encouraged to shop locally
- d. Cllr B Jones requested each Councillor be given a list of contact in BCBC

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 22 January 2014

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*