



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 22nd January 2014
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm with short talk on Credit unions by Mr Brian Jones

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; None
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 27th November 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 excellent attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club which included Mr David Langrish and Mr Gareth Jones who informed that meeting of the excellent progress in the plans for this year's Classic Car Show. The next meeting of the Festival organisers is on Tuesday February 11th at 6.30pm in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club.
 - b. Footpaths to Hafod Heulog Farm and Bryn Du House Farm.
 - i. Bryn Du House Farm. In response to the Council's request to contact NPT the Clerk received the following email;
We've had a look at the drainage the tenant farmer has put it and it doesn't work, although it looks good it's not taking the water into any channel and away from the area - but backing it up and we think making the problem worse. We're going to have to arrange a meeting with Celtic Energy and the tenant to see if we can suggest some improvements to the work he's already done. It's a shame what he's done just doesn't work - although he may not have finished.
 - ii. Hafod Heulog Farm. NPT Council has completed the work on the path up to the railway embankment.

c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

It is intended to have the plaques made and mounted on the wall at the Square in March with the dedication taking place early in April. It was agreed the most suitable date being Wednesday 9th April at 2.00pm.

The Clerk is to enquire into the positioning of CCTV cameras overlooking the Square. A set multiple cameras with night vision are to be sourced

d. Five Year Plan.

A sub-committee meeting to be called to discuss Groundwork BNPT latest proposal

e. Christmas Lights.

In anticipation of further lighting features being condemned the Clerk was instructed to purchase eight additional displays. Also to get costs for "cross road" rope lights

f. Asset Plaques.

All the seating plaques have been fixed; the plaques for bus shelters are still to be fixed.

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

Cllr K John to arrange a further meeting with the manager of the Co-operative Store.

h. Collwyn.

i. A further large tree has become dangerously unstable in the recent high winds will need to be felled, in the absence of Mr Peter John who is recovering after surgery, the Clerk is to seek an alternative contractor

ii. Maintenance. A programme of removal of some of the canopy, to allow better plant life is ongoing

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. Installed.

v. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers sent a team of 15 volunteers on Sunday 12th January, a large area around the top bench was cleared of scrub which was burnt and collected 34 bags of litter which was removed the following day by Brian Jones of Keep Wales Tidy. The Clerk is to meet with Mr Jones to discuss the further involvement of Keep Wales Tidy with the Collwyn including apply for a grant of £250 for woodland grass and wild flower seed. The Cardiff Conservation Volunteers will continue their work on their next visit in February

i. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa

Cllr P James reported she had once more consulted with the residents of Llys Cynffig and Cwrt Anghorfa with reference for seating to be installed in the bus shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa on the A48 Pyle Road. No-one came forward to object. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a new quotation for the installation of a bench and soon after it is fitted Councillors will paint the interior.

j. Dropped Kerbs at Heol Mostyn

The lack any 106 money and restrictions on spending by BCBC has resulted in the situation where this project is not imminent

k. The Cenotaph & Remembrance Sunday 2014

In view of high winds blowing wreaths onto the road the clerk was requested to obtain quotations to fit a retaining frame within the existing fence to place the wreaths in.

It has been pointed out there is neither a Welsh Flag nor a Union Jack available at the Remembrance Parade. It was resolved the Council should acquire flags in time for the 2014 parade which is the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1

- i. Cllr B Jones matters arising from the November meeting
 - i. Dog Fouling. This perpetual problem is impossible to eradicate. But if the identity of dog owners who continually fail to remove their dogs fouling, should reported to Cllr P James who will contact the Dog Warden
 - ii. Food Banks. It was agreed the prominence of Food banks should be discussed the manager of the Co-operative Store by Cllr K John at her next meeting with him.
 - iii. Contact List. The Clerk is to issue a BCBC list to all Councillors.

m. Mayoral Awards.

It was resolved that two nominations should be made.

- i. Nerys Lloyd for services to the community, services way and beyond the call of duty
 - ii. Charles Griffiths who first played the last post at the Cenotaph in 1945 and has played up until last year.
 - iii. It was also resolved to support the nomination of Rosalyn Peers for work in the community during the frost and snow of last winter
- n. BCBC reduction in services
The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with leader of BCBC Cllr Mel Nott OBE

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

Nothing that has not been reported in other business

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllrs P James reported on a pupil at Cynffig Comprehensive School whose poster design has been selected for an official anti-drug and drink driving campaign in Wales. Fourteen-year-old Kieran Jenkins won the All Wales Multimedia Competition 2013 organised by Road Safety Wales which was open to pupils and students from all Welsh schools, colleges and youth groups. The Council requested the Clerk write a letter of congratulation.
- ii. Cllr A Jones expressed her wish to stand down as a Governor of Pil Primary School. It was proposed by Cllr M Kern and seconded by Cllr P James that Cllr E Peakman should resume her duties as Governor

6. Correspondence

a. Pil Primary School

An invitation from the Headteacher to all Councillors to attend various events in the Spring Term. The first of which are;

- i. Wednesday 12 February - Year 3 Class Assembly, 2.30pm
Cllrs M Kern, E. Peakman & G. Hooper to attend
- ii. Wednesday 19 February - Year 5 Class Assembly, 2.30pm
Cllrs E. Peakman & G. Hooper to attend
- iii. Friday 7 March - St David's Day Celebration, Pisgah Chapel, 1.30pm
All Councillors to attend

All other dates to be discussed at the February meeting

b. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties

The Clerk is to submit a form nominating the Chair Cllr M Kern

c. BCBC Fund for Town and Community Council Projects.

An application which need to returned no later than 28th February will be discussed at the sub- committee meeting referred to in minute 4d Five Year Plan.

d. Countryside Access Management Ltd. Application to add Public Bridleway

BCBC has received an application from the British Horse Society to add a length of public bridleway from St James' Church, Pyle to Water Street, Margam, to its definitive map of public rights of way. Countryside Access Management Ltd wishes to

know if the Council is in possession of documentary or other evidence of the path being used by members of the public on horseback. The Clerk was instructed reply to reply while there is no documentary evidence but some Cllrs have witnessed the path being used by members of the public on horseback.

7. Planning
 - a. 34 & 35, Yr Hendre, Kenfig Hill. Oak tree crown reduction
 - b. 27, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Change of use.
 - c. 2, Bower Street, Kenfig Hill. Single storey side extension.
 - d. Unit 40B Sturmi Way, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Demolition of Two Storey Office/Workshop.
 - e. 37, Pwlygarth Street, Kenfig Hill. Single storey kitchen/bathroom extension
There were no objections

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces
Riverside Walk
Cllr A John is in contact with BCBC reference the final outstanding work to be carried out.

9. Highways
Cllr P James reported on the ongoing work to repair the damage caused by the recent bad weather.

10. Donations
Requests.
 - a. The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme. Financial Support to buy resources and equipment to run youth support groups and training activities. It was resolved to give £50.00.
Proposed Cllr G Hooper. Seconded Cllr E Peakman
 - b. Voluntary Community First Response Team. A request for financial assistance to raise £6000 for medical equipment. It was resolved to give £1000 subject to the recipient being a properly constituted body.
Proposed Cllr E Peakman. Seconded Cllr B Jones

11. Finance and Accounts
On receipt of details from the Credit Union the finance committee is to decide on the amount to be deposited.

12. Any Other Business
Cllr A Jones informed the Council of Lloyds Bank "Make a difference day". Where local bank employees are released from their day job to support a community project. The Clerk to pursue.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 19 February 2014

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*