



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 26th March 2014
in the Talbot Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

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 19th February 2014 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr A. Jones
 - b. Cllr M Kearn (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2014.

It was resolved to once more promote the Festival Prize Draw with the prizes as last year First Prize £200, Second Prize £100, Third Prize £50, Fourth Prize £25.
Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr A Jones. The Clerk was authorised to order the tickets.
The next meeting of the Festival Week is on Tuesday 8th April 2014
 - b. Footpath to Bryn Du House Farm.
 - i. Bryn Du House Farm. Awaiting NPT
 - ii. It was agreed to hold a series of walks for councillors to acquaint themselves with the footpaths and rights of way for which our Council is responsible. The first walk will take place on Saturday 5th April at 10.30am to view; Riverside Walk and the paths to Bryndu House Farm and Hafod Heulog Farm
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

The final number plaques as of today for this first phases is 150. The plaques will be put in place during the week prior to the opening on Wednesday 9th April at 2.00pm. The only guests who have not yet replied are the two neighbouring Community Councils. In addition to the invited guests it anticipated there may between 100 and 200 members of families of those who have ordered plaques.

CCTV cameras with night vision have been purchased and they are to be installed at Emerson's Chemist overlooking the Square.

- d. Five Year Plan.
Groundwork BNPT are preparing the proposal and consultation document which is due to be published in June.
- e. Christmas Lights.
Awaiting the publication of the ex-hire catalogue. Messrs Festive Lighting will notify us as soon as it is available.
- f. Land to the rear of the Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road.
Cllr K John to arrange a meeting with the manager of the Co-operative.
- g. Collwyn.
 - i. The large tree which was felled by Mr David Brace is to be removed by PJ Landscapes
 - ii. Maintenance. Cllr A John reported on the improvements being made in the Collwyn with the removal of some of the canopy allowing light to improve ground level plant life. Keep Wales Tidy has approved a grant for woodland grass and wild flower seed as part of the Wild Woodland weekend. Mr Brian Jones of Keep Wales tidy is arranging the planting.
 - 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. Cllr A John reported the picnic bench installed last October has been destroyed by fire and also the stone bench has had the plaswood slats ripped off. The that the Collwyn should be free of manmade artefacts keeping it as a natural of beauty
 - v. Access from Marlas Road. It will not be possible to lay the hedge to prevent entry as the trees are to mature also the lane and the hedges on both sides are property of Mr David Coombes of Llanmihangal Mill Farm. The Clerk suggested a fresh look at problem to find an alternative method to secure the Collwyn.
 - vi. Cllr A John commented on the magnificent job Mr Coombes has done in the construction of the re-sited steps from Marlas road leading to the Collwyn.
- h. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa
The Clerk reported new contractors were to visit the bus shelter this week to give a quotation. As soon as the seat is fitted Councillors will paint the interior.
- i. The Cenotaph & Remembrance Sunday 2014
Cllr A John together with the Clerk met with Mr Brace's fabricator at the Cenotaph to discuss the fitting of an internal frame to the existing fence to act as a wreath holder. It is hoped to complete the work before the next meeting
The new Welsh Flag and Union Jack have been received and it was agreed they would be consecrated at the community Thanksgiving Service in St Theodore's Church at the end of Festival Week.
- j. BCBC Fund for Town and Community Council Projects
Awaiting a decision reference an application for funding for the refurbishment of Rosemount Gardens.
- k. Credit Union. Still no response.
- l. BCBC reduction in services
Cllr P James reported on a meeting held with Mark Sheppard, Head of Communities, on Monday 10 March. Cllr James reported on a meeting that if nothing else illustrated the

extent to which knowledge of the work being done by Pyle Community Council is known within BCBC. On the subject matter of the reduction and redistribution of some public services, it seems the involvement of Pyle Community Council may be limited to Grass Cutting and Litter Collection, however this was an exploratory meeting to gauge the willingness of Community Councils to get involved and Mr Sheppard was left in no doubt of our positive approach.

Although not part of the reduction of services Cllr James reported on her representations to Mr Sheppard reference the deplorable state of the wall around the Pyle Life Centre. Mr Sheppard agreed to look into the matter. The Clerk then reported on a meeting with David Chambers from BCBC who had been asked by Mr Sheppard to look into the matter. After looking at the wall and then the Five Year Plan Mr Chambers suggested the right way to go would be not to patch up the existing wall but to replace it with wall in keeping with the rest of the plans and further suggested we apply to Biffa Waste Disposal Community Fund for a grant. The Clerk said he forwarded the suggestions to Groundwork to incorporate into the Five Year Plan.

m. Waste Recovery Centre.

The Clerk reported he had registered the Councils concern reference the re-siting of the Waste Recovery Centre to Village Farm Industrial Estate, the concerns being centred on increased traffic flow. He has also requested the results of the traffic surveys of the existing traffic at both the present location and the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate. The application was made under the Freedom of Information Act. As of this meeting he has not received the information requested. Cllr P James said she has also requested the same information.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

Clerk had nothing more than the reports given elsewhere in the meeting

b. Member Reports

i. Cllr M Kearns attended the PACT meeting

6. Correspondence

a. Mayor of Maesteg Charity Fund

Invitation to the Chair to attend. To be declined

b. Maesteg Gleeman. The Finals of The Welsh Young Singer of Year

Invitation to the Chair to attend. To be declined

c. Margam Joint Crematorium Committee

Invitation to the Chair to attend Palm Sunday Service. Chair to attend

7. Planning

a. Blakedown House, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Change of use from B1 to D1 for a Childrens' Day Nursery.

b. 58, Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill. Rear, side and front extensions

c. 28, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Rear single storey office extension.

d. 7, Monks Close, Pyle. Outline consent for detached dwelling in garden

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

a. Riverside Walk

After a meeting with representatives from BCBC they have proposed two solutions to make the western entrance walkable. To create culvert to drain the pond at a cost of £1100 or to install a board walk at cost of £2900. Members to make a site visit and report back to the Clerk.

b. Community Route from the Heathbridge Surgery to the Frogpond

Notification from BCBC of the closure for the replacements of sewerage pipes for a period of 6 weeks commencing 7 April

9. Highways

Rear Lane, Pwllgarth Street.

Notification that the proposal to close off the through passage by installing bollards across the width of the lane a point to the rear of number 48 will go ahead subject a three week consultation period commencing 6 March 2014.

10. Donations

a. Requests.

- i. Kenfig Hill Beavers. Financial support for the acquisition of equipment. It was resolved to give £400.00
Proposed Cllr P James. Seconded Cllr B Jones
- ii. Air Ambulance. Councillors purchased 20 tickets at £1 each

b. Acknowledgements

- i. Bridgend County Borough Citizens Advice Bureau.
- ii. Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales.
- iii. Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir.
- iv. Ogmere Valley Silver Band.
- v. The Bridge Mentoring plus Scheme

11. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk was asked to call a meeting of the Finance Committee

12. Any Other Business

Cllr A John reported a pane of glass has been broken in the bus shelter in Bridge Street. It was agreed Cllr P James should request BCBC to replace it, the cost being borne by the Community Council.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 23 April 2014

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*