



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 24th September 2014
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the Public

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors; G Brown, G Hooper (Chair), A John, K John, A Jones, M Kearns & E Peakman
Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips.

1. Apologies for Absence; Cllrs; P James & B 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 30th July 2014 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr A John, Seconded by Cllr G Hooper
 - b. Cllr G Hooper (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2015.
Next year's Festival Week will commence on Saturday 13th of June with the Fun day on Saturday 20th June the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th September.
Reference Cllr James' suggestion we hold a competition for the best kept gardens with category's for flowers veg and hanging baskets/window boxes. It was agreed the date of the Festival Week is too early for flowers and veg so it was recommended judging takes place at the end of August or early September
 - b. Footpaths to Bryndu House Farm.
The Clerk was requested to speak to NPT requesting when this project will be completed.
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square
The latest batch of plaques was installed on 3rd September there are now 240 plaques in place. Cllr A John suggested bulbs should be planted in the grass circle. It was proposed by Cllr K John and seconded by Cllr A Jones the suggestion be implemented.
 - d. Five Year Plan (renamed the Communities Regeneration Plan)
The plan is complete but awaiting final detail of the land ownership of each individual project and in the case of BCBC the department responsible, this is expected this week.
Copies of the final plan will be available at the October meeting. A request has been made for a meeting in early November with BCBC to present the plan.

- e. Land behind Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road
Grave concern was expressed at cleanliness of this shelter the Clerk was asked to contact BCBC to try to remedy the situation
- f. Collwyn. On going
- g. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa
Cllr G Hooper is trying yet another source to get a seat in order to paint the interior
- h. Deposit Account
The Clerk has the necessary forms to open a Corporate 30 Account, the forms require the requisite signatures. The account which pays an interest of 1% or 1.25% depending on the amount invested has a 30 day period of notice. The account is an online account with all withdrawals made electronically. Transfers can only be made to the nominated account, in this case the account will be the Lloyds Bank current account, where payments can only be made by cheques signed by any two of the three authorised signatories
- i. Footpath at Riverside Walk
Cllr A John reported the authorised by BCBC has been completed, but entrance from Trederyn to Riverside Walk requires the trees to cut back and hard-core (10 tonnes) to spread. Cllr John told the Council the cost would £300. Cllr M Kearn proposed the work be carried out and Cllr E Peakman seconded the proposition.
- j. Rosemount Garden
The amended application for a £5000.00 grant from the Awards for all Wales lottery fund has been granted. The ground works survey was carried out last Thursday 19th and the final plans will be ready this Friday 26th September. Planning application will be made Monday 29th September and work is scheduled to commence work 1st November. The work is expected to take 6 weeks. Civil and building work will be carried out by Hardworks Ltd. Landscaping by Groundworks Bridgend direct labour force.
- k. The lane adjacent to Pwllgyarth Street.
BCBC following the due planning process in order to proceed.
- l. Civic Service. The service is to be held in Pisgah Chapel on Sunday 5 October followed by refreshments served in the vestry. There will be approximately 55 guests
- m. Llys Ton
The Clerk reported on discussions he had with Mr Keith Power of the Highways Department in BCBC reference concerns from residents in Llys Ton about traffic control on Waubant Road. Mr Power suggested the Signs approaching Llys Ton from either direction be highlighted by placing an orange behind them and painting slow signs on the road. The cost for this is about £1000 for which BCBC do not have a budget and consequently Pyle Community Council have been requested to pay. It was resolved that Pyle Council is prepared to pay 50% of the cost. Proposed Cllr G Brown. Seconded by Cllr M Kearn

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on a meeting he had with Paul Whapham of HALO reference the new all-weather training court. The court, which will be opened on 27th October is large enough for mini rugby game or two 5 aside football pitches. The pitch has a shock absorbing layer which makes it suitable for contact training for adults. Halo are calling a meeting with all sports clubs from Cefn Cribwr, Kenfig Hill, Pyle, Cornelly and Porthcawl on 7 October 2014

Cost per hour

Full Court £22.50 for Under 16's and £40 for Adults's (Over 16's)

Half Court £15.00 for Under 16's and £25 for Adults's (Over 16's)

It is intended to hold structured games and training events during school holidays as in other areas such as in the Garw Valley where the Community Council subsidise the events, and Halo ask if Pyle Community Council will consider do the same. The cost about £1000 per week. The Clerk was asked to meet with HALO to discuss the matter further.

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllr G Hooper gave a report on the recent PACT meeting. The meeting was also attended by Cllrs M Kearn and K John
- ii. Cllr M Kearn reported on the impressive new sculpture at the Frog-pond nature reserve and the negative side the bench is once more in the pond. Cllr Kearn to advise the relevant department in BCBC
- iii. Cynffig Comprehensive School Presentation evening was attended by Cllrs G Hooper and E Peakman. As Chair of the Council Cllr Hooper present the winners of the Best Citizens with their trophies and vouchers

6. Correspondence

a. Restoration of Opencast

The Clerk reported he had received replies in response to letters sent to Bridgend CBC, Neath Port Talbot CBC, Madeleine Moon MP and Carwyn Jones AM. The Clerk was requested to reply pressing both Councils for an early conclusion. Similar letters to be sent to Madeleine Moon MP and Carwyn Jones AM

b. KPC Youth.

The Council agreed to write a letter of support in respect of KPC's applications to CFAP and People & Places for funding for their proposed 2 storey building

c. Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi

An invitation for the Chair to attend their annual Concert in Maesteg Town Hall on 19 September. The Chair Cllr Hooper to attend

d. Bridgend Town Council. Invitation to attend their Civic Service on Sunday 28th

September at 3.30pm. The Chair Cllr Hooper to attend

e. One Voice Wales. AGM 2014 - Notices of Motions

The Clerk drew the attention to 3 of 8 motions, of which motions 4 and 6 are indicative of the probability of extra responsibilities for Community Councils

i. Motion 1. Pentyrch Community Council

In the interest of the furtherance of democracy. One Voice Wales calls upon the Welsh Government to regulate that in those circumstances where Community Council elections are held at the same time as any other election, that only those costs greater than the cost of the other election are chargeable to the Community Council

ii. Motion 4. Tredegar Town Council

That One Voice Wales supports the call for a percentage of the Non-Domestic Rate (Business Rates) currently paid to the Welsh Government to be paid directly the Town and Community Councils for the benefit of economic growth.

iii. Motion 6. Barry Town Council (Composite Motion from Barry, Penarth and Llandrindod Wells, Town Councils and Maesycwmmer Community Council)

In view of the Public Services Governance and Delivery Review to reduce the number of Principal Councils and the on-going reduction in their funding which impacts on non-statutory services and in the endeavour to strengthen the delivery of services as closely as possible to the citizen, One Voice Wales calls upon the Welsh Government as a matter of urgency to provide definitive guidance on;

- The legal requirement of Local Authorities who propose service delegation/devolution to Community and Town Councils or voluntary bodies to ensure robust diligence is undertaken by all parties;
- Co-operation between Councils and the promotion of good practice across the local government sector;
- Financial arrangements, concurrent functions and overcoming the issue of 'double taxation'
- Accreditation of local councils

7. Planning

There were no planning applications

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John proposed a bench, already in stock, be placed in Waun Cimla. The proposition was unanimously agreed.

Cllr G Hooper raised the problem of dog fouling in Croft Goch. Although most people pick up their dog litter there are no bins for its disposal. It was thought three bins are needed one at each entrance/exit. Cllr P James offered to make enquiries to the appropriate department within BCBC

9. Highways

Ongoing

10. Donations

a. Requests.

- i. Kenfig Hill RFC under 11's. Request for financial assistance for a Gazebo for the forthcoming season

It was resolved to give £100.00

Proposed Cllr M Kearm, seconded Cllr A John

- ii. Park Street Allotments

Request for a donation towards the cost of their annual Bonfire and Firework Display

It was resolved to give £50.00

Proposed Cllr K John, seconded Cllr M Kearm

b. Acknowledgements

- i. Home Start Bridgend.

- ii. Y Bont

11. Finance and Accounts

Nothing to report

12. Any Other Business

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*