



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 26th November 2014
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the Public

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Councillors; G Brown, P James, A John & 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 22nd October 2014 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr M Kern, Seconded by Cllr E Peakman
 - b. Cllr G Hooper (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2015.
The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th January.
 - b. Footpaths to Bryndu House Farm.
Ongoing
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square
 - i. PJ Landscapes have planted the daffodils and crocus bulbs unfortunately because of the weather and time constraints they were unable to involve Mynydd Cynffig Junior School.
 - ii. Another 42 plaques are being manufactured and it is intended to install them prior to Christmas.
 - iii. A letter from Afan Landscapes requesting payment of £4419.56 for the final phase of construction has been received. The Clerk reported he did receive a certificate of the completion of works dated March 13th 2013 together with a letter stating the invoice relating to the certificate should be sent to Groundwork Bridgend who had received a grant from Marks & Spencer's Community Fund for this work. The clerk is to write to Messrs Afan Landscapes to this affect.
 - d. Five Year Plan (renamed the Communities Regeneration Plan)

The appointment of administrators to 'Groundworks Bridgend Port Talbot' has delayed work on both this and the Rosemount Garden project by approximately six weeks. Mr Geoff Whittington the landscape architect for Groundworks has formed Whittington Landscape Architects and has been retained to manage both projects. At meeting with Mark Sheppard of BCBC on the 5 November the (almost) final plan was presented. Mr Whittington is present the completed plan to Mr Sheppard within four weeks at which time Mr Sheppard will convene a meeting with the appropriate heads of departments to consider how best BCBC can assist with the plan

e. Land behind Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road

The Clerk reported the shelter has now been cleaned and is awaiting a cost to build a retaining wall around the shelter to prevent soil being washed from the bank to the rear of the shelter onto its floor.

f. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa

A further site meeting is to be held to reconsider replacing the present brick built shelter with the standard shelter.

g. Deposit Account

The Clerk reported the sum of £50,000 has been transferred to the deposit account with the Monmouthshire Building Society.

h. Footpath at Riverside Walk

The final work has been carried out to provide a continuous public right of way from Tre Derwyn to Crown Road. A 13 year saga brought to a successful conclusion.

i. Rosemount Garden

As reported in 5d internal problems in 'Groundworks Bridgend Port Talbot' has delayed work this project. Planning permission has been requested and should be granted in December allowing work to commence in January. The contractor will be Messrs Landcraft from Cardiff.

j. The lane adjacent to Pwllgarth Street.

Ongoing

k. Llys Ton

Whilst no response has been received to the letter sent confirming that Pyle Council is prepared to pay 50% of the cost, up to £500 for the proposed improvement to the traffic awareness signage a request has been received, at the suggestion of Mr Keith Power of BCBC, to install a set of Belisha Beacons. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Power for further information

l. Office Accommodation. The Council has taken the tenancy of the first floor of the talbot Community Centre

m. Halo (All weather training court). The planned official opening and sponsored launch did not take place.

n. Dog Fouling Bins in Croft Goch. The three bins on order were scheduled to be installed week commencing 17 November

o. The Collwyn. The Clerk reported Messrs Scott Waste had carried out the initial clean and would now carry a clean on the first week of every month at a cost of £50. The Clerk was happy to report the Collwyn was now clear of all builders rubble and fly tipped household rubbish.

p. Remembrance Sunday. The service in St Theodore's Church was held to a full congregation at it was estimated in excess of 500 people attended the service at the cenotaph. The Clerk read a letter from Mr Roy James congratulating the Community Council on its organisation a sentiment expressed by Mrs Karen Evans in the time allotted for public comment prior to the commencement of the meeting.

q. Christmas Lighting. The Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6pm on Friday 5th December followed by the normal activities in the Talbot Community Centre. The grotto will be set up on Thursday afternoon

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report which has not been reported elsewhere during the meeting

- b. Member Reports
 - i. Cllr M Kearn gave report on the last Town and Community Council's Forum.
6. Correspondence
 - a. Adran & Aelwyd Porthcawl Committee. Open invitation to attend a Carol Service at 6pm on Wednesday 17 December at Tabernacle Chapel, Porthcawl
 - b. KPC Youth. Open invitation to attend their Christmas Evening at Pyle RFC on Wednesday 3 December at 6.30pm
 - c. Pisgah Chapel. Open invitation to attend their Annual Carol Concert on Monday 15th December at 7pm. A seat has been reserved for the Chair of the Council
 - d. BCBC. Invitation to attend a "Budget Workshop for Town & Community Councils on Friday 5 December. The meeting is primarily to hear how budget cuts will impact on services and how Town and Community Councils may be able to work in partnership with the Borough Council. The Chair, Cllr P James and the Clerk to attend.
 - e. BCBC. Open invitation to attend Local Transport Plan Public Consultation in Pyle Leisure Centre on Thursday 27 November from 5pm until 7pm
 - f. BCBC. Invitation to attend the Launch of Bridgend Nature Keepers Project at Maesteg Welfare Park Pavilion at 2pm on Friday 21st November. Cllr M Kearn attended
 - g. BCBC. Quotation for £883.50 to replace the polycarbonate panels in the bus shelter at Rosemount Garden to co-inside with the refurbishment of the garden
 - h. Various letters from Madeleine Moon MP, BCBC and Steven Phillips CEO of Neath Port Talbot CBC referring to the regeneration of the Margam/Parc Slip opencast site. All correspondence is available to Councillors to read and digest. The Clerk will prepare an overview of the current situation for presentation at the January meeting
7. Planning
 - a. 9 Prince Road, Kenfig Hill. Internal Refurbishment.
 - b. 28 Village Farm Ind Estate. Storage Building of Hard Standing to provide storage for existing equipment
 - c. Mynydd Cynffig Infant School, Kenfig Hill. Remove branch tips and slender stems of Ash tree
 - d. Plot 80, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Change of use from storage yard to waste transfer station
8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces
Ongoing
9. Highways
Ongoing
10. Donations
 - a. Requests.
 - i. The Talbot Community Centre
Request for a financial assistance towards the initial costs incurred on the acquisition of the Rees Centre
(Cllr M Kearn Declared an Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 and left the room)
It was resolved to give £2000.00. Proposed Cllr E Peakman, seconded Cllr A Jones
 - ii. Goldies UK
Request for information on Community grant schemes. Deferred to the January meeting pending further information
 - iii. Llangollen International Eisteddfod
Request for financial support for the 2015 event
It was resolved to give £50.00. Proposed Cllr E Peakman, seconded Cllr A Jones

- iv. National Eisteddfod
Request for financial support for the 2015 event
It was resolved to give £50.00. Proposed Cllr K John, seconded Cllr M Kearn
- v. Marie Curie
Request for a donation to fund the work of Marie Curie Nurses in Bridgend
It was resolved to give £75.00. Proposed Cllr E Peakman, seconded Cllr K John
- vi. Mynydd Cynffig Junior School
Request for financial support to replace the recently vandalised outdoor equipment storage shed
It was resolved to give £476.00. Proposed Cllr M Kearn, seconded Cllr A Jones

b. Acknowledgements

- i. The Pit Pony Sanctuary

11. Finance and Accounts

In response to BCBC's Annual Precept request it was resolved to set the Precept for 2015/2016 at £60,000

12. Any Other Business

- a. Cae Garw Traveller's Site. The Clerk reported on a proposal to add 10 further sites to the existing 28 sites. He had received a phone call from a present resident who claimed to represent a majority of the residents who are totally opposed to the proposal. The Clerk was instructed to write to Neath Port Talbot Council objecting to the proposal and supporting the views of the residents.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*