



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 22nd April 2015
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the Public

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Councillors; P. James, B Jones, G Brown
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 18th March 2015 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr K John, Seconded by Cllr A Jones.
 - b. Cllr G Hooper (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Festival Week 2015.
Cllr G Hooper reported all was on course for a bigger and better Festival Week. See separate sheet of all the week's activities. Although there was some earlier doubts about the number of Classic Cars which might attend due another event on the same day, Dave Langrish has reported he has already over 120 entries and has collected over £700 in sponsorship
The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th May
 - b. Footpaths to Bryndu House Farm.
After three years of letters, emails and telephone calls, Cllr A John was delighted to report this footpath is now walkable. Much of the credit is the gentleman who farms Bryndu House Farm Mr Mike Davies the Clerk will now write a letter of thanks.
 - c. Heathbridge Miners' Square
 - i. The next batch of plaques, phase four, will be affixed on Thursday 30th April, and a dedication service for phase three and four will be held in on Tuesday 9th June.
 - ii. Christmas Lighting. The Clerk is meeting engineers from BCBC in early May

d. Communities Regeneration Plan

- i. Final amendments to the final draft plan received, the document can now be updated ready for its release.
- ii. Phase 3. It was agreed the next project will be the landscaping of Marlas Road. Further to the Clerk's meeting with representatives Valleys to Coast, Whittington Landscape Architects held a meeting with V2C to draw plans incorporating all proposals. Geoff Whittington reported on a very enthusiastic meeting with all parties committed to the proposals. The Clerk confirmed he had applied to BCBC for grant funding from the Town & Community Council Fund.

e. Land behind Bus Shelter on the A48 Pyle Road.

Cllr K John to arrange a meeting with a representative of ASDA

f. Bus Shelter opposite Cwrt Anghorfa

It was resolved that the Council accept the quotation from BCBC in the sum of £3250 for the installation of the new shelter to which the cost of bricking up the existing shelter is to be added. Proposed by Cllr M Kearns, Seconded by Cllr K John

g. Footpath at Riverside Walk

Cllr A John reported work on this footpath is now complete

h. Rosemount Garden

Work is now complete with exception of the installation of the three interpretation boards for which the architect is awaiting a final design from BCBC. who wish to standardise on such boards throughout the Borough. The official opening by the Chair will take place on Monday 27th April 10.30am.

- i. The Collwyn. Cllr A John reported on how good the Collwyn is with an abundance of spring flowers. It is envisaged at the entrance to the Collwyn a short matching wall opposite the Church wall be erected to include a name sign/plaque. It was resolved the sign should reflect the correct name as in the deeds "Coed Gollen" (Hazel Wood)
- j. Christmas Lighting. Festival Lighting (Supplier) is to notify the Clerk when the 2015 list of ex-rental features is available

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on a communication he had received from the Society for Local Council Clerks referring to a Welsh Government white paper on the future of local government. In particular the section referring to Community Councils. See below;

4.4 Local Authorities review of Community Councils There's a lot of good work that Community Councils do. However, we think there is a clear case for making changes. We want Community Councils to be more ambitious and work in partnership with other community groups. We want them to be open about the decisions they are making and involve the people in their area. We need them to see themselves as part of public services in Wales, and be more actively involved in work that support families, children and young people and other vulnerable groups like older people. They can only do this, if there are fewer, larger Community Councils. Some of the smaller Community Councils should look at joining together to form larger Community Councils that look after wider areas. In order to achieve this, we want to give Local Authorities the power to review the Community Councils in their area and with a view to reducing the overall number, and for them to complete this work by 2022. 4.5 Governance and standards As well as changes to Community Council areas, the public needs to know there are standards for how Community Councils manage their business and how public money is spent and accounted for. We want to have a set of tests that Community Councils have to pass to be seen as capable and competent. Councils that pass these tests will have extra rights and responsibilities. They will have wider powers to do things for the benefit of their community. Those that don't pass the tests should look to do so by joining with another smaller Community Council to form fewer, larger Community Councils

A link to the White Paper will be emailed to each member

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllr M Kear reported the continuing improvement to the Frogpond and referred to a group of ladies whose identities is unknown who carried out a litter picking exercise on the path leading to the Frogpond
Cllr Kear also reported on the meeting of the Forum for Town and Community Councils. The meeting addressed the Diversity of Councillors and prospective Councillors. It is recommended each Council appoints a Diversity Champion and has at least one, preferably two youth members (without voting rights). It was resolved to address this matter in the Council's new year.
- ii. Cllr G Hooper reported she had attended the AGM of the ATC's Adult Support Committee. Councillor Hooper reported she had been co-opted onto the Committee and outlined some the objectives including the acquisition of a mini-bus possibly in conjunction with other voluntary organisations in the community

6. Correspondence

- a. The Mayor of Maesteg's Fund. An invitation to attend the mayor's Charity Ball. It was resolved not to attend
- b. 3rd Bridgend Scout Troop. An invitation to attend the Bridgend Scouts St Georges Day Service in Hope Baptist Church, Bridgend on Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm. The Chair to attend.
- c. South Wales Police Federation. A letter outlining the dramatic effect of the swinging cuts to the Policing budgets over the last five years
- d. Pencoed Town Council. An invitation to attend the Mayoral Civic Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 12th May at 3.00pm in Salem Chapel, Pencoed. The Chair to attend.

7. Planning

- a. No planning applications

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllrs A John and M Kear reported on the various improvements in the communities including, the footpaths at Bryndu and Riverside Walk and also the vast improvement at the Frogpond and Coed Gollen

9. Highways

Ongoing

10. Donations

a. Requests.

- i. Pisgah Chapel. Request for financial assistance to install a guard rail around the gallery in accordance with a request from the department of Health & Safety. It was resolved to grant the full cost of £1850.00. Proposed by Cllr M Kear and seconded by Cllr A Jones
- ii. Pyle Rugby Football Club. A request to help fund the acquisition of kit for the 2015/16 season. It was resolved to give £1000.00. Proposed by Cllr A John and seconded by Cllr M Kear
- iii. Splice Child & Family Project. Request for financial support. It was resolved to give £100. Proposed by Cllr K John and seconded by Cllr A Jones
- iv. KPC Youth. A request for funding for their Summer Daytime Programme of Events. It was resolved to give £750.00. Proposed by Cllr A John and seconded by Cllr M Kear

b. Acknowledgements

- i. None

11. Finance and Accounts

Clerk reported the receipt of the Council Precept of £60,000.00 and also the notification of approval by BCBC to pay the grant for Rosemount Gardens

12. Any Other Business

a. There was no other business

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*