



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 28th October 2015
in the Talbot Community Centre

There were no questions from the public.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Councillors; P. James, A Jones & M Kearm
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 23rd September 2015 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr K John, Seconded by Cllr A John.
 - b. Cllr G Hooper (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Community Regeneration Plan
 - i. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
Work to commence on installation of the uplighter tree illuminations later this week (For reference; Applications are still being received which will form phase five which most probably will not be fixed to the wall until next spring.)
 - ii. Rosemount Garden
The wild meadow flower policy is to be replaced with a grassed area surround with roses. Work to be completed prior to Christmas lights switch on
 - iii. Marlas Road.
Whittington Landscape Architects will now apply for planning permission and it hoped to start work in December.
 - iv. Car park to the rear of Heathbridge Surgery
Work to replace grassed areas with extra parking spaces was started on Monday of this week by BCBC. Awaiting Whittington Landscape Architects to give costs for limited tree planting.

v. Helig Fan.
Awaiting design proposals for implementation in the financial year 2016/17

vi. Library Wall.

It was resolved to seek permission to remove the remaining pillars and install new capping stones for implementation in the financial year 2016/17

b. Bus Shelter on the A48 (ASDA)

Although ASDA have landscaped the area there is now a problem with the bark covering washing down into the bus shelter. Awaiting the appointment of the new Communities Champion to discuss the problem.

H Phillips & Sons have added this shelter to the cleaning schedule and have carried out the initial clean.

c. The Collwyn. Ongoing

d. Christmas Lighting.

i. Heathbridge Miners' Square; Five white uplighters to be installed, work to commence on Friday 30th October

ii. Rosemount Garden; Two white floodlights to be installed with all other Christmas lighting features.

iii. The lights will be switched on at 6.00pm on Friday 27th November followed by Father Christmas' Grotto in the Talbot Community Centre.

iv. The community liaison committee for St. James' Church Pyle have requested financial assistance for an illuminated Christmas tree in the grounds of the newly created Community Hub. (See donations)

If approved switch on will be 6.15pm on Friday 27th November.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

No report relating to matters other than those on the agenda

b. Member Reports

Cllr A John & Cllr K John attended a consultation with representatives from the Welsh Government who were gathering evidence to resolve the way forward for the restoration of the Margam opencast sight.

6. Correspondence

a. Rt Hon Carwyn Jones. A reply to the letter from the Council referring to the ongoing problem of the restoration of Margam opencast, in which he assures the Council he is still pursuing the matter

b. BCBC. A letter from Mark Shephard outlining the latest policy on Community Asset Transfers. The complete policy document and assets for disposal were also made available. The Clerk pointed out to the Council the only asset within the Pyle ward is the changing pavilion Croft Goch.

c. BCBC Gary Jones. An email referring to the Charter between BCBC and the Town and Community Councils. The Charter was originally put in place in 2009 and although it has functioned it has not developed. In view of the considerable challenges faced by the Borough Council it is now more important than ever that the BCBC work even closer with Town & Community Councils. It is therefore an opportune to review the Charter.

d. Madeleine Moon MP. Details of the funeral of Greta Rogers. A service will take place in St Theodore's Church at mid-day and afterwards in Margam Crematorium at 1.30pm

e. St Theodore's Church. Request for a letter of support for the proposed re-development of the Church. The Clerk was instructed to send such a letter.

f. BCBC Kevin Sales. Quotation to replace the remaining old style bus shelters with new cantilever style. (a, Pigsaw Chapel, b, Entrance to ASDA, c, Marlas Road bridge.). Decision deferred pending financial report.

7. Planning

- a. 60 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. Chang of use from Hair and Beauty Salon to a Physiotherapy Centre. No Objection
- b. 1 Tre Newydd, Kenfig Hill. Double Garage to side with bedroom and office above. No objection.
- c. 65 Marlas Road, Pyle. Drop kerb in front of property to provide access to driveway. No objection.
- d. St Theodore's Church, High Street, Kenfig Hill. Demolish entrance porch and erect single storey extension for meeting rooms, toilet, kitchen and resurfacing car park. No objection.
- e. Plot 29 Heol Treth, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle. Temporary building and associated works. No objection.
- f. Former Chapel Site, Waubant Road, Kenfig Hill. The Clerk informed the Council that planning application for 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings has been withdrawn.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Letter from BCBC referring to a complaint in relation to motorcycles being driven along a section of Footpath 17 between Prince Road and Margam Row and requesting the Councils views, firstly to establish if Pyle Community Council had received any complaints and secondly if the Council would support the installation of suitable furniture to restrict access to motorcycles without preventing access to wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating no complaints had been received and to reserve judgement on the restrictive furniture pending further enquiries with residents.

9. Highways

Nothing to report

10. Donations

a. Requests.

- i. St. James' Church. Financial Assistance towards the provision of a Christmas Tree at the Community Hub. The switching on of the lights will be preceded by a candlelit procession followed by Christmas Carols, mulled wine and hot chocolate. It was resolved to offer to supply and decorate the tree with the appropriate lighting and also to provide selection boxes for the children in keeping with practice in Kenfig Hill Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr A John
- ii. The Undercover Appeal (Supporting Bowel Cancer Research at Velindre Hospital). Request for financial support for a fund raising concert in Bethlehem Life Centre, Cefn Cribwr. It was resolved to grant £50.00 Proposed by Cllr E Peakman. Seconded by Cllr A John
- iii. Kenfig Hill RFC. A request to fund the provision of additional CCTV at Croft Goch playing fields. It was resolved to grant up to £300.00 Proposed by Cllr v. Seconded by Cllr E Peakman
- iv. Park Street Allotments. A request for financial support for the annual Bonfire and Fireworks evening. It was resolved to grant £50.00 Proposed by Cllr K John Seconded by Cllr E Peakman
- v. Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Request for financial support. It was resolved to grant £50.00 Proposed by Cllr A John Seconded by Cllr K John

b. Acknowledgements

- i. St James' Church. Thanks for a donation to the St James' Restoration Fund
- ii. Follow your Dreams Technical Club. Thanks for their start up grant

11. Finance and Accounts

- a. The external auditors for the next financial year will be BDO in Southampton.

12. Any Other Business

Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal.

This year in addition to the distribution of wreaths and the organisation of the Remembrance Day Service and Parade we have been requested to undertake the sale of Poppies in the ASDA store. A full rota has been completed

The meeting closed at 7.45

Date of next meeting will be a week earlier than usual on Wednesday 19th November 2015 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*