



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 2nd December 2015
(November Meeting)
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, B Jones, A Jones, A John, K John, M Kearns,
E Peakman.

Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips.

1. Apologies for Absence;
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 28th October 2015 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr K John, Seconded by Cllr E Peakman.
 - 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.
The uplighter tree illuminations have been installed. It was resolved to have the trees continually illuminated, to be controlled by light sensor switch. The Clerk to action.
Proposed by Cllr P James and seconded by Cllr A Jones
Phase five. There are 20 applications plaques which will be installed in February.
 - ii. Rosemount Garden
The wild meadow flowers have been replaced with a grassed area and soon to be complemented by the planting of roses. The garden is illuminated with two floodlights and the children of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School are preparing foil decorations to hang from netting covering the wooden pillars
 - iii. Marlas Road.
The Clerk outlined the plans which have been submitted by Whittington Landscape Architects for planning permission and it hoped to start work in December. The Clerk

also reported in addition to the £5000.00 already committed by Valleys2Coast they have confirmed they will also provide the trees in the plan at cost of £2800.00

iv. Car park to the rear of Heathbridge Surgery

Work to replace grassed areas is complete and awaiting the white lining of the parking spaces. Whittington Landscape Architects reported it will not be possible limited tree planting due to underground services

v. Helig Fan. (No Change)

Awaiting design proposals for implementation in the financial year 2016/17

vi. Library Wall. (No Change)

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

vii. Bus Shelter on the A48 (ASDA) (No Change)

Although ASDA have landscaped the area there is now a problem with the bark covering washing down into the bus shelter. Awaiting a meeting with the new Communities Champion to discuss the problem, Cllr K John to arrange.

b. The Collwyn. Ongoing

c. Christmas Lighting.

All completed in time for the official switch-on, which took place on Friday 27th November. After a discussion reference any possible problems of having dual ceremonies it was concluded that both were successful although the organisers in Pyle acknowledged in a letter they are keen to learn from their mistakes and also expressed their gratitude to the Council for the support they had received.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

No report relating to matters other than those on the agenda

b. Member Reports

Cllrs P James and E Peakman reported the successful Christmas lighting parties in Kenfig Hill and Pyle respectively.

Cllr M Kern reported on a concern reported to him in the PACT meeting referring to the ongoing problem of speeding traffic in the service road adjacent to Pwllgarth Street, when a young girl narrowly escaped being hit by a speeding car. Cllr Kern also reported he had been thanked by PCSO Kyle Maiden for the Council's contribution to the installation of additional CCTV cameras in Groft Coch.

6. Correspondence

a. Pisgah Chapel. Invitation to the Chair to attend the Annual Carol Concert. The Chair will attend.

b. BCBC. A letter from Andrew Mason referring to a complaint relating to motorcycles using footpath 17 which runs from Prince Road to Margam Row. The Clerk reported to Andrew Mason the findings of Cllr A John who spoke with local residents who had no concerns. The letter suggested the installation of some form suitable form of barrier which would allow pedestrians, wheelchairs and mobility scooter but prevent motorcycles. It was resolved not to take action at this point due to the low level of concern and also to identifying a suitable barrier.

c. BCBC. A letter inform of a change to off road parking places. It is proposed to vary the existing exemption from the payment of charges for disabled persons' vehicles. It is proposed that one hour will be free in addition to a period of parking for which payment has been paid. Any objections or representations to be made by 7 December. It was resolved there would be none.

d. Copy of a letter from the residents of Llys Ton to BCBC re Road Safety Issues in Waunbant Road. The residents confirm their satisfaction with completion of the safety measures. Mr Alex Wilson also advised BCBC of his resignation from sheltered housing forum.

- e. **Cenin Renewables.** An autumn newsletter outlining the new developments and inviting Councillors to visit the site. Clerk to arrange.
7. **Planning**
 - a. **Former Chapel Site, Waumbant Road, Kenfig Hill.** Erect 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and 1 detached dwelling. Clerk to comment on the Council's concerns for access and egress.
 8. **Rights of Way and Open Spaces**

Cllr A John reported on the progress in School Road. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers have installed drainage pipes to make the path from the rear of High Street to Margam Row walkable and a bridge over the stream to enable a pathway to be completed from Margam Row to the Steps leading up from Victoria Road
 9. **Highways**

Nothing to report
 10. **Donations**
 - a. **Requests.**
 - i. **Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.** Financial Assistance towards the provision of new sports kit with new badges reflecting the new status as a Primary School
It was resolved to grant £500.00 Proposed by Cllr M Kern. Seconded by Cllr A John
 - ii. **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
 - iii. **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
 - iv. **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
 - v. **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
 - vi. **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. **Llangollen International Eisteddfod.** Thanks for the donation with an offer of two complimentary tickets.
 - ii. **The Undercover Appeal (Supporting Bowel Cancer Research at Velindre Hospital).** Thanks for the donation the final amount raised was £4000.00
 - iii. **St James' Church.** Thanks for the support for their Christmas Lighting Ceremony
 - iv. **Park Street Allotments.** Thanks for financial support for the annual Bonfire and Fireworks evening.
 11. **Finance and Accounts**

The Clerk requested a meeting of the Finance Sub Committee to cost the 2016/17 Precept Application

12. Any Other Business

Cllr P James requested a meeting of the Employment Sub Committee to discuss the appointment of a deputy Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.45

Date of next meeting will be a week earlier than usual on Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*