



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Wednesday 27th January 2016
in the Talbot Community Centre

There were no questions from the public.

Mrs Karen Evans informed the Council, the collection at the Annual Carol Concert raises £560 of which £100 was sent to each of the five schools who took part.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm with the Chair welcoming the newly appointed Deputy Clerk Mrs Dawn Evans

Present

Councillors; G Hooper (Chair), P James, B Jones, A Jones, A John, K John, M Kearn,
E Peakman.

Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips. Deputy Clerk; Dawn Evans

1. Apologies for Absence; 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 2nd December 2015 (November meeting) 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
The Clerk reported on a meeting with Whittington Landscapes.
 - i. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
The 20 plaques for phase five will be installed in February and a dedication service in March

- ii. Rosemount Garden
There are approximately 10 of the ornamental grass plants which have failed. They are to be replaced in February at the same time as the new rose bushes etc. The information for the interpretation panel is to completed this week
 - iii. Marlas Road.
It is anticipated planning consent will be granted this week, but the Highways department will have to approve the scheme before work can commence. It is hoped to commence in February in order for the bulk of the work will be completed before the end of March
 - iv. Car park to the rear of Heathbridge Surgery
Awaiting dry weather in order to apply the white lines to the parking spaces.
 - v. Helig Fan. (No Change)
Design proposals in May for planting in the Autumn
 - vi. Library Wall. (No Change)
Whittington Landscapes to survey and cost the removal of the remaining pillars and replacing the capping stones
 - vii. British Telecom Telephone Exchange
The Deputy Clerk has made contact with the relevant department and has received a positive reply with the possibility of some form of contribution from BT
 - viii. Main thoroughfare avenue
Project date April 2017 to March 2018
G Whittington to arrange meeting with BCBC for explority discussions
 - ix. Pandy Crescent
Sketch design end of February 2016
Consultation last week in March
Detailed design end of April
Planning Application May
Work planned for the autumn planting season
Completion date 30 March 2017
- b. Bus Shelter on the A48 (ASDA)
Awaiting a meeting, with the new Communities Champion to discuss the problem, Cllr K John to arrange.
 - c. The Collwyn. Ongoing
 - d. Christmas Lighting.
It was resolved to increase the number of features to 40, this will enable the areas without lights to be covered. Proposed Cllr K John, seconded by Cllr A Jones.
5. Reports
- a. Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported on Dawn Evans being appointed to work as a Deputy Clerk.
 - b. Member Reports
 - i. Cllrs G Hooper reported that she had attended a very successful evening with the Kenfig Hill Guides for the Baden Powell Award presentations.

- ii. Cllr A John reported on problem being encountered with continual dumping of rubbish at Pont George. Members felt if a sign was placed in the area stating that the site was monitored by cctv camera this would deter people from dumping. It was agreed a request should be put in to BCBC for such a sign. Clerk to accompany Cllr John to the area prior to making request to BCBC.
- iii. Cllr M Kearn reported on the very poor state of back lanes in the area due to rubbish being dumped. Members agreed Scott Waste should be asked for a quote to undertake the removal of large rubbish, such as mattresses. Information regarding the exact location of lanes affected will be passed to Dawn Evans and she will then take the matter forward with BCBC. Cllr M Kearn also reported that the demolition of the Woodstock Inn has commenced.

6. Correspondence

- a. Pyle Primary School. Invitation to members to attend St. David's Day events.
- b. Talbot Community Centre. *Cllrs John and Kearn declared an interest in this item and left the room.* A request from Cheryl Butcher for payment of annual rent in the whole sum to be paid in advance. The reasons for this were discussed. Cllr James proposed this request be granted as it would also benefit this Council to pay on an annual basis. Cllr Peakman seconded this proposal. *Cllr John and Kearn returned to the room.*

7. Planning

- a. Plot 119 Village Farm Road, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle
Change of use to Training Centre for Plant Machinery Operators & Erection of 9m high scaffold tower.
- b. Verge in front of 8-72 Marlas Road, Pyle
Environmental improvements to grass verge including new footpath links to bus stops, planting & Artwork Entrance Features
- c. 84 Pyle Inn Way, Pyle
Bay Window to the front using materials to match existing property

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported on problems being encountered on the footpath from High Street down to the bottom of School Road., it is no longer walkable. Andrew Mason – BCBC Rights of Way Manager, has said that BCBC will arrange to get this problem resolved on the basis that this Council designates the path as a circular footpath. The procedure of designating the path as a circular footpath will be taken forward.

The area in the vicinity of Margam Row was discussed as an Open Space. The Clerk will take this matter forward.

9. Highways

Cllr John reported on the illuminated traffic bollards on the roundabout at the bottom of Evans Street which are continually being knocked down. The dangers related to this were discussed. The Clerk will take this matter forward.

10. Donations

- a. Requests.
 - i. Bobath Childrens Therapy Centre Wales. Financial support requested. It was resolved to grant £50.00
Proposed by Cllr M Kearn. Seconded by Cllr A John.

- ii. 1st Kenfig Hill Guides. Donation requested toward fundraising for charity project at Mountain Refuge in Italy. It was resolved to grant £300
Proposed by Cllr James. Seconded by Cllr Peakman
- iii. Paediatrics Physiotherapy Department ABMU. Donation requested. It was resolved to grant £100.
Proposed by Cllr A John. Seconded by Cllr K John.
- iv. Cougars Basketball Team. Donation requested toward fundraising toward trip to Malta to represent Wales in 2016. It was resolved to grant £150
Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr A Jones.
- v. Welsh Air Ambulance Appeal. Financial support requested toward fundraising for new Air Base. It was resolved to grant £200.
Proposed by Cllr E Peakman. Seconded by Cllr A John.

b. Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements

11. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk requested a meeting of the Finance Sub Committee. Cllr P James and the Clerk will liaise regarding a convenient date for this meeting.

12. Any Other Business

Cllr G Hooper gave an update on 2016 Festival Week. The Carnival Queen will be chosen on 5th April at Kenfig Hill Rugby Club.

The condition of the bus shelter on the A48 was discussed. Cllr P James will take forward an urgent request to BCBC to undertake cleaning of this shelter.

The Clerk requested that the mayoral chain be brought up to date. To be effected during the summer recess. Cllr A John proposed the chain be updated. Cllr A Jones seconded this.

The meeting closed at 7.45

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 6.30pm

*Harold J. Phillips
Clerk to the Council*