



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public.

Mrs Karen Evans reported to the Council a number of incidents of cars parked behind Pisgah Chapel being maliciously damaged on successive Friday nights

Mrs Joan Pontin spoke about problems with potholes in Kenfig Hill.

Jan Adamson gave an overview of Celtic Energy's revised restoration plan for the Margam opencast site. Much of the report was in reference to the void in particular its depth, at 98 metres it 24 metres deeper the England's deepest lake; Lake Wastwater at 74 metres. Mrs Adamson also referred the absence of the re-instatement of Bedford Road and Crown Road although public rights of way will be re-instated to level of forestry roads.

The meeting commenced at 6.45pm.

Present

Councillors; G Hooper (Chair), P James, A John, K John, M Kearns & E Peakman.

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

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 27<sup>th</sup> January were approved.  
Proposed by Cllr P James, Seconded by Cllr M. Kearns.
  - 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 20 plaques will be installed week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> February and a dedication service in March

ii. Rosemount Garden

The 10 ornamental grass plants which have failed have been replaced, also roses and lavender have been planted. The information for the interpretation panel is to be completed this week

iii. Marlas Road.

Planning consent has been granted and Highways department are expected to approve the scheme this week in order for work to commence next week, with a bulk of the work completed before the end of March. The Clerk then reported to the Council that whilst the landscaping and wooden art features have remained on budget the civil works to install the path and steps to the bus shelter have escalated to a point where this part of the scheme needs to be re-evaluated. Given the time scale for completion – March, the Clerk requested the Council omit the paths and steps until a re-evaluation has taken place.

It was resolved to omit the paths and steps until re-evaluation has taken place. Proposed by Cllr P James and seconded by Cllr A John

iv. Car park to the rear of Heathbridge Surgery

Still awaiting dry weather in order to apply the white lines to the parking spaces.

v. Helig Fan. (For reference, no change)

Design proposals in May for planting in the Autumn. Initial plans include wooden features replicating the theme from Rosemount Gardens and Marlas Road

vi. Library Wall. (For reference, no change)

Whittington Landscapes to survey and cost the removal of the remaining pillars and replacing the capping stones

vii. British Telecom Telephone Exchange

BT are considering the Council's wish to plant trees within in the boundary fence. Response awaited.

viii. Main thoroughfare avenue (For reference, no change)

Project date April 2017 to March 2018

G Whittington to arrange meeting with BCBC for exploratory discussions

ix. Pandy Crescent. (For reference, no change)

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)

Cllr K John to arrange a meeting with the new Communities Champion to discuss the problem.

c. The Collwyn. Ongoing

- d. Christmas Lighting.  
The Clerk is awaiting this year's catalogue from the supplier to order the extra lighting features as authorised in the January meeting
  - e. Fly Tipping - Pont George  
The Clerk instructed to meet with Scottwaste Ltd to discuss removing fly tipping
  - f. Rubbish in the back lanes. Scottwaste Ltd removed all rubbish listed in Cllr M Kearn's survey. Cllr Kearn was requested to carry out a further survey including pathways around Pyle RFC. A discussion was held with reference to the ongoing problem of litter in the back lanes and resolved for the Clerk to prepare costs for six cleans per year.
  - g. Highways - Illuminated traffic bollards in Evans Street. The Clerk reported the bollards have been re-instated
  - h. Festival Week. The Clerk to circulate all councillors with minutes of the last meeting, together with the Festival Week activities list
5. Reports
- a. Clerk's Report  
The Clerk requested the purchase of an additional laptop computer and chair for use by the Deputy Clerk. The Council approved the request. Proposed by K John Seconded by A John.
  - b. Member Reports
    - i. Cllr Kearn reported on visit made to Llys Ton.
    - ii. Cllr James reported on black bag consultation currently being undertaken by BCBC.
6. Correspondence
- a. One Voice Wales - invitation to renew membership. Membership of this organisation was not felt to be beneficial.
  - b. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers. Agreement to the dates suggested for attendance was confirmed (24<sup>th</sup> April / 22<sup>nd</sup> May)
  - c. Western Power Distribution. Clerk gave details of this correspondence relating to Christmas lighting.
  - d. Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - invitation to renew membership. Cllr James proposed membership of this organisation be renewed. Cllr Kearn Seconded
  - e. Bridgend County Borough Council - Capital Fund for Town and Community Council Projects. The Council approved an application to be submitted relating to the project at Pandy Crescent.
  - f. Margam Joint Crematorium Committee - invitation to Chair for Palm Sunday.
7. Planning
- a. Former Margam Surface Mine Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend  
Alt. Restoration & Aftercare Scheme inc. Pumping earthworks, Soil relocation, Rights of Way - affect. Footpaths Cefn Cribwr.  
This application was discussed above during 'Questions from the public'. The Clerk was given full licence to liaise with Jan Adamson to prepare appropriate response to this application on behalf of this Council.
  - b. 18 Collwyn Road, Pyle  
Two Storey Extension to provide lounge, Bedroom & Bay Window to Front Elevation.
  - c. Royal Oak, Station Road, Kenfig Hill  
Erection of 2 no. Detached Three Bedroom Houses  
Members had concerns relating to the Rights of Way at the location, it should be ensure they are protected and not used for vehicular access. There were also concerns relating to the design and location of the houses.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported on a fallen tree at Bryndu. Cllr Peakman proposed that Cllr John approach the owner of the property in the area where the tree has fallen and request permission to take it away. Cllr Kern Seconded this proposal.

Cllr Kern reported on tree cutting and fallen branches under the bridge at the Frog Pond path.

Cllr K John requested litter picking equipment to allow her to pick up rubbish when out walking. The Clerk will contact Keep Wales tidy to obtain equipment from them.

9. Highways

Pot holes in the area were reported to Cllr James. Cllr James will take raise identified pot holes with BCBC.

10. Donations

a. Requests.

- i. Splice Child & Family Project. Financial support requested. It was resolved to grant £400.00  
Proposed by Cllr Peakman. Seconded by Cllr A John.
- ii. Pit Pony Sanctuary. Donation requested It was resolved to grant £25  
Proposed by Cllr Kern. Seconded by Cllr Peakman.
- iii. Teenage Cancer Trust. Donation requested. It was resolved to grant £100.  
Proposed by Cllr Peakman. Seconded by Cllr K John.

b. Acknowledgements

Air Ambulance Wales. Letter of acknowledgement.

11. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk reported on finance and accounts.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.45

*Date of next meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 6.30pm*

*Harold J. Phillips  
Clerk to the Council*