



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 22 November 2016
in the Talbot Community Centre

The Chair reaffirmed that members of the public have 15 minutes to speak prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public cannot speak during the meeting unless invited. This is at the discretion of the Chair.

Questions from the public

Mrs M Griffiths spoke about efforts to make Kenfig Hill a 'Dementia Friendly Community' and training sessions available to raise awareness.

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: K John (Chair), P James, A John, G Hooper & M Kearn
Clerk to the Council; Harold Phillips, Deputy Clerk; Dawn Evans

The Chair reaffirmed the importance of keeping to the Agenda and politely requested all contributions are made through the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence; Councillor A 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 25 October were approved.
Proposed by Cllr G Hooper. Seconded by Cllr M Kearn.
 - b. Cllr K John (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Community Regeneration Plan
 - i. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
The Clerk reported that BCBC are installing time and clock sensors for lighting in this area. Western Power will then be contacted to supply a permanent electricity supply to the area.

ii. Rosemount Garden

The Clerk reported dead tree is to be replaced in the next couple of weeks. Clerk is meeting with BCBC next week regarding information panel.

iii. Marlas Road.

The Clerk reported that phase 1 is now complete, except for planting of Blossom trees and grass between the wooden posts. This will be done in the next couple of weeks.

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

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

vi. British Telecom Telephone Exchange

The Clerk reported BT have still not responded to the Council's request to plant trees within in the boundary fence. Other ways of taking this forward will be looked at.

vii. Main thoroughfare avenue

Project date April 2017 to March 2018

BCBC are currently undertaking a survey to establish services in the area, to ensure trees can be planted in proposed areas. G Whittington Landscape Architecture will draw up plans when BCBC have completed this survey and further meeting will be held with BCBC Engineering department

viii. Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported planning permission has been applied for and final tenders have been requested from contractors. It is hoped this project will be underway January 2017.

b. The Collwyn.

Cllr John reported that request has been made to P J Landscapes to clear leaves from paths in the area and cut down tree which is too close to neighbouring house. P J Landscapes will also provide quote for installing a concrete path in the area.

c. Christmas Lighting.

The Clerk reported all lighting is in place. The 'Switch On' event has been widely advertised and it is hoped this will be a successful community celebration. Requests have been received by Cllrs for a Christmas tree in Kenfig Hill. Areas where a tree could be sited will be considered next year.

d. Rubbish in back lanes.

Cllr A John said the problems with rubbish is ongoing. This matter was discussed. It was agreed the policy should remain that problem areas should be reported to BCBC and they can then take forward Enforcement Orders.

e. Festival Week.

Cllr Hooper reported on the Festival meeting held on 15th November. A 'Best Kept Garden' competition will be considered at the January Festival Week meeting. It was agreed it must be ensured that the 'Fun Day' arena is fully occupied between 2pm and 5pm, with the timetable strictly adhered to. The Clerk reported that Swansea Pipe Band had confirmed their availability to give two performances on the Fun Day at a cost of £500. Cllr James proposed that the Pipe Band be booked at the price quoted. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

Remembrance Sunday - this was once again a great success, there were over 400 people in attendance at the Cenotaph and the number of wreaths laid had increased again this year. Cllr Hooper was congratulated on her work selling poppies at Asda. Sales of poppies increased again this year. The efforts made by this Council to ensure the success of Remembrance Sunday should be commended.

b. Member Reports

Chair reported on consultation sessions she and Cllr John had attended relating to the re-siting of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School to the site of Cynffig Comprehensive School. The concerns of this Council relating to traffic issues and the proposed siting of a concrete making plant and Recycling Plant directly behind the Comprehensive site were passed on at the consultation sessions. The Deputy Clerk reported that Cornelly Community Council have written to this Council requesting consideration be given to the two Councils joining forces to express their concerns regarding the concrete making plant and the re-siting of the Recycling Plant. Cllr Hooper proposed that the Chairs of each Council meet to discuss this request. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

6. Correspondence

- a. Pysgah Chapel - Invitation to Annual Carol Concert on 12th December.
- b. Cornelly Community Council - Proposals to site Concrete Making Plant and Recycling Plant at Pyle Industrial Estate - as discussed at 'Members Reports' item (b) above.

7. Planning

- i. Rontec Pendragon Service Station, Pyle Road
Signage associated with ATM. No objections/comments.
- ii. Rontec Pendragon Service Station, Pyle Road
Retention of ATM to front of shop. No objections/comments.
- iii. 15 Abbey Road, Kenfig Hill
Shower Room extension to rear and ramped access arrangements.
No objections/comments.
- iv. 4 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill
Steel container in garden for storage of domestic equipment with wooden trellis around it for screening. No objections/comments.
- v. 5 Tre Newydd, Kenfig Hill - Application for tree works. No objections/comments.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

- a) Cllr A John reported a stile at Pont George has become dangerous. Neath Port Talbot Council should be contacted regarding this.
- b) Cllr John reported on refurbishment of footpath at School Road.
- c) Cllr James gave update on Right of Way at Moriah Place.

9. Highways

Nothing to report.

10. Donations

- a) Acknowledgements
 - i. Park Street Allotments. Thank you for donation.
 - ii. Talbot Community Centre. Thank you for donation.
- b) Requests
 - iii. Cancer Support Services Bridgend. It was resolved to grant £100. Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr G Hooper. All members were in agreement with this proposal.
 - iv. Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Centre. It was resolved to grant £50. Proposed by Cllr A Jones. Seconded by Cllr P James. All members were in agreement.

11. Finance and Accounts

Meeting of Finance Committee was held on 24th October. At which the Clerk reported on finance and accounts, including Budgetary monitoring. All accounts and payments were agreed.

Finance meeting scheduled for 17 January 2017.

12. Any Other Business

Meeting Dates for 2017. Council meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm, except for the June and July meetings which will be held as follows:

- June meeting - 20th June 217
- July meeting - 18th July 2017

The Chair wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting closed a 6.20pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 5.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Council*