



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 24 October 2017
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public

Mr G Chappell asked that enquiries be made with BCBC regarding Category Asset Transfer proposals for Croft Goch playing fields and Pavilion. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding this.

Mr Chappell also asked that the Council attempt to take forward measures to stop the unacceptable level of dog mess in the village. Cllr Kern will take this matter forward.

Mr Chappell spoke about the need for signage for Kenfig Hill for traffic coming off the A48. This matter will be taken forward.

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: M Kern (Chair), G Hooper, A John, K John, A Jones & C Workman

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

1. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllr A Radmore
Not in attendance; Cllrs C James & P James,
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 3 October were approved.
Proposed by Cllr G Hooper. Seconded by Cllr K John.
 - b. Cllr M Kern (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. **Business Arising**
 - a. Community Regeneration Plan
 - i. Heathbridge Miners' Square.
Lease still awaited from BCBC.
 - ii. Rosemount Garden
Lease still awaited from BCBC.
 - iii. Marlas Road
The Clerk reported that the wild flowers have now died back and plans for next year are being made. Phase 2 of this project will go forward next year, including footpath.

V2C have offered to pay for the trees in the area (including planting) and it is hoped this can be taken forward in Spring 2018.

iv. Helig Fan/Library Wall

The Clerk reported no decision yet relating to application to BCBC's Town & Community Council Fund for match funding toward this project.

v. British Telecom Telephone Exchange. (For reference, no change)

Cllr Radmore may have a contact who could help move this project forward.

vi. Main thoroughfare avenue

The Clerk reported no decision yet relating to application to BCBC's Town & Community Council Fund for match funding toward this project.

vii. Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported that 25-year lease has now been received from BCBC for this park. Cllr Kay John proposed approval of the lease. Cllr G Hooper seconded this approval. Members were all in agreement and the lease was duly signed by the Chair. The Clerk reported that this project is progressing very well. V2C have agreed to plant trees in the area as they have been very impressed with the Marlas Road project. Invoice from Gerald Davies contractor for first phase has been received. Cllr P James proposed payment of invoice. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The contractor has been instructed to take forward planting of shrubs this year, with the planting of wild flower beds being undertaken in the Spring of 2018. The inclusive roundabout for the park will be sited in January 2018. The wooden sculpture for the area is almost complete and a meeting with the sculptor is scheduled for tomorrow to agree final inscription of the sculpture. The Clerk gave details of proposed notice for the park and asked that consideration be given to the park being named Passchendaele Park. Upon completion of the park a commemoration service will be held, this will be some time early next year.

b. The Collwyn.

Cllr Alan John gave report on this area. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers attended to carry out work in the area on 8th October. Some trees had fallen in the area, P J Landscapes have dealt with this. Cllr C Workman proposed a sign be erected warning of steep drop. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement

c. Rubbish in back lanes.

This problem is ongoing. Cllr Radmore was not in attendance to present information on use of temporary CCTV in persistent problem areas.

d. Park Slip

Bridgend County Borough Cllr Jane Gebbie updated members on this item. She reported that tarmac roads will not be installed in the area, they will be Forestry roads. The water levels are good at the moment and as much as can be done to keep the area safe will be done. A proposal that Park Slip Nature Reserve take over the area is being investigated. This would ideally mean that there would be amenities in the area. A briefing note will be prepared, and an update provided to this Council on progress. Members discussed proper road reinstatement in the area and avenues that could be explored relating to this. Cllr Gebbie informed members that there will be no planning on this site in perpetuity. Members thanked Cllr Gebbie for her report.

e. Festival Week

The first meeting for 2018 Festival Week was held on 7th October. Cllr Hooper updated members on this meeting. Cllr Hooper informed members that it is hoped the Fun Day can coincide with the annual walk for prostate cancer, which will be held on 30th June 2018.

f. Remembrance Sunday. The Clerk reported on meeting held yesterday with everyone involved in the organisation of the Service/Parade. Cllr Hooper is managing rota for Poppy Selling at Asda.

- g. **Festive lighting**
The Clerk reported meeting with BCBC has taken place and plans are in place for lights to be switched on on 1st December. Four extra lights will be erected on High Street. Selection boxes have been ordered for 'Switch On' event.

5. **Reports**

a. **Clerk's Report**

As detailed in 'Business Arising'.

b. **Member Reports**

Cllr G Hooper reported on Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Governors meeting. The School have been awarded the Green Flag and been highly praised by Estyn.

Cllr C Workman reported on Cynffig Comprehensive School Governors meeting. Results of recent Estyn Inspection will be published in December.

Cllr M Kern reported on various issues from Bridgend County Borough Council.

6. **Correspondence**

a. **BCBC - Health Employment event, YMCA Bridgend, 25th October.**

b. **Mrs L Barham - The Villages Project.** Mrs Barham should be invited to attend the January 2018 meeting.

c. **South Wales Police/BCBC - Firework Displays**

d. **BCBC Monitoring Officer - Members Advice**

e. **KPC - Newsletter**

f. **One Voice Wales - Boundary Commission for Wales: Revised Proposals Report 2018.**

7. **Youth Council Proposal**

Cllr Radmore is not in attendance this evening. This item should therefore be raised at November meeting.

8. **Planning**

i. **37 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill**

Conversion of existing two storey dwelling unit into two apartments and retention of existing commercial unit.

No objections/comments.

ii. **Pyle Garden Centre**

Redevelopment and extension for extended coffee shop/restaurant area, farm shop, kitchen area, toilets and two new concession retail units.

No objections/comments.

9. **Rights of Way and Open Spaces**

Cllr Kern reported that a new bridge had been installed at Frog Pond Wood and trees have been cut down in the area.

Cllr Alan John said he has met with the Rights of Way Officer at BCBC and the Farmer at Stormy Farm to discuss the land near the Steps at Station Road. The Farmer has said he will allow access through the fields to create the proposed footpath.

10. **Highways**

Potholes are a continuing problem.

Problems with dirty roads being left by the ongoing work at the Old Woodstock Inn.

11. **Donations / Grants**

a) **Acknowledgements**

Bridgend Samaritans.

b) **Requests**

None.

12. Finance

Cllr P James reported on Employment and Finance meeting held on 23rd October.

All Finances were in order. Application has been made to Lloyds Bank for online banking to meet the increasing need to have the ability to pay providers in this way.

The Clerk - Mr Harold Phillips had informed the Employment meeting of his intention to retire from his position as Clerk on 31st December 2017. The November meeting will be his last as Clerk. Ms Dawn Evans will replace Mr Phillips as Clerk to Council from 1st January 2018. Mr Phillips is however happy to consult on any projects not yet completed relating to the Five-Year Plan.

13. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed 6.45pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 5.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Council*