



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 20 February 2018
in the Talbot Community Centre

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Questions from the public

Mrs L Barham provided information on 'The Villages Project' and the benefits it provides to the community. Mrs Barham said a short training course of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour has been offered to local organisations and the take up has been good. However, the response from Asda at Pyle has been very disappointing as the management at the store do not wish to participate in the project. Also, the three local schools have not responded to the request to provide age appropriate training to pupils. Cllr Radmore will raise this matter with Cynffig Comprehensives School, in his capacity as Chair of the Governors.

Mrs A Williams asked that the Council assist her and the residents of Prince Road in their endeavours to find out what is happening with the two empty flats at 33 Prince Road and problems with an empty house at 31 Prince Road. Cllr Gebbie has been attempting to obtain information regarding ownership and responsibility for the properties, but there has been no recent update. Cllr Kearn will speak to Cllr Gebbie about this and pass information to the Council.

Action: Cllr Kearn

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: M Kearn (Chair), A John, K John, A Jones, A Radmore & C Workman

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

1. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllrs C James and 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.
Cllr A Jones declared an interest in item 4.1 - vacancy on Council. Her daughter has applied to be co-opted onto Council.
3. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. The minutes for the meeting held on 23 January were approved.
Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr A John.
 - b. Cllr M Kearn (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

4. Matters arising from minutes at item 3 above

4.1 **Item 2 Vacancy on Council** - The Clerk confirmed that all notices necessary under BCBC governance had been complied with and four applications have been received for co-optation onto Council. It was agreed all applicants should be invited to attend for interview on 3rd March.

4.2 **Item 4(a) Pre-planning consultation relating to land off Croft Goch Road, Kenfig Hill** - The Clerk confirmed objections to this application had been submitted to BCBC as instructed.

4.3 **Item 4(b) 'Welcome to Kenfig Hill' signs** - installation of signs is being taken forward.

4.4 **Item 4(i) Heathbridge Miners Square** - The Clerk gave details of quote for £70 (inc. VAT) received from Accurate Inspections to carry out annual inspection of the play equipment at the rear of Heathbridge Square. Cllr K John proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr C Workman seconded acceptance of quote. All members were in agreement. Lease still awaited from BCBC.

4.5 **Item 4(ii) Rosemount Garden** - Lease still awaited from BCBC.

4.6 **Item 4a(ii) Marlas Road** - The Clerk was asked to get quote for enhanced cutting of this area.

ACTION: CLERK

4.7 **Item 4(iv) Helig Fan** - The Clerk confirmed she had requested update from Cllr Gebbie on this matter, as requested. Cllr Gebbie had no further information on the deterioration of the wall. Cllr Workman proposed that request be made to BCBC to remove the part of the wall that has fallen onto the grass. Cllr John seconded this request.

ACTION: CLERK

4.8 **Item 4(v) main thoroughfare at Kenfig Hill** - the application to raise the time limit for permitted parking on the main road is ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

4.9 **Re-siting of bus shelter on Pisgah Street** - this matter is being taken forward with BCBC.

ACTION: CLERK

4.10 **Item 4(vi) Pandy Crescent** - The Clerk reported that application for Title had been returned from the Land Registry as further information was required. Application is now being made via Whittington's solicitors. There have been problems with vandalism at the park and £144 has been spent to date cleaning up and replanting after incidents of vandalism. This matter was discussed. The Clerk reported that quote had been received from P J Landscapes for £10 a week to litter pick at the area on a weekly basis, as well as visit it throughout the week and clear/clean as required. Cllr A Jones proposed P J Landscapes quote be accepted. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk reported that Annual inspection of the play equipment at Pandy Park had been carried out and quote of £414 (inc. VAT) had been received from 'Accurate Inspections' to carry out annual and monthly inspections of the equipment. Cllr K John proposed acceptance of this quote. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The inspection report at the park stated that all the bins in the area were broken and in need of replacement. Quote of £645 for bin and installation was provided. Members discussed this. Cllr A Jones proposed purchase and installation of two bins in the area at the price quoted. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

4.11 **Item 4(b) The Collwyn** - Cllr John reported on inspection of the trees at the Collwyn by BCBC's Environmental Manager, Mr R Jones. One of the trees was found to be in a dangerous condition and Mr Jones advised that urgent action be taken to take the tree down. P J Landscapes was contracted to cut down and remove the tree and when it was taken down it could be seen that it was very rotten. The cost of cutting down and removing the tree was £330. Cllr A John proposed payment of P J Landscapes invoice for this amount. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members agreed.

4.12 Item 4(d) Park Slip - After the recent earthquake in the area Cllr K John requested enquires be made to establish whether an inspection of the void had been undertaken to ascertain whether it had had any impact. The Clerk reported she had made enquiries with BCBC and response is awaited.

Item 4.13 (4) Festival Week – Minutes of the last Festival meeting were distributed. Cllr Radmore gave update on progress of planning for the week and Fun Day. The Clerk gave details of proposed hire charges to Stand Applications for the Fun Day. Cllr K John proposed acceptance of increase to charges. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

4.14 Item 5(i) Repairs to Kissing Gate at Ty Talwyn Avenue – Cllr Kearn reported that BCBC have said this gate is not situated in a public right of way, therefore any repairs to the gate would have to be paid for by this Council.

4.15 Item 5(ii) Request for litter bin at entrance to Cynffig Comprehensive School – Cllr Kearn reported that bin had now been sited in the area.

4.16 Item 5(iii) Rubbish in lanes – rubbish dumped in the lane between Evans Street and Prince Road, at the rear of nos. 30, 32 and 36 has still not been removed. Clerk to ensure Scott Waste are asked to clear this.

ACTION: CLERK

4.17 Item 5(iv) Cllr Kearn has obtained list of un-adopted roads and lanes in Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

4.18 Item 5(v) Cllr Kearn has spoken to the relevant BCBC Cabinet Member about problems with rubbish dumped at Yr Hendre.

4.19 Item 5(vi) Flooding near the old Crown Inn – update from Cllrs Gebbie and Smith to be requested.

4.20 Item 5(vii) Japanese Knotweed at the rear of Ffordd y Goedwig. Clerk to establish identification of land owner via Land Registry.

ACTION: CLERK

4.21 Item 5(viii) Dog Fouling – the Clerk confirmed this item had been passed to BCBC for inclusion on the Agenda for next Town & Community Council Forum. The Clerk reported that at a recent meeting of Town & Community Council Clerks it was noted that other areas have found additional bins and free dog fouling bags have been successful. Members will identify sites around the villages that need bins. Cllr John proposed a price be provided for purchase of bags. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal.

4.22 Item 5(ix) There are still problems with rubbish at Pont George. Clerk to chase.

4.23 Item 5(x) Pothole near Spar has still not been repaired. Clerk to chase.

4.24 Item 6(a) Obscured vision at junction leading from Brynglas Terrace onto Pyle Road. Cllr Kearn reported that BCBC Highways department have said there have been no recorded fatal accidents in the area and vehicles parking either side of the junction is a police matter.

4.25 Item 15 Dust monitors at local schools – Cllr Radmore confirmed Cllr Smith had provided monitoring links. Cllr A John proposed prices be obtained for monitors. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

As detailed in 'Business Arising'.

b. Member Reports

Cllr M Kearn reported:

- Attendance at the Dementia Friendly Awards today.

- Potholes throughout the villages are being chased. Cllr Radmore asked whether the local authority have any long-term plans in relation to potholes and spoke about a plastic based surface covering which lasts three times longer than tarmac. This matter was discussed. Cllr **Kearn** will report this information to BCBC.

ACTION: Cllr M Kearn

Cllr A Jones reported failure of street lights at Ffordd yr Goedwig.

Cllr A John reported he has contacted the Railway Authority regarding the railway line at Croft Goch. They have said he will receive a response within 28 days. He is also awaiting information regarding dormice in the Croft Goch area from Tondy Nature Reserve.

Cllr A Radmore reported he is attending a meeting regarding Category Asset Transfer of Croft Goch playing fields tomorrow and he will provide an update on this at the March meeting.

ACTION: Cllr A Radmore

Cllr Workman asked that warning signs at the Collwyn be erected, as discussed at previous meetings.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr K John reported she had recently attended the Official Opening of Cenin Battery in Partnership with KiWi Power Ltd., and it was a very successful event. Cllr John passed information on Festival Week and the Fun Day to Cenin and they have said they will contact the Clerk about playing a part in the Fun Day.

6. Correspondence

- a. **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales** – Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend. Cllr **Kearn** spoke about the proposal. Members were encouraged to make representations to the consultation.
- b. **HMRC** - Paying PAYE electronically. The Clerk gave details of this guidance on the requirement by HMRC that PAYE be paid electronically.
- c. **BAVO** – Invitation to Dementia Friends Launch event. Cllr **Kearn** attended.
- d. **Mrs K Barker** – Fly Tipping. The problems identified by Mrs Barker were discussed. They are ongoing problems, but it is hoped that when the road at the end of Crown Road is reopened, as part of the opencast regeneration plans, then the problems in that area will be alleviated.
- e. **Cllr J Gebbie** – Concerns re crossing at Mynydd Cynffig Infant School. Cllr Gebbie has put a referral into BCBC regarding this issue.
- f. **Rights of Way department, BCBC** – Kissing Gate at Tylalwyn Avenue. As reported at item 4.14 above.
- g. **BCBC** – Consultation on future of local bus services – Members discussed this consultation.
- h. **KPC Youth** – February Newsletter. Cllr **Kearn** reported that he is liaising with KPC regarding signage to their site. Cllr **Smith** has said he will provide funds for this via BCBC's Community Action Fund.
- i. **Maesteg Town Council** – invitation to Mayor of Maesteg's Fund Annual Ball 2018.
- j. **One Voice Wales** – Membership request. Members did not wish to take up membership of One Voice Wales.
- k. **Ms G Hayne** – Bridges into Work 2 Project. Members wished to invite Ms Hayne to attend a meeting and provide information on the project.
- l. **Cllr Huw David** – Drop-in session announced for £3m town beach project.

m. **Ms S J Rees** – Letter sent to Madeleine Moon MP expressing concern re speeding traffic on High Street. Members discussed this issue. Cllr K John proposed a letter of support of the residents’ concerns be written to BCBC. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal. Cllr Kearn will put a referral into BCBC regarding this matter.

ACTION: CLERK/Cllr M Kearn

7. Floral Displays 2018

The Clerk provided details of quote received from Boverton Nurseries for 2018. Cllr A John proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The need to purchase bulbs was discussed. Seasonal planting to be added to March Agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Use of Social Media

Cllr Radmore spoke about the need to promote the Council Facebook more and the need for a rebrand of the Council website. Cllr Radmore also commented that members should have uniform email addresses. Cllr Radmore will undertake work in each of these areas to ensure social media is used to maximum effect.

ACTION: Cllr A Radmore

9. Planning

- i. Application No. P/18/59/FUL 13 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DB – Change of use from former newsagents/ video rental / domestic premises to sole use as a domestic dwelling & change shop front to domestic front.
No objections/comments.
- ii. Application No. A/18/2/ADV Pyle Garden Centre, Heol Mostyn Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle – Retrospective consent for various signage.
No objections/comments.
- iii. Application No. P/18/23/FUL Land north east of Croft Goch Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6HA – Development of 22no. affordable homes and associated works.
The Clerk confirmed objections had been submitted to this application, as instructed.
- iv. Application No. P/18/53/FUL Land adjacent to 4 Moriah Place, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DW – Development of one building comprising 2no.flats.
The Clerk confirmed objections had been submitted to this application, as instructed.
The Clerk gave details of email sent by the applicant to the Planning department at BCBC, which was copied to this Council.

10. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported as follows:

- progress to pathway leading from the Church in Pyle to the Black Road.
- Progress to footpath in Longland Farm area.
- the length of time the application relating to footpath on Moriah Place is taking. The clerk was asked to make enquiries with the Rights of Way department at BCBC regarding this.

ACTION: CLERK

- Tree management at the Collwyn, as detailed at item 4.11 above.
- Cllr Kearn spoke about progress at the Frog Pond.

11. Highways

As reported at ‘Matters Arising’ above.

12. Donations / Grants

a) **Acknowledgements**

None.

b) **Requests**

- **SPLICE**
- **Tenovus Cancer Care**
- **Teenage Cancer Trust**
- **Pyle FRC**

Members discussed the procedure for considering donation/grant applications. It was felt a more efficient way of dealing with requests would be to consider them twice a year – May and November, with urgent applications being dealt with outside of these times, at the discretion of the Chair. Cllr C Workman proposed consideration of donations/grants during May and November. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members agreed.

13. Finance & Employment

Members had been provided with financial information relating to year ending 31.03.18. Members discussed finance and agreed accounts payable.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 5.30pm

Meeting closed 7.45pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*