



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on

Tuesday 19 July 2016

in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public.

There were no questions from the public

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Present

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence; Councillor 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 21 June were approved, with amendments to be made to the spelling of Cllr Kearns's name.
Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr A John.
 - 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.
First two plaques have been received for the next phase, plaque that had fallen off has been remounted and mistakes rectified.
 - ii. Rosemount Garden
Information for interpretation panel was lost due to recent I.T. problems, but it has now been recreated and will be taken forward.

- iii. Marlas Road.
Work at this site is ongoing.
 - iv. Helig Fan. (For reference, no change)
Design proposals in May for planting in Autumn. Initial plans include wooden features replicating the theme from Rosemount Gardens and Marlas Road
 - v. Library Wall. (For reference, no change)
Whittington Landscapes to survey and cost the removal of the remaining pillars and replacing the capping stones
 - vi. British Telecom Telephone Exchange
BT are considering the Council's wish to plant trees within in the boundary fence. No further response from BT, this will be chased.
 - vii. Main thoroughfare avenue (For reference, no change)
Project date April 2017 to March 2018
The Clerk reported on initial meeting held with J Jenkins of BCBC Highways Maintenance department, held yesterday and plans to meet with other BCBC officers over coming weeks. Mr Jenkins informed the Clerk that he would consider permitting more floral baskets along the main road next year than permitted this year. Members discussed the benefits there may be in purchasing troughs and getting them filled annually as opposed to hiring them, as has been done this year. The baskets have been very successful and received very positive comments.
 - viii. Pandy Crescent
Consultation with residents for this project has now been held and it was very well received. As resolved at meeting held prior to this meeting, project will go ahead in line with detailed design.
- b. Bus Shelter on the A48 (ASDA)
Cllr P James proposed that as there had still been no further progress on this matter, P J Landscapes be instructed to undertake the work required on behalf of this Council. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal.
 - c. The Collwyn.
Cllr A John reported that a tree had recently fallen in this area, P J Landscapes undertook removal of it, on behalf of this Council. Construction of pathway from the Collwyn to Mill Road was discussed. Contractors will be sourced to take this forward. Provision of appropriate gateways either end of the Collwyn was also discussed. It was agreed funding for this should be included in discussions relating to the 2017-18 precept request.
 - d. Christmas Lighting.
BCBC are currently checking this Council's existing light features, they will report back on any that have reached the end of their life. The Clerk has reserved 8 features with Festive Lighting in order to make the 40 authorised in the January meeting
 - e. Fly Tipping - Pont George
Cllr John reported that the fly tipping has now been removed. Cllr John also reported that Port Talbot Borough Council have cleaned up the area at the bottom of Crown Road and at the moment there is no further fly tipping going on in this area. It was agreed that if there were further instances of fly tipping Scott Waste should be contracted to remove it immediately so as not to encourage further tipping. The Clerk was asked to write to Port Talbot Borough Council thanking them for cleaning up this area.
 - f. Rubbish in the back lanes.

Cllr Kearn reported that there is some rubbish at the back of Park Street and Pwll y garth Street, but no big items. Cllr A John reported rubbish dumped outside a garage at the back of Evans Street, he will provide the Clerk with exact location to take this matter forward. Cllr K John has received a complaint regarding the lane in the vicinity of KPC, but she had explained to the complainant that this area of land has not been adopted by BCBC and therefore unfortunately, it is not the Council's responsibility. Complaints have also been received about overgrowth in the lane at the top end of Pysgah Street, near the Rugby Club. The Clerk was asked to contact BCBC and request spraying in this area and in the area of the floral baskets at the traffic lights on the main road.

- g. Festival Week.
For reference.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

It has been agreed that the Deputy Clerk will man the office on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to allow the Clerk to take forward work relating to the Community Regeneration Plan.

b. Member Reports

- i. Cllr A John reported that BCBC are not maintaining the Rugby field at a satisfactory level. It was agreed that a request be passed to Mark Shepherd - BCBC, to meet with this Council to discuss concerns regarding the condition of the Rugby field.
- ii. Cllr E Peakman wished it to be recorded that she is very pleased that plans for the Pandy Crescent project are being taken forward.
- iii. Cllr P James informed members that she has been advised by her doctor to take two months leave from her duties, therefore as from today she will not be available for two months.
- iv. Cllr M Kearn reported on developments in the area of the Frogpond behind the car park at Heathbridge Surgery.
- v. The Chair reported on events she had attended at Pyle and Mynydd Cynffig Primary Schools. She also attended Bridgend Civic Offices for the signing of the Town & Community Councils Charter.

6. Correspondence

- a. Invitation to members to attend Presentation of Awards Evening at Cynffig Comprehensive School on 13th September 2016.
- b. Thanks from KPC for their stall on Fun Day.
- c. Information received from The Centenary Field Programme regarding necessary criteria to propose a site for the initiative. The Clerk was asked to write to the Programme informing them that this Council wish to site a war memorial on the proposed site and requesting that further consideration be given to their application in light of this.

7. Planning

- a. Heol Mostyn Village Farm Industrial Estate
Single storey extension to the front of the building to provide additional retail area for meat and dairy products, together with refreshment area and toilet facilities
- b. 17 Ffordd Y Mynach, Pyle
Single storey porch extension to facilitate straight staircase improvement and stairlift installation.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported that:

- The footpath at Bryn Du – the farmer has cut back hedges and cleared the path through to the bridge. Members asked that the Clerk write to this farmer thanking him for the excellent work he has done in the area.
- Riverside walk at bottom of Crown Road – this area is being maintained by a resident in the area. The Clerk was asked to write thanking the gentleman for the work he does to maintain this area.
- Cllr John and the Deputy Clerk are meeting with an officer from the Rights of Way department at BCBC tomorrow morning to discuss improvements to footpaths.

Cllr M Kearn reported that:

- A sign should be erected at Heathbridge car park informing members of the public there is a Nature Reserve in that area.
- Port Talbot Borough Council should be contacted to undertake maintenance on the footpath leading from Longland Farm to Pont George.

Cllr John proposed that daffodils be planted in the area at the rear of Rowan House. Cllr James seconded this proposal.

9. Highways

Nothing to report.

10. Donations

a) Requests

- i. The Talbot Community Centre. Request to replace chairs at the Centre due to wear and tear on current chairs making them unsafe. Cllrs A John and M Kearn declared an interest in this request. It was resolved to grant £1,000.0. Proposed by Cllr James. Seconded by Cllr Peakman.
- ii. Bridgend Samaritans. Donation requested. It was resolved to donate £100. Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr A Jones.
- iii. St James' Church Pyle. Thank you card received for donation made toward maintenance at the Church yard.

11. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk reported that:

- Request for VAT refund has been submitted.
- Annual Return for year ended 31.03.16 has been submitted to external auditors.

12. Any Other Business

Cllr E Peakman reported that the signage for the railway station at Pyle is very poor and needs to be replaced. She also asked that requests be made for signage at both ends of Beach Road. The Clerk to take this matter forward with Railway authorities.

Cllr Hooper requested Council purchase A3 printer. Cllr Peakman proposed £350 is set aside to purchase printer, if the cost is anymore permission to be sought from Chair. Cllr James seconded this proposal.

Cllr E Peakman reported that she had been approached by residents of Beach Road regarding problems parking in that area. It had been suggested that request be made to V2C for consideration of waste land in the area to be designated for resident parking. The Clerk to take this matter forward with V2C.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 6.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Council*