



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 25 October 2016
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public.

Speeding on High Street in the evenings was raised as an ongoing problem. Cllr Kearn will raise this matter at the next PACT meeting.

Members were reminded of the Choral Concert scheduled for 7pm on 12th December. Collection money raised at the concert will be donated to the Parkinsons Association.

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: K John (Chair), P James, A John, A Jones, G Hooper & M Kearn
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 27 September were approved.
Proposed by Cllr G Hooper. Seconded by Cllr A Jones.
 - 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 a branch had been broken off a tree in the Square and been removed. This is the first time any damage has been done to the Square.

The Chair reported that she and others had seen children climbing on the dram a couple of evenings ago. The children were identified and reported to the relevant Primary School and they have been warned about their behaviour.

Western Power are to be contacted to provide a metered supply to the lights in the Square, which will allow Bridgend County Borough Council to put a sensor on the lights for them to be lit during the night.

Cllr John reported that residents had asked whether flowers could be planted in the Square. Members discussed this and it was agreed window type baskets would be the

most appropriate. A vote was taken regarding providing flowers at the Square. The result of the vote was four FOR and one AGAINST. The Clerk was asked to obtain costing for flower baskets.

ii. Rosemount Garden

The Clerk reported one tree is to be replaced.

iii. Marlas Road.

The Clerk reported that phase 1 is now complete and phase two is in the final stages of planning. A request has been put to Bridgend County Borough County for the bus shelter adjacent to the road to be moved a meter further away from the road. It is hoped the move will be undertaken by BCBC at their expense, rather than this Council.

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

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

Still no response from BT regarding the Council's wish to plant trees within in the boundary fence. Other ways of taking this forward will be looked at.

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

Project date April 2017 to March 2018

The Clerk has met with the Officer in charge of Highways at BCBC and this is now going through the due diligence stage.

viii. Pandy Crescent

It is hoped this project will start before Christmas and be completed before the end of this financial year. The contracting work will be put out to tender.

Daffodils and crocus bulbs have been planted in various areas.

b. The Collwyn.

This item is ongoing.

c. Christmas Lighting.

The Clerk held a meeting with BCBC yesterday and the Council will now have a full complement of 40 festive lights erected across the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill. A tree will be placed in Pyle Church, paid for by the Church, this Council will provide lighting for the tree, as last year.

d. Rubbish in back lanes.

Cllr A John said the problem is getting worse. This matter was discussed. It was suggested notices could be put through the doors of residents with rubbish on the borders of their property, which does not fall into BCBC's remit, informing them that this Council would arrange to have the rubbish removed and the charges for removal would be passed to the residents. It was agreed the Clerk should check the legality of this Council taking this forward in such a way.

e. Festival Week.

Cllr Hooper reported on the Festival meeting held on 11th October, at which it was agreed the week would run from Saturday 24th June to Sunday 2nd July 2017, with the Fun Day taking place on Saturday 1st July. The theme for the week will be 'Flower Power' as this year is the 50th Anniversary of the Summer of Love. Cllr Hooper was asked to find out at the next meeting whether a 'Best Kept Garden' competition could be included in next year's Festival Week.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report.

b. Member Reports

Cllr Kearn reported on a meeting he had had with Mr Rob Jones – Countryside Manager at BCBC and Mr Mark Blackmore – the officer responsible for Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) at BCBC, regarding Frog Pond Wood.

Cllr James reported on attempts being made to appoint a new School Crossing Person for Mynydd Cynffig Infants School.

Cllr James also reported on arrangements made to ensure this Council are regularly updated on matters relating to the Open Cast. The Chair thanked Cllr James on behalf of the Council for her help with this matter.

6. Correspondence

- a. BDO LLP. External Auditors – Delay in sending invoice re Annual Return.
- b. BCBC – Information War Memorial Grant Funding. Not applicable. No action.
- c. KPC – Request for meeting. Cllrs Kearn and Hooper will attend a meeting with KPC on behalf of Council. Date to be arranged.
- d. BCBC – Information re Public Fireworks Displays. No action.
- e. BCBC – Shaping Bridgend’s Future consultation. No action.
- f. BCBC – Proposal for re-location and enlargement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary to a remodelled school building on the current Cynffig Comprehensive site. Members discussed. No action.
- g. BCBC – BT consultation on removing public payphones. No action.

7. Planning

- a. 65 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill CF33 6ED
First floor / raise roof extension with flat roof side dormers. No objections/comments.
- b. Llys Ton, Waunbant Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DE
Safety improvements to roof inc install handrail to roof edge, form access door through existing window and install access stair. No objections/comments.
- c. Plot 4C (East of Dollcast Ltd) Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle CF33 6BJ
Erect 8 no. 1000sq.ft (93m.sq) industrial starter units. No objections/comments.
- d. 18 Waterhall Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6HD
Single storey extension to rear (lobby & shower room). No objections/comments.
- e. 39 Beach Road, Pyle CF33 6AR
Single storey wet room extension for registered disabled person.
No objections/comments.
- f. Unit 14/15 Village Court Village Farm Ind Estate, Pyle CF33 6BX
Erection of single storey extension to existing industrial unit. No objections/comments.
- g. 13 Ffordd y Goedwig, Pyle CF33 6HY
Demolish conservatory & erect a single storey bedroom extension.
No objections/comments.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported that BCBC have now placed a stone in Ty Talwyn Avenue to replace the damaged gate.

Cllr John also reported on footpath cleared at School Road.

The purchase of four benches previously agreed, should now be taken forward. A bin for dog walkers at Ty Talwyn Avenue should also be ordered.

There is a problem with a very high hedge in Ty Talwyn Avenue. This matter has been passed to BCBC for action.

9. Highways

Nothing to report.

10. Donations
 - a) Acknowledgements
 - i. St Theodore's Church. Thank you for donation.
 - b) Requests
 - ii. Marie Curie Nurses in Bridgend. It was resolved to grant £100. Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr A Jones. All members were in agreement with this proposal.
 - iii. Revolutionise Dance. It was resolved to grant £150. Proposed by Cllr P James. Seconded by Cllr A Jones. All members were in agreement.

11. Finance and Accounts including Year End Audit 31st March 2016

The Clerk reported on finance and accounts.
Cllr James reported on meeting of Finance Committee held on 24th October:

 - a) The draft Budget for 2017-18 was presented and approved at that meeting. It was recommended that the precept request for 2017-18 be raised to £80,000. Cllr A Jones proposed recommendation be accepted. Cllr Hooper seconded this proposal. It was resolved to request £80,000 precept for 2017-18. All members were in agreement.
 - b) All Receipts & Payments were approved at that meeting and the Committee monitored the Budget.
 - c) Cllr James reported on the 'Issues Arising Report' received from the external auditors, relating to the Audit for year ended 31st March 2016. It was agreed the Recommendations from this report be accepted.

12. Any Other Business

Remembrance Sunday - 13th November 2016. Cllr Hooper gave details of the timetable for poppy selling at Asda and informed members that pupils from Mynydd Cynffig Primary School are helping with this. Members will inform Cllr Hooper of their availability to help with poppy selling.

The Clerk reported that to date there had been no success in finding a bugler for the service.

Change to time of Council meetings. Cllr A John proposed that future meetings of this Council commence at 5.30pm. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement with this proposal.

Meeting closed a 6.30pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at 5.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Council*