



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 28 March 2017
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public

Mrs K Evans spoke about children dropping litter and asked that this Council consider ways of getting the message across to children that it is important to respect our environment and not drop litter. Contact will be made with Keep Wales Tidy requesting they visit the schools and provide information on why it is important to ensure people do not drop litter.

Mr M Burnell spoke about rubbish dumped at the rear of his property and assumptions being wrongly made that it was his rubbish, when it was in fact his neighbour's. This matter was discussed.

Mr L Davies spoke about cars parking outside his garage at the back of Pwllgath Street blocking his access and egress. Cllr P James will take this matter forward with BCBC on behalf of Mr Davies.

Mr E Grant spoke about a proposed rise in rent paid at the Allotments on Park Street. This matter was discussed. Cllr P James will make enquiries with BCBC about this matter and report back to Mr Grant.

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: K John (Chair), P James, A John, G Hooper, E Peakman, A Jones & 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 28 February were approved.
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.
Cllr G Hooper reported some loose slabs at the Square. The Clerk will inspect the area and ensure any necessary repairs are carried out.
 - ii. Rosemount Garden
Nothing to report.

iii. Marlas Road.

Cllr A John reported that work has commenced on moving the bus shelter further back from the road. However there are underground pipes in the area meaning the shelter will not be moved as far back as originally planned. The clerk reported further on this matter giving assurance that the shelter will still be moved far enough back to allow more room for a pavement to the front of it. The Clerk reported that final quotes for this project are expected by 21st April and he gave details of the planning schedule for this project. A meeting request has been made to V2C to discuss grass cutting in this area.

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

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

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

vii. Main thoroughfare avenue

Project date April 2017 to March 2018

The Clerk reported on meeting held with Geoff Whittington regarding this project.

Cllr P James reported on cuts to BCBC's Capital Grant fund, which will affect BCBC funding for this project.

viii. Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported on meeting held with Geoff Whittington regarding this project.

The Clerk asked Cllr P James for assistance in liaising with BCBC regarding the asset transfer involved in this project, as this is preventing any grant application and therefore the starting date.

b. The Collwyn.

Cllr John reported that the installation of a concrete path will involve further work than that reported at the February meeting, it will therefore be necessary to raise the budget for this work to £1,200. Cllr P James proposed this work be undertaken at the additional cost stated. Cllr E Peakman seconded this proposal.

c. Rubbish in back lanes.

The problems being encountered with rubbish were discussed during the public speaking time at the beginning of this meeting. Problem areas will continue to be monitored. Members agreed to organise Litter Picks.

d. Festival Week.

Cllr Hooper reported that the next Festival meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29th February. There is therefore nothing further to report since the last meeting on 21st February.

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report, other than that already reported.

b. Member Reports

Cllr M Kear reported that work at the Frog Pond has now been completed and new waymarkers have been sited.

Cllr M Kear reported Cllr G Hooper had attended a meeting with KPC.

Cllr P James reported on that BCBC had said there may be delays in picking up rubbish that has been reported as there is currently a backlog that is being worked through.

The Chair reported on a St David's Day concert she attended at Pyle Library.

The Chair informed members that she has been appointed to the Board of Governors at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.

6. Correspondence

- a. Cenin Renewables – visit to the Cenin site has been arranged for Wednesday 5th April.
- b. Bridgend Scouts – Invitation to the Chair to St George’s Day Service. Accepted.
- c. Keep Wales Tidy – Assistance with clearance of rubbish at Pont George has been requested.
- d. Margam Crematorium – Invitation to Chair to Palm Sunday service. Accepted.
- e. Post Office – proposed move to new premises & branch modernisation. The Clerk gave details of this consultation.
- f. Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Centre – Newsletter
- g. BCBC – Street Name Proposal for development at Former Woodstock Inn. There were no objections to proposed name of Llys yr Orsaf.

7. Planning

- i. 31 Heol Cambrensis, Pyle CF33 6JA
Garage, utility space and wet room at ground floor level with proposed hobby/storage room with roof space with dormers (resubmission of P/16/963/FUL)
No objections/comments.
- ii. 7 Ffordd y Mynach, Pyle
Single storey flat roof rear extension for disabled person
No objections/comments.
- iii. 20 Bower Street, Kenfig Hill
Hardstanding and alteration to existing ramped access to front garden
No objections/comments.
- iv. Next to 24 Bryndu Road, Kenfig Hill
Detached dormer bungalow and detached garage
No objections/comments.
- v. 3 Laing Street, Kenfig Hill
Porch extension to front elevation, with ramped access and platform for registered disabled person
No objections/comments.

8. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported that ‘Rights of Way’ signs that were old and faded have now been replaced and the pathway at Bedford Road has been reopened.

Cllr A John reported that the owner of the land in the region of the bus shelter on Moriah Place has made an Appeal regarding the decision made by Rights of Way.

Cllr A John reported on footpaths bordering Neath Port Talbot Borough that have been reopened.

It was agreed Park Slip will be added to future Agenda’s.

9. Highways

Cllr P James reported that problems with potholes are being experienced throughout the borough, but efforts are being made to address problems areas in Pyle and Kenfig Hill.

10. Donations / Grants

- a) Acknowledgements
 - i. Pil Primary School
- b) Requests
 - ii. SPLICE Child and Family Project. It was resolved to grant £350. Proposed by Cllr E Peakman. Seconded by Cllr A Jones. All members were in agreement.
 - iii. L Powis – Out of area.

11. Finance and Accounts

Cllr P James proposed acceptance of financial information. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal.

12. Any Other Business

Cllr A John proposed that the three local schools be asked whether they have dust monitors on site. If not, then this Council should make enquiries regarding provision of them. Cllr E Peakman seconded this proposal.

Cllr E Peakman spoke about the recent incident at Pyle School when staff gave medical intervention to a pupil who had collapsed. Cllr Peakman proposed this Council write to the school commending them on their actions. Cllr P James seconded this proposal.

Cllr E Peakman reported cars and bikes racing around Pandy Crescent, from the Rugby to Beach Road. The police should be informed of this matter. Cllr M Kearns said the PCSO's are at Pyle Life Centre every Monday from 2 to 4pm and this would be an ideal forum to report issues such as this.

Meeting closed a 7.30pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 5.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Council*