



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 23 January 2018
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.
The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

Councillors: M Kearn (Chair), C James, A John, K John, A Jones, A Radmore & C Workman
Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

1. **Apologies for Absence;** 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.

The Chair informed members of the resignation of Cllr G Hooper. The Clerk will contact BCBC to take forward procedures to replace Cllr Hooper on this Council.

3. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. The minutes for the meeting held on 28 November were approved.
Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr A Jones.
 - b. Cllr M Kearn (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.
4. **Business Arising**
 - **Pre-Planning Consultation** – land off Croft Goch Road, Kenfig Hill. The Clerk provided information received from various agencies on the presence of dormice at the area. Further enquiries will be made regarding this application.
 - **‘Welcome to Kenfig Hill’ signs** – the Clerk gave details of quote received from BCBC for manufacture and installation of signs as discussed at October 2017 meeting. Cllr C James proposed acceptance of the quote and purchase and installation of sign be taken forward. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

a. Community Regeneration Plan

i. Heathbridge Miners' Square.

Lease still awaited from BCBC.

ii. Rosemount Garden

Lease still awaited from BCBC.

iii. Marlas Road

Phase 2 of this project is scheduled for the new financial year, including footpath.

Trees provided by V2C to be planted in Spring.

iv. Helig Fan/Library Wall

Nothing to report on the deterioration of the wall in this area. The Clerk will request an update from Cllr Gebbie.

ACTION: Clerk

The Clerk reported the application to BCBC for match funding towards project at Helig Fan was unsuccessful.

v. Main thoroughfare avenue

The Clerk reported the application to BCBC for match funding towards this project was unsuccessful.

Application to BCBC to raise the permitted parking time along Commercial Street, Bridge Street and Pisgah Street is being taken forward.

ACTION: Clerk

Discussion with BCBC regarding re-siting of the bus shelter on Pisgah Street further down the street are ongoing.

ACTION: Clerk

vi. Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported that the Lease from this area has now been received from BCBC and Title has been applied for at the Land Registry.

b. The Collwyn.

The Clerk reported that NRW do not provide a tree inspection service. The Clerk was asked to contact other agencies and arrange inspection.

ACTION: Clerk

c. Rubbish in back lanes.

Problems are being addressed as they arise.

d. Park Slip

The Clerk gave details of information provided by BCBC regarding discussions BCBC countryside team have had with the Wildlife Trust regarding the site.

e. Festival Week

A new Chair for the Festival Committee is needed due to the resignation of Cllr Hooper. Cllr K John nominated Cllr A Radmore as the new Chair. Cllr Workman seconded this nomination. All members were in agreement. Cllr A Jones nominated Cllr K John be Vice Chair of this Committee. Cllr A John seconded this nomination. All members were in agreement. The Chair provided overview of the November 2017 meeting and confirmed the Fun Day will be held on 23rd June.

f. Festive lighting

The Chair reported on the success of the Christmas 'Switch On' event at the Talbot Community Centre. The Clerk reported that the necessary road closure for this event could not be undertaken by South Wales Police, as in previous years, it was therefore necessary to appoint an independent company to do this. 'A' Plant were contracted to take forward the road closure and an invoice of £354 was received for this. Cllr A Jones

proposed this invoice be paid. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk reported that there are 25 chocolate selection boxes left after the event. Cllr Kern proposed these be donated to SPLICE. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

There were problems with some of the festive lights remaining on during the day. The Clerk reported that she had contacted BCBC regarding this and they had said the timer switch on some of the lights were faulty.

Members discussed proposals for the 2018 floral displays. The Clerk was asked to obtain costings for providing hanging baskets along the main thoroughfare.

ACTION: Clerk

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

As detailed in 'Business Arising'.

b. Member Reports

Cllr M Kern reported:

- he is liaising with the Parks Department at BCBC regarding repairs to the kissing gate at Ty Talwyn Avenue.
- he has requested a litter bin be provided at the entrance to Cynffig Comprehensive School.
- the rubbish dumped in the lane between Evans Street and Prince Road, at the rear of nos. 30, 32 and 36, will not be picked up by BCBC, as this is an unadopted lane. Cllr C James proposed Scott Waste be contracted to clear this area. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Provision of cameras at problem sites was discussed and the need to erect signs. The Clerk will obtain information on this.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr A John asked that Cllr Kern request a list of unadopted roads in Pyle and Kenfig Hill from BCBC.

ACTION: Cllr Kern

- Problems with rubbish at the back of Yr Hendre. BCBC will not remove this rubbish. This matter was discussed, including the difficulties involved with the removal of this rubbish.

Cllr A Jones reported problems with flooding near the old Crown Inn. Cllr Kern said that Cllrs Gebbie and Smith have made referrals to BCBC regarding this.

Cllr A John reported complaints being received regarding the standard of repairs to potholes. Repairs are being undertaken, but they are only lasting a couple of days.

Cllr A Radmore reported:

- problems with Japanese Knotweed at the rear of Ffordd yr Goedwig. This matter was discussed. Cllr C James proposed this Council identify the owner of the land via the Land Registry. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

ACTION: Clerk

- Problems with dog fouling throughout the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill. This matter was discussed. A request should be passed to BCBC to include this on the Agenda for the next Town & Community Council Forum meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

- Provided an overview of the recent Estyn inspection report received by Cynffig Comprehensive School.

Cllr C James reported large amounts of rubbish still at Pont George. Clerk to chase this with the Railway Authority.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Workman reported large potholes by the Spar on Bridge Street.

Cllr K John reported problems at the site of the Old Woodstock on Station Road. Cllr Kearn will refer this matter to BCBC.

ACTION: Cllr Kearn

6. Correspondence

- a. **PCSO R Couch** - response to request from this Council to investigate problems with obscured vision at the junction leading from Brynglas Terrace onto Pyle road. Clerk to liaise with BCBC Highways department regarding this.

ACTION: Clerk

- b. **BCBC** - Fifteen-year plans to improve walking and cycling routes revealed by Council.

- c. **The Talbot Community Centre** - Annual invoice for room rental. Cllrs M Kearn & A John declared an interest in this item and left the room, as they are Directors of the Centre. The Clerk gave details of price increase included in this invoice and the rationale for this, as provided by the Centre Manager. Cllr Workman proposed agreement to the increase in rent and payment of invoice. Cllr A Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

- d. **BCBC** - Application for Street Trading Consent; Geoff's Fresh Fish.

- e. **Cynffig Comprehensive School** - Community Litter Pick at Frog Pond Wood

- f. **KPC** - Thank you for Christmas Selection Boxes

- g. **BCBC** - Town & Community Council Fund 2018 - Application for project at Helig Fan to be resubmitted.

ACTION: Clerk

- h. **Dementia Friends** - Upcoming events.

7. Youth Council Proposal

Cllr Radmore reported on progress made on this project and requested that it be placed on the March Agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Procedures of Council

The Chair presented proposed changes to the Agenda and Notice of Meeting provided to members in advance of monthly meetings. Proposed changes were approved by all.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Review of BCBC Town & Community Council Charter

The Clerk gave details of draft proposals for revised BCBC Town & Community Council Charter. Members were in agreement with the proposals, apart from initial proposal 4.8 that the agenda should be limited to just one topic per meeting.

10. Planning

Members agreed that Cllr K John will replace Cllr Hooper on the Planning Committee.

- i. 2 Brynglas Terrace, Pyle - Two storey rear extension and single storey detached studio.
No objections/comments.
- ii. 9 Brynglas Terrace, Pyle - Extension to dwelling
No objections/comments.
- iii. 13 Heol y Berllan, Pyle - Provision of vehicle crossover and hardstanding to front, wheelchair access and replacement window and door.
No objections/comments.
- iv. 77 Beach Road, Pyle - Two storey extension to rear.
No objections/comments.

11. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported as follows:

- progress at the top of the steps at School Road.
- officers of Neath Port Talbot Council have said the walk to Pyle via the Black Road is going forward.
- The footpath in Longland Farm area will be opened in due course.

12. Highways

Problems with potholes, as reported above. Also large potholes on Heol Mostyn, the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate. Cllr Kearn will raise this at BCBC.

ACTION: Cllr Kearn

13. Donations / Grants

None.

14. Finance & Employment

The Clerk updated members on Finance to date.

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs F Pegg had commenced employment on 3rd January.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Radmore asked that Use of Social Media be added to the February Agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr A John asked about information received from dust monitors at schools. Cllr Radmore reported that the last measurement indicated the levels are within tolerance. Cllr Smith should be asked to provide an update on this to Cllr Radmore.

ACTION: Clerk

Meeting closed 7.15pm

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

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*