



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 20 March 2018
in the Talbot Community Centre

Questions from the public
None.

Members of public in attendance: Bridgend County Borough Cllr Ms J Gebbie, Bridgend County Borough Cllr Mr S Smith and Mr R Watkins

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Present

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

1. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllrs C James, P James and A 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 20 February 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 The Clerk gave details of response received from Cllr J Gebbie to problems reported by Mrs A Williams at February meeting. The Clerk was asked to pass Cllr Gebbie's comments to Mrs Williams. The problems with rubbish and enforcement were discussed. The comment received from BCBC on this matter is that "they prefer to use the education route, rather than the enforcement route." Cllr K John reported on a meeting regarding the 'Keep Wales Tidy' initiative she and Cllr Radmore recently attended, where she felt there was a lot of discussion about the towns of Bridgend, Porthcawl and Maesteg, but nothing about the surrounding villages and valleys in the area. Mr B Jones - the Chairman of the meeting and Mr J Rees - BCBC, have offered to attend a meeting of this Council to brief members. Members agreed to accept this offer and the Clerk was asked to invited Messrs Jones and Rees to the April meeting. Cllr Radmore spoke about a funding initiative

available for bins and tools/materials groups need to take forward community clean-ups. The Clerk was asked to apply to this fund on behalf of Council.

ACTION: CLERK

4.2 **Item 4.1 Vacancy on Council** - Ms Amy Jones was the successful candidate for co-opting onto Council. Ms Jones will sign Declaration of Appointment and take up her office as a members of Pyle Community Council at April meeting.

4.3 **Item 4.2 Pre-planning consultation relating to land off Croft Goch Road, Kenfig Hill** - Cllr Radford reported planning 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, is currently on hold as the applicant has not provided all necessary information relating to the application.

4.4 **Item 4.3 'Welcome to Kenfig Hill' signs** - installation of signs is being taken forward.

ACTION: CLERK

4.5 **Item 4.4 Heathbridge Miners Square** - Lease still awaited from BCBC.

4.6 **Item 4.5 Rosemount Garden** - Lease still awaited from BCBC.

4.7 **Item 4.6 Marlas Road** - The Clerk is meeting with V2C regarding enhanced cutting in this area.

ACTION: CLERK

4.8 **Item 4.7 Helig Fan** - Response awaited from BCBC regarding request to remove part of the wall that has fallen onto the grass.

ACTION: CLERK

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

ACTION: CLERK

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

ACTION: CLERK

4.11 **Item 4.10 Pandy Crescent** -Application for Title still awaited from Land Registry. The Clerk reported P J Landscapes is now litter picking in the area on a weekly basis and visiting the area throughout the week to clear/clean as required. All-inclusive roundabout has now been installed at the park. Installation of two new bins is awaited. The Clerk gave details of invoice received from Gerald Davies relating to this project. Cllr K John proposed payment of invoice. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

4.12 **Item 4.11 The Collwyn** - Cllr John reported that since the last meeting another tree has come down in the area. P J Landscapes have removed it.

4.13 **Item 4.12 Park Slip** - The Clerk gave details of email received from BCBC stating that they would put the question of any affect the earthquake may have had on the void, to Celtic Energy. The Clerk was asked to request an update on Celtic Energy's response from BCBC.

ACTION: CLERK

4.14 **Item 4.14 Repairs to Kissing Gate at Ty Talwyn Avenue** - Cllr Kearn will again request that BCBC repair this gate, even though they have said it is not situated in a registered public right of way.

ACTION: CLERK

4.15 **Item 4.16 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

4.16 **Item 4.17 Rubbish at Yr Hendre** - Cllr Kearn reported that BCBC will not undertake a clear up at Yr Hendre. He will look at other avenues that could be used to take forward the clear up.

ACTION: Cllr Kearn

4.17 **Item 4.19 Flooding near the old Crown Inn** - Cllr Smith reported that problems in this area have been added to BCBC's list of flooding gully's. Our Borough Cllrs are making efforts to ensure this area is looked as soon as possible.

4.18 **Item 4.20 Japanese Knotweed at the rear of Ffordd y Goedwig** - Clerk to establish identification of land owner via Land Registry.

ACTION: CLERK

4.19 **Item 4.21 Dog Fouling** - The Clerk gave details of price quoted for dog waste bag dispenser, including post and bags. Members discussed this matter and potential areas for siting the dispensers. Cllr Workman proposed that three dispensers and ancillary items be purchased. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore reported there is a fund available from BCBC for dog waste bins. The Clerk was asked to make enquires regarding this fund.

4.20 **Item 4.22 Rubbish at Pont George.** This area is being continually used as a dumping ground. Members discussed use of surveillance cameras in the area. It was acknowledged that there are Data Protection laws that would need to be complied with in relation to use of surveillance cameras. Cllr Gebbie will provide information on service providers of surveillance cameras that could be used, to avoid the difficulties of compliance with GDPR legislation that would be faced if Council were to purchase cameras.

4.21 **Item 4.23 Pothole near Spar** - the large pothole has been repaired, but there are now other potholes in the area. Members discussed effective ways of reporting potholes to BCBC. Cllr Radmore spoke about a mobile phone app that can be used to report potholes to the local Authority. Cllr Radmore spoke about an Authority that is now using the plastic substance to repair potholes that he had brought to the attention of this Council at their February meeting.

4.22 **Item 4.24 Obscured vision at junction leading from Brynglas Terrace onto Pyle Road** - Cllr Kern and the Clerk have spoken to the police about this matter.

4.23 **Item 4.25 Dust monitors at local schools** - The Clerk reported that she had endeavoured to get prices for monitors, as instructed at the February meeting, but there are so many different types of monitor that it was difficult to identify which would be the most appropriate for schools. Members discussed this matter. Members who are Governors of the local schools will bring this matter to the attention of their schools and ask for their thoughts on the most appropriate way to take forward dust monitoring.

4.24 **Item 5 Category Asset Transfer of Croft Goch Playing Fields** - Cllr Radmore reported on his and Cllr Gebbie's attendance at the first meeting held to take forward this transfer. The second meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th March, when it is hoped the Terms of Reference will be signed. Cllr Radmore will update Council on progress at the April meeting.

4.25 **Item 6e Concerns re crossing at Mynydd Cynffig Infant School** - the Clerk gave details of information received from Cllr Gebbie in response to referral made by her to BCBC, as a result of Mrs G Hooper's concerns. BCBC have said procedures have begun to advertise the post of School Crossing Patrol at this school. Although it must be remembered that even when a School Crossing Patrol is in place parents remain responsible for ensuring their children's safety, just as they do when zebra or pelican crossings are provided. With regard the issue of vehicles driving over the footpath from rough ground onto the unnamed road leading to Mynydd Cynffig infants school, the enforcing agency for this type of traffic offence is the Police and they should be contacted if people witness displays of bad driving in this area. With regard the option of erecting bollards on the footpath near to the boundary line of the adjoining rough ground, funding would be required to conduct surveys to establish whether there are underground service contained within that footway and the cost of purchasing the bollards and their installation. BCBC do not have the funds to take forward this work at present, however they would be prepared to look at the project if funding could be found from some other agency.

4.26 **Item 6h Signage to KPC Youth** – Cllr Smith will liaise with KPC regarding application by them to the Community Action Fund.

4.27 **Item 6k Bridges into Work 2 Project** – At item 4.1 above it was agreed to invite representatives of ‘Keep Wales Tidy’ to the April meeting. Ms Hayne should therefore now be invited to attend the June meeting

5. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

As detailed in ‘Business Arising’.

b. Member Reports

Cllr M Kearn reported:

- Concerns regarding provision of activities provided at Llys Ton. These concerns have been reported to BCBC.
 - Concerns regarding problems with at Daniel’s Way. Cllrs Smith and Gebbie are taking these concerns forward.
 - Information received from V2C regarding Annual Review of Customer Charges.
 - Response received from BCBC Highways department to request for safe controlled crossing point near the Surgery on Bridge Street. The response stated that the request cannot be treated as a priority, but a grant bid has been submitted by BCBC to Welsh Government to improve pedestrian facilities along the section of road from Ffald Road to Waubant Road, and the location outside the surgery is highlighted as an area in need of upgrade. Cllr Radmore said there had been accidents in this area involving pupils from Cynffig Comprehensive School. Cllr Radmore will obtain further information on these accidents and pass to Cllr Kearn.
- ACTION: Cllr Radmore**
- Update on Kier Waste Contract performance. Cllr Radmore asked whether there are contingency plans in place should Kier be unable to deliver on their contract. Cllr Gebbie gave details of procedures that would come into effect if there were problems of this type.
 - Problems with refuse collection at nos. 1 to 33 Prince Road, which have been resolved.
 - Problems with blocked gully at rear of 55 Park Street. This gully has been added to BCBC cleansing schedule.
 - Procedure relating to waste collections for places of worship.
 - The Villages Project. Cllr Kearn provided update on Dementia Friends session.

Cllr A Radmore reported potholes at Pyle Cross and Pyle Inn Way.

6. Correspondence

a. **Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeal – Information on forthcoming events.**

b. **Keep Wales Tidy – working collaboratively.** As discussed at item 4.1 above.

c. **Keep Wales Tidy** – As discussed at item 4.1 above.

d. **Keep Britain Tidy** – As discussed at item 4.1 above.

e. **Talbot Community Centre – Invoice re maintenance work at office.** Cllr Workman proposed payment of invoice for work done at the request of Council. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

- f. **BCBC - Agenda for Town & Community Council Forum.** Cllr Kearn reported on Forum held on Monday 19th March.
- g. **KPC Youth - March Newsletter.** The Clerk gave details of Newsletter.
- h. **Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils - Survey.** Clerk gave details of this correspondence.
- i. **Cynffig Comprehensive School - Invitation to Eisteddfod Concert.** Cllr K John attended this event.
- j. **Welsh Government - 2018/19 Funding to support the initial setting up of Joint Arrangements.** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence.
- k. **Cllr J Gebbie - Concerns re crossing at Mynydd Cynffig Infant School.** As detailed at item 4.25 above.
- l. **Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi - Invitation to Annual Concert.** Cllr K John will attend this concert in place of the Chair.
- m. **PCSO Richard Matthews - Request for funding of defibrillator.** The Clerk gave details of this request for joint funding with Cornelly Community Council, if they are in agreement, to provide a defibrillator that could be kept at Pyle Police Station for use between Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cornelly. Members discussed the request. Cllr Radmore proposed joint funding with Cornelly Community Council, be provided to a maximum of £500 each, with the proviso that all future on-costs, such as annual inspection, be the responsibility of South Wales Police. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr A John asked whether the schools in the area have access to defibrillators? Members who sit on school governing bodies will make enquiries regarding this.

7. Festival Week & Fun Day

Cllr John acted as Chair at the March Festival Committee meeting. Cllr John updated members of progress made at that meeting. Recommendation from the Committee to accept quote for provision of four portable toilets for the Fun Day was received. Health & Safety implications relating to portable toilets were discussed. Cllr K John proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr A Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Proposals for Youth Council

Cllr Radmore reported that structure for the Youth Council will be put in place this academic year and asked that this item be added to the June Agenda.

9. Seasonal Planting

Cllr A John said the Collwyn needs more trees planted to replace those that are being lost. Member discussed this. Members also discussed bulb planting. Cllr A John proposed a maximum of £500 be spent on bulb planting. Cllr Workman second this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Newsletter

The Clerk provided draft Newsletter and prices for printing and delivery. Members discussed content of the Newsletter and necessary amendments were made. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of Newsletter and associated costs. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Members discussed details from Community Council meetings being added to the 'Kenfig Hill News' section of the Glamorgan Gazette. Cllr Workman provides this section to the Gazette and she will include details of meetings in future editions.

11. Consideration of Community Award programme

Cllr Radmore gave details of proposals for an annual award programme. Cllr Radmore proposed this initiative be taken forward. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal.

ACTION: Cllr A Radmore

12. Planning Applications

- i. Application No. P/18/113/FUL Asda Kiosk Unit 2 Ffald Road, Pyle, CF33 6BH - Subdivision place (kiosk) within supermarket - change of use from Travel Shop to non-residential supplementary education institution.
No objections/comments.
- ii. Application No. A/18/148/FUL Emerson Pharmacy, 1 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DB - New access to existing pharmacy
No objections/comments.
- iii. Application No. P/18/27/ADV Emerson Pharmacy, 1 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6DB - Illuminated fascia sign.
No objections/comments.
- iv. Application No. P/18/176/FUL 6 Moriah Business Centre, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DW - Change of use to use Class A1 - showroom
No objections/comments.

13. Rights of Way and Open Spaces

Cllr A John reported as follows:

- Cardiff Conservation Volunteers carried out work at the Collwyn on Sunday 4th March. They will be back in that area to carry out more work when the bird nesting season is over.
- Cllr Kearn updated member on progress at the Frog Pond.

14. Highways

As discussed at 'Matters Arising' above.

15. Finance

Members had been provided with financial information relating to year ending 31.03.18. Members discussed finance. Cllr A John proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts, as discussed. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6pm

Meeting closed 7.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*