



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

on
Tuesday 16 April 2019
at the Talbot Community Centre

Members of public in attendance: Mrs C Butcher.

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

Present

Councillors; Mike Kearn (Chair), Gary Chapell, Alan John, Kay John & Cilla Workman

Borough Councillors; None

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Members of the Public: Mrs C Butcher

Representations from members of the public

Mrs C Butcher addressed the meeting regarding a nasty accident a member of her family had had when she had been knocked over by a dog that was walking with its owner off the lead. The accident happened on the footpath to the rear of Heathbridge Surgery, leading to the Frog Pond. Mrs Butcher requested that enquiries be made to establish whether there are any local by laws that could be used to prevent people letting their dogs off the lead in public areas. The Police were in attendance and they and members of the Council discussed what action could be taken relating to this request. It was agreed there would not be a by law that could be enforced regarding this problem and the way forward would be to educate dog owners regarding their responsibility when walking dogs.

1.Apologies for Absence; Cllrs Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Andrew Radmore & Rhys Watkins

2.Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000.
None.

3. Update from South Wales Police

PCSOs Richard Matthews and Jo Robey informed members that they had been made aware of anti-social behaviour in the dug out at the Football field. Cllr Chappell confirmed that Kenfig Hill Rugby Club are aware of ongoing problems with youths congregating in this area, it is the

responsibility of the Football Club. Members discussed the Category Asset Transfer Kenfig Hill Rugby Club are currently taking forward with BCBC.

The PCSOs also reported on ongoing issues with youths in the vicinity of Asda, the swimming pool and the Library at Pyle. A new road barrier is currently being installed in the area as the original one has been broken twice since October.

There have also been some recent bike thefts.

Speeding throughout Kenfig and Pyle was discussed. The PCSOs reported that GO SAFE are involved in addressing this issue and it is a PACT priority. Speed scoping has been done and speed cameras are regularly being utilised.

The Chair thanked the PCSOs for their attendance at the meeting.

4. Update from Bridgend County Borough Councillor M Kearn

Cllr Kearn reported as follows:

- Email received from Mrs L Barham regarding request for defibrillator at Pyle Church. Members discussed this request but felt that as the Church is very near to Pyle Police Station and the Council had, with Cornelly Community Council, jointly funded a defibrillator at the Station last year, there would not be a need to provide another one in such close proximity.
- Attendance at official opening of Revolutionise Dance Studio at Pyle Industrial Estate.
- Information relating to s106 agreements - former Woodstock site and Croft Goch.
- Information relating to highways work being undertaken in the area.
- Concerns received from resident relating to proposals for park & ride at Pyle Train Station.
- Information received from BCBC regarding kerbside collections by Kier.
- V2C grass cutting.
- Attendance at Pyle Garden's Centre cheque presentation for Santa charities.

5. Approval of Minutes.

a. The minutes of meeting held on 19 March were approved.

Proposed by Cllr K John. Seconded by Cllr C Workman.

b. Cllr M Kearn (Chair) signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above

6.1 On item 3(a) Virgin Media Works – Cllr K John reported that the work is being taken forward in a tidy manner and progressing well.

6.2 On item 5.3 Parc Slip – Cllr Kearn will chase up the accompanied visit discussed at the March meeting.

6.3 On item 5.4 Rosemount Garden - Lease still awaited from BCBC.

6.4 On item 5.5 Marlas Road –The Clerk gave details of invoice received from Gerald Davies relating to the final phase in this area. Cllr K John proposed payment of invoice. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members agreed. Clerk reported that cherry tree planting in the area will now be taken forward in November.

6.5 On item 5.6 Road Safety on main thoroughfare through the village – There was no further information on proposals for improvements to the highway in this area or recruitment of Crossing Patrol person at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School.

6.6 On item 5.7 Pandy Crescent – Ongoing problems with litter in the park and damage being done to trees and shrubs planted in the area continues. The Clerk is gathering more information on provision of CCTV in the area. Members discussed placing a lock on the gate to the park during the night. Cllr A John proposed a lock be placed on the gates. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal.

- 6.7 **On item 5.8 Category Asset Transfer of Croft Goch Playing Fields** - Cllr Chappell provided an update on recent meeting held between Kenfig Hill RFC and BCBC to progress CAT.
- 6.8 **On Item 5.10 - DBS checks** - This item to be discussed at May meeting.
- 6.9 **On item 5.11 - Notice Boards** - The Clerk is liaising with Cllr Watkins regarding this.
- 6.10 **On item 5.12 - Remembrance Day 2018** - The Clerk gave details of total funds raised from poppy selling at Asda.
- 6.11 **On item 5.13 Parking on green area at Llys yr Osaf** - This problem to be monitored.
- 6.12 **On item 6(a) Council Website** - The Clerk reported that Cllr Radmore has started work on a new Community Council website.
- 6.13 **On item 7(b) - BCBC Footpaths Agency Agreement** - the Clerk is taking this forward with BCBC.
- 6.14 **On item 7(e) - BM James Grounds Maintenance** - The Clerk gave details of second invoice received relating to maintenance at Ffordd yr Eglwys cemetery - Cllr K John proposed payment of this invoice. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- 6.15 **On item 7(i) - Bridgend Against Holiday Hunger Scheme** - The Clerk reported that the organiser of this scheme had been unable to attend this meeting as she had a previous engagement. She will however attend the May meeting.
- 6.16 **On item 8 Festival Week & Fun Day 2019 request to Kenfig Hill Rugby Club for consideration of contribution to costs** - Cllr Chappell informed members that the Rugby Club have agreed to pay for tables and benches for the Fun Day. Cllr Chappell will, however, pass the request on to the Club for consideration of extra funding.

7. Reports

a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided members with resignation letter from Mrs Pegg. Mrs Pegg has given three months' notice from her position as Events Administrator to the Council, which will mean that she will leave the post when the Summer Fun Day is over. Members asked that Mrs Pegg be thanked for the work she has undertaken on behalf of Council. The Clerk was asked to prepare necessary documentation to advertise the role and schedule an employment meeting to discuss details of the post.

The Clerk reported that the office shredder is broken and provided information on replacement. Cllr K John proposed new shredder be purchased. Cllr Workman seconded this proposal.

b. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an update on rubbish in lanes throughout the villages. Members discussed problem areas.

c. Member Reports

Cllr A John reported damaged fencing at the housing site leading to New Road and Yr Hendre. The Clerk to contact Wales & West Housing Association regarding this.

Cllr K John reported various street light failures. The Clerk to pass this information to BCBC.

Cllr K John reported that there has been difficulty with families moving into the Kenfig Hill area being provided with primary school places for children. The families are being told that there is no place for the children in their local school and they will have to attend either North Cornelly or Cefn Cribbwr Schools. This matter was discussed. This situation was felt to be totally unacceptable. Cllr Kern will take this matter up with BCBC. Cllr Workman proposed that the Clerk write to BCBC Education department, on behalf of this Council, expressing concern that families moving to Kenfig Hill are currently being told there is no space for children at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School and with the house building currently going on in the village this problem will only get worse. BCBC should address the problem to ensure that children can attend their local school. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Workman spoke about a complaint she had received regarding the seat in the bus shelter opposite the Asda store in Pyle. People are finding the seat narrow and quite slippery. The Clerk has passed this complaint to BCBC and their response was reported to members. The Clerk was asked to go back to BCBC and find out whether there is any type of coating that could be applied to the seat to make it less slippery.

Cllr Chappell spoke about complaints he has received about refuse bins and bags ending up all over the streets on collection days, especially during bad weather, when the contents of the bins and bags are also blown all over the streets. Members discussed this problem and asked that BCBC be contacted about these complaints.

Cllr Chappell asked when the missing plaques would be placed back on the miner's memorial. The Clerk reported that the artist who deals with the plaques will be on site on 3rd May. He has been extremely busy, and this has meant we have had to wait a long time for him to come back to us.

8. Correspondence

a) **Planning Aid Wales** - Training - Cllrs Workman and Chappell wish to attend this training.

b) **Sustainable Wales** - Community Consultation on Rural Transport issues

c) **BCBC - Seat at Bus Shelter opposite Asda, Pyle** - As discussed at item 7(c) above.

d) **BCBC - Removal of bins at Kenfig Hill & Doggie Bags Pilot at Pyle** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence relating to the removal of bins at Park Street and Commercial Street and the introduction of a pilot scheme to provide doggie bags at Pyle. One of the bins that has been removed from Kenfig Hill was in Park Street. BCBC have said this bin was removed as it was being grossly misused with domestic waste and BCBC have said if the Community Council have any ideas on how this misuse could be stopped then they would look at reinstating it. Members discussed this problem. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the residents of Park Street and the surrounding area informing them of the reason the bin was taken away and asking them to desist from putting domestic waste into the bin if BCBC could be persuaded to reinstate it.

e) **KPC Defibrillator Training on 14th June, 1pm to 3pm** - the Clerk to remind members about this training.

f) **Villages Project Steering Group** - Information relating to meeting that was attended by the Chair.

g) **Cardiff Conservation Volunteers** - forthcoming projects. The Clerk was asked to inform CCV that they would like to go forward with the suggested project in the Autumn.

h) **BCBC - Mayoral Inauguration** - The Chair will attend.

i) **Mrs Forrester / PCSO Robey** - Pyle Train Station. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence regarding rubbish at the side of the train station. The area in question is not accessible to the public. The Clerk was asked to write to National Rail about this problem.

j) **Margam Crematorium - Service of Remembrance** - Cllr K John attended this service on behalf of Council, and she said it had been a very good service.

k) **Mr T Thomas / BCBC** - Lane at Pwllgath Street. Members discussed this correspondence. The costs quoted by BCBC of between £8 - 10,000 to take forward the proposal put forward by Mr Thomas was far too much for this Council to pay.

l) **KPC** - Update

9. Festival Week & Fun Day 2019

The Clerk reported that Virgin Media have agreed to be the main sponsor of the Fun Day. They will donate £500 toward the event.

10. Community Awards Project

No further information on this event as Cllr Radmore was not in attendance.

11. Planning Applications

None.

12. Rights of Way & Open Spaces

Cllr A John a gate is awaited from BCBC to place at Stormy Farm, once this is received the footpath will be opened.

13. Highways

Various potholes were reported.

14. Finance

Members had been provided with financial information relating to year ending 31.03.19.

Members discussed accounts for year ending 31.03.19 and Draft Budget for 2019/20. Cllr C Workman proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts, as discussed. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk asked permission to appoint J Carne as internal auditor for year ended 31.03.19. Members were in agreement with this appointment.

15. Consideration of Donation/Grant Requests

- Revolutionise Dance - Request for donation toward Welsh kit for dancers to complete in World Cup in Portugal. Members discussed this request. Cllr M Kearns proposed £200 be donated. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Traditional Shotokan Karate Club - Request for equipment for Club at Talbot Community Centre. Members discussed this request. Cllr K John proposed £200 be donated. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- St Theodore's Church - Request to donate to Sponsor a Chair Appeal. Members discussed this request. Cllr C Workman proposed the £150 sponsorship quoted be donated. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- National Eisteddfod of Wales - Request for donation toward this event. Members discussed this request. Cllr Kearns proposed £25 be donated toward this event. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru Festival - Request for donation toward this event. Members discussed this request. Cllr M Kearns proposed £25 be donated toward this event. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- SPLICE - Request for £500 donation towards this Project. Member discussed this event. Cllr M Kearns proposed £250 be donated. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. Cllr Workman wished it to be noted that she was not in agreement with the sum proposed as she would have wished it to be a larger amount. All other members were in agreement with proposal made by Cllr Kearns.
- Wales Air Ambulance - Request for donation to this charity. Members discussed this request. Cllr K John proposed £100 be donated. Cllr M Kearns seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Marie Curie South East Wales - Request for donation to this organisation. Members discussed this request. Cllr M Kearns proposed £100 be donated. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Teenage Cancer Trust Wales - Request for donation to this organisation. Members discussed this request. Cllr G Chappell proposed £100 be donated. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
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14. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed 8pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*