



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 6pm

Present

Councillors; Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Alan John (by telephone), Kay John (by telephone), Amy Jones, Andrea Jones, Mike Kearns, Rhys Watkins & Cilla Workman

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Representations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr M Kearns provided members with an update on work undertaken by BCBC, including resurfacing of footpath to the side of Mynydd Cynffig Primary Infants site.

Cllr Kearns also reported on recent local volunteer litter picks he had taken part in on the weekends. The volunteer group are in need of extra litter picking tools. The Clerk will request 5 litter pickers from BCBC.

3. Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Cllrs Amy Jones, Andrea Jones and Alan John declared an interest in all matters relating to the Talbot Community Centre.

Cllr M Kearns declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 22nd September 2020

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 22 September be approved. Seconded by Cllr Andrea Jones. All members were in agreement.

5. Matters arising from minutes as item 4 above

None.

6. Finance / Staffing

Members had been provided with financial information and Budget monitoring data to date. Cllr G Chappell proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr M Kearns seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Chappell reported that he was due to attend a One Voice Wales Finance training course which was cancelled due to lack of participants. Cllr Chappell has booked an alternative date for the training on 27th October. Cllr Andrea Jones wishes to attend this training. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Radmore asked that enquiries be made with HMRC relating to staff 'working from home'.

7. Waun Cimla Play Area; Lease / Planning Application

The Clerk provided details of Planning Application Approval received from BCBC, including advisory notes and matters relating to Ecology survey of the area. Members discussed. Cllr Radmore proposed the project be taken forward. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Andrea Jones proposed that should an Ecology Survey be required; arrangements should be made for it to be undertaken. Cllr K Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Kearns asked that request be made for s106 monies held by BCBC. Cllr Radmore asked that enquiries be made to establish the ownership of land to the side of the site, to request permission to cut back some of the trees that currently obscure some vision onto the play park site. Members discussed the Heads of Terms provided by BCBC, relating to proposed lease of the Waun Cimla site. Cllr Chappell proposed acceptance of the Heads of Terms as detailed. Cllr Kearns seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk was asked to request a 'License to occupy the site' from BCBC, to allow installation of the play park, prior to the lease being finalised.

8. Proposals relating to Highway Safety

The Clerk gave details of email received from BCBC Highways department, in response to request for proposals for safety measures on the main highway through Pyle/Kenfig Hill. The email states that BCBC do not currently have the resources available to undertake surveys and designs. They will not be able to look at our proposals until late February/early March 2021. Members discussed this response. Cllr Kearns will make a further request that the work be undertaken at an earlier date as it is an ongoing safety issue. The Clerk will also make further request that the proposals be looked at in a timelier manner to allow budgeted costs to be included in Council's discussion relating to 2021-22 precept.

9. Rosemount Gardens – BCBC Lease

Members discussed principle terms for proposed 25-year lease, received from BCBC. Members spoke about the Community Council's commitment to secure green spaces for the future and asked that a 35-year lease be requested from BCBC to meet this goal. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of the proposed terms of the lease, with the request that the period of the lease be extended from 25 to 35 years. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

- i. The Clerk reported that there had been a further complaint of youth annoyance from a resident of Pandy Crescent. Members discussed this matter. The Clerk was asked to again report this complaint to the PCSOs and request patrolling of the area at the times identified by the resident.
- ii. Members discussed email received from BCBC regarding Budget consultation.
- iii. Email received from KPC providing details of the next 'Cuppa & Chat' meeting, scheduled for Thursday 12th November.
- iv. The Clerk confirmed that the Newsletter has been passed to LDP for printing and distribution and it should be delivered over the next week. Members discussed the difficulties experienced in attempting to procure delivery of the Newsletters. The Clerk was asked to obtain quote from Royal Mail to enable comparison of delivery charges.

- v. Request for nomination of representative on Mynydd Cynffig Primary School's governing body has been received. Cllr Radmore proposed Cllr Chappell be nominated to represent this Community Council. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- vi. The Clerk reported that confirmation has been received that the pedestrian crossing for Pyle detailed in recent BCBC media statement, is a dropped kerb to be located at Croft Goch Gardens.
- vii. The local PCSOs have requested confirmation of the owners of land under the bridges on the cycle path from Croft Goch Road to the rear of New Road cottages. Members were not aware of the ownership of this land. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding this matter.
- viii. The Clerk gave details of One Voice Wales training schedule and informed members there are two free places available.
- ix. The Clerk reported that BCBC are continuing to advertise for a 'Lollipop' person at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.
- x. The Clerk confirmed that permission has been requested from BCBC for planting of small Nature Garden at Heathbridge, which will be included in plans for biodiversity. Cllr Watkins is taking forward planting of this garden.

b) Members Reports

- i) **Cllr G Chappell** updated members on progress regarding refixing of plaques at Heathbridge Miners Memorial. Cllr Chappell is awaiting quotes from contractors to take forward this work. Members discussed installation of CCTV in this area. Cllr Radmore spoke about the regulations surrounding installation of CCTV. Cllr Chappell will obtain more information on CCTV and report at the November meeting. The Clerk reported that local police were not aware of any vandalism in the area. Members discussed and it was agreed the plaques falling off the memorial wall were as a result of the plaques being loose, rather than vandalism.
- ii. **Cllr Chappell** spoke about the work that has started on re-siting the recycling centre at Village Farm Industrial Estate. Members discussed this matter.
- iii. **Cllr Chappell** reported that extra barriers have now been installed at the front of Millie's takeaway on Pyle Cross.
- iv. **Cllr Chappell** spoke about volunteer litter picks in the area, including the attendance of BCBCs Leader; Cllr David on a local litter pick last weekend.
- v. Cllr Kearn reported that he had raised a 'members referral' at BCBC to clear the bottom path at Waun Cimla.
- vi. Cllr Kearn reported that BCBC are now undertaking a Feasibility Study of the land around Mynydd Cynffig Junior School. Members discussed. The lease for the ATC building has only a short time left on it; members felt strongly that assistance from the Community Council should be offered to the ATC in their attempts to rehome their organisation. It was felt that this organisation would be a great loss to the community if it were not rehoused within the area.
- vii. Cllr Radmore expressed concern about the increase in fly tipping in the area. Members discussed. Cllr Radmore also expressed concern about the increase in dogs mess on Waubant Road. The Clerk to contact BCBC about the problems with dog mess and any incidents of fly-tipping to be reported to the Clerk for action.
- viii. Cllr Watkins represented Council at the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting. Cllr Watkins reported on the meeting. Cllr Watkins will forward the 'Chair's Report' from the meeting to the Clerk for dissemination to members.

11. Remembrance Day 2020

The Events Administrator: Mrs M Webber, reported on plans for socially distanced Remembrance Day Service, which will be limited to 15 attendees. The event will be streamlined to social media to facilitate community involvement. Members discussed arrangements and asked that signs be produced and displayed on the road closure barriers, stating that the event is a closed event, as dictated by Welsh Government guidelines. The Clerk confirmed that permission for road closure has been received from BCBC and presented members with quotation received from Sunbelt Rentals, formerly 'Caerphilly Traffic' for the closure. Cllr Amy Jones proposed acceptance of quotation. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded proposal. All members were in agreement.

12. Plans for Christmas 2020

Mrs Webber reported on meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee held on 24th September. Members discussed proposals for virtual events. Cllr Chappell proposed selection boxes be purchased for the two primary schools. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore proposed that a budget of £1,000 be set for Festive activities. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk gave details of request from Pyle Church for grant toward Christmas activities, they wish to take forward. Members discussed. Cllr Radmore proposed grant of £150. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

13. Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2021

The first meeting to discuss plans for the 2021 Festival Week & Party on the Pitch will be held in November.

14. Plan relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement

As discussed at item 10(x) above.

15. Planning Applications

Cllr Watkins reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/696/FUL 61 High Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DU
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/658/OUT Rear of 12 Monks Close, Pyle CF33 6DU
The Clerk was asked to resend this application to members.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/616/FUL 39 Ffordd Y Mynach, Kenfig CF33 6HT
There were no comments/objections relating to this application. However, members wished it to be noted that the practice of submitting applications retrospectively should be discouraged
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/681/FUL 1 North Avenue, Kenfig Hill CF33 6ND
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.

Members will forward the Clerk information on where 'pizza delivery' signs are throughout the village. BCBC have asked for exact locations to allow them to take action.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

- Cllr Kern reported there has been a lot of work undertaken at the Frog Pond, trees have been cut back to make it more accessible.
- Cllr Kern reported that the Collwyn is looking good and regular volunteer litter picks are being undertaken in this area.
- All footpaths are being properly maintained

The Clerk presented invoices from Boverton Nurseries and P J Landscapes for supply and planting of daffodils. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of both invoices. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

17. Correspondence

(i) Talbot Community Centre - Request from Centre Manager regarding consideration of again subsidising meals during the forthcoming Lockdown period. Members discussed this request. It was agreed an emergency meeting should be arranged to discuss this request in detail.

(ii) Independent Remuneration for Wales - Draft Annual Report 2021/22 - Members noted.

(iii) Welsh Hearts Organisation - Access to Defibrillators - Members asked that this matter be raised at a future meeting

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on 17th November.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council