



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 6.30pm

Present

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

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Events Assistant; Mary Webber

Borough Cllr; Steve Smith

Representations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Presentation from Bridgend County Borough Council Budget Consultation Team

Mrs N Bunston introduced herself and Mrs Andrea Boyce and thanked the Council for allowing them to come along and speak about the consultation. Mrs Bunston spoke about the background of the consultation, where they are in terms of engagement, and participation in the survey. Participation in the survey to date has been disappointing, but it is hoped this will improve before the end date of **13th December**. The name of the consultation has changed this year from 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' to 'Fit for the Future'. This change reflects a difference in the consultation this year making it relevant to COVID and the recent Lockdowns. It concentrates on what has been important to residents during COVID, what is important now and what residents feel will be important to them in the future. Mrs Bunston spoke about what BCBC has done in an effort to provide what Bridgend residents need during the pandemic. The Chair thanked Mrs Bunston and Mrs Boyce for attending the meeting and providing members with information about the consultation.

Mrs Bunston and Mrs Boyce left the meeting.

The Chair asked members for their views on a request from Cllr Watkins to record Community Council meetings. Members discussed this request. It was agreed this meeting would not be recorded, but members would consider the option before the January 2021 meeting, when this matter would be added to the Agenda and a decision made.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Alan John & Amy Jones

2. Update from Borough Councillors

The Chair welcomed Cllr Steve Smith to the meeting. Cllr Smith apologised for not attending recent meetings.

Cllr Smith updated members on recent enquiries he had had from local businesses requesting advice on applications for business grants. Cllr Smith also updated members on pothole repairs that have been undertaken. Cllr Kay John spoke about highway problems being experienced at Crown Road, Kenfig Hill, with the highway breaking up and flooding. The Clerk has been liaising with BCBC regarding the issues at Crown Road. The Clerk will pass on previous correspondence on this matter to Cllrs Smith and Kearne to allow them to raise the matter under BCBC's 'Members Referral' system. Cllr Andrea Jones spoke about the condition of the highway leading into the Industrial Estate, at Pyle Garden Centre. Cllr Smith said he has already raised this issue with BCBC.

The Chair thanked Cllr Smith for the update.

Cllr Kearne updated members on referrals he has passed to BCBC under the 'Members Referral' system, including flooding of footpath at Waun Cimla. The Clerk said she has also reported this issue to BCBC. The Clerk will forward Community Council correspondence regarding this matter to Cllr Kearne to update him on any progress made.

3. Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000. Any interests to be declared as items arise through the meeting.

4. Presentation from BCBC Budget Consultation Team

As detailed above.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20th October 2020

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 20 October be approved. Seconded by Cllr Mike Kearne. All members were in agreement.

6. Approval of minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 21 October, to discuss request for consideration of provision of subsidised meals from the Talbot Community Centre during the forthcoming two-week National Firebreak Lockdown

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 21 October be approved. Seconded by Cllr Mike Kearne. All members were in agreement.

7. Matters arising from minutes as item 5 above

7.1 Item 6 – Cllrs Gary Chappell and Andrea Jones reported that they had attended One Voice Wales Finance training. This training was reported on.

7.2 Item 9 – Rosemount Gardens; The Clerk reported that BCBC have agreed to extend the lease period from 25 to 35 years.

7.3 Item 10(b)(i) – Heathbridge Miner's Memorial; Cllr Chappell reported that he had received one quotation from the approaches he had made to three contractors. The quote received was from Ryan Giles Plastering Service for £680. Cllr Chappell also reported on site meeting he had had with Probation Services regarding painting of the wall at the memorial by Community Payback team. Members discussed this matter. Cllr Watkins expressed concern about Community Payback team undertaking this work and asked whether they had the necessary qualifications and governance in place. This matter was discussed and it was confirmed that all necessary governance will be in place. The Probation Services will liaise with the Clerk regarding this. Cllr Kay John proposed acceptance of the information provided by Cllr Chappell and that the work be undertaken as described. Cllr Kearne seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Watkins said he is in agreement with the work being taken forward, but he would have liked more time to consider the proposals before making any decision. Cllr Chappell said he can appreciate Cllr Watkins's comments, however this matter has now become urgent as members of the public are very concerned about the plaques not being in place. Cllr Kearne spoke about out of commission CCTV cameras that were sited some years ago on the wall of Sheppards Pharmacy, opposite Heathbridge Memorial site. Members discussed. It was agreed the work of replacing plaques at the memorial to ensure they are fully secure should be completed before any further consideration of CCTV in the area.

Item 7.4 10(b)(vi) – Feasibility Study of land around Mynydd Cynffig Primary School in relation to provision of new school; Cllr Kearne reported that he has been invited to meet with the ATC early in the new year and he will offer the Community Council's support to find new premises at that time. Cllr Kearne will report further on this matter when this meeting has been held.

8. Finance / Staffing, including ratification of recommendations from meeting of Finance Committee held on 12 November 2020

Cllr M Kearn proposed ratification of recommendations from meeting of Finance Committee held on 12 November, including request to BCBC for 2021-22 precept of 120K, which would mean no change from 2020-21 precept. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr A Radmore proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

9. Waun Cimla Play Area; Lease; Update

The Clerk reported that work will start at Waun Cimla on 25th January 2021 and last for two weeks. Clerk had not yet received confirmation of s106 monies from BCBC. The Clerk confirmed that 'License to occupy the site' had been requested from BCBC.

10. Highway Safety; Update

The Clerk gave details of estimate received from BCBC to take forward highway safety measures at Pysgah Street. Cllr Kearn said he has written to BCBC requesting funding towards this project. Cllr Smith was asked if he could also make requests to BCBC for funding toward this urgent project. The Clerk provided details of quote received from BCBC to undertake further highway surveys at Marshfield Avenue. Cllr Watkins proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

11. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

i. The Clerk had previously provided members with draft December Newsletter. Cllr Kearn asked that details of the voluntary litter picks being carried out by 'Bridgend Volunteer Community Clean-up' group be included in this Newsletter. The Clerk queried whether Cllr Kearn has confirmed that the group have registered with Keep Wales Tidy, to ensure appropriate insurances are in place for the volunteers, as advised by BCBC. Cllr Kearn was not able to confirm this. Members discussed the excellent work being done by this group every weekend to ensure our villages are kept clean and tidy and it was agreed that the Community Council would like to publicise the group's activities in their Newsletter. However, BCBC have instructed that it must be ensured the group is registered, before the Community Council can publicise the litter picks. Cllr Kearn to make further enquiries regarding this. Cllr Andrea Jones proposed approval of the draft Newsletter and acceptance of associated costs for printing and distribution. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk reported on Wales Audit Office webinar she had attended today regarding changes to Welsh Town & Community Councils audit processes.

b) Members Reports

i) Cllr Watkins reported on concerns he has been passed regarding the lack of lighting to the side of Sheppards Pharmacy on Pysgah Street. Members agreed with the concerns expressed about the lack of lighting in this area. The Clerk was asked to make request to BCBC for street lighting in this area.

ii) Cllr Radmore reported fly tipping and overgrowth on pavements and highways. Cllr Radmore will take photographs of the area and forward to the Clerk for action.

12. Plans for Christmas 2020

The Clerk reported that selection boxes have been purchased from the Talbot Community Centre for distribution to the two primary schools and presented invoice relating to this. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Kay John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Events Administrator: Mrs M Webber, reported on recent meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee and plans for virtual events. The Clerk to contact BCBC about coordinating the light switch on scheduled for 27th November, with Father Christmas visit to virtually switch on the tree lights at Pyle.

13. Remembrance Day; Update

Mrs Webber reported on cancellation of the planned Closed Service to mark Remembrance Day. The event was cancelled as a result of BCBC withdrawing permission for the road closure. Without a road closure it was felt that the laying of wreaths, during an organised service, could not safely be undertaken. The wreaths were therefore laid early on Remembrance Sunday morning to ensure members of the public that attended at 11am to pay their personal respects, could see the wreaths laid on behalf of local

organisations. The Chair expressed concern regarding BCBC's lack of consistency in the instructions given to Town & Community Council regarding planned services of Remembrance. The Clerk gave details of invoice received from Sunbelt Ltd for work already undertaken in relation to the road closure. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

14. Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2021

Cllr Radmore updated members on the first meeting to discuss plans for the 2021 Festival Week & Party on the Pitch, held on 16 November. Festival Week will begin on Sunday 20 June, with Party on the Pitch being held on Saturday 26 June 2021.

15. Plan relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement

Cllr Watkins will take forward Nature Garden at Heathbridge play area.

16. Planning Applications

Cllr Watkins reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/805/RLX The Crown Inn Access Road Off Pyle Road, Pyle CF33 6PL
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/589/FUL Rear of 13 Maes Llan, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DX
There were no comments/objections to this application

17. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

The Clerk reported that P J Landscapes had cut back trees at Waun Cimla and overgrowth at Marlas Road. Cllr Watkins proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

18. Correspondence

(a) Boverton Nurseries - Floral Troughs Quotation for 2021 - The Clerk gave details of quotation. Cllr Chappell proposed acceptance of quotation. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Members asked whether enquiries had been made regarding hanging baskets for 2021. The Clerk explained that the Nurseries had put their quotation out very early this year as they needed confirmation of orders as soon as possible to meet the rise in demand they have received for 2021. The Nursery would not be able to accommodate extra provision this year. It was agreed discussion relating to hanging baskets should be included on the June 2021 Agenda in readiness for provision of floral display 2022.

(b) Bridgend County Borough Council - Town & Community Council Fund 2021/22 - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to submit a bid for match funding to replace play equipment at the play park on Pandy Crescent.

Cllr Kay John left the meeting.

(c) Bridgend Carers Association - Donation - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. Cllr R Watkins proposed £250 be donated to this organisation. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(d) Cerebral Palsy Cymru - Donation Request - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. Cllr R Watkins proposed £250 be donated to this organisation. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(e) BCBC - Mynydd Cynffig Primary School - Traffic Survey

Members discussed the survey and expressed disappointment that the survey appeared to have been undertaken during half term, which would mean the volume and speed of traffic would not be correctly represented. The Clerk to make enquiries about the timing of the survey.

(f) KPC - Notes from Cuppa & Chat Meeting 12 November 2020/Outreach/Big Give Christmas Challenge 2020

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Chappell attended the 'Cuppa & Chat' meeting and he reported on this.

(g) One Voice Wales - Briefing 7: NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited, Hinkley Point C Power Station, Hinkley Point, near Bridgewater, Somerset

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members note.

(h) BCBC - Temporary Traffic Order - Pyle Footbridge

The Clerk gave details of this Notice. Members noted.

(i) Mr C Lewis - Faulty Street Light

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and confirmed that BCBC had been contacted regarding this matter.

(j) WCVA - Landfill Disposal Tax Communities Scheme Fund

Members discussed this funding opportunity. Members will consider projects applicable to this fund and inform the Clerk of any they feel would be suitable.

(k) One Voice Wales - Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Watkins will attend the Creating Nature-friendly Verges and Amenity Grasslands: Practicalities Issues and Solutions session of this Conference.

(l) One Voice Wales - Training Schedule

The Clerk gave details of schedule. Cllr Radmore will attend Advanced Finance training on 26th November.

(m) One Voice Wales - Remote meeting Survey Results

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(n) One Voice Wales - Town & Country Planning Strategic Development Plan Wales Regs 2021 and Regs to establish Corporate Joint Committee

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members asked that the Clerk confirm that PCC are interested in participation in a seminar in issues arising out of the consultation into this matter.

(o) Mr M Payn - Loss of Green Spaces

Members discussed this correspondence. It was agreed there has to be an acceptable combination of providing schools and yet continuing to ensure green spaces are protected.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Meeting closed 9pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*