



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 6pm

#### **Present**

**Councillors:** Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Kay John (by telephone), Alan John (by telephone), Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Mike Kearn & Rhys Watkins

**Clerk to the Council;** Dawn Evans

**Events Assistant:** Mary Webber

#### **Representations from members of the public**

There was one member of the public in attendance.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Cilla Workman

#### **2. Update on Youth Provision at Kenfig Hill & Pyle by Mrs A Mawby - KPC**

Mrs Mawby gave a presentation on the work undertaken by KPC with youths from Kenfig Hill, Pyle and Cornelly, including how this work has been adapted during COVID. Members discussed funding avenues available to KPC. Mrs Mawby thanked Cllr Chappell for his attendance at the regular Cuppa and Chat sessions held by KPC. Cllr Chapell spoke about the value of these sessions to the Community Council and the useful link they provide to organisations within the community. Cllr Kearn reiterated Cllr Chappell's comments on the Cuppa and Chat sessions and apologised for not being able to attend the last few due to other commitments. Cllr Radmore spoke about the critical service KPC provide to our community and congratulated Mrs Mawby on the adaptations made during COVID. Mrs Mawby thanked the Community Council for the opportunity to speak to the Council about the work KPC are doing.

*Mrs Mawby left the meeting.*

#### **3. Questions/Observations from members of the public**

There were no questions from the member of the public in attendance. The Chair welcomed the member of the public to the meeting.

#### **4. Update from Borough Councillors**

Cllr Andrea Jones passed on apologies from Cllr J Gebbie.

Cllr Kearn updated members on borough council business he has dealt with over the last month.

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

#### **6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr G Chappell. All members were in agreement.

#### **7. Matters arising from minutes as item 6 above**

**7.1 Item 6.5 – Rosemount Gardens;** The Clerk reported that Lease from BCBC is still awaited.

**7.2 Item 6.6 – Heathbridge Miner’s Memorial;** Extraordinary meeting to discuss work at the Memorial took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Members had been provided with minutes of this meeting. Cllr Amy Jones proposed acceptance of minutes and ratification of recommendations made. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

**7.3 Item 6.9 Safety concerns regarding junction at ASDA supermarket - ;** The Clerk reported that estimate of cost for feasibility study at the site has been received from BCBC. However, BCBC have said there are very few options available in this area, the only thing that may be considered is a review of the signal times, but the need for this could be assessed by BCBC. The estimated cost for a feasibility study would be in the region of £10-15,000. Members did not feel the benefits that could be gained from undertaking a study as described by BCBC, would make the expenditure value for money.

#### **7.4 Item 6.14 – Remembering those who lost their lives to COVID-19 Wales: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

The Clerk reported that the lighting up at Heathbridge memorial on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the accompanying memorial tags were very well received by the community and residents had passed on their thanks to the Community Council for organising the memorial. The Chair thanked the members who had taken forward this initiative.

**7.5 Item 6.15 – Sight Awareness Cymru – Awareness raising session;** The members who had attended this session reported on it.

#### **8. Finance / Staffing**

Members had previously been provided with financial information. Members discussed matters relating to finance. Cllr Gary Chappell proposed acceptance of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk requested permission to engage J Carne as the internal auditor for 2020-21 Year End Audit. Cllr Andrew Radmore approved this request. Cllr Gary Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

**Staffing:** The Chair and Vice Chair will take forward Staff Appraisals on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **9. Waun Cimla Play Area; Update**

The Clerk reported that the installation of the play area is complete and Safety Inspection Report has been received. Financial grant from Welsh Government via BCBC toward this play area has been received. The Clerk presented invoice from the contractor; Dragon Play & Sports. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk presented quote for Phase 2 of this project. Members discussed Phase 2 of this play area; railings, safety gates, picnic furniture and expansion of rubber floor covering. Cllr K John reported on an incident she had been witnessed a few days ago, when a cyclist drove at speed from the top footpath on to the bottom path straight into the barriers. If the barriers had not been in place the cyclist would have driven straight onto the play area. Members discussed the urgent need for safety railings around the play area. Members discussed whether the barriers currently in place should stay until the new fencing is installed. Cllr A John reported that youths are removing bolts and getting into the play area. The Clerk to contact the contractor and ask for additional bolts on the barriers to keep them in place. Members agreed the safety barriers should remain in place until the new fencing is installed. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of quote received for Phase 2 of this project. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk will ask that the contractors expedite Phase 2.

#### **10. Play Park at Pandy Crescent**

The Clerk reported that replacement equipment will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

## **11. Highway Safety; Commercial Street/Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill**

Members had previously received plans and quote relating to proposed highway safety measures at Heathbridge Surgery and Pisgah Chapel. BCBC have agreed to match fund Puffin crossings in these areas. Members discussed the proposals and quotation received from BCBC. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of quotation. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Watkins reported continuing problems with vehicles driving through red lights at the SPAR junction. The Clerk to report these continuing problems to BCBC.

Cllr Amy Jones proposed that a letter of thanks be written to the Crossing Patrol person at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School for the excellent job she does in this area. Members discussed the difficulties experienced by the Crossing patrol person, including abuse from vehicle users. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Members discussed ongoing problems with inappropriate parking at school opening and closing times.

Cllr Chappell wished to endorse Cllr Watkins comments on vehicles driving through red lights and Cllr Jones's comments on the excellent work the Crossing Patrol person does at the Infants School.

The Clerk reported on complaint received from a resident regarding their son, who was driving a moped, being forced into the side of the road by a speeding vehicle at the bottom of High Street hill. Ongoing problems with speeding on this hill were discussed.

Cllr Watkins reported ongoing problems with vehicles reversing onto the main road from Millie's on Pyle Cross and inappropriate parking on the pavement at the layby at Pyle Post Office.

Cllr K John reported that the van parked at the bottom of Garth Street causing an obstruction, discussed at the last meeting, is still parking there.

Cllr Radmore reported on the dangers of the road in the vicinity of Cwrt Angorfa. Members discussed Strategy to address highway issues.

## **12. Reports**

### **a) Clerk's Report**

i. The Clerk requested permission to take forward SLCC membership. The membership would be shared with Cornelly Community Council. The Clerk gave details of cost. Cllr Watkins proposed permission be granted for the Clerk to obtain membership. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

### **b) Members Reports**

(i) Cllr Chappell reported that there is a defective light at the footlights on Heathbridge Miner's Memorial and that the timer for these lights has still not been repaired. The Clerk to take forward arrangements for repair of the light and the timer.

(ii) Cllr Chappell reported rubbish dumped in the vicinity of the electricity sub-station on Pont George Road. Members discussed ongoing problems with rubbish being dumped in this area. The Clerk to report this to Neath Port Talbot Borough Council.

(iii) Cllr Chappell reported that he had received complaints from residents of Ty Talwyn Avenue regarding the work the Gas Board are undertaking at the highway in this area. It is not felt adequate safety measures have been taken to ensure the road can continue to be used safely while the work is being undertaken. Cllr Chappell has reported these problems directly to the Gas Board.

(iv) Cllr Chappell reported on problems with youths gathering at Pyle Inn Way since the removal of garages in this area. This matter relates to email from PCSO Jo Robey at 'Correspondence item 17(g)'.

(v) Cllr Watkins reported on his attendance at One Voice Wales Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee, including presentation by Planning Aid Wales. The Clerk to forward this information to members.

(vi) Cllr Radmore reported on broken up pavement at the entrance to Asda from Pyle Road, which has been caused by cars parking on the pavement. Vehicles parking in this area also force pedestrian to walk on the highway, which is extremely dangerous. Cllr Kearn will take this issue forward with BCBC.

(vii) Cllr Radmore reported on the condition of the footpath leading to Asda from Pyle Life Centre. This footpath is continually dirty and uncleared. Asda do clean it occasionally, but they do not clean it as a matter of course and it needs to be done on a more regular basis. The Clerk to take this issue forward.

## **13. Update from Wellbeing Committee (including plans relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement)**

Cllr Watkins reported that a meeting of the Wellbeing Committee was not held in March as advice is awaited from Keep Wales Tidy regarding planting at the Nature Garden. A meeting will be scheduled over the next two weeks.

#### 14. Update from Christmas 2021 Sub Committee

Members had previously received minutes of the Sub Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Events Assistant apologised for omitting to include Cllr Watkins position as Chair of the Sub Committee in the minutes. This will be amended. Cllr Andrea Jones proposed acceptance of the minutes, with the aforementioned amendment, and ratification of the recommendations included in them. Cllr Andrew Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

#### 15. Planning Applications

**Cllr Kearn declared an interest in all matters relating to planning.**

**Cllr Chappell declared an interest in application no. P/21/230/FUL**

Cllr Chappell reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/942/FUL 8 Maes yr Ysgol, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DQ  
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/167/FUL 5 Pentre Place, Kenfig Hill CF33 6NW  
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/153/FUL 54 High Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DU  
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/230/FUL 84 Pyle inn Way, Pyle CF33 6LH  
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/53/FUL 19 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DB  
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/106/FUL Royal Oak, 5 Station Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EP  
Members were disappointed that the work referred to in this application has already been carried out. The Clerk was asked to comment on behalf of Council expressing the disappointment felt.

#### 16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

There were no issues relating to Rights of Ways / Open Spaces. Matters relating to Highways had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### 17. Correspondence

**(a) Hope Rescue Centre - Thank you for donation** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

**(b) Kenfig Hill Rainbows and Brownies - Request for grant** The Clerk gave details of this request and gave details of past grants to this group. Members discussed. Cllr A Radmore proposed the £300 requested be granted, for the purpose described within the request. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk was asked to request receipts/invoices for the items purchased with this grant.

**(c) Macmillan Cymru - Request for donation** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and gave details of past donations to this organisation. Cllr K John proposed donation of £100 be granted. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

**(d) KPC - Notes from Cuppa & Chat Network held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

**(e) Network Rail - Temporary Closure of Pyle Footbridge** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

**(f) PCSO J Robey - Derelict Public House - The Crown, Pyle** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

**(g) PCSO J Robey - Lane off Simpsons Way, Pyle** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence relating to problems with youth annoyance, Cllrs Chappell and Kearn have been liaising with the police on this issue.

**(h) BCBC - Active Travel Barriers** - Members reiterated the concerns expressed at an earlier meeting regarding the removal of barriers at footpaths. There is a danger use by scramblers and other vehicles could increase. The Clerk confirmed that this comment has previously been passed to BCBC. Members asked that the comments be again forwarded to BCBC. Cllr Kearn reported that he had made this comment as a Borough Cllr.

**(i) Wales Air Ambulance - Thank you for donation.**

**(j) One Voice Wales - Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC Event** - Members to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend.

(l) **One Voice Wales - Larger Local Councils Committee** Members noted

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

*Dawn Evans*  
*Clerk to the Council*