



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 6pm

Present

Councillors: Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Mike Kearn, Rhys Watkins & Cilla Workman

Borough Cllr: J Gebbie

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Members of the public: None

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Allan John, Kay John,

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Jane Gebbie congratulated the community council on the success of the Remembrance Sunday event and thanked the Events Assistant for the work undertaken on this.

Cllr Gebbie provided an update on:

- Continuing discussions with BCBC members regarding provision of Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge and Pigsaw Street. It is hoped that confirmation of the date for commencement of this joint partnership between BCBC and the community council will be received soon.
- The new traffic lights at Pyle Road appear to be working well. Some concerns have been expressed regarding the space allowed for articulated lorries to turn when there is traffic in the right-hand filter lane, but to date there have not been any problems reported. There is a build up of traffic at the beginning and end of the day, but the light sequence is being monitored to ensure the efficiency of the system. Members asked why a safe pedestrian crossing had not been included in the work undertaken in this area. Cllr Gebbie reported that BCBC Highway Safety Officers had assessed the area and concluded that the highway would not accommodate a pedestrian crossing. Members discussed the appropriateness of this highway being included in the 'Safer Routes to School' initiative. Members do not agree that the area is a safe route to school.
- Staffing shortages in social care throughout the borough. Cllr Gebbie asked that the community council make efforts to encourage recruitment into the social care sector.

The Chair thanked Cllr Gebbie for her update.

Cllr M Kearn updated members as follows:

- Reiteration of Cllr Gebbie's report on provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings.
- Continuing to pursue appropriate safety measures with BCBC to address speeding issues at High Street.
- Continuing to pursue appropriate highway safety measures at Marshfield Avenue.

4. 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,

Cllr Kearn declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

Cllr Amy Jones declared an interest all matters relating to the Talbot Community Centre.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 19th October 2021

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 19th October be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr M Kearn. All members were in agreement.

6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above

6.1 Item 4 Update from Cllr Gebbie; Funding from BCBC to jointly provide 2 x Puffin Crossings on Pisgah Street and Bridge Street – The Clerk reported that BCBC have said the tender process to provide the crossings is still ongoing. As update from Cllrs Gebbie and Kearn at item 3 above confirms, discussions with Cllr H David on this project, are ongoing.

Meeting to be scheduled for members of community council to meet with Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Council, to discuss issues relating to shortage of litter bins and failure to regularly empty those already in place.

6.2 Item 7.1 Ongoing Problems with youth annoyance – Further information relating to request for funding toward youth facilities for youth provision at Cynffig Comprehensive School have not yet been received.

6.3 Item 7.2- Repair to All Inclusive Roundabout at Pandy Crescent Play Park; The Clerk reported quotes for repair are still awaited from HAGGS and Dragon Play. Clerk has now requested quote from Miracle Play. Dragon Play have still not provided quote for repair of vandalised swing at the park. Clerk to chase.

6.4 item 7.3 Highway Safety; The Clerk reported results of traffic survey at and around Asda junction have now been received from BCBC, as detailed in email forwarded to members. BCBC have said there is little that can be done to facilitate movement and alleviate conflict of right turns out of ASDA access road and Pyle Inn Way without reconfiguring the road layout, there is no space for geometry changes due to land constraints. The proposal of traffic signals was also not successful as BCBC have said they would be too close to the main traffic signals at Pyle Cross and would in fact cause further congestion problems rather than alleviate them.

6.5 Item 7.4 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn – The Clerk to meet with Whittington Landscape Architecture to progress plans for this project.

6.6 Item 7.5 – Crossing Patrol Person at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. The Clerk reported that BCBC have now confirmed a Crossing Patrol Person has been appointed.

6.7 Item 7.6 – Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street – The Clerk reported no further information on request for consideration of double yellow lines in this area.

6.8 Item 7.7 Ground maintenance at the rear of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool. The Clerk to meet with Whittington Landscape Architecture to progress effective ecological plan for this area.

6.9 Item 7.9 – Welsh Government Multi-location meetings. The Clerk reported that the quote for upgraded equipment, as discussed at the October meeting, had exceeded the £2,600 proposed and had therefore not been accepted. Further information has since been received from Welsh Government relating to future funding that may become available to assist with the purchase of equipment to facilitate multi-location meetings. Members discussed this information and it was agreed purchase of equipment should be deferred until further information is received from Welsh Government relating to funding.

6.10 Item 12(a)(ii) – Volunteer 'Thank You' event – Event was held on 22nd October. The evening was a great success and very positive feedback was received. Members thanked the Clerk for her work in organising this event and asked that thanks be passed to Kenfig Hill RFC for the work undertaken at the venue.

6.11 Item 12(b)(i) – Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch playing fields – The Clerk reported no further information on this matter.

6.12 Item 12(b)(ii) Lack of sign indicating Post Office housed inside 'Bargain Booze' - Cllr Chappell reported that there is now a sign in this area.

6.13 Item 12(b) (iii) - Replacement of plaques at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial - The Clerk confirmed this work is ongoing. Cllr Chappell will pursue arrangements to undertake maintenance work at the memorial.

7. Finance, including ratification of recommendations from meeting of Finance Committee held on 15th November 2021

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

The Finance Meeting scheduled for 15th November, was not held as the necessary information relating to 'council tax base', required to consider the 2022-23 Precept Request, was not received from BCBC. The meeting will be re-scheduled when this information is received.

8. Staffing, including salary review (in camera)

Employees left the meeting during this discussion. On the Clerk's return to the meeting the Chair reported that members wished to thank both the Clerk and the Events Assistant for the work they undertake on behalf of the community council and that members had resolved to accept Salary Review Proposal presented, with backdated payment as follows:

Clerk:	LC2 SCP 26 backdated from November 2020 to November 2021
	LC2 SCP 27 November 2021 ongoing
Event Assistant:	LC1 SCP 8 backdated from November 2020 to November 2021
	LC2 SCP 9 November 2021 ongoing

9. Highway Safety, including discussion relating to provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge Surgery and Pisgah Chapel

As discussed at items 6.1 above. Members further discussed BCBC's correspondence relating to rising contract costs and the disappointment the community council and residents would feel if this project were not to proceed. Cllr Kearn reiterated that he is continuing to pursue this matter with BCBC to ensure the project does go ahead.

Cllr Chappell reported that the crossing patrol person at Mynydd Cynffig has expressed concern about the speed of cars travelling up and down High Street. Cllr Amy Jones spoke about approaching Governing bodies at local schools to request that they write to BCBC reiterating the efforts being made to encourage walking to school but expressing concern that the absence of safe crossings and the volume of speeding traffic throughout the main highways of the villages of Kenfig Hill and Pyle, do not facilitate this safely. Members who sit on local school governing bodies will take this request to them.

Members discussed the dangers of parking on double yellow lines, particularly at the entrance onto the main road from Croft Goch Playing fields, where vision is obscured by parked cars on both sides of the junction. Also discussed was vehicles driving through red lights at the entrance to the Industrial Estate in Pyle and on Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill. Cllr Kearn will take these issues to BCBC as a matter of urgency. Cllr Kearn was also asked to request information signs be sited on the approach to the new traffic lights on Pyle Road, informing drivers of the new road layout ahead.

10. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

(i) The Clerk asked for a volunteer to undertake play park inspections at Pandy Crescent, Heathbridge and Waun Cimla, on a monthly basis. Cllr Watkins volunteered to undertake this role. Members asked that the Clerk explore the feasibility of employing a maintenance person to undertake park inspections and maintenance, including litter collection and cleaning, at parks in the community council's remit.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Kearn spoke about anti-social behaviour and the police response. Particular problem areas are the lane at Pisgah Chapel and the area around the Life Centre. There has also been antisocial behaviour, including damage to parked cars, at Park Street. Members discussed this issue and ways to address the problem, including liaising with KPC. KPC to be invited to the January meeting. The Clerk was asked to make request to Cornelly Community Council for consideration of joint working to address issues related to anti-social behaviour, as this problem is affecting both villages.

(ii) Cllr Kearn reported on failed streetlights and potholes throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle. These issues are being addressed.

- (iii) Cllr Kearn spoke about revisiting past attempts to expand parking times in the village. The Clerk was asked to liaise with BCBC to assess the roads throughout Pyle and Kenfig Hill with the intent to take a holistic approach to parking, including residential parking. BCBC are currently undertaking a resident only parking pilot in the borough. The results of the pilot will influence resident only parking throughout the borough. Members discussed the merits, or otherwise, of resident only parking.
- (iv) Cllr Chappell reported a missing Christmas light opposite Pisgah Chapel.
- (v) Cllr Chappell reported problems with litter at Croft Goch car park. Vehicles are driving into the car park at night throwing litter from their cars. Kenfig Hill Rugby Club have to clean this area every day.

11. Update from Wellbeing Committee (including plans relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement)

Cllr Watkins spoke about his intentions to recommence the work of the Environmental Committee in January, including liaisons with the local schools. Cllrs Amy Jones, Andrea Jones and Cilla Workman will also attend any meeting arranged with the schools. The purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs during the Autumn was part of the community council's biodiversity plans.

12. Update from Festival 2022 Committee

Cllr Radmore updated members on the last meeting of the Festival Committee and confirmed that the next meeting will be held in January. Members discussed steward requirements for Party on the Park Event. Arrangements should be made for Classic Car invitations to be sent to participants on the community council's Classic Car database.

13. Update from Christmas 2021 Sub Committee

Members discussed details for the 'Meet Santa' walk through event at the Talbot Community Centre, planned for Friday 26th November. It was agreed barriers should be hired for the rear of the Talbot Community Centre, to ensure the reindeers could be sited safely. The Clerk presented invoice for Christmas Selection Box for this event and the Christmas pantomime. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk to take forward advertising and tickets for Dick Whittington pantomime, at Kenfig Hill RFC at 2pm on 27th December.

14. Remembrance Sunday Overview

Members discussed the event, which was very successful. The only issue identified was problems with the speaker volume. Members discussed ways to improve the use of the speaker, which included purchase of lapel microphones and a stand for the speaker. Costing to be obtained for these items.

15. Planning Applications

Cllr Watkins reported on the following planning applications received, members discussed:

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/996/FUL - Retention of Garage Extension - 48 South View, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DG
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/72/TPO - 1 x semi mature ash tree - remove to ground level; 4 x semi mature oak trees - crown reduction no more than 25% ensuring pruning to suitable growth points, prioritizing removal of epicormics in which total crown reduction does not exceed 25%; 2 x semi mature oak trees - crown reduction away from building (2.5m clearance) ensuring pruning to suitable growth points - 6 Ton View, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6EX
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/879/LAE - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as first floor (front) apartment - 46a Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6BU
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/877/LAE - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as first floor (rear) apartment (use Class C3 - 46b Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6BU
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/876/LAE - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as an apartment - 46 Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6BU
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/873/FUL - Two storey infill rear extension; replace roof of existing single storey extension with flat roof - 32 Pwlygath Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6ES
There were no comments/objections to this application.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces

There were no issues relating to Rights of Ways or Open Spaces.

17. Correspondence

(a) Miracle Design & Play – Invoice re Annual Inspections at Pandy Play Park & Heathbridge Play Park – The Clerk gave details of this invoice. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(b) Whittington Landscape Architecture – Invoices relating to ground maintenance contract at Pandy Park and project management at Waun Cimla Park – The Clerk gave details of these invoices, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr M Kearn proposed payment of invoices. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(c) Pyle RFC – Request for funding toward Mental Health Support Groups – The Clerk gave details of this request, which had previously been forwarded to members. The Clerk was asked to make arrangements for members to learn more about the support being provided. Cllr Kearn and Watkins will visit the provision and report back at the January meeting.

(d) Wales Air Ambulance Request for Donation – The Clerk gave details of this request, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Kearn proposed £250 be donated to this organisation. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(e) Marie Curie Request for Donation – The Clerk gave details of this request, which had previously been forwarded to members.

Cllr Chappell proposed £100 be donated to this organisation. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(f) Vocaleyes – Community Engagement Platform – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. This matter will be considered at the January meeting.

(g) BCBC – Mayor’s Citizenship Awards 2022 – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members discussed proposals for nomination. Members wished to nominate Mr Gareth Edwards and Fr Jonathan Durley for the volunteer work they undertook during the 2020 Lockdown which, as part of Pyle & Cornelly Community Council’s response during the Lockdown, provided vulnerable residents with hot meals delivered to their door. Both men continued to deliver meals from the Talbot Community Centre in a voluntary capacity, until October 2021.

(h) Welsh Government – Diversity in Democracy – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(i) PCSO J Robey – Update from South Wales Police – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which has previously been forwarded to members.

(j) Meditec Solution – Defibrillators for the community – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members discussed and asked that this item be revisited at the January meeting.

(k) One Voice Wales – various – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

Meeting closed 9pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*