



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors; Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Kay John (by telephone), Alan John (by telephone) & Rhys Watkins

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Events Assistant; Mary Webber

Borough Cllr; Jane Gebbie

Representations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Mike Kearns & Cilla Workman

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Gebbie updated members as follows:

- The status of the local litter picking group. The group, with the assistance of BAVO, are in the process of becoming an incorporated charity, which will mean that they will be provided with equipment and necessary legislation compliance, including insurance.
- Reopening of road at the bottom of Crown Road. This matter is presently with the Planning department at Neath Port Talbot Borough Council. Members discussed the reopening of this road. There was concern that the open road would provide access to the site and this could present a danger to the public. It would therefore be imperative that Risk Assessment are carried out prior to the reopening. Cllr Gebbie said community consultation on the plans to reopen would also be desirable.
- Problems with parking at Millie's, Pyle Cross. BCBC's Enforcement Officer has taken action regarding the problems with parking at this site. There are also problems with Millie's vans reversing into traffic at the lights. The Enforcement Officer has informed the proprietor that vehicles must never reverse into traffic, they must drive forward facing into the traffic. Members informed Cllr Gebbie that the problems described are still going on. Cllr Gebbie asked for any details of recent issues.
- BCBC are considering Pyle CC's request for match funding to address highway safety issues along the main road at Kenfig Hill/Pyle.

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.

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

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

6. Matters arising from minutes as item 5 above

6.1 Item 3 – Collapsed Culvert at the top of Crown Road; The Clerk reported that BCBC have carried out a temporary repair, with a view to undertaking permanent repair as soon as possible. Members discussed the recent events at Skewen, when a sink hole had appeared and asked that Cllr Gebbie make enquiries to ensure the issues at Crown Road could not turn into anything along those lines. Cllr Gebbie reassured members that the problem had been investigated by BCBC and Welsh Water engineers and it is not the same problem as that at Skewen.

6.2 Item 3 – Failure of street lighting at Crown Road; BCBC have confirmed this issue is being addressed.

6.3 Item 6.1 Flooding at Waun Cimla; The Clerk reported on email received from BCBC's Rights of Way Manager, detailing the work to be done in this area. Cllr A John reported that work has started on this work.

6.4 Item 6.2 – Rosemount Gardens; The Clerk reported that BCBC have confirmed the 35-year lease will be finalised in March.

6.5 Item 6.3 – Heathbridge Miner's Memorial; Cllr Chappell reported that due to COVID restrictions, the Probation Services Community Payback Team are still not able to take forward the painting work required before the plaques can be reinstated. Members discussed the delay in completing this project. The Clerk was asked to contact the Probation Services and ask when they are likely to be able to take forward the work. The necessity to take the project forward in a timely manner should also be explained. Cllr Chappell proposed that quotes be obtained from contractors to take the work forward if the Probation Team are unable to return to the project in a timely manner. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

6.6 Item 6.6 Request to BCBC for consideration of lighting at the car park to the side of Sheppards Pharmacy on Pysgah Street; The Clerk gave details of further response received from BCBC regarding this request. BCBC are looking into providing lighting in the area, if possible.

6.7 Item 7.4 – Feasibility Study of land around Mynydd Cynffig Primary School in relation to provision of new school; The Clerk reported that there has been no further information relating to the Feasibility Study being undertaken.

6.8 Item 11(c) – Mrs L Supeljak, Safety concerns regarding junction at ASDA supermarket - ; The Clerk gave details of BCBC's response to Council's enquiry regarding this matter.

6.9 Item 16(b) – Mrs V Pole, Demolition of Ye Olde Wine Houste (The Tap) Pyle; The Clerk gave details of response received from Mrs Pole to email sent after the last Council meeting. Members shared Mrs Pole's dismay about losing this historic building, but it has to be acknowledged that the building is in a very bad condition and the expense to the owner to renovate it and bring it back to standard would be prohibitive. As it is not a listed building there would be no funding available to assist with this.

6.10 Item 16(g) – BCBC Education Department – Vacancy for LA Governor at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School; The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Amy Jones nomination to represent this Council has been submitted.

7. Finance / Staffing

Members discussed matters relating to finance. Cllr R Watkins proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk confirmed that Council debit card has been received.

The Clerk reported that the Events Assistant's Council laptop has broken down. Cllr Watkins proposed a new laptop be purchased for the Events Assistant, with a spend limit of up to £600. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Staffing: There were no staffing issues.

8. Waun Cimla Play Area; Update

The Clerk reported that she had not received any further update regarding the start date for work on the play park and the 'License to occupy the site' had still not been received from BCBC.

The Clerk reported that BCBC have agreed to provide further match funding toward this project.

9. Highway Safety; Update

The Clerk reported that to date there had been no response from BCBC regarding request for ideas relating to highway safety measures at High Street. Members discussed various safety measures that could be applied. In the absence of Cllr Kearn, the Clerk updated members on the disappointment expressed by Cllr Kearn to BCBC about the detrimental effect the re-siting of the recycling plant to Village Farm Industrial Estate will have on Marshfield Avenue. Members discussed this issue, and it was felt that the increased volume in traffic will cause major problems at Marshfield Avenue. Cllr Gebbie advised members that at a recent BCBC meeting she had expressed her disappointment at the lack of consultation regarding the re-siting of the recycling plant, she was assured that consultation had taken place. Members discussed the highway problems that are likely to occur around Marshfield Avenue. Cllr Chappell proposed a questionnaire relating to traffic issues be devised and distributed to residents at Marshfield Avenue, Cribwr Squar and Helig Fan. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Youth Provision at Pyle & Kenfig Hill

Cllr Radmore spoke about the need for this Council to work with the relevant agencies to ensure adequate youth provision is provided throughout Pyle and Kenfig Hill. The difficulties of providing youth provision during current COVID restrictions were discussed. Cllr Chappell reported that he had raised this issue at a recent meeting he had attended at KPC on behalf of this Council. Cllr Radmore proposed BCBC be contacted about community asset transfer of sites that could be used to accommodate youth provision, such as the tennis courts at Pyle Life Centre. The area could be used for activities such as basketball or football. The Clerk was asked to speak to KPC to find out what provision is being made available for youths during Lockdown, if any. KPC to be invited to March meeting to update members on youth provision within Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

11. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

i. The Clerk reported on successful application to BCBC for extra funding for new park at Waun Cimla and funding for new play equipment at Pandy Crescent. The Chair thanked the Clerk for the work she had done in successfully applying for further funding from BCBC. Cllr Radmore proposed that when the work is completed at both play parks 'opening' events be held with BCBC to acknowledge funding provided. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Watkins informed members that he had received complaints from several residents about vehicles parked outside the post office on Commercial Street, forcing pedestrian to walk on the road. Operation SNAP was discussed. This is an ongoing initiative where incidents of dangerous parking, such as that described can be photographed and the photographs passed to South Wales Police for prosecution. The Clerk to inform BCBC and SWP about the problems reported in this area.

Cllr Watkins asked that members read information received from One Voice Wales relating to the latest regional meeting.

(ii) Cllr Chappell reported on One Voice Wales training courses he has attended over the last month:

- The Council as an Employer
- Code of Conduct (Module 9)

Cllr Chappell reported that at these courses it had been reported that Welsh Government are considering introducing legislation stating that all councillors must undertake mandatory training.

Cllr Chappell reported on Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Governor's meeting he had attended.

Cllr Chappell reported on BCBC's Town & Community Council Forum he had attended on behalf of Council.

Cllr Chappell reported on progress of pothole repairs he had reported to the Clerk during the month.

(iii) Cllr Radmore reported that there has been no improvement in problems with dog mess and parking issues throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

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

Cllr Watkins updated members on progress of the Nature Garden at Heathbridge play area. Cllr Watkins has been liaising with Keep Wales Tidy (the organisers of this project) and a representative of that organisation will attend at the proposed site on 2nd March, to work with Cllr Watkins on installation of the garden.

Cllr Watkins reported that there had not been a meeting of the Wellbeing Committee during February, but one will be scheduled over the next two weeks. Cllr Watkins asked that members consider joining this committee as the committee would be more effective with more members.

13. Review of Christmas 2020

The Events Assistant provided an overview of the last meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee, held on 9th February. The Clerk was asked to forward the minutes of the Christmas Sub Committee to all members. Recommendations and Costings from the next meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee will be put before Council at their March meeting.

Cllr Chappell agreed to join the Christmas Sub Committee.

14. Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2021

Members discussed current COVID regulations and how they are likely to affect this event. Cllr Chappell proposed cancellation of the 2021 event. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

15. Planning Applications

Cllr Chappell reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/1035/FUL 22 Heol Tegfryn, Pyle CF33 6LL
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/281/FUL 96 Pyle Inn Way, Pyle CF33 6LH
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/951/FUL 41 Park Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DF
Cllr R Watkins declared an interest in this application; the property is in close proximity to his home.
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/13/FUL 1 South View, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DG
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/14/FUL 2 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DY
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

Cllr Alan John reported that P J Landscapes has inspected footpaths on behalf of Council and they are all up to a good standard. Cllr Chappell said he will be walking footpaths over the next month and he will report any that require maintenance to the Clerk.

17. Correspondence

(a) Ramblers – Membership 2021-22. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Watkins proposed 2021-22 membership be renewed. Cllr Alan John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(b) BCBC – Barrier Report The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members were concerned that if the barriers stopping motorbikes and other vehicles from using footpaths are removed as shown in this correspondence, the problems that used to be encountered prior to installation of the barriers, will recommence. The Clerk to pass these concerns to BCBC.

(c) BCBC – Traffic Order; Temporary Road Closure at Heol Mostyn, Pyle, change of date to 8th – 14th February 2021 The Clerk gave details of this notice. Members noted.

(d) BCBC – Local Government and Election (Wales) Bill The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(e) BCBC Education Department – Bridgend West Primary Schools Consultation The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(f) BCBC – Failure of Street Lighting at Pant Bach, Pyle The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and reported that the street lighting had now been repaired.

(g) Ms L Powell – Remembering those who lost their lives to COVID-19 Wales; 23rd March 2021 The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. It was agreed Heathbridge Miner's Memorial would be a good site to light up on 23rd March. The Clerk has made enquiries regarding the lights at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial and BCBC have said the timer is broken on the lights. The Clerk was asked to take forward repair of the timer. Cllr Chappell has passed further email on this matter to the Clerk, relating to things to accompany the light up on 23rd March. The Clerk was asked to contact the

sender of the further email and obtain advice on the best way to take this forward.

Members discussed siting a permanent memorial at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial to commemorate the events of the last year.

(h) Mr C Lewis – Failure of Street light on junction of Station Road and Victoria Road, Kenfig Hill The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and reported that the streetlight had now been repaired.

(i) Talbot Community Centre – Invoice re office rental

The Clerk gave details of invoice. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(j) Sight Awareness Cymru – Awareness raising session

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Clerk was asked to arrange a virtual awareness session, as described in the email.

(k) Bridgend Carers – ‘Thank you’ for donation

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted,

(l) Porthcawl COVID19 Strategy Group – Computers for children and Older Community; request for financial support

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. There was some concern at the timing of the request, as BCBC had within the last couple of days put out a press release stating that all schools in the borough had been provided with laptops, pc's and other computer equipment to meet the needs of every student who was not able to access this equipment. With regard providing IT equipment to older residents. It was felt that there could be issues relating to this provision as the elderly residents may also have network requirement. Cllr Radmore proposed that the Group should be told that the Community Council is evaluating our community needs and at this time it is felt that the funds requested may be required to meet the needs identified by the evaluation. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(m) Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs – Request for financial assistance

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(n) Hope Rescue – Request for financial assistance

The Clerk gave details of request. Member discussed. Cllr Watkins proposed a donation of £50 be made to this organisation. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(o) One Voice Wales – Eden Project Virtual Community Camp March 2021

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(p) One Voice Wales – Training

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(q) One Voice Wales – Digital Media Guide

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(r) One Voice Wales – Appointment of New Chair

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(s) One Voice Wales – HM Land Registry Survey

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(t) One Voice Wales – Your Town, Your Future Survey

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(u) One Voice Wales – My Constructive Conversations course

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

(v) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Review of Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils

The Clerk gave details of this request. Members noted.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*