



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

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

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. Consideration of Recording of Community Council meetings

At the November 2020 meeting it was agreed a decision on video recording of Community Council meetings should be made at this meeting. Members discussed the merits and disadvantages of video recording Community Council meetings. Members felt the current method of minuting meetings accurately reflects the meetings, therefore there is no requirement to video record them. Public attendance at remote meetings was discussed. Members agreed there should be a concerted effort to remind the public that they can attend remote meetings of the Community Council, by requesting a link to the meetings from the Clerk. Cllr Watkins proposed that advice should be sought from One Voice Wales and other external authorities on recommendations for video recording of meetings and this item should be revisited at the April 2021 meeting. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Andrea Jones

3. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Kearn provided update on problems with a collapsed culvert on the highway at Crown Road, Kenfig Hill, causing break outs of water and disintegration of the highway. BCBC have issued an order for the repair of the culvert by 'in house' contractors, as soon as resources permit. Resources are limited it is not therefore possible to provide a date for the work. BCBC Highway Inspectors are scheduled to reinspect the area to ensure there are no safety implications arising from the collapsed culvert. Cllr Kearn will monitor the time taken to undertake this repair. The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council had also been attempting to get the highway issues in this area resolved and Cllr Kearn was thanked for his help with this matter.

Cllr Kearn reported on correspondence he had received from a resident of High Street, Kenfig Hill, regarding speeding traffic at the B4281 on High Street and BCBC's response to request for traffic calming measures in the area. The Community Council had been copied into this correspondence. The response

from BCBC was not positive and they had advised that matters relating to speeding should be passed to the Police for action.

Cllr Kearn reported on requests he has made to BCBC to take forward repairs to street lighting at Crown Road, Kenfig Hill, and asked members whether the lights were now working. Cllr K John reported that the lights were still not working. The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council has also been attempting to get repairs to lighting in this area undertaken. Cllr A John wished it to be noted that the highway and lighting problems in this area have existed for a long time and repairs are needed as a matter of urgency. Cllr Kearn and the Clerk will make further requests to BCBC for this issue to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Jane Gebbie was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Gebbie updated members on the situation regarding schools in the borough. Members discussed the issues surrounding on-line learning and other matters related to school closures. Cllr Gebbie and the members of the Community Council wished it to be noted that the schools are undertaking huge amounts of work to ensure they can provide online learning and opening of schools as appropriate, and the efforts being made are excellent. Cllrs Watkins and Radmore declared an interest in matters relating to schools as they are both Governors at Cynffig Comprehensive School.

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 17th November 2020

Cllr K John asked that the following amendments be made to the minutes:

- Item (2) Update from Borough Cllrs. Minutes state 'Cllr Kay Jones', this should read Cllr Kay John.
- Item 7.3 Heathbridge Miner's Memorial. Again, minutes state 'Cllr Kay Jones', this should read Cllr Kay John.

Cllr G Chappell asked that the following amendment be made to the minutes:

- Item 7.1 Minutes state 'Cllrs Kearn and Andrea Jones attended Finance Training'. This should read Cllrs Chappell and Andrea Jones attended Finance Training.
- Item 7.3 Heathbridge Miner's Memorial. Minutes read 'information provided by Cllr Kearn', this should read 'information provided by Cllr Chappell'.

With the amendments stated above, Cllr K John proposed the minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2020, be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr R Watkins. All members were in agreement.

Approval of minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 5th January 2021, to discuss the implications of further Lockdown as a result of COVID-19

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 5th January be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr A Radmore. All members were in agreement.

6. Matters arising from minutes as item 5 above

6.1 Item 2 - Flooding at Waun Cimla; The Clerk provided details of email received from BCBC's Rights of Way Manager, confirming that options are being investigated to resolve the matter and funding is in place to take the work forward as soon as possible, depending on the work required and availability of contractors.

6.2 Item 7.2 - Rosemount Gardens; The Clerk reported that no further information has been received from BCBC relating to the lease.

6.3 Item 7.3 - Heathbridge Miner's Memorial; Cllr Chappell reported that the Probation Services Community Payback Team started work on site last Thursday, but they have had to stop work due to COVID-19 restrictions. The work will be undertaken as conditions permit.

6.4 Item 7.4 - Feasibility Study of land around Mynydd Cynffig Primary School in relation to provision of new school; Cllr Kearn updated members on progress report received from BCBC on this matter.

6.5 Item 11(a) - Newsletter; The Clerk confirmed that the December Newsletter had been printed and delivered by LDP. Payment of invoice was proposed by Cllr Kearn and seconded by Cllr Radmore. All members were in agreement. Members spoke about email received from Cefn Cribwr Community Council expressing concern that Pyle Community Council Newsletters were delivered in error to properties in Cefn Cribwr. LDP have been made aware of this and they have apologised and assured us every effort will be made to ensure it does not happen again.

Members discussed correspondence received from C Loveluck and S Murphy expressing disappointment that Volunteer Litter Groups had not been mentioned in the Community Council Newsletter. Members discussed this matter. Cllr Gebbie asked that the advice received from BCBC regarding registration of volunteer group be passed to her for clarification on the necessary governance required.

6.6 Item 11(b) - Members reports; Cllr Watkins requested an update on lack of lighting to the side of Sheppards Pharmacy on Pigsaw Street. The Clerk reported that BCBC have said as this is not part of the highway, they are not responsible for it. Members felt the road to the side of the pharmacy does form part of the highway and BCBC should be asked to look again at this issue. Cllr Kearn will also take this matter up as a Borough Cllr under 'Members Referral'.

7. Finance / Staffing

Cllr R Watkins proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr G Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Staffing; As there are currently no events planned due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was agreed the Events Assistant should liaise with members regarding social media. Training for this will be investigated. The Clerk reported that the Events Assistant has signed up with BCBC for word processing training.

Cllr Gebbie will forward information relating to Staff Risk Assessments and Wellbeing services to the Council.

8. Waun Cimla Play Area; Update

The Clerk reported that the start date for work on the play park has been delayed. The contractors will not now be on site until the middle of February. The Clerk reported that 'License to occupy the site' had not yet been received from BCBC.

9. Highway Safety; Update

The Clerk gave details of updated estimate received from BCBC to take forward highway safety measures at Pigsaw Street & Commercial Street. The updated estimate contains details of two Puffin crossings, one at Heathbridge and one at Pigsaw Chapel, and is more than double the estimate previously passed to Council by BCBC, as discussed at the January meeting. Cllr Kearn reported that BCBC have applied for Welsh Government funding toward this project, however the decision on the application is not expected before April. Members discussed the quote. It was felt that consideration should be given to undertaking the work in two parts. Cllr Kearn reported that he has again written to BCBC requesting funding towards this project. Cllr Kearn will chase a response to his request as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk reported that the correspondence regarding speeding traffic at the B4281 High Street, raised by Cllr Kearn at item (3) above, was copied to the Community Council. Members discussed the negative response received from BCBC to the request for traffic calming measures in this area. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC requesting advice on any traffic calming measures that could be taken forward on the hill at High Street, stressing that the concerns raised by Mr Pitt have been raised by many residents in recent years. It was agreed other avenues of petitioning for traffic calming in this area could also be explored.

Members discussed the disappointment of residents at the lack of consultation regarding the re-siting of the Recycling Centre from Tythegston to Village Farm Industrial Estate. Members have been contacted by many residents and business owners at Village Farm Industrial estate, expressing concern at the lack of transparency from BCBC around this project.

10. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

i. The Clerk reported that St Theodore's Church had forwarded Council information relating to the launch of their new website, as previously forwarded to members.

ii) The Clerk reported that blocked gully at the entrance to Waterhall Road had been reported to BCBC and asked whether members were aware if repairs had been undertaken. Members were not aware.

b) Members Reports

i) Cllr A Jones declared an interest in matters relating to the Talbot Community Centre, but requested permission to report on information relating to the Centre. Permission was granted. Cllr Jones reported that Fr Jonathan has received a donation of disposable face masks, which he has taken to the Centre. If anyone is aware of any organisation in need of disposable face masks, request can be made either to the Talbot Community Centre or Fr Jonathan and delivery will be arranged. Members thanked Cllr Jones for this information.

Cllr A John left the meeting.

Cllr Radmore spoke about increasing problems with fly tipping and dog mess throughout the village. Members discussed. Members were asked to inform the Clerk of any incidents they come across so that they can be reported to BCBC.

Cllr Watkins spoke about inappropriate parking at 'Millie's' on Pyle Cross. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to report this matter to BCBC Planning department and include photographs of the inappropriate parking. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore asked that the Clerk contact Cllr Gebbie and request an update on issues with parking at Millie's. Cllr Gebbie has previously reported that she is dealing with this matter at BCBC.

11. Review of Christmas 2020

Cllr Watkins proposed payment of J M Entertainment invoice relating to props provided for filming of festive social media messages. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Mrs Webber (Events Assistant) spoke about the quality of the props provided and congratulated those involved in the making of the festive films. Mrs Webber also thanked the Community Council for the diligence they showed in changing their planned festive events in order to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions. Members discussed Christmas 2021. Cllr Radmore proposed an increase in the Christmas budget for 2021. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Christmas Committee will hold their first planning meeting for 2021 in February. Cllr Radmore proposed a Christmas tree be provided at Heathbridge Memorial sites for 2021. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Chappell asked that enquiries be made into planting a live tree at the Life Centre to be used year on year. The Clerk to take this forward.

12. Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2021

Cllr Radmore proposed consideration of cancelling the 2021 Festival Week and Party on the Pitch. Members discussed. It was agreed this proposal should be revisited at the March meeting, when a clearer picture of future COVID-19 restrictions should be available,

13. Plan relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement

Cllr Watkins proposed that the Nature Garden at Heathbridge play area be taken forward at the end of March, when it is hoped COVID restrictions will be lifted. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

14. Planning Applications

Cllr Kern declared an interest in all matters related to Planning

Cllr Chappell reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/973/FUL 33A Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EY
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/904/FUL 24 Victoria Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6ER
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/280/TPO 5 Ton View, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EX
There were no comments/objections relating to this application. However, members discussed the importance of adherence to the planning condition of only 30% reduction.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/576/FUL 24 Heol yr Berllan, Kenfig Hill CF33 6LE
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/938/FUL 39 Ffordd yr Mynach, Pyle CF33 6HT
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/818/RLX St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DR
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/658/OUT Rear of 12 Monks Close, Pyle CF33 6LF
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation, A/20/25/ADV Part of 20a Ffald Road, Pyle CF33 6AD
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/1028/RLX Rear of Royal Oak, Station Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EP
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/1013/FUL 63 South View, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DG
There were no comments/objections to this application.

15. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

Cllr Watkins reported damaged drain in the vicinity of Bargain Booze on Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill. The Clerk to report to BCBC.

Cllr Watkins reported that he is walking the public footpaths to ensure they are maintained to the necessary standard.

Cllr Chappell reported large potholes and disintegration of the road surface at the T junction from Village Farm Industrial Estate onto the A48 at Pyle Road.

Cllr A John proposed that a bench be sited at Waun Cimla. Members discussed. It was agreed when COVID-19 restrictions allow, members will undertake a site visit to Waun Cimla to identify an area where a bench could be sited.

16. Correspondence

(a) Mrs V Price - Damage to Highway at Crown Road, Kenfig Hill. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs Price providing her with the information reported by Cllr Kearn at item (3) above.

(b) Mrs V Pole - Demolition of Ye Olde Wine House (The Tap), Pyle. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs Pole letting her know that the Community Council also feel saddened at the loss of this historic building, but unfortunately as it is not a 'listed' building there are no steps they can take to prevent the owner of the building taking forward any plans he has for his property.

(c) Mrs L Supeljak - Safety concerns regarding junction at ASDA supermarket. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. Members regularly receive concerns about the safety of this junction and the Community Council share these concerns. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC Highways department requesting consideration of safety measures at this junction. Measures such as a mini roundabout on the T-junction were felt to be appropriate and BCBC should be asked to consider this. The Clerk should also inform Mrs Supeljak of the action being taken.

(d) Park Street Allotments Association - Donation Request - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. Cllr Chappell proposed £50 donation for the purposes described. Cllr A John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(e) Resident of Bower Street - Obstruction to highway at Bower Street. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and confirmed that she had spoken to the Police about the matter. The police had advised when the obstruction is on the highway residents should ring 101 and report the matter.

(f) Wales Air Ambulance - Donation Request. The Clerk gave details of this request. Members discussed. Cllr R Watkins proposed £250 be donated to this organisation. Cllr M Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(g) BCBC Education Department - Vacancy for LA Governor at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr R Watkins proposed Cllr Amy Jones be nominated to represent this Council. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(h) BCBC - Temporary Traffic Order, Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate. Members discussed this correspondence. Cllr Kearn reported that he has requested a start date for the work from BCBC.

(i) Mr R Pitt - Request for Traffic Calming Measures at B4281, High Street, Kenfig Hill. As discussed at item (3) above.

(j) BCBC - Town & Community Council Forum, 15th February 2021. Cllr Chappell will represent the Community Council at this Forum.

(k) One Voice Wales - Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee, Monday 25th January. Cllr R Watkins will represent the Community Council at this meeting.

(l) One Voice Wales - Postponement of by-elections. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence.

(m) BCBC - Speed Survey Data, Marshfield Avenue. The Clerk reported that she had been unable to open the Excel document provided by BCBC detailing the survey data. Despite repeated requests and further Excel documents being forwarded, the Clerk still could not access the data. The data has been passed to Cllr Radmore and he will forward it to the Clerk in an accessible format. The Clerk will then forward to members.

Mrs Webber spoke about COVID scams and gave examples she is aware of. This Council is publicising posters raising awareness of these scams.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 16th February 2021.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*