



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 6pm

Present

Councillors: Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Allan John (by telephone), Kay John, Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Mike Kearn & Cilla Workman

Borough Cllr: J Gebbie

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Members of the public: Ms N Farr

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rhys Watkins

2. Presentation from BCBC on Budget Consultation

BCBCs Consultation Engagement & Equalities Manager presented an overview of the ongoing budget consultation 'Shaping Bridgend's Future'. The consultation started on 20th September and runs until 14th November. The results of the consultation will be put before BCBC's Cabinet on 14th December.

3. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

4. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Jane Gebbie provided an update on:

- Issues relating to the highway work being undertaken at the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate, including delays to the scheduled timeframe for resurfacing work, due to adverse weather conditions. Members discussed the failure by BCBC to keep residents informed of scheduled highway works prior to commencement. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC regarding this failure.
- BCBC Cabinet agreed this afternoon to commence consultation relating to provision of a new primary school at the present Mynydd Cynffig site. It is hoped that the local community will fully engage with this consultation.
- Community Council members are encouraged to take part in the consultation relating to boundary changes affecting MP representation of the area.
- Members discussed their disappointment with the email received from BCBC this week, stating that the agreed joint funding to provide two Puffin Crossings on Pysgah Street and Bridge Street may not go ahead. Members asked that Cllr Gebbie liaise with BCBC regarding this issue and ensure

BCBC are aware that these crossings are paramount to the safety of the highway on both streets. In fact, there have been a two RTA's and a pedestrian knocked over in the area within the last two months. Cllr Kearn is also taking this issue forward with BCBC.

- In her capacity as Chair of the Governors at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School, Cllr Gebbie has been asked to arrange a meeting with members of the community council and the school council to discuss the issues around regular emptying and shortage of litter bins. Cllrs Chappell, Kearn, Amy Jones, Andrea Jones and Kay Jones will attend this meeting. Cllr Gebbie will provide dates for consideration.

Cllr M Kearn updated members as follows:

- Meeting awaited with the BCBC's Cleaner Streets department regarding provision of extra litter bins in Pyle and Kenfig Hill.
- Increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the lane alongside Pisgah Chapel. Request has been made to BCBC for lighting in this lane. Cllr K John said she is aware BCBC have contacted residents in this area about the lighting.
- Residents of Pisgah Street have requested consideration of residential parking. BCBC has said there are residential parking pilot schemes being taken forward in the borough at the moment and the results of these schemes will determine whether further schemes will go ahead. There is no timescale for this at present.
- Issues related to unadopted roads. BCBC have said Welsh Government are considering review of unadopted roads, but this will not include unadopted lanes.

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.

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

6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2021

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 21st September be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Amy Jones. All members were in agreement.

7. Matters arising from minutes at item 6 above

7.1 Item 3 Update from Cllr Kearn; ongoing problems with youth annoyance - The Clerk gave details of email received from PCSO J Robey regarding proposals for reopening of youth provision at Cynffig Comprehensive School. PCSO Robey does not have detailed information on the proposal at the moment but has requested consideration of funding toward facilities at the club. Members agreed in principle to include funding for youth provision in the council's budget, but asked that more information be provided to allow proper consideration of the request. **Cllr Radmore Declared an Interest in this item as he is Chair of Governors at Cynffig Comprehensive School.**

7.2 Item 6.3 - Repair to All Inclusive Roundabout at Pandy Crescent Play Park; The Clerk reported quotes for repair are still awaited from HAGGS and Dragon Play. The Clerk reported on vandalism to swing at the park. The swing has been taken down by P J Landscapes and he is storing it until Dragon Play provide a quote for repair and date to reinstall. Members discussed the ongoing issues with vandalism at this park. Cllr Chappell requested permission to share a photograph of the damaged swing and ask that people be vigilant to instances of vandalism and report any issues to 101, as advised by the PCSOs. Members agreed to this request.

7.3 item 6.4 Highway Safety; The Clerk reported 24-hour, 5-7-day video survey of vehicle turning movements and two-way flow, including pedestrians, between Pyle Inn Way junction with B4281, Asda junction with the B4281 and the traffic signals at the junction of the A48 with B4281, agreed at the September meeting commenced on 4th October. Results of the survey and invoice from BCBC are awaited.

7.4 Item 6.6 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn - The Clerk has not yet met with Whittington Landscape Architecture to progress plans for this project.

7.5 Item 9 - Crossing Patrol Person at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. The Clerk reported that BCBC are in the process of recruiting a replacement crossing person.

7.6 Item 9 - Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street - Cllr Chappell reported that this issue is still ongoing, despite assurance by the PCSOs that they have spoken to the vehicle owners. The Clerk was

asked to make request to BCBC for consideration of double yellow lines in this area.

7.7 Item 10(a)(i) Ground maintenance at the rear of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool. The Clerk has not yet met with Whittington Landscape Architecture to progress effective ecological plan for this area.

7.8 Item 12 – Remembrance Day, Sunday 14th November - The Clerk presented details of PA system, as agreed at the September meeting. Cllr Chappell proposed purchase of the system detailed. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk requested permission to purchase Remembrance wreath. Cllr Chappell proposed wreath be purchased. Cllr Kern seconded. All members were in agreement.

Members discussed Asda's decision to refuse permission to sell poppies from Asda stores this year, due to COVID-19 concerns.

The Clerk confirmed purchase of 2 x 4'10" Tommy's had been progressed, as agreed at the September meeting.

7.9 Item 16(j) – Welsh Government Multi-location meetings. The Clerk presented report and quotes related to purchase of audio-visual equipment to facilitate hybrid meetings. Members considered quotes. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of quote from One Vision, with an upgrade to the next level of equipment, provided the amended quote does not exceed £2,600. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

8. Finance (including adoption of updated Finance Regulations)

Members had previously been provided with financial information. Members discussed matters relating to finance. Cllr Amy Jones proposed acceptance of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr M Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk asked that members prepare for discussion of 2022-23 Budget discussion at the November meeting.

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed adoption of revised Financial Regulations. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

9. Staffing

There were no issues related to staffing. The Clerk was asked to include Staff Salary Review on the November Agenda.

10. Adoption of updated Regulatory documents, including various policies

Members had previously been provided with draft revised regulatory documents and policies, as follows:

- Code of Conduct
- Standing Orders
- Community Engagement
- Data Retention & Erasure
- Equality & Diversity
- Grants Policy
- Press & Social Media Policy
- Training & Development Strategy

Cllr Radmore proposed adoption of documents, with revision date of May 2022 to allow future revision at Annual General Meetings. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

11. Highway Safety

As discussed at items 4 & 7.3 above.

12. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

(i) The Clerk reported dates for 2022 Festival Week: 19th to 25th June 2022. Minutes of Festival meeting held on 4th October had previously been passed to members. Cllr Kern proposed acceptance of all recommendations from that meeting. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(ii) The Clerk confirmed all arrangements for volunteer 'Thank You' event on 22nd October have been completed and presented invoice from Kenfig Hill Rugby Club relating to the event. Cllr Andrea Jones proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllrs Chappell and Radmore Declared an Interest in this matter relating to KHRFC.

(iii) The Clerk reported on notice received from Audit Wales regarding delay in completion of 2020-21 audit.

b) Members Reports

- (i) Cllr Chappell reported that the lamp post holding the light over the car park at Croft Goch playing fields had broken and BCBC have removed it. This has left the car park without any lighting.
- (ii) Cllr Chappell reported on the lack of a sign indicating the post office at Kenfig Hill is within the Bargain Booze shop. The Clerk was asked to request a sign from the Post Office Head Office.
- (iii) Cllr Amy Jones reported on queries regarding plaques that have not been put back at the Heathbridge Memorial. The Clerk reported the process of replacing plaques is still ongoing.
- (iv) Cllr Amy Jones reported that the fly tipping at the back of Pwllgath Street reported at the September meeting had still not been removed. It is causing problems for residents accessing their garages.

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

Cllr Watkins was not in attendance to provide update on this committee.

14. Update from Christmas 2021 Sub Committee

Members had previously been provided with minutes of Christmas Sub Committee meeting held on 12th October. Cllr Chappell proposed ratification of Recommendations from that meeting. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. Cllr Chappell proposed M Webber be reimbursed for payment relating to purchase of items associated with the Christmas Treasure Hunt. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Events Assistant updated members on progress of arrangements for Christmas 2021.

Cllr Amy Jones requested permission to sell raffle tickets on behalf of the Talbot Community Centre during the event. Cllr Radmore proposed permission be granted. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk confirmed Chaplin's have been booked to present the pantomime Dick Whittington, at Kenfig Hill RFC at 2pm on 27th December. Tickets for the pantomime will be arranged.

15. Planning Applications

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

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/834/FUL - Inclusion of land within curtilage for garden use -1 Cribwr Square, Kenfig Hill CF33 6NB
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/847/FUL - Hip to gable with rear dormer extension and roof lights to front plane - 84 Pyle Inn Way, Pyle CF33 6LH
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/857/FUL - Single storey side extension, ramp/platform to front and side, steps/platform to rear - 95 Marlas Road, Pyle CF33 6AT
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. Consideration of Update to Pyle CC Website, including ongoing support provision

The Clerk presented quote from South Wales Web Solutions (SWWS) for consideration. Cllr Chappell proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr Kern seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

RESOLVED: QUOTE FROM SWWS BE ACCEPTED

18. Correspondence

(a) Fields in In Trust - Green Spaces for Good - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

(b) Neath Port Talbot Council - Replacement LDP (2021-2036) - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

(c) National Resources Wales - Consultation; Biodiversity along the Wales Coast Path - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(d) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Draft Annual Report 2022/23 - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

(e) Sands of LIFE - Project Survey - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(f) Welsh Government - Phase 2 Diversity in Democracy Survey - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members.

(g) Ray of Light Wales - Donation Request - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members asked that this application be considered at the November meeting.

(h) BCBC EDSU- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Consultation - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(i) BCBC - Temporary Traffic Order (A48/Heol Mostyn Junction) The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

(j) BCBC Events - New Toolkit - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

(k) BCBC - Potential Candidate” Sessions - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(l) BCBC - Pil Primary School; “Refit” programme - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members noted.

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

19. Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council