



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 6pm

Present

Councillors: Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Allan John, Amy Jones, Mike Kearn & Rhys Watkins

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Representations from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr J Gebbie had forwarded apologies and provided written update.

Cllr S Smith had forwarded apologies and provided written update.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Andrea Jones, Kay John & Cilla Workman

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Update from South Wales Police

PCSO Gareth Evans provided an update on local issues, including youth annoyance at Asda.

- Cllr Kearn passed on concerns relating to scramblers speeding throughout the village, particularly at Crown Road, to gain access to Parc Slip. This matter was discussed. PCSO Evans will take this issue forward.
- Issues at Simpsons Way, including those raised by V2C. PCSO Evans will liaise with PCSO J Robey to take these issue forward.
- As reported in minutes of 15th June, item 17(a) the PCSOs had agreed to contact Ms C Mills re speeding vehicles at Pwlygath Street. Ms Mills has made further contact with the council and advised no contact had been made. PCSO Evans will liaise with PCSO Robey regarding this issue and make contact with Ms Mills.
- The community council have received correspondence from Mr A Jenkinson regarding issues at Groft Goch Playing Fields and KHRFC Car Park. These issues were passed to PCSO Evans. PCSO Evans will take the matter forward and contact BCBC. Cllr Kearn has raised a 'members referral' with BCBC regarding these issues. PCSO Evans spoke about the importance of residents reporting all issues to the police at the time of the offence. There is a choice of reporting methods; via telephone 101, online on the South Wales Police website or via Twitter. Reports are required at the time of the offence to allow a log of the issue to be kept, this will then ensure resources are allocated to problem areas.

- Continued problems with speeding traffic throughout the village, including High Street, and continuing issues on Marshfield Avenue. PCSO Evans said there are regular speeding fines given to offenders and he will contact the 'Go Safe' initiative to ensure the mobile speed camera continues to visit the area on a regular basis.
- Vehicle blocking highway at Garth Street. This continues to be an issue, despite it being reported to the police on a number of occasions. PCSO Evans will take this matter forward.

4. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr M Kearn updated members as follows:

- Many residents have contacted Cllr Kearn regarding the date and time of the Open Surgery being held by Cllr J Gebbie. The Open Surgery is being held at the grounds of KHRFC on 22nd July.
- There have been numerous reports of illegal scramblers speeding down Crown Road to gain access to Parc Slip (as discussed at item 3 above).
- Complaints continue to be received about issues at the traffic lights on Pyle Cross.
- Groundwork being undertaken at the entrance to the Life Centre, relates to installation of a raised bollards system.
- Recent BCBC meetings regarding proposals for 'Park and Ride'.
- Improvements to the service provided by V2C in relation to complaints.
- The Boundary Report
- Update on Feasibility Study at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School

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 15th June 2021

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 15th June be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr R Watkins. All members were in agreement.

7. Matters arising from minutes at item 6 above

7.1 Item 3 - The Clerk reported that the community council had received numerous queries regarding Cllr Gebbie's Open Surgery to discuss traffic issues resulting from re-siting of the recycling centre from Tythegston to Village Farm Industrial Estate. It was agreed the Clerk should formulate a notice advising residents that the Surgery is not being taken forward by the community council, it is being taken forward by Cllr Gebbie and other BCBC members.

7.2 Item 6.2 - Rosemount Gardens; The Clerk reported that the lease has now been returned from BCBC to allow registration with the Land Registry. Cllr Kearn proposed registration of the land be taken forward. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

7.3 Item 6.4 Newsletter; The Clerk presented invoice received from LDP Services related to printing and distribution of Newsletter. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

7.4 item 12(a) Talbot Community Centre; The Clerk confirmed there is no formal contract between Pyle Community Council and the Talbot Community Centre relating to rental of the office at the Centre. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Talbot Community Centre to prepare a formal contract agreeable to both parties. The Clerk to also establish when the annual rental was last reviewed.

7.5 Item 13 Request from Cynffig Comprehensive School for grant toward environmentally friendly reusable water bottles; *Cllrs Radmore & Watkins declared an interest in this matter, as they are Governors at the School.* The Clerk advised on the amounts granted by Cornelly and Cefn Cribwr Community Councils toward this initiative. Cllr Chappell proposed £400 be granted. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

8. Finance / Staffing

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 Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Staffing: There were no staffing issues.

9. Heathbridge Miner's Memorial

Members agreed the area is being maintained to a high standard.

10. Waun Cimla Play Area: Update

The Clerk reported that Phase 2 work (installation of fencing, safety gates, extension to safety surface, picnic table and benches, single bench) has been completed as per quotation. Formal agreement to pay invoice received from Dragon Play was requested. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

P J Landscapes has provided quote to provide regular litter picks and cleaning at the park. Formal permission to accept quote requested. Cllr A Radmore proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk confirmed 'No Dogs' sign has been ordered

The Clerk reported the official opening of the park took place on 27th June and BCBC had publicised the opening. There have been very positive comments from residents regarding the park.

11. Play Park at Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported that installation of new play equipment commenced w/c 21st June and is now complete. Post Inspection report was received 8th July. The Clerk reported on issues relating to repair of the all-inclusive roundabout at the park. The Clerk to explore the most effective way of taking forward repair of this equipment.

Whittington's Landscape continue to take forward tendering process for ground maintenance contract.

12. Highway Safety

BCBC have published notice of intended work to provide Puffin Crossings at Pysgah Street, on 23rd June, the end date for comment/objection was 14th July.

BCBC have responded to request to reconsider their original response to request consideration of safety measures at the junction at Asda. The position remains the same; A feasibility study would be required to establish if/what measures could be implemented and it would be carried out by external design engineers at a cost of approximately £10-15,000 plus in-house fees, which the community council would need to fund. They also advised that currently the collision history for this location would not allow BCBC to put forward a successful bid to Welsh Government for road safety grant.

BCBC have responded to request for consideration of highway safety measures at High Street, as per email of 16 June, previously forwarded to members. Cllr Kern will raise a 'members referral' with BCBC requesting this issue be revisited by them.

BCBC have responded to concerns relating to traffic issues at Marshfield Avenue, as per email of 16 June, previously passed to members. Cllr Radmore reported that a traffic accident had occurred in this area over last weekend. This matter is being taken forward by the police, as discussed at item 3 above.

Cllr Watkins left the meeting at this point.

13. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

Nothing, other than that reported throughout the meeting.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Amy Jones reported excessive overgrowth in the lane leading from the car par at the Talbot Community Centre to Mynydd Cynffig Infants School. Cllr Kern proposed P J Landscapes be instructed to carry out maintenance at this lane. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal.

(ii) Cllr Amy Jones reported continual dumping at the car park to the rear of the Talbot Community Centre. This car park is the property of the Chinese Takeaway in this area. The Clerk to raise this issue with BCBC.

(iii) Cllr Kearne spoke about a recent refusal by BCBC Planning Department to allow a food outlet on Commercial Street. Residents have been asking what the reasons are for the refusal. Cllr Kearne is making enquiries into this matter.

(iv) Cllr Amy Jones reported issues with parking on the junction at the Monument. The illegal parking in this area is persistent and it causes continual problems. Cllr Kern will raise a member's referral with BCBC regarding this issue.

Cllr Chappell spoke about an area at the bottom of Tylwyn Avenue/Meadow Street, where there used to be a children's play park. Residents have made requests to have the play park in this area reinstated as there are no play parks on that side of the village. Cllr Kearn proposed that plans to provide a play park in this area be added to the Budget discussions for 2022-23. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

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

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

15. Update from Christmas 2021 Sub Committee

Members discussed concerns relating to the uncertainty connected with COVID developments relating to organised activities. It must be ensured that before deposits are paid for the event, there is certainty that the event can take place. The Clerk reported that no deposits have yet been paid, apart from the one required to secure the reindeers. The Events Assistant will liaise with the reindeer providers regarding any change to the dates or times of the event. Members discussed the feasibility of holding the Christmas events at the Talbot Community Centre on the evening of Friday 26th November. Members discussed the merits of holding one Festive Event, as opposed to the two-day event previously agreed. Cllr Chappell proposed the 2021 Christmas event be held at the Talbot Community Centre on Friday 26th November. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Gary Chappell asked that plans for the festive period at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial include a project similar to the memorial tags' initiative taken forward for the COVID Remembrance Day.

16. Planning Applications

Cllr Chappell reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/46/TPO - Fell oak and sycamore trees as they are leaning heavily - 5 Longlands Close, Pyle CF33 6LR
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/47/TPO - Dismantle and remove sycamore; remove lower limbs to crown lift oak tree - 4 Longland Close, Pyle CF33 6LR
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/540/FUL - Retention of decking as amended P/04/1639/FUL - 6 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DL
There were no comments, other than this being another retrospective application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/356/FUL - First floor rear extension with Juliette balcony - 17 Llwyn Helig, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DL
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/490/FUL - Cross-over to new hardstanding with ramped access to front entrance - 18 Bower Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6NE
There were no comments/objections to this application

17. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

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

18. Correspondence

(a) Mr A Jenkinson - Issues at Groft Goch Playing Fields and KHRFC Car Park - As discussed at item 3 above.

(b) Mr K Brocklebank - Response to thank you letter for undertaking role of crossing patrol person at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(c) KPC - Invitation to Annual General Meeting Wednesday 11th August 6pm - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(d) RNIC - Befriending Volunteers - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(e) Ms N Kinsey - Thank you for providing play park at Waun Cimla - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(f) BCBC Traffic order Notice Marlas Road, Pyle - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

(g) South Wales Fire Brigade - Strategic Plan 2020-2030 - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence,

which had previously been forwarded to members.

(h) Welsh Government – Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(i) Mrs C Roach – Relocation of Recycling Centre - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(j) Planning Aid Wales – Bridgend LDP Engagement Event 1 July 2021 - Queries – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members discussed.

(k) The Law Commission – Consultation on Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales – Public Event – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(l) NHS Wales – Bridgend Public Services Board Annual Report 2020-21 – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(m) BCBC – Bridgend Public Services Board Annual Report 2020-21 - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(n) One Voice Wales – Various, including details of ‘Operation London Bridge’ - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. With regard ‘Operation London Bridge’, relating to the passing of H M Queen Elizabeth the Second. Cllr Radmore proposed purchase of two photographs, two Condolences Books and purple filter for the lights at Heathbridge Memorial. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 21st September 2021.

Meeting closed 8pm

Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council