



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors: Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Allan John, Kay John, Rhys Watkins & Cilla Workman

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.

The Chair expressed condolences to Cllr Watkins on the loss of his sister.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Andrea Jones, Amy Jones & Mike Kearn,

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

The Clerk gave details of Cllr Gebbie's report regarding:

- Traffic issues, specifically relating to the new recycling centre at Village Farm Industrial Estate and Marshfield Avenue
- The void at Parc Slip
- Proposed Wind Farm between Maesteg and Port Talbot. The Clerk provided members with details of consultation relating to this proposal, being held on 24th June at Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club, from 1pm to 7pm.

Members discussed the issues surrounding the re-siting of the recycling centre from Tythegston to Village Farm Industrial Estate, including the effect on traffic in the area. Cllr Chappell reported on concerns residents had passed to him regarding the lack of public consultation on the decision to re-site the recycling centre. Members discussed this matter, including Cllr K John's report on a site meeting she and Cllr A John had attended some years ago, when she did not feel the concerns of the community council had been appropriately acknowledged. Cllr Radmore proposed this council facilitate a remote public meeting to allow the borough members; Cllrs Gebbie, Kearn and Smith, to provide information on this matter to interested members of the public. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. The Clerk will arrange remote meeting for Tuesday 22nd June.

The Clerk provided details of Cllr Kearn's update:

- Request has been made for update on future development of Parc Slip
- Request to BCBC regarding installation of mains gas at New Road, Kenfig Hill. BCBC had said this is not a Highways issue, residents would need to liaise with the Gas Board regarding this matter. Cllr A John was disappointed at this response. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Sarah Murphy and request that she liaise with the residents at New Road, in an issue to further the provision of mains gas to this area.

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 18th May 2021

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 18th May be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr C Workman. All members were in agreement.

6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above

6.1 Item 3.6 Work being undertaken at the entrance to the car park at Pyle Life Centre – Cllr Kearn had agreed to provide an update on this matter. Cllr Kearn was not in attendance to provide update.

6.2 Item 6.1 – Rosemount Gardens; Members discussed how good this area is looking. The Clerk reported that Lease has been signed and passed to BCBC, as agreed at the May meeting.

6.3 Item 6.3 Highway Safety; Members reported that the van parked at the bottom of Garth Street continues to cause an obstruction, despite PCSO Robey's confirmation that the problem had been dealt with. Members reported that on the occasions when the van is not parked in this area, there is a car parked there which continues to cause an obstruction. The Clerk to speak to PCSO Robey again about this matter.

6.4 item 15 Newsletter; The Clerk reported that the Newsletter was printed and circulated in June and the response was very positive.

6.5 Item 18(j) Event/Lamppost Poppies; Cllr Chappell reported that Mr Reynolds has said the 2021 Remembrance event will be his last as the local co-ordinator for the Royal British Legion. Cllr Chappell will make further enquiries regarding lamppost poppies.

7. Finance (including consideration of Annual Return Year Ended 31.03.21

Consideration of Annual Return Year End 31.03.21 previously passed to members

The Clerk confirmed the internal annual audit for year ended 31.03.21, had been concluded by J Carne, the internal auditor. The Annual Return was presented to Council. Cllr Chappell proposed agreement of the Annual Return for the year ended 31.03.21. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Chair requested his electronic signature be used to verify the Statement of Accounts.

The Clerk presented invoice from J Carne relating to Internal Audit. Cllr K John proposed payment of invoice. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Members had previously been provided with financial information. Members discussed matters relating to finance. Cllr K John proposed acceptance of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Staffing: The Clerk was asked to include 'Annual Staff Salary Review' on the October Agenda.

8. Heathbridge Miner's Memorial

Members agreed the Miner's Memorial is looking very good, especially with the floral displays in full bloom.

The Clerk reported that Greens Electrical Services have carried out repairs to the uplighters, as detailed in the quote accepted at the May meeting. Invoice has now been received. Cllr A Radmore proposed payment of Greens Electrical Services. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk reported that P J Landscapes has carried out repairs to block paving surface at Heathbridge, as agreed at the May meeting. Cllr Gary Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Rhys Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Chappell reported that he has spoken to Mr D Brace, as agreed at the May meeting, and Mr Brace has confirmed he will be taking forward restoration of the dram.

Cllr Chappell reported that there are still a small number of plaques missing. The Clerk reported there is one plaque at Lasers Are Us, this will be collected.

9. Waun Cimla Play Area: Update

The Clerk reported that P J Landscapes has visited the site on a daily basis checking and re-erecting the safety barriers, as necessary. The vandalism of the barriers has continued. Dragon Play attended on 19th May and 1st June to re-erect the barriers; on both occasions the barriers were vandalised by the following day. Installation of fencing and safety gates commenced on 14th June. A plaque providing details of the joint working by Pyle Community Council, Bridgend County Borough Council and the Welsh Government has been ordered from Lasers Are Us. Cllr K John proposed 'No Dogs Allowed in the Park' signs be purchased. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore proposed 'Users of the park do so at their own risk' signs be purchased for this park and the parks at Heathbridge and Pandy Crescent. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Play Park at Pandy Crescent

The Clerk reported that the contractors had been due to start installation of the new play equipment w/c 14th June, but they have been held up on another job and they will now commence work on 16th June.

As agreed at the May meeting, Whittington Landscapes have been instructed to take forward the tender process relating to ground maintenance at the park.

Gerald Davies have agreed to continue with the maintenance for June and July at the rate previously paid during the contract period.

11. Highway Safety

The Clerk reported no further update on installation of Puffing Crossings at Pysgah Street.

The Clerk confirmed that BCBC have been written to again regarding safety of the junction at Asda and ongoing issues at Marshfield Avenue.

12. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

i. The Clerk reported that in previous years Pyle Community Council have reimbursed the Talbot Community Centre for payment of invoice from KONE, the company that maintains the lift at the Centre. This agreement was reached as access to the upstairs suite is only required by Pyle Community Council and visitors to the Council offices. The Talbot Community Centre have now passed the invoice to the community council for reimbursement. Members discussed this arrangement. Cllr Chappell proposed reimbursement of the invoice be paid. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members agreed. Cllr Radmore asked that copy of the contract between the Talbot Community Centre and the community council be looked at to establish what costs the community council are liable for.

(ii) The Clerk presented invoice from Boverton Nurseries for floral displays. Cllr Workman proposed payment of invoice. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Radmore reported on problems with dumped nappies throughout the village. Members discussed reports from residents about difficulties obtaining supplies of purple bags from Kier, for the disposal of nappies and waste of this type. Kier are saying the bags are out of stock. It was felt this could be a big reason for the rise in dumped nappies. The borough members have been informed of this problem and they have said they will take the issue forward with Kier.

(ii) Cllr Radmore reported on the rise of off-road bikes in the community. The Clerk gave details of an incident Cllr John had reported involving a neighbour of Cllr John who uses a mobility scooter. Youths on off road bikes had intimidated the gentleman and almost knocked him off his scooter. The issues with these bikes have been reported to local PCSOs. The PCSOs have advised that all incidents be reported to 101. Members discussed the difficulties of getting through to the police on 101. The Clerk was asked to invite the police to the July meeting.

(iii) Cllr Chappell reported on 'Role of the Chair' training he had recently attended and spoke about good practice for meetings.

(iv) Cllr Watkins reported issues with drivers continuing to drive through red lights at the junction on Bridge Street and at the traffic lights in Pyle. This issue to be raised with the police at the July meeting.

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

Cllr Watkins reported that there had been no sub-committee meeting held in June.

The Clerk provided details of request from Cynffig Comprehensive School for grant toward environmentally friendly reusable water bottles. The intention is to provide all pupils with the bottles at the start of the new September term.

Cllrs Radmore, Watkins and Workman declared an interest in this request as they are Governors at the School.

Members discussed this request. Cllr K John proposed that the request for a grant be agreed, but a decision on the amount be taken at the July meeting, when the amounts granted by Cornelly and Cefn Cribwr Community Council's toward this initiative is known. Cllr C Workman seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

14. Update from Christmas 2021 Sub Committee

Cllr Watkins reported that a Sub Committee meeting had not been held during June. The Clerk provided details of quote received from J M Entertainment to provide the items agreed at the last Sub Committee meeting, a deposit of 25% is payable. Cllr C Workman proposed payment of deposit. Cllr R Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. The Clerk confirmed that request has been made to BCBC to provide a Christmas Tree at Heathbridge Miner's Square. Cllr K John wished it to be noted that she is not in agreement with a Tree being sited at the Square as she feels it will damage the green area.

15. Planning Applications

Cllr Watkins reported on the following planning applications received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/369/FUL - 4no. Light Industrial Starter Units - 29 Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle CF33 6BL
Members discussed this application. There was concern relating to the increased traffic and public safety around the area. Request to be made to the local Borough Cllrs for a copy of the Strategic Plan for the Industrial Estate to allow members to understand plans for the future of the Industrial Estate.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/432/FUL - Front Porch under Existing Canopy; side double storey extension; rear dormer over existing kitchen; alterations to rear steps, kitchen window and door - 22 Heol Tegfryn, Pyle CF33 6NE
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/347/FUL - Change of use from shop to takeaway café - 6 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DL
Members discussed this application. 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 - 41 Collwyn Road, Pyle CF33 6AL
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/342/FUL - 2 no. fold away awnings measuring 5.8m x 3.5 m and 5.3m x 3.5m located on balcony to front of the club house - Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club, Pysgah Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6BU
Cllr Chappell declared an interest in this application.
Members discussed this application. Members asked that the Club be applauded for submitting the application prior to the work being undertaken, as there has been a big rise in retrospective applications over the last couple of years. There were no comments/objections to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/345/FUL - Conversion of existing outbuildings to provide additional living accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling together with refurbishment of existing kitchen and utility area - 26 Crown Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EN
Members discussed this application. There was concern that as this property is situated on a blind bend, any extension to the living space would need to ensure the safety of access and egress to the property is considered.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

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

Cllr Workman reported obstruction of the pavement by a discarded hot tub to the side of the Walnut Public House, Pysgah Street, Kenfig Hill. The Clerk to report this matter to BCBC.

Cllr Chappell reported that Mr D Brace had arranged the cutting back of the Collwyn, as in previous years. Members wished it to be noted that the community council is very grateful to Mr Brace for his continued assistance with maintenance at the Collwyn.

17. Correspondence

- (a) **Ms C Mills – Speeding vehicles at Pwlygath Street** - The Clerk provided details of this correspondence, which had been previously forwarded to members. The Clerk reported that the issue had been passed to the local PCSOs, who had agreed to contact Ms Mills regarding this issue. Members discussed whether traffic calming measures could be utilised in this street. The police should be asked to advise on this matter.
- (b) **Mr D Evans – Traffic Issues** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had been previously forwarded to members. Members discussed the concerns raised by Mr Evans. Cllr Chappell reported that the concerns raised had been discussed at the last KPC Cuppa & Chat meeting, when PCSO Robey had said she would visit Mr Evans to discuss the issues raised.
- (c) **Mrs D Martin – Waun Cimla Play Park** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence and the action taken to address Mrs Martin's concerns regarding safety barriers at the site.
- (d) **Mrs H Roudette – Mobility issues at Ffordd yr Eglwys Cemetery** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed the issues raised regarding access to the top of the cemetery by disabled and elderly people. Vehicles are allowed into the cemetery and there is a turn around area at the top of the very steep hill. However, vehicular access is not always possible as the large gates are often closed. Members were not able to identify a suitable way to assist disabled people to get to the top of the hill, other than by motor vehicle.
- Cllr Watkins left the meeting.*
- (e) **Kenfig Nature Reserve – Invitation to Open Day, 3rd July** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.
- (f) **Cynffig Comprehensive School – Grant Request, reusable water bottles** - As discussed at item 13 above.
- (g) **Bridgend Blue Bulls Rugby League – Grant Request** - The Clerk gave details of this request. Members discussed the request. Cllr K John proposed £300 be granted toward the items detailed within this request. Cllr A Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- (h) **PCSO J Robey – Youths at Void at Parc Slip / Off Road Bikes / Anti-Social Behaviour at Croft Goch Playing Fields** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. Cllr K John said her biggest concern is that emergency vehicles would not be able to attend an accident at the void if there were to be an accident.
- (i) **BCBC – Traffic Notice Crown Inn Bridge, Pyle** - The Clerk gave details of this Notice. Members noted.
- (j) **Bridgend Development Planning – Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan – Deposit Draft Statutory Public Consultation** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed.
- (k) **KPC – Notes from Cuppa & Chat Network Meeting** - The Clerk gave details of Notes and informed members that Mrs Mawby is leaving her post at KPC at the end of June. Members asked that the Clerk thank Mrs Mawby for the work she has done at KPC and wish her luck in her new post.
- (l) **BCBC Planning Department – Retrospective Planning Applications** - Members were disappointed with the response from BCBC to the issues raised by this Council.
- (m) **One Voice Wales – Minutes of Larger Council's Meeting / Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post covid 23rd June 2021 / Training Schedule** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*