



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 6pm

Present

Councillors: Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Kay John, Andrea Jones, Amy Jones, Mike Kearns, Rhys Watkins & Cilla Workman

Borough Cllr: J Gebbie

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Members of the public: None

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Allan John

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the first meeting of 2022.

3. Presentation from Representative of KPC

The Chair welcomed Ms P Lunnon to the meeting. Ms Lunnon had been invited to update members on the work undertaken by KPC, in support of the organisation's application for grant funding.

Ms Lunnon updated members on the services KPC provide and the challenges the organisation have faced over the last couple of years, including loss of staff, COVID related issues and the confirmation in July 2020, that their latest bid for Children in Need funding had not been successful. KPC are continually pursuing funding and they have been successful in obtaining grants from BCBC specifically related to provision of programmes to address COVID related mental health issues young people may have.

Members discussed the work being undertaken and the ongoing costs of the organisation with Ms Lunnon.

The Chair thanked Ms Lunnon for attending and providing members with the information required to consider the request for grant funding.

Members discussed the information provided by Ms Lunnon and considered the amount of funding that could be provided for the remainder of this financial year and the amount of funding required for the new financial year. Ms Lunnon had said that KPC provides youth provision for Kenfig Hill, Pyle and Cornelly. Members therefore felt that request should be made to Cornelly Community Council for consideration of joint grant funding to provide youth services for the new financial year. Members discussed the information related to request for grant funding for the remainder of the financial year 2021-22.

Cllr Amy Jones proposed funding of £3,400 be granted to provide two nights youth provision for the remainder of the financial year 2021-22, as detailed by Ms Lunnon.

Also, that Cornelly Community Council be invited to meet to discuss joint funding for the year 2022-23. Cllr Kay John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

4. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Gebbie provided an update on:

- Issues relating to BCBCs decision to delay working with Pyle Community Council to jointly fund 2 x Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge and Pisgah Street, as contractor quotes received by them to undertake the work had not been seen to represent value for money.
- Highway issues at Marshfield Avenue, including recent road traffic accident.

Cllr M Kearn updated members as follows:

- Reiteration of Cllr Gebbie's report on provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings.
- Continuing to pursue appropriate safety measures with BCBC to address speeding issues at High Street.
- Continuing to pursue appropriate highway safety measures at Marshfield Avenue and failure of street lighting in this street resulting from recent road traffic accident.
- Parking issues.
- Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch Playing Fields.
- Request made to BCBC to reinstate litter bins that have been removed over the last two years.

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 Kearn declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

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

6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2021

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 16th November be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr M Kearn. All members were in agreement.

7. Matters arising from minutes at item 6 above

7.1 Item 3 Puffin Crossings x 2 on Pisgah Street and Bridge Street – The Clerk reported that BCBC have said the tender submissions related to this work do not demonstrate value for money and they are therefore unable to progress the scheme. They have however also said the situation can be reviewed in the new financial year. BCBC recommend the community council approach the Active Travel department to request support of the area becoming an Active Travel Cycle route, which would then allow BCBC to bid for monies from Welsh Government as part of 'Connecting Communities'. Members discussed their disappointment with the information provided by BCBC and the concerns related to highway safety in the areas. Members felt both sites pose a danger to pedestrians and the urgency to provide safe crossings. Members will write individually to Cllr Gebbie to express their disappointment with BCBCs decision. Cllr K John asked for consideration of joint working with BCBC to provide at least one jointly funded crossing at Heathbridge.

The Clerk provided details of invoice received from BCBC related to public notices regarding provision of Puffin Crossings. Members did not feel it was appropriate to pay the invoice at this time as there has been no indication from BCBC when the work will be undertaken. The Clerk was asked to request that BCBC provide a timescale for the commencement of the work to allow payment of invoice.

7.2 Item 6.2 Ongoing Problems with youth annoyance – No further information relating to request for funding toward youth facilities for youth provision at Cynffig Comprehensive School have been received.

7.3 Item 6.3– Repair to All Inclusive Roundabout at Pandy Crescent Play Park; The Clerk reported that repair to the all-inclusive roundabout at Pandy Crescent Play Park has still not been undertaken as contractors have not provided quotes. Gerald Davies Ltd. undertook repair to the basket swing at the park free of charge.

7.4 Item 6.5 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn – The Clerk met with Whittington Landscape Architecture regarding proposal to provide play park at Ty Talwyn. Whittington advised that public consultation should be undertaken prior to taking plans forward. The result of the consultation would dictate whether submission of Expression of Interest related to Community Asset Transfer of land at Ty Talwyn Avenue, should be submitted to BCBC.

7.5 Item 6.7- Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street - The Clerk was asked to chase this issue up with BCBC and the police, as a matter of urgency.

7.6 Item 6.8 Ground maintenance at the area of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool. The Clerk is consulting with Whittington Landscape Architecture and an officer from BCBCs Ecology Department to pursue effective ecological plans for land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool.

7.7 Item 6.10 - Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch playing fields - The Clerk reported no further information on this matter.

7.8 Item 6.12 - Replacement of plaques at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial - The Clerk confirmed this work is ongoing. Cllr Chappell will pursue arrangements to undertake maintenance work at the memorial.

7.9 Item 9 - Highway Safety:

- Members sitting on local school governing bodies confirmed request would be made to the bodies to write to BCBC expressing concerns about the absence of safe crossings and general highway safety throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle.
- Cllr Kearn is pursuing viable options with BCBC to provide highway safety measures at High Street.
- Cllr Kearn has been assured that Enforcement Officers regularly visit the area and parking on double yellow lines, particularly at the entrance onto the main road from Croft Goch Playing Fields, is being dealt with.
- Cllr Kearn has reported to BCBC issues relating to drivers ignoring red lights at the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate and on Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill. He has also requested signage informing drivers of the 'new traffic layout' at the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate.

7.10 Item 10(a) - The Clerk and Cllr Watkins are liaising regarding play inspections. The Clerk is continuing to explore the feasibility of employing a maintenance person to undertake duties related to parks.

7.11 Item 10(b)(iii) - There was no further information relating to BCBCs 'Residents Only' parking permit pilot.

7.12 Item 10(b)(v) - Litter thrown from vehicles at the Croft Goch car park. BCBC have agreed to replace fencing and gates at the car park.

7.13 Item 17(c) Pyle RFC - Request for funding toward Mental Health Support Groups - Cllr Kearn reported on his visit to the provision being provided at Pyle RFC. The room used by the group is also given free of charge to 'Bridge Away' a group providing services for people with learning difficulties. Cllr Kearn was very impressed with the support being provided. Members discussed the request for grant funding. Cllr Kearn proposed £500 be granted toward the service described in the request. Cllr K John seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

7.14 Item 17(f) - Vocaleyes - Community Engagement Platform - This matter to be revisited at the February meeting.

7.15 Item - Nomination for Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022 - The Clerk confirmed nominations had been submitted.

7.16 Item (j) - Meditec Solutions - Defibrillators for the community - Members will investigate suitable areas still in need of defibrillators. This item to be revisited at the February meeting.

8. Ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 23rd November 2021

Cllr Chappell proposed ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 23rd November. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

9. Ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Extraordinary Meetings held on 20th December and 23rd December 2021, to discuss Christmas Pantomime

Cllr Andrea Jones proposed ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 20th December and 23rd December. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Accounts Payable & Financial Update

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

Cllr Kearn asked that the Budget for Remembrance Day be increased to £1,500.

11. Highway Safety, including discussion relating to provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge Surgery and Pishah Chapel

As discussed at items 7.1, 7.5 and 7.9 above.

12. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

(i) The Clerk reported that Pyle Community Council's website is now active.

(ii) The Clerk reported that complaints have been received regarding litter and overgrowth at the bus shelter on Moriah Place. BCBC have said these complaints should be forwarded to the current landowner.

(iii) The Clerk reported that complaint had been received regarding damage to wooden structures at Marlas Road and litter in the area. P J Landscapes have taken away the damaged structures and cleared the litter.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr K John reported that the surface of the car park at the Scouts Hall in Kenfig Hill has deteriorated considerably. There are now very deep potholes there. The Clerk was asked to contact V2C about this issue. Cllr Kearns will also contact V2C via BCBC's Members Referral. Cllr K John also reported on an increase in van break-ins at this car park.

(ii) Cllr Workman reported a large pothole in the vicinity of the disused public house on Prince Road.

(iii) Cllr Andrea Jones reported a dumped mattress in the vicinity of the power station at Pont George.

(iv) Cllr Andrea Jones reported on deterioration of the road surface at the junction of Pyle Inn Way, opposite Asda.

(v) Cllr Watkins reported that he will be attending the next Cardiff & Vale Larger Councils meeting.

(vi) Cllr Radmore reported that the recent resurfacing work undertaken at Simpsons Way is already starting to break up.

(vii) Cllr Radmore reported that parked cars are obscuring vision at Pyle Inn Way on the junction of Simpson's Way.

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

Cllr Watkins reported that the Wellbeing Committee will recommence their work when COVID regulations allow.

14. Discussion relating to Festival Week & Fun Day 2022

Members discussed the difficulties associated with taking forward Festival Week and the Fun Day 2022.

The Festival Committee have not met since November and it has been difficult holding meetings to take forward planning of the events. It was agreed the Events Administrator should contact the organisations usually involved in the event and attendees of the Festival Committee meetings, and ask for confirmation, or otherwise, of their intention to be involved in the 2022 event. A date for responses should be stated within the request, the Chair of the Festival Committee - Cllr Radmore, should be informed of the response and a meeting then arranged to allow discussion by the community council on Tuesday 25th January.

15. Review of Christmas 2021 Events

This review will be included in the Agenda for the meeting to discuss plans for Festival Week & Fun Day 2022, planned for 25th January.

Cllr Chappell asked about the results of the Christmas Treasure Trail. Cllr Amy Jones reported that the winners had not yet been drawn. The Chair agreed to attend at the Talbot Community Centre to take forward the draw.

16. Planning Applications

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

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/1030/FUL - First Floor Rear Extension - 44 Park Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6DF

There were no comments/objections to this application.

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/1099/FUL - First Floor extension to provide walk in wardrobe and wc - 88 High Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6DU

There were no comments/objections to this application.

- **Planning Application Consultation P/21/1114/LAE – Light industrial development with use class B1, B2 and B8 consisting of 3no. identical industrial buildings, each sub-divided into 3no. units with associated work to access, parking, cycle storage provision, drainage and landscaping – Rear of KNM, Unit 9, 9 Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle CF33 6BJ**
There were no comments/objections to this application.
- **Planning Application Consultation P/21/1096/FUL – Extension of flat to rear ground floor flat; Replace rear ground floor window with door and window – Rear ground floor flat 8, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6DL**
There were no comments/objections to this application.

17. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces

There were no issues relating to Rights of Ways.

Members reported that the surface of the concrete path at the Collwyn is breaking up. The Clerk was instructed to request quote from Gerald Davies Ltd., for repair.

18. Correspondence

(a) The Department for Levelling up, Housing & Communities – Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. Members were not aware of any plans to hold Jubilee events.

(b) BCBC – Town & Community Council Forum meeting – Cllr Chappell will attend the February meeting.

(c) BCBC – Town & Community Council Fund 2022/23 – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. Cllr Chappell proposed application for provision of play park at Ty Talwyn, with the proviso that Expression of Interest for Community Asset Transfer of the land is accepted by BCBC. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal.

(d) South Wales Police – ‘All Wales Gold Group’ – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members.

(e) BAVO – Supporter Membership for Town & Community Councils – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Amy Jones proposed supporter membership be applied for. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(f) BCBC – CAT EOI Ty Talwyn Proposed Play Park – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. The results of consultation relating to provision of play park at Ty Talwyn will dictate whether EOI will be submitted to BCBC.

(g) BCBC – Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at any time – Heol Mostyn Pyle Road – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members.

(h) Eisteddfod and Arts – Request for financial assistance – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(i) BCBC – correspondence, including invoice relating to proposed Puffing Crossings at Pisgah Street & Bridge Street – As discussed at item 7.1 above.

(j) BCBC – information relating to Mynydd Cynffig Primary School - consultation – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(k) Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. The Talbot Community Centre are hosting Awareness sessions. The dates for these sessions will be passed to members.

(l) Chaplins Gold Pantos - Invoice – The Clerk gave details of this invoice, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(m) Boverton Nurseries Ltd – Autumn Bulb invoice & Quote for Floral Baskets 2022 – The Clerk gave details of the invoice and quote, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr K.Jones proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of quote for floral baskets. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(n) Robert Morgan & Sons Ltd., Gower Fresh Christmas Trees – Xmas Event invoice – The Clerk gave details of this invoice, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(o) JM Entertainment – Christmas Event invoice – The Clerk gave details of this invoice, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(p) Royal Mail – Party on the Pitch Classic Car invitation Stamps invoice – The Clerk gave details of this invoice, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Radmore proposed payment of invoice.

Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

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

(r) Talbot Community Centre - Invitation to Opening of Credit Union held at the Centre - The Clerk gave details of this invitation.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

Meeting closed 9pm

Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council