



# PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 6pm

**Present**

**Councillors:** Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Amy Jones & Mike Kearn

**Borough Cllrs:** H David & J Gebbie

**Clerk to the Council:** Dawn Evans

**Events Assistant:** Mary Webber

**Members of the public:** None

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Allan John, Kay John, Andrea Jones, Rhys Watkins & Cilla Workman

### 2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

*The Chair welcomed Cllr Huw David to the meeting.*

### 3. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr David provided update on:

- Plans for the new Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. This project has now progressed to the Formal Public Notice Stage. Any objections at this stage will need to be considered by Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet. Future accommodation for the Air Cadets and the Allotments will also be included in considerations, as plans for the school involve land currently used by them.
- Forthcoming pilot at Cynffig Comprehensive School that will allow eligible 16/17-year-olds to be able to vote in the local elections from the school. Cynffig are the only school in the borough piloting this scheme. These arrangements will mean that first time eligible voters aged 16/17 who have been given the right to vote by the Senedd will be able to vote in a convenient and comfortable environment, which will hopefully begin a lifetime of being involved in the democratic process.
- Work being undertaken as part of the Cwm Taff Nature Network, a programme that BCBC, RCT and Merthyr Councils are developing across the Health Board region to improve accessibility for people to enjoy the great outdoors and green spaces. One of those green spaces is Bedford Park and as part of the Nature Network, significant improvements will be made to the park to improve access. Work is also planned for the Frog Pond Wood extension in Kenfig Hill.
- BCBC have received notification that the Welsh Government will publish details of a scheme to help households with the cost-of-living crisis. When details are received, they will be shared. Request was made to members to try to encourage residents to take up the local Winter Support payment. It is believed there are people who are eligible that have not yet applied for the payment.

- Cllrs Gebbie and Kern continue to raise the issue of joint funding by the community council and BCBC to provide 2 x Puffin Crossings at Kenfig Hill. Tender submissions received by BCBC for the contract were cost prohibitive, however it is hoped that it will be possible to take forward at least one of the crossings, with Heathbridge being seen as the most urgent.
- Permit from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is still awaited to allow opening of the new community recycling centre at Village Farm Industrial Estate. Information on the recycling services, such as a 'Re-use' shop and plans for community involvement, including working with school children, were discussed.

Cllr Gebbie provided an update on:

- Highway issues at Marshfield Avenue still being taken forward.
- Flooding at Frog Pond Wood.
- Projects such as the 'Repair' Café and the 'Lending' Library, which are being taken forward at Maesteg and could be introduced within our community.
- Positive feedback received regarding the new traffic lights at the entrance/exit to Village Farm Industrial Estate.

Cllr M Kern updated members as follows:

- Potholes reported in various areas throughout Pyle and Kenfig Hill.
- V2C are taking forward issues relating to broken ground at the Scouts Car Park.
- Requests to BCBC for additional street lighting in lanes.
- Flooding at Frog Pond Wood.
- 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.
- 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.

**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.

Cllr Kern declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

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

Cllr Chappell declared an interest in all matters relating to KHRFC.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Amy Jones. All members were in agreement.

#### **6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above**

**6.1 Item 3 KPC Youth Provision** - The Clerk confirmed payment of grant had been made to KPC, to fund two nights youth provision for the remainder of the financial year 2021-22. Cornelly Community Council have agreed to meet with this council to discuss joint funding for the new financial year. Members asked that the Clerk propose dates for this meeting.

**6.2 Item 7.1 Puffin Crossings x 2 on Pysgah Street and Bridge Street** - The Clerk reported that application has been made to BCBC's Active Travel department for the area to become an Active Travel Cycle Route, which would allow bid for monies from Welsh Government to be made by BCBC to support the provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings, as part of 'Connecting Communities'. Also, BCBC have been informed that Pyle Community Council are not in agreement with payment of invoice received relating to notices for installation of Puffin Crossings, as BCBC have said partnership to provide the crossings is not being taken forward.

**6.3 Item 7.2 Ongoing Problems with youth annoyance** - No further information relating to request for funding toward youth facilities for youth provision at Cynffig Comprehensive School.

**6.4 Item 7.3- Repair to All Inclusive Roundabout at Pandy Crescent Play Park;** The Clerk reported that there had been no response from contractors to requests for repair to the roundabout, The Clerk has checked the roundabout and it is moving freely at this time. It is hoped quotes can be obtained in the new financial year.

**6.5 Item 7.4 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn** - No further progress on this matter.

**6.6 Item 7.5- Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street** - vehicles continue to block the pavement. The Clerk was asked to continue chasing this issue up with BCBC and the police.

**6.7 Item 7.6 Ground maintenance at the area of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool.** The Clerk updated members on progress of this project and proposal from BCBC to include disused tennis court to the rear of this land, in plans to create habitat enhancement site/wild meadow park. Letter has been received from Pyle Bowls Club relating to a request they have made to BCBC for part of the disused tennis court to put a changing room on. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to arrange date next week for members to meet with Whittington Landscape Architecture regarding this project.

**6.8 Item 7.7 - Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch playing fields** - Cllr Kearn reported that he is taking this matter forward with BCBC.

**6.9 Item 7.8 - 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.

**6.10 Item 7.0 - Highway Safety:**

- Members reported drivers are still ignoring red lights at the entrance to Village Farm Industrial Estate. BCBC Officers are investigating this issue.

**6.11 Item 7.10** - The Clerk provided information related to employment of a maintenance person to undertake duties related to parks. Members discussed. It was not felt that employing a dedicated person for this purpose would be beneficial.

**6.11 Item 7.14 - Nomination for Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022** - The Clerk reported that the two nominations made by the community council for this Award were successful. The Mayor's Office is arranging for the awards to be presented.

**6.12 Item 17 - The Clerk presented two quotes from Gerald Davies Ltd:**

- **Repair of path only**
- **Repair of path and removal of overgrowth and overhanging vegetation**

Member discussed both quotes. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of the quote for repair of the path and removal of overgrowth and overhanging vegetation. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

**6.13 Item 18(k) Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions** - Talbot Community Centre still awaiting session dates. These will be passed to members when received.

**7. Ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Events Committee Meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022** - Cllr Amy Jones proposed ratification of recommendations arising from minutes of Events Committee meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Cllr Andrew Radmore seconded this proposal. The Events Assistant will now notify members of the Festival Week/Fun Day Committee that reluctantly, the decision has been made to cancel this year's event. A meeting of the Remembrance Committee to be called and 'Events' to be added to the March Agenda.

## **8. 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. A Finance meeting to discuss the year end to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, to be held during March.

## **9. Highway Safety, including discussion relating to provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge Surgery and Pisgah Chapel**

As discussed at item 3 'Update from Borough Councillors' above. Members reiterated the hope that at least one of the planned Puffin Crossings could be taken forward in the next few months, with Heathbridge being seen as the most urgent site.

Communications to continue with BCBC regarding proposals for highway safety measures at High Street. Motorists continue to go through red lights at the traffic lights situated in the vicinity of the SPAR shop on Bridge Street.

**10. Consideration of matters, including purchase of equipment, surrounding Welsh Government Section 47 legislation requiring that all councils holding face to face meetings have the facility for multi-location meetings, with effect from May 2021. Without this facility, the legislation specifies that Councils should meet only remotely.**

Members had previously been provided with quotes from three companies for installation of the necessary equipment to facilitate hybrid meetings. Cllr Chappell proposed acceptance on One Vision quote for upgraded equipment. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

### **11. Consideration of Plans for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Members had previously been provided with quotes for Jubilee mugs and medals. Members considered quotes. Cllr Kearn proposed Jubilee mugs be purchased for primary school pupils in Kenfig Hill and Pyle. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this quote. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore proposed that plans relating to future use of land behind the swimming pool include it becoming an area commemorating HRH the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

### **12. Reports**

#### **a) Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had nothing further to report, other than that already reported.

#### **b) Members Reports**

(i) Cllr Chappell reported on complaints being received about difficulties motorists are having turning right into Village Farm Industrial Estate at the traffic lights on Pyle Road. Members discussed difficulties in this area. It was agreed a yellow box would help in this area.

Cllr Chappell reported that the 'Give Way' signs at the junction on Marshfield Avenue leading onto the Industrial Estate need to be repainted, they have faded and motorists are not stopping at this junction.

Cllr Radmore reported overhanging branches and overgrowth in some areas. Information on the affected areas will be passed to the Clerk.

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

Cllr Watkins was not in attendance to update on matters relating to the Wellbeing Committee. Cllr Amy Jones reported no meeting had been held this month. The Clerk to update Terms of Reference and quarterly meeting schedule for this committee.

### **14. Planning Applications**

None.

### **15. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces**

Cllr Kearn reported on work being undertaken to footpath at Waunbant Road.

The Clerk was asked to request that BCBC's Rights of Way department cut back overgrowth of the bottom footpath at Waun Cimla.

The Clerk gave details of annual subscription related to membership of the Rambler. Cllr Amy Jones proposed payment of subscription. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

### **16. Correspondence**

**(a) BCBC Street Lighting Department - suggested locations for additional lighting at lanes -** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. Members will identify locations.

**(b) Neath Port Talbot Council - NPT Replacement Local Development Plan -** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members.

**(c) Calon Hearts - Grant Funding Available for Defibrillators -** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members.

**(d) Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club - Request for grant toward purchase of outdoor cabinet for accessible defibrillator -** *Cllr Chappell declared an interest in this matter.* The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members. Members discussed this request. Cllr Amy Jones proposed quote be requested from the Club and funding for the cabinet be granted. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

**(e) BCBC Notice - Road Closure at Ffordd yr Gyfraith Crossroads to Cefn Parc -** The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

**(f) One Voice Wales – Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members.

**(g) BCBC – Town & Community Council Forum** - Cllr Chappell attended this Forum on behalf of the community council. Cllr Chappell reported that the items discussed were Improvements to the Community Asset process and the Planning Process.

**(h) BCBC – Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Public Space Protection Order** – The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

**(i) PCSO Jo Robey – Cuppa with a Copper, Pyle Library** – Cllr Chappell attended this session. There were no other members of the public in attendance.

**(j) Marie Curie – National Day of Reflection** - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Chappell proposed arrangements be made to light up Heathbridge Miner’s Square in yellow and provide a ‘Memory Tree’ on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, as in 2021. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Radmore asked for consideration of a permanent commemoration of the losses to our community during COVID. This item to be added to the March Agenda.

**(k) BCBC – Town & Community Council ‘Play your Part’ Survey 2022** – Members completed survey on behalf of the community council, for submission to BCBC.

**(l) Talbot Community Centre – Invoice, rental of office suite 02.01.2021 to 01.01.22 – Cllr Amy Jones declared an interest in this item** - The Clerk gave details of this invoice, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Kearn proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

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

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Meeting closed 8pm

*Dawn Evans  
Clerk to the Council*