

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pyle Community Council consists of nine members who serve in a purely voluntary capacity. They normally meet on the **third Tuesday of each month**, except August & December, 6pm at the Talbot Community Centre. However, since the COVID19 restrictions, **virtual Council meetings** are being held. At the beginning of each meeting, 10 minutes is set aside for **‘Questions/Observations from the Public’**. Whilst meetings are being held remotely, if any member of the public wishes to raise an issue they should contact the Clerk, at the latest 24 hours before the meeting date, and the Clerk will provide a Zoom link to join the meeting. If any resident wishes to attend a meeting as an observer, they should also contact the Clerk before the meeting date, and the meeting link will be provided. It is the Council’s intention to improve the area and help with any issues or problems the residents of Kenfig Hill & Pyle may have, irrespective of race, disability, creed, colour, age, sex or political affiliation. Members of the council are:

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Cllr Mr Andrew Radmore (Chair)	01656 746315
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Cllr Mr Gary Chappell	07774 926163
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Cllr Mr Rhys Watkins	07398 735018
Cllr Cilla Workman	01656 749847

If you have any suggestions or issues you wish to discuss with the Clerk to the Community Council, please contact **Dawn Evans on 07792 979736 or email clerk@pylecommunitycouncil.co.uk**
For further details of council meetings and projects undertaken by the council, please visit the website at <https://pylecommunitycouncil.co.uk>



**PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2022**

This will be the last Newsletter before the May elections. The members of the community council would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for their support and share with you some achievements from the last five years.

NEW PARK AT WAUN CIMLA



In June 2021 the new play park at Waun Cimla was officially opened by the Mayor of Bridgend County – Cllr John Spanswick. The park was funded by Pyle Community Council in partnership with Welsh Government and Bridgend County Borough Council.

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION



To mark the anniversary of the first Coronavirus Lockdown on 23 March 2021, Pyle Community Council illuminated Heathbridge Miner's Memorial in yellow. Residents were also invited to commemorate the lives of those lost in our community over the

previous year with Memorial tags hung on a tree at Heathbridge.

Marie Curie Cancer Carer are organising a second day of reflection on 23 March 2022, in an attempt to make the legacy of the pandemic - one of compassion, love, and active support for those who grieve, both now, and in the years to come. The community council will again illuminate Heathbridge Miner's Memorial in yellow on that date and residents have again been invited to remember their loved ones with a memorial tag on a tree at Heathbridge.

PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID19 (CORONAVIRUS)

During the height of the pandemic Pyle Community Council's aim was to ensure vulnerable residents in our community were able to access any assistance they needed. To achieve this, the Council joined forces with Cornelly Community Council and worked in partnership with local volunteers, organisations and agencies to provide home deliveries of essential food / household items and collection / delivery of prescriptions for vulnerable residents. Also, during the height of the pandemic, the community councils worked in collaboration with the Talbot Community Centre, to provide a hot two-course lunchtime meal to vulnerable residents, three times a week for twelve weeks.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Pyle Community Council's Remembrance Day Parade and Service was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, but thankfully it was able to be held on Remembrance Day 2021. The Remembrance Day Parade and Service has grown year on year and Pyle Community Council are proud to be the organiser of the excellent event it has now become.

HANGING BASKETS & FLORAL DISPLAYS



Since 2017, the first year of the current administration of this community council, hanging baskets and floral displays have been provided throughout the villages of Kenfig Hill and Pyle. The floral displays have got better and better with each year and it is hoped the 2022 display will be the best yet!

MARLAS ROAD



Over recent years the Community Council have taken forward work at the green area on Marlas Road. This has included planting Cherry Trees and wildflowers. Until 2020 wildflowers in the area were cleared each year and new seeds sown. During 2020, as part of the Community Council's biodiversity plans, perennial wildflowers were sown, meaning that the flowers will return year on year without intervention.

MAINTENANCE AT FFORDD YR EGLWYS CEMETERY

Since 2019 Pyle Community Council has partnered with Cornelly Community Council to provide enhanced grounds maintenance at Ffordd yr Eglwys Cemetery, 2022 will be the fourth year of this successful collaboration. This additional maintenance has ensured that the grounds are kept to a high standard for residents of Pyle and Kenfig Hill when they visit their loved ones at the cemetery.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



In 2019 the community council organised a pantomime at Kenfig Hill RFC, free of charge for children of primary school age living in the villages of Kenfig Hill and Pyle. The pantomime that year was Jack and the Beanstalk and it was an enormous success. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the pantomimes planned for 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled, but the community council have now booked Aladdin for Christmas 2022. Further details will be provided nearer the date.



The Community Council continue to provide Christmas lighting throughout the festive period in Kenfig Hill & Pyle. Since 2018 they have also provided a Christmas Tree at the Life Centre, with another being sited at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial for the first time in 2021. During the pandemic it was not possible to hold the usual annual

'Christmas Light Switch On,' but this was more than made up for by the fantastic event held at the Talbot Community Centre, for Christmas 2021, which included live reindeer for the children to feed and pet. The walk-through Winter Wonderland, with a visit to Santa and a gift for each child was an outstanding success and it is hoped Christmas 2022 will continue to excite.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

As reported in previous Newsletters, the Community Council had hoped to work in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council to improve the safety of the roads in our villages. The plan was for the installation of two new Puffin crossings: one at Pisgah Chapel and one at Heathbridge, one funded by the Community Council and the other by BCBC. Unfortunately, BCBC have informed the community council that the quotes received from contractors for this work are not seen to be value for money. The funds set aside by the community council for this project will continue to be held as alternative options to provide safe crossings are pursued. Highway safety throughout the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill continues to be a priority of the community council.

REINSTATEMENT OF PLAY PARK AT TY TALWYN

The community council are considering proposals to reinstate a play park at Ty Talwyn Avenue. Historically, there was a play park in this area, but it was removed some years ago. The community council would like to hear the community's thoughts on reinstating this park. Any comments you have on the proposal please pass them to the clerk or any councillor, contact details are on page 8 of this Newsletter.

FESTIVAL WEEK AND PARTY ON THE PITCH

One of the things the community council is most proud of is the year-on-year success of the Annual Summer Festival Week, which culminates with the Party on the Pitch and Classic Car Show held at Kenfig Hill RFC. Sadly, the pandemic meant that this event could not be held in 2020 and 2021 and, reluctantly, it has been decided that the 2022 event is also cancelled. This decision was not taken lightly, it was made as a result of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic at the beginning of 2022. The event is months in the planning and it was felt the risk of organising it and then having to cancel was too great. Plans are already underway to ensure the 2023 event is bigger and better than ever.

DONATIONS / GRANTS

Twice a year – May and November, the community council consider requests for donations/grants. The next meeting when donations will be discussed is scheduled for **Tuesday 17th May 2021**. Local clubs/associations who wish to apply for a donation / grant should pass their request to the Clerk (Dawn Evans), or one of the councillors, prior to that date.

A full list of the donations / grants provided over the 5 years of the current community council is below:

Year Ended 31st March 2018

Splice	£ 350
1 st Kenfig Hill Cubs	£ 100
Dance Crazy	£ 100
Bridgend Samaritans	£ 200
Bridgend Carer's	£ 50
Kenfig Hill Amateur Boxing	£ 200
Parish of Pyle & Kenfig Hill	£ 150
Cancer Support Services	£ 150

Year Ended 31st March 2019

KPC	£ 350
SPLICE	£ 350
Parish of Pyle & Kenfig Hill	£ 150
Cynffig ECO Club	£ 200
Cynffig Music Dept	£1,500
Fforest Uchaf H & P Centre	£ 50
Kenfig Hill Guides & Scouts	
Hut Committee	£ 200
Cancer Information Support	£ 100
Youth Provision	£ 150
Mynydd Cynffig Primary School	
Educational Trip	£1,500
Defibrillator at Pyle Police Station	£ 795

Year Ended 31st March 2020

Revolutionise Dance	£ 200
Karate	£ 200
St Theodore's	£ 150
National Eisteddfod Wales	£ 25
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	£ 25
SPLICE	£ 750
Wales Air Ambulance	£ 100
Marie Curie Wales	£ 100
Teenage Cancer Trust Wales	£ 100
Kenfig Hill Bowls Club	£1,200
Primary Schools Litter Project	£ 900

Year Ended 31st March 2021

COVID-19 Response (Hot Meal Subsidy for vulnerable in community of Kenfig Hill & Pyle)	£6,385
Bryn Du Equine Centre	£ 200
Parish of Pyle & Kenfig	£ 150
Park Street Allotments	£ 50
Bridgend Carer's Society	£ 250
Cerebral Palsy Cymru	£ 250
Wales Air Ambulance	£ 250
Hope Rescue Centre	£ 50

Year Ended 31st March 2022

1 st Kenfig Hill Rainbows	£ 100
1 st Kenfig Hill Brownies	£ 200
Bridgend Blue Bulls	£ 300
Cynffig Comprehensive	£ 400
KPC Youth Provision	£3,400
Pyle RFC	£ 500
Wales Air Ambulance	£ 250
Marie Curie Wales	£ 100
Kenfig Hill RFC Defibrillator Cabinet	£ 433