



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 6pm

Present

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

Borough Cllrs: J Gebbie

Clerk to the Council: D Evans

Events Assistant: M Webber

Members of the public: None

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Gebbie provided update on:

- Highway issues, including Puffing Crossing at Heathbridge. Provision of a Puffin Crossing at Heathbridge is now being taken forward as a single tender by BCBC.
- Recent issues, including a vehicle collision, at the new traffic lights at the entrance/exit to Village Farm Industrial Estate.

Cllr M Kearn updated members as follows:

- Potholes reported in various areas throughout Pyle and Kenfig Hill, including the lane between Heathbridge and the car park.
- Requests to BCBC for additional street lighting in lanes.
- Flooding at Frog Pond Wood. Culvert in the area is the responsibility of British Rail and request for repairs should be addressed to them.

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 Kearn declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

Cllr Chappell declared an interest in all matters relating to Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club

5. Approval and signing of Minutes of meeting held on 15th February 2022

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

6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above

6.1 Item 6.1 KPC Youth Provision – Consideration of joint funding with Cornelly Community Council for youth provision at KPC in the new financial year. The Clerk reported that at their February meeting, Cornelly Community Council resolved to grant funding for youth provision at KPC on one evening a week for six months, in the new financial year, with consideration of further funding scheduled for the end of the six-month period.

6.2 Item 6.5 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn – The Clerk confirmed that the March Newsletter contains details of this project and requests residents' comments and feedback on the proposal.

6.3 Item 6.6- Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street – No further information on this issue. PCSO's have agreed to attend future meeting to update on this and other matters.

6.4 Item 6.8 – Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch playing fields – No further information on this issue.

6.5 Item 6.9 – 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.

6.6 Item 6.12 – Repairs to path at Collwyn – The Clerk confirmed that Gerald Davies Ltd., have been advised of acceptance of quote to repair and cutback overgrowth at the Collwyn. Start date is awaited. Members reported dumping and litter at the Collwyn. P J Landscapes to be asked to clear the area. Members discussed issues relating to vehicles accessing the Collwyn via the footpath leading up to the road and ways of addressing this issue. Cllr Chappell will take photographs of the area.

6.7 Item 6.13 Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions – Talbot Community Centre still awaiting session dates. These will be passed to members when received.

6.8 Item 10 Video Equipment to facilitate Hybrid Meetings – The Clerk confirmed that One Vision have been advised their quote has been accepted and installation date is awaited.

6.9 Item 11 Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Mugs for primary school children – The Clerk confirmed Jubilee mugs have been ordered.

6.10 Item 15 Cutback of Overgrowth at Waun Cimla bottom path – Request has been made to BCBC regarding this issue. Members were not aware whether overgrowth had been cutback.

6.11 Item 16(j) Marie Curie National Day of Reflection, 23rd March 2022 – The Events Assistant reported that only one request for a memorial tag has been received. The Events Assistant and Cllr Chappell will take forward decoration of trees and light up at Heathbridge on 23rd March.

6.12 Item 16(l) Talbot Community Centre, payment of invoice rental office suite 2022 – The Clerk confirmed payment has been made.

7. 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 Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

8. Highway Safety, including discussion relating to provision of 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 concerns relating highway safety at High Street and the roads around Village Farm Industrial Estate.

Issue with vehicles parked over the dropped kerb on junction at Prince Road leading onto Commercial Street, were discussed. Cllr Kearn will take these matters forward with BCBC.

It was agreed meetings to plan Remembrance Day 2022, Christmas 2022 and Festival Week 2023 will commence in June.

9. Consideration of proposals for future use of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool, including matters related to instruction of Whittington Landscape Architecture to provide Masterplan for the area

A meeting was held with Whittington Landscape Architecture on 24th February, to discuss proposals for future use of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool and the disused tennis courts to the back of the land. Members had been provided with quote from Whittington Landscape Architecture to provide Masterplan for this area. Members discussed quote relating to potential uses of the site, including part of the area being

used to commemorate HRH the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and part used to accommodate plans of the Bowls Club. Cllr Chappell proposed acceptance of Whittington Landscape quote. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Consideration of permanent COVID memorial to the rear of Heathbridge Miner's Memorial

The Clerk reported no further information on proposals for memorial.

11. Newsletter

Members had been provided with drafts and quotes for 8-page Newsletter and 4-page Newsletter. Members discussed. Cllr Radmore proposed quote for printing and distribution of 4-page Newsletter received from LDP Ltd., be accepted, with 8-page Newsletter being added to the website. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

12. Events

The Events Assistant presented review of the 2021 Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. The Events Assistant is liaising with the current Royal British Legion representative regarding arrangements for Remembrance, as he has now retired from the role and 2021 was his last year in post. The Events Assistant is obtaining clarification on the duties that will need to be undertaken relating to Remembrance. When this is clear, a meeting of the Remembrance Day Committee will be called to discuss the role the community council will play going forward.

The Events Assistant spoke about concerns relating to traffic at the monument whilst the 11am service on 11th November 2021 was taking place. Ways of addressing these concerns to be explored with Fr Jonathan.

13. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

Members had been provided with Clerk's Report. The Clerk also reported:

- Thanks from Fr Jonathan Durley for Mayor's Award nomination. The Award is to be presented at St Theodore's Church on Wednesday 16th March.
- Members had been provided with information relating to contractors working on behalf of BCBC siting their equipment compound and cabin on the green area at Pandy Crescent. The Clerk confirmed that both BCBC and the contractors had stated when the contractors leave the site it will be reinstated back to the condition it was before the contractors arrived.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Chappell reported on parking issues around Kenfig Hill, including a white van that has been parked opposite the cenotaph, obstructing traffic, for over three weeks. Cllr Kearn will raise these issues with BCBCs Enforcement department.

Cllr Chappell reported that the road surface from the junction leading into Asda past the Fire Station and the highway opposite the junction leading out of Asda, has completely broken up.

Cllr Radmore reported potholes throughout the villages of Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

Cllr Radmore reported the car park alongside the old 'Tap' Public House, is for sale and the details state that permission for development of 4 houses is in place. Members were not aware that planning permission for this development was in place. Cllr Kearn will make enquiries regarding this.

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

Members had been provided with proposals to change this Committee to an Environmental Working Party, including Terms of Reference related to the Environmental Policy adopted by Council in September 2021. Members discussed this matter. Cllr Radmore proposed Environmental Working Party replace the Wellbeing Committee from May 2022. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Radmore proposed acceptance of Terms of Reference for the Environmental Working Party. Cllr Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

15. Planning Applications

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

- Planning Application Consultation P/22/57/FUL - Change of use from vacant butchers (use class A1) to takeaway (use class A3) - 1 Heol Tegfyn, Pyle CF33 6LN
Members had been unable to access the plans for this application from BCBCs website.

- Planning Application Consultation P/21/67/TPO - Fell oak tree in rear garden - 3 Longlands Close, Pyle CF33 6LR
There were no comments/objections on this application.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces

The Clerk requested permission to request Agency Agreement funding from BCBC, relating to maintenance of footpaths. Cllr Chappell proposed application be made to BCBC. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal.

17. Correspondence

(a) Cardiff Conservation Volunteers - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence previously passed to members, regarding the Volunteers returning to maintenance/clearance work. Members will inform the Clerk of any open spaces in need of maintenance.

(b) Resident of Llys y Orsaf - Youth Annoyance - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. Members discussed. Cllr Kearn will raise a Members Referral at BCBC requesting that V2C investigate this issue.

(c) Audit Wales - Consultation on Future Audit Work - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members.

(d) BCBC EDSU - Proposal to make a regulated alteration to Mynydd Cynffig Primary School, in the form of an enlargement. The existing split-site arrangement would cease, and the infant department would relocate to a new build primary school on the existing Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Junior site at Pwllgath Street, Kenfig Hill CF33 6ET, with effect from September 2025. The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members.

(e) Anne Robeson Trust - Pre-bereavement Charity Information - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Members agreed this information should be published on the community council's website.

(f) Bridgend Town Council - Mayor's Invitation - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence.

(g) BCBC - Definitive Map Modification Order No. 2019 (Footpath 22 Pyle, from Pyle Road adjacent to St James Church to County Borough Boundary) - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(h) BCBC Highways Maintenance department - Work to pavement and installation of dropped kerbs at Pandy Crescent/Beach Road, Pyle - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(i) Neath Port Talbot Council - Replacement Local Development Plan - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(j) KPC - Cuppa and Chat - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

(k) PCSO R Couch - Youth Issues - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members.

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

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

*Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council*