



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Talbot Community Centre

With facilitation of remote attendance

on

Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 6pm

Present

Councillors: Cllrs Andrea Jones (Acting Chair), Gary Chappell, Allan John, Kay John, Amy Jones & Rhys Watkins

Remote attendance: Cllrs Andrew Radmore & Cllr Mike Kearn

Clerk to the Council: D Evans

Events Assistant: M Webber

Members of the public: None

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cilla Workman

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

The Clerk reported that Cllr Gebbie had asked that her thanks be passed to Cllrs Andrea Jones, Kay John & Cilla Workman, members who have chosen not to stand for re-election at the forthcoming elections, for the work they had undertaken during their term in office. She also asked that her best wishes be passed to members who have opted to stand for re-election.

Cllr M Kearn reported on the following:

- BCBC taking forward removal of fallen tree at the grounds of the Scouts Hut in Kenfig Hill.
- Repairs to drainage at the Frog Pond taken forward by BCBC.
- No update on repairs to potholes throughout the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill

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

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

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

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 15th March 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 6.2 Provision of play park at Ty Talwyn – The Clerk reported that there had been no comments/feedback from residents resulting from the details of the proposed project provided in the community council’s March Newsletter. Cllrs Kay John, Andrea Jones and Amy Jones reported positive comments on the project passed to them.

6.2 Item 6.3– Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street – The Clerk reported no further information on this issue. It is hoped PCSO’s will attend the May meeting to discuss this and other traffic issues.

6.3 Item 6.4 – Lack of lighting at car park at Croft Goch playing fields – Cllr Chappell reported no progress on this matter.

6.4 Item 6.5 – 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.

6.5 Item 6.6 – Repairs to path at Collwyn – The Clerk reported that repair and clearance work to the path at the Collwyn was completed on 1st April and presented invoice received from Gerald Davies Ltd., for the work. Cllr Amy Jones proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

6.6 Item 6.7 Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions – The Talbot Community Centre are hosting an Awareness session on 22nd June, at 10.30am. All welcome.

6.7 Item 6.8 Video Equipment to facilitate Hybrid Meetings – The Clerk reported that One Vision failed to attend on the due installation date and they have not been responsive to attempts to arrange another date. This matter was discussed. It was agreed another supplier for the equipment should be found. This matter will be revisited at the May meeting when the two quotes previously received will be reconsidered, alongside quotes from other companies which the Clerk will obtain prior to the meeting.

6.8 Item 6.11 Marie Curie National Day of Reflection, 23rd March 2022 – The Events Assistant and Cllr Chappell arranged yellow ribbons and lighting at Heathbridge Miner’s Memorial on 23rd March to commemorate the National Day of Reflection. Members discussed the poor response to the invitation to the community to remember their loved ones by having a memorial tag placed on a tree at Heathbridge Miner’s Memorial on the National Day of Reflection. Cllr Amy Jones requested that application forms for the tags be placed at the Talbot Community Centre for the community to complete in readiness for next year.

The Clerk reported that a faulty light at Heathbridge Miner’s Memorial has been repaired and presented invoice. Cllr Andrea Jones proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Gary Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Cllr Chappell reported that the light had been damaged when BCBC removed the Christmas Tree lighting from the area, they had damaged the light fitting and failed to reset the timer clock for the lights, which meant that until the repair, the lights were on for a prolonged period. The Clerk to inform BCBC of this information and ensure that there is no repetition of the damage at the end of Christmas 2022.

6.9 Item 9 – Proposals for future use of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool and disused tennis courts to the rear of the land – The Clerk reported no further information has been received on this proposal.

6.10 Item 10 – Consideration of permanent COVID memorial to the rear of Heathbridge Miner’s Memorial – The Clerk reported no further information has been received on this proposal.

6.11 Items 11 - Newsletter – The Clerk confirmed that the March Newsletter had been printed and delivered. The invoice was presented. Cllr Rhys Watkins proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

6.11 Item 17(a) – Cardiff Conservation Volunteers – Members discussed areas/open spaces that could be taken forward by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers; The steps at School Road, Kenfig Hill, reinstatement of steps that have been washed away at Waun Cimla leading from the top path to the bottom both.

7. Accounts Payable & Financial Update, including consideration of Year End finance to 31.03.22

Members had previously been provided with accounts payable and financial information to date. Cllr Gary Chappell proposed acceptance of finance information. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

Members had previously been provided with financial information relating to Year End 31.03.22. Members discussed. Cllr Gary Chappell proposed acceptance of Year End financial information. Cllr Mike Kearn seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

8. Highway Safety

The Clerk reported there has been no further information regarding provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings at Heathbridge and Pysgah Street. Members will revisit this matter at the May meeting, with a view to ensuring the funds set aside in the 2021-22 Budget for this project are used to provide at least one of the crossings in the next few months, with the site at Heathbridge being seen as the most urgent.

Members discussed continuing liaison with BCBC regarding highway safety at High Street and the roads around Village Farm Industrial estate, including Marshfield Avenue. Issues with vehicles parked inappropriately throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle were discussed. As discussed at item 6.2, members of the local police to be invited to the May meeting.

9. Events

The Events Assistant updated members on issues related to the Remembrance event, including arrangements for future provision of wreaths. The Events Assistant will obtain clarification on provision of wreaths from the Royal British Legion and arrange a meeting of the Remembrance Committee once this is done.

Arrangements for lighting and decoration at Heathbridge Miner's Memorial to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were discussed. Cllr Chappell proposed purchase of bunting and light filters to decorate Heathbridge over the Jubilee weekend. Cllr Andrea Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report other than the information provided within the Clerk's Report.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Chappell reported issues with Keir providing green and blue recycling bags. Members discussed and other members have also received complaints regarding collection of purple bags. It has been reported that there have been at least three missed collection dates for purple bags.

Cllr Chappell reported that BCBC have now granted licence of the playing fields to Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club. There have been issues related to the transfer of responsibility for litter in the area and KHRFC are working at resolving these issues. It should be noted that the football field has not been included in the licence, BCBC are still responsible for this area.

Cllr Amy Jones reported on initiatives by BAVO and Employability Bridgend and asked that the community council include them in their social media pages and website.

Cllr Rhys Watkins reported on the following issues:

- complaints regarding dog fouling throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle
- complaints regarding parking on pavements, especially at North Avenue and East Avenue. Cllr Kearn has said at previous meetings that he will request BCBC Enforcement Officers visit the area regularly to deter offenders
- inappropriate parking, speeding and vehicles going through red lights continue to be an issue throughout Kenfig Hill and Pyle

Cllr Kay John reported on difficulties with double parking and general traffic issues at Crown Road, Kenfig Hill. This matter will be raised with the local PCSOs.

Cllr Allan John reported issues with the highway leading into New Row. Cllr Mike Kearn has previously raised this matter with BCBC and they have advised as the highway in that area is unadopted the residents should raise the issue with the land owners. The Clerk will raise this issue with the local Senedd Member.

11. Planning Applications

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

- Planning Application Consultation T/22/8/TPO - 25% crown reduction to all the Oak trees to the rear of 1&2 Ton View and to the left of 1 Ton View - 1 Ton View, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EX
There were no comments/observations on this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/21/193/FUL - Remove conservatory, construct single storey rear extension (bedroom/wet room) - 26 Yr Hendre, Kenfig Hill CF33 6EG
There were no comments/objections on this application.

12. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces

Cllr Allan John reported issues at the footpath between New Row and Cae'r Wetrall. Cllr John will contact the Rambler Association regarding this footpath.

Cllr Rhys Watkins reported smashed glass at the footpath running alongside KHRFC playing fields to the Scouts Hall. The Clerk to ask P J Landscapes to pick up the glass in this area.

13. Correspondence

(a) South Wales Police - QR Reporting Card - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence previously passed to members.

(b) BCBC Highways Network Manager - Contractor sited at Pandy Crescent in order to carry out work to pavements and installation of dropped kerbs - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members. Members discussed.

(c) BCBC Highway Notice Marlas Road and Ffald Road - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, previously passed to members.

(d) WO Carol John Royal Air Force Air Cadets - Request for update on provision of new premises in Kenfig Hill - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been passed to members. Members discussed the disappointment that would be felt if this organisation were not able to stay within the village, especially as they are this year celebrating the 70th Anniversary of being sited in Kenfig Hill. Cllr Kearn was asked to make enquiries with BCBC regarding the status of efforts to find alternative premises for the organisation within Kenfig Hill.

(e) Wales Project Development Officer Bumblebee Conservation Trust - Future of the Shrill Carder Bee at Kenfig - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Consideration of this meeting request to be deferred to the May meeting.

(f) Sker and Pink Bay Lifeguard Club - Request for Grant - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Consideration of this request to be deferred to the May meeting.

(g) BCBC EDSU - Consultation Heronsbridge School - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence previously passed to members.

(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) One Voice Wales - various, including membership renewal invitation - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Consideration of membership renewal invitation to be deferred to May meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 17th May 2022.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

*Cllr Andrea Jone
Acting Chair to the Council*