



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held remotely

on

Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 6.45pm

Present

Councillors: Cllrs G Chappell (Chair), L Barham, R Watkins & Amy Jones

Clerk to the Council: D Evans

Events Assistant: M Webber

Members of the public: None

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Kearn, A Radmore & A John

2. Questions/Observations from members of the public

There were no questions/observations from the public.

3. Update from Borough Councillors

The Clerk passed on apologies from the three Borough Councillors: Cllrs Mike Kearn, Huw David and Jane Gebbie.

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 Chappell declared an interest in all matters relating to Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club and in item 11 - consideration of grant toward Universal Academy of Arts (UAA).

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 19th April 2022

Cllr R Watkins proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 19th April be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr A Jones. All members were in agreement.

6. Matters arising from minutes at item 5 above

6.1 Item 6.2 - Vehicles blocking pavement at Garth Street - There was no further information on this issue. The police were not invited to this meeting as it was the first meeting of the new administration. Police to be invited to attend the June meeting.

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

6.3 Item 6.4 - 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.

6.4 Item 6.10 - Consideration of permanent COVID memorial to the rear of Heathbridge Miner's Memorial - The Clerk reported no further information on this proposal.

6.5 Item 6.11 - Cardiff Conservation Volunteers - The Clerk reported that the volunteers are undertaking work at the Collwyn on 22nd September. Peter John of P J Landscapes will attend with the volunteers. The Clerk reported that a resident has contacted the community council with concerns regarding Japanese Knotweed at the Collwyn. The Clerk was asked to instruct P J Landscapes to monitor any evidence of Japanese Knotweed in the area.

6.6 Item 9 Events - The first meeting of the Remembrance Day Committee is scheduled for 14th June. The Clerk confirmed that bunting and light filters have been purchased to decorate Heathbridge Miner's Memorial for the Platinum Jubilee. The Events Assistant and Cllr Chappell will take the decorating forward on 1st June.

6.7 Item 13(d) Provision of new premises in Kenfig Hill for Royal Air Force Cadets - The Clerk reported there had been no update on alternative premises in Kenfig Hill being identified for the Cadets.

7. Accounts Payable & Financial Update

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

8. Consideration of Purchase of Video Equipment to facilitate Multi-location Meetings

Members had previously been provided with quotes from Redhead Audio Visual, AVL Solutions, Gorilla and Integer. Members discussed quoted. Cllr Amy Jones proposed acceptance of quote from Integer. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

9. Consideration of proposals relating to future use of land to the rear of Pyle Swimming Pool

The Clerk reported no further information received from Whittington Landscape Architecture relating to masterplan for this area.

10. Consideration of proposals relating to provision of play park at Ty Talwyn

Members had been provided with quote from Whittington Landscape Architecture for contract management of play park provision. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to explore other contract management companies in order to make comparison of services offered.

11. Consideration of Requests for grants/donations

Members discussed the following requests for grants/donations:

- Sker & Pink Bay Lifeguards Club - The Clerk was asked to request further information on what the grant will be used for.
- Kenfig Hill Guides & Scouts - Cllr Watkins proposed £500 be granted for the use detailed within the request. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Universal Academy of the Arts (UAA) - Cllr Chappell declared an interest in this request. Cllr Jones proposed a grant of £1,000 be made toward the activities described within the request. Cllr Barham seconded this request. All members were in agreement.
- Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club - Cllrs Chappell and Watkins declared an interest in this request. The declaration of interest by two members meant consideration of this request could not be taken forward as the meeting was not quorate for this item.

12. Highway Safety

Members discussed ongoing issues at Marshfield Avenue, the entrance and exit to Village Farm Industrial Estate, including the lack of a pedestrian crossing in this area, and the sites identified at Heathbridge and Pigsaw Street for provision of 2 x Puffin Crossings. The Clerk was asked to request a meeting with officers from BCBC's Highways department regarding the issues discussed. Members discussed issues related to illegal use of off-road scrambler in the area. The Clerk was asked to pass on concerns to the PCSOs about the rise in offroad scramblers in the area, particularly at Waunbant Road. As discussed at item 6.1 above, PCSOs to be invited to the June meeting.

13. Events

As discussed at item 6.6 above, there will be a meeting of the Remembrance Committee on 14th June. Meetings of the Christmas and Festival Week committees will be organised for July. The preferred date for the Festival Week was 5th July, at KHRFC. The Events Assistant will arrange.

Due to the cancellation of the pantomimes scheduled for December 2021 there were selection boxes left over. Members discussed how these could be distributed. Cllr Jones proposed the chocolates be passed to KPC. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

14. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Members had previously been provided with BCBCs invoice for 2021 festive lighting. Cllr Chappell proposed payment of invoice. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- Members had been provided with information relating to quote for booking of two showings of Aladdin on 27th December, at Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club. Cllr Chappell declared an interest in this item as the venue is KHRFC. Cllr Jones proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr Watkins seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.
- The Clerk reported that BCBC have now confirmed the co-option process for the 2 x member vacancies can commence. The Clerk will take this forward.

b) Members Reports

(i) Cllr Chappell reported on highway issues previously discussed in the meeting.

(ii) Cllr Chappell asked that enquiries be made into what is proposed for the vacant area to the right of Pyle Fish Bar.

(iii) Cllr Jones reported illegal use of off-road scramblers at Waun Cimla. Members discussed information received from PCSOs regarding difficulties with taking forward prosecution of illegal use of scramblers due to the reluctance of members of the public to report incidents. Members discussed ways in which members of the public can anonymously report crimes by means of initiatives such as Operation SNAP, where photographs can be passed to the police anonymously.

(iv) Cllr Jones reported on issues relating to parked vehicles on the corner of North Avenue and Marshfield Avenue causing problems with vision at the junction in this area. Cllr Jones also reported on problems with parked vehicles at the entrance to Ty Talwyn Avenue from Pisgah Street. The Clerk to ask that the PCSOs look into the issues described.

(v) Cllr Watkins reported on the condition of the highway at the lane behind Park Street.

(vi) Cllr Watkins reported on lack of road markings at Pyle Cross.

(vii) Cllr Watkins reported that he has received complaints from residents about failure by Kier to deliver refuse bags. Cllr Watkins will pass details of the addresses affect to the Clerk.

(viii) Cllr Barham reported issues related to vehicles parking on pavements throughout the villages of Kenfig Hill and Pyle. This is an ongoing issue that the Clerk should again report to the PCSOs.

15. Planning Applications

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

- Planning Application Consultation T/22/14/TPO - 30% reduction of mature sycamore, slight crown life, remove all deadwood in canopy and remove 5 lower limbs - 9 Longlands Close - Pyle CF33 6LR
There were no issues relating to reductions being made.
- Planning Application Consultation T/22/8/TPO - 25% crown reduction to Oak trees to the rear pf the properties (location clarified and amended description received) - Trees at 1 & " Ton View, 28 & 29 Bryn Onnen, 1 Tre Newydd, Kenfig Hill Bridgend
There were no issues relating to reductions being made.
- Planning Application Consultation T/22/10/TPO - 25% crown reduction and to trim overhanging branches to large Oak tree - Rear of 2 Ton View, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend CF33 6EX
There were no issues relating to reductions being made.

16. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that quote is awaited from Gerald Davies Ltd., to repair wooden border at Rosemount Gardens. Cllr Watkins will inspect the border tomorrow.

The Clerk reported that quote for extended guarantee had been received from DELL for Council's laptop. Cllr Watkins proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr Jones seconded that proposal. All members were in agreement.

17. Correspondence

(a) Zurich Municipal – Insurance Renewal. The Clerk gave details of the renewal quote. Cllr Watkins proposed acceptance of quote. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(b) Resident – Biodiversity concerns. The Clerk reported on the concerns raised relating to mowing of verges during ‘No Mow’ May and general lack of consideration of biodiversity matters when taking forward grounds maintenance. Members discussed these concerns and the ways in which the introduction of the Environmental Working Group will ensure environmental issues are considered in all matters. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC and V2C regarding their grounds maintenance practices and how they relate to environmental aims.

(c) Hedgehogs R Us - Highways Project. Members discussed this project. Cllr Jones proposed purchase of one box of 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds. Cllr Chappell seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

(d) Bumblebee Conservation Trust – ‘Natur am Byth’ project (deferred from April meeting) - Members asked that this item be put before the Environmental Working Group.

(e) One Voice Wales – various, including membership renewal invitation (membership renewal deferred from April meeting) - The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which had previously been forwarded to members. Cllr Chappell proposed renewal of membership. Cllr Jones seconded. All members were in agreement.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 21st June 2022.

Meeting closed 8pm

*Cllr G Chappell
Chair to the Council*