

HIGHWAY SAFETY



PUFFIN CROSSING AT HEATHBRIDGE

Working in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council, the Community Council were pleased to see the installation of a Puffin Crossing at Heathbridge. The crossing has been long awaited as part of the Community Council’s efforts to improve highway safety in Kenfig Hill and Pyle.



**PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2023**

ISSUES AT ENTRANCE TO VILLAGE FARM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE – Members of the Community Council met with a BCBC Traffic & Transportation Officer, on 20th March, to discuss highway safety in this area. It was generally agreed that traffic flow has improved since the introduction of the lights at the entrance to the Industrial Estate, but efforts to improve highway safety around the estate are ongoing.

MEET YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Members have been holding monthly sessions at Pyle Library to allow residents to raise any issues they believe the Community Council can help with. Dates for the remainder of 2023 are below:

Day/Date/Time	Councillors
Wednesday 14 th June 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs M Kearn & R Watkins
Wednesday 12 th July 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs S Parsons & P Hopkins
Wednesday 9 th August 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs L Barham & R Watkins
Wednesday 13 th September 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs G Chappell & L Barham
Wednesday 11 th October 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs A Radmore & S Parsons
Wednesday 8 th November 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs R Watkins & L Barham
Wednesday 13 th December 4pm – 5.30pm	Cllrs P Hopkins & G Chappell

Pyle Community Council consists of nine members who serve in a purely voluntary capacity. The Council meets on the **third Tuesday of each month**, except August & December, 6.30pm at the Council’s Offices, at the Talbot Community Centre, 9 Prince Road, Kenfig Hill CF33 6ED. The aim of the Community Council is to improve the area and help with any issues or problems the residents of Kenfig Hill and Pyle may have, irrespective of race, disability, creed, colour, age, sex or political affiliation. All meetings are accessible remotely, anyone wishing to attend remotely should contact the Clerk, who will provide a Zoom link for the meeting. At the beginning of each meeting, 10 minutes is set aside for **‘Questions/ Observations from the Public’**. If any member of the public wishes to raise an issue they should notify the Clerk of their intention to speak, at the latest 24 hours before the meeting date.

Name	Telephone No.
Cllr Rhys Watkins (Chair)	07398 735018
Cllr Louise Barham	07791 891578
Cllr Phil Hopkins	07736 942430
Cllr Allan John	01656 744987
Cllr Amy Jones	07875 765942
Cllr Mike Kearn	07498 317275
Cllr Sue Parsons	07708 934546
Cllr Andrew Radmore	01656 746315
Cllr Gary Chappell (Vice Chair)	07774 926163

If you have any suggestions or issues you wish to discuss, please contact the Clerk on **07792 979736** or email clerk@pylecommunitycouncil.co.uk. For further information on the Community Council please visit their website; <https://pylecommunitycouncil.co.uk>.

ELECTION OF CHAIR TO PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 2023/24

At the Annual General Meeting of Pyle Community Council held on 16th May, Cllr Rhys Watkins was elected as Chair of the Community Council for the year 2023-24, with Cllr Gary Chappell elected as Vice Chair. Cllr Chappell thanked the Community Council for their support during his time as Chair over the previous 12 months.

INSTALLATION OF SWIFT NESTING BOXES



Pyle Community Council has declared the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill to be 'Swift Friendly' communities. We have a small population of nesting Swifts in the area and the Community Council is working to ensure they can continue to have nest sites here.

Swifts are iconic summer visitors,

arriving in early May, after a journey of over 3,000 miles from Africa, and leaving in mid-August to make the long trip back. Long lived, they are loyal to their partners and return to the same nest site year after year. Swifts live all aspects of their lives on the wing until the breeding season and young birds take 3-4 years to mature. Their nests are typically found in small gaps under the eaves of older houses and other buildings. This enigmatic bird has declined by over 50% in recent years and is a priority for conservation action. The cause of the decline is not understood. However, many sites have been lost due to building renovation or demolition, while new buildings typically do not provide many nesting opportunities for Swifts. Pyle Community Council have purchased six nest boxes which have been sited at Kenfig Hill Rugby Football club, free of charge by Mr Huw Beatty. The boxes were sited with advice from Ms Strinda Davies, a member of the Community Council's Environmental Working Group and a Trustee of Glamorgan Bird Club, as part of the Community Council's commitment to provide Swifts with somewhere safe to nest. The Community Council would like to thank Mr Beatty and Ms Davies for their help with this project.

DONATIONS / GRANTS

Twice a year – May and November, requests from local Clubs/Associations for donations/grants are considered. Please contact the Clerk, or one of the Councillors, to request an application form. Any Club/Association wishing to apply outside of the May and November meetings should contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors, to arrange consideration outside of the scheduled Agenda dates.

ISSUES WITH FLY TIPPING AT PANDY CRESCENT CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Community Council is responsible for the park at Pandy Crescent, including disposal of waste from the litter bins. There has been a problem with people placing household waste in the bins, including contaminated waste such as nappies and incontinence waste. This issue has become worse over recent months and it is costing the Community Council much more than the amount budgeted for this service. The rising costs are not sustainable and if the problem persists there will be no option other than to remove the bins from the area.

FESTIVAL WEEK & PARTY ON THE PITCH 2023

Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2023 commences on Sunday 18th June, with Party on the Pitch, including the Classic Car Show, being held at Kenfig Hill Rugby Football Club on Saturday 24th June. Schedule for the week is below:

PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL WEEK PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2023			
DATE	AM	PM	EVENING
Sunday 18th June	<i>Sunday Eucharist St. Theodore's Church 10am</i>		
Monday 19th June			<i>KH Male Voice Choir Open rehearsal Kenfig Hill RFC – 7pm</i>
Tuesday 20th June	<i>Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Sports Day 10am (Junior) Talbot Community Centre Dementia Awareness Coffee Morning 10am</i>		<i>Talbot Community Centre Nataly Churchill Psychic Medium 7.30pm</i>
Wednesday 21st June		<i>Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Summer Fete 2.30pm Pil Primary School Enterprise Day – 2pm KPC Thrift Sale 3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>Guides/Brownies/Rainbows Talent Night Kenfig Hill RFC 6pm -8pm</i>
Thursday 22nd June	<i>Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Sports Day 10am (Juniors) Local History Reading Pyle Library – 11am</i>	<i>Ascot Ladies Day at Kenfig Hill RFC 12 midday for drinks Cold meat buffet 2pm</i>	<i>Music Night, live guitarist at Bethel Community Church 7.30pm</i>
Friday 23rd June	<i>Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Sports Day 10am (Reception & Nursery)</i>		<i>St Theodore's Church – 7pm Bois Goetre Hen A'r Cylch Cor Meibion with Soloists Rhian Hughes and Josef Gray</i>
Saturday 24th June		<i>Party On The Pitch / Classic Car Show Kenfig Hill RFC 12.30pm start Owen Money to open event</i>	
Sunday 25th June			<i>Evensong – 6pm St James' Church Pyle</i>