

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 30th January 2019

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Village Hall on Wednesday, 30th January 2019, at 7.30pm:

Present: Councillors Mr D. Ponting, Dr J. Kingham, Mr J. Howells, Mr V. Jones, Mr D. Llewellyn Mr. R Church and Mrs C. Grove.

In the Chair: Councillor Mr D. Ponting

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs F. Owen-John, Mrs A Elliott, Mr N. Hollett and Mrs J Griffiths

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

Councillors R Church and V Jones declared an interest in planning application 2018/2656/FUL.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018 were approved as read and signed by the chair.

4. **Matters Arising.**

On 4 (3) Three Cliffs Holiday Park Planning Investigation – The application for existing lawful use has been turned down by Swansea Council. The park owners have 90 days to appeal. Two enforcement notices have been served on the holiday park owners. These are to remove hard-standings and stop parking of caravans and motorhomes on the field behind the owners' house. Details have appeared in the Evening Post.

On 4(9a) Bus Shelter at Perriswood – The clerk wrote Integrated Transport at Swansea Council regarding the cost of upgrading the bus shelter. The Clerk received a quote from the transport team which was circulated to members via email. The quote was valid for only 30 days and the installation cost was £1100 (from an outside agency). Members instructed the clerk to contact Ms Swain to ask if the council could supply us with a longer-term quote and a cost for a council team to install the upgraded shelter. This came in at £900.00. Cllr Howells asked on behalf of Cllr Owen-John if the clerk could contact the transport team to ask for a photo of the upgraded shelter. The clerk to then contact Cllr Richard Lewis to ask whether he could cover the cost of the upgrade from his budget for Gower Ward.

On 4 (11a) Bin at Tor View Car Park – The Clerk to email and ring Cllr Richard Lewis again to ask for an update. Cllr Church to forward the latest newsletter from Cllr Lewis with his latest contact details on for the clerk to use.

On (4)11b Sandy Lane Potholes – The clerk has written to the Golf Club and received no reply. It was proposed and agreed by all that due to local feeling we respect the view of the Pennard residents and Pennard Community Council.

On 4 (12/2A) – Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston – No change in the state of the road therefore the clerk to contact Nigel Fitzgerald of highways again.

On 4(11-1) Email from Huw Evans, Democratic Services – The Clerk and Cllr Ponting attended the review of the charter meeting which has been signed off by the committee. No County Councillors have been involved in the process however. The charter will be brought to County Council at their March meeting for ratification. It was proposed that it be put on the agenda for our February meeting. The clerk to forward the charter to all members via email. At the charter meeting it was mentioned that councillors could access Swansea council's online training material at a cost of £10-15 per member per year. It was agreed to sign up for at least one member and the clerk. The clerk agreed to forward the PowerPoint presentations that were shown at the charter meeting to members. These included changes to planning, sustainable development and future generations; and recycling and changes to the black bag programme. Repeat offenders, who fail to recycle and put items in black bags instead, will get fined after warnings. Cllr Church pointed out that holiday makers and day trippers aren't catered for as recycling points such as the one at Murton Community Centre has been taken away. This needs to be addressed. Cllr Jones pointed out that even when recycling bins and bags are provided in holiday accommodation, holiday makers don't always recycle and the holiday accommodation owners will be held responsible. Clerk to write to Chris Howells, who made the presentation, at Swansea Council regarding these queries.

On 4(12c) Path from Ilston Valley to Lunnon – Clerk has spoken to Chris Dale at Swansea Council regarding the trees across the path up to Lunnon from Ilston Valley. Mr Dale said they had been having trouble getting the property agent to remove the trees. The Clerk has written, with accompanying photos of fallen trees, to Mr Ross Williams at Leader Property Services, copying in Chris Dale at Swansea Council. Mr Williams assured her that he would deal with the matter. He also assured her that the previous tree fall had been dealt with and that these were new trees that had subsequently come down. Cllr Church stated that if not dealt with, Swansea Council do have the authority to clear the footpath and bill the landowner. In the past the Ramblers have cleared paths and so have the Gower Society. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk contact Chris Dale and see if its possible to cut a way through without removing the trees and establish whether the community council could do this.

On 4(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen – Cllr Church found the original email from Swansea Council offering the sites as transfers. The email has been passed to the Clerk. The advantages of obtaining the control of the land for the community would be that we could keep it as a green space for the community and stop its development for housing. We would have to raise the precept to maintain the land. Cllr Ponting asked what our obligations would be regarding insurance, maintenance etc. The Clerk looked into this and phoned OVW who advised that our obligations would be minimal and should be covered by our current insurance. We currently pay for hedge cutting. The Hall committee currently pay £10 each time, 8 times per year to use the land in front of Tor View for parking, this money could be used for the community. Any events held on the land would be the responsibility of the event organiser to risk assess etc so this would not add any responsibility to the community council. The Clerk to contact Julie James, the Welsh Government Local Government Minister to establish how we go about having the land transferred as an asset. Clerk to also contact Cllr Richard Lewis. Cllr Church to forward Cllr Lewis' latest newsletter with his newest contact details on for the clerk to use.

On 4(12a) Bulk Shredding – Clerk still to look into the bulk shredding of old documentation and to taking relevant documentation to Swansea Archives.

On 4(12b) Obstruction to the Carriageway near Grovehill Cottage, Parkmill – The cars are now being parked very close to the valley sides, minimising the obstruction to the carriageway and cones are no longer being used. Barbed wire has appeared along the edge of the bank. Members to keep an eye on the situation.

On 4(12c) Flooding of North Hills Lane – Cllr Ponting reported that since the ditch has been re-dug and the road re-surfaced, there has been a remarkable improvement in the occurrence of flooding.

On 8 Budget and Precept – The clerk contacted OVW regarding the issue of paying expenses towards the usage of the Clerk’s mobile phone and internet. Advice was given that a percentage should be paid towards the cost of household bills as the Clerk works from home. An amount of £10 per month was suggested. This was put before the council, agreed and accepted by all members present.

On 12a Flooding on Land leading to Frogpool - The Clerk has reported the flooding to highways and has received an acknowledgment but heard nothing further.

On 12b State of the land on Cefn Bryn - Cllr Kingham reported that he and Cllr Owen-John attended a meeting on 19th December at the Cefn Bryn Site with NRW and Welsh Water. The Clerk wrote to Welsh Water to state that the community were unhappy with the state that the land was left in after the work was carried out on the site by the contractors. The Clerk read out the reply received from Welsh Water in which it was stated that remedial work was to be carried out in the spring when the weather improves.

5. Reports from Members

Cllr Grove attended the NRW Ash Dieback event at Parc Le Breos on 17th December 2018. She reported that it was not what she was expecting and that very little information was available considering how much impact this could have on Gower. Their strategy is to take down what is dead and dangerous, concentrate on footpaths and where the scouts camp and monitor the situation. The trees are to be numbered so that they can be identified and people can report them if they see they are looking dangerous.

6. Planning Applications.

The following applications have been received:-

a). Application No. 2018/2550/FUL

Location: Glebe House, Penmaen, SA3 2AH

Proposal: Demolition of rear wing extension and garage, addition to barns, refurbishment of existing dwelling and barns and including single storey extension and replacement garage.

Applicant: Owain Jones and Cody Bates

After perusal of the plans and discussion, no objections were raised.

b). Application No.2018/2644/ELD

Location: Land south of Parc Le Breos House, Parkmill, SA3 2HA

Proposal: Use of building as a holiday let (application for a Certificate of Existing Lawful Use)

Applicant: Mr Kerry Edwards

After looking at the accompanying documentation and discussion no objections were raised. It was noted, however, that lots of these established use and retrospective planning applications were appearing in the lists and this was a concern. It was also noted that this was currently being addressed by Welsh government.

c). Application No. 2017/2656/FUL

Location: Field adjacent to Maes Yr Haf, Parkmill, SA3 2EH

Proposal: Use of part of the field for the temporary siting of up to 25 caravans and campervans from 27th June -1st July 2019 (inclusive) 19th -21st July (inclusive) and 5th-9th September 2019 (inclusive).

Cllr Church and Cllr Jones declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion. After the discussion no objections were raised.

7. **Financial Statement.**

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

1.	Clerk's Pay	£161.00
2.	Clerk's PAYE	£35.20
3.	Wales Audit Office	£335.55
4.	Friends of Pennard Library	£100.00
	Total	£631.75

Therefore -

Balances: £3329.11 Deposit account
£3349.27 Current account

b) **Payments** - To consider any invoices or accounts for payments and any requests for donations under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

No invoices have been presented for payment.

8. **Organising a meeting with all Gower Community Council to discuss items of mutual interest –**

This matter was postponed to the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

9. **Rural Development Partnership.**

No update.

10. **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere) -**

Received and noted:-

- a) HMRC, dated 9th January 2019, detailing how to make sure that electronic payments reach our account with them on time.
- b) Glasdon's brochures
- c) PC Homecall, undated, computed service reminder letter.
- d) Clerks and Councils Direct, January 2019, Issue 121
- e) Marie Curie, dated 2nd January 2019, appeal for support.
- f) Swansea Bay Age Cymru, dated January 2019, appeal for support.
- g) The Pensions Regulator, dated 23rd January 2019, regarding the re-declaration of compliance of Ilston Community Council with the Pensions Regulator.

The emails received have been noted.

11. **Any Other Business**

- a) The dog waste bin has fallen off its post on the unnamed road leading down to Three Cliffs passed Heritage Acre and has been removed by the council. Clerk to write to ask if they are planning to reinstate the bin.
- b) Clerk to Contact Sean Hathaway regarding the reappearance of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam in Ilston Valley and along Pennard Pill, opposite the Heritage Centre.
- c) The road surface of Lunnon Hill needs attention, the shoulder is breaking off. Clerk to contact Highways.

Date of next meeting.

Noted date as Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

Cllr Howells and Cllr Kingham send their apologies.
Chairman.

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