

# **Community Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Village Hall on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7.30pm:

**Present:** Councillors Mrs A. Elliott, Mr D. Ponting, Mr V. Jones, Mr. R Church Mrs F. Owen-John, Mrs A Elliott, Mr N. Hollett and Mrs C. Grove.

**In Attendance:** PC Richard Jeavons and PCSO Andrew Brown

**In the Chair:** Councillor Mrs A Elliott

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Dr J. Kingham, Mr J. Howells, Mr D. Llewellyn and Mrs J Griffiths

2. **To consider the issue with parking in the cross hatched area in Tor Bay Car Park.**

It was agreed that item 10 be moved up the agenda so that the police officers present could comment and advise on the issue and then leave if they so wished. The clerk has been contacted via email by a resident of Tor View (adjacent to the Village Hall and Tor Bay car park) regarding the issue of the public parking on the cross hatchings in the car park, obstructing access to the residences on Tor View. The same resident had contacted Officer Brown who had agreed to come to the meeting to discuss the matter with the community council. Officer Brown advised that the access road is an unadopted road and also that yellow line offences have been decriminalised and are now only enforceable by local authority parking wardens. He advised writing to the local authority asking for better signage, more visible cross-hatchings and possibly the resurfacing of the car park as it is in such a bad state of repair. The clerk to write to the council and email highways.

PC Jeavons explained that officers were being encouraged to work out in the community on laptop computers. The advantage of this was that they were more visible in the community. He asked if he could use the village hall. Cllr Owen-John didn't see a problem but would check with the hall committee. Cllr Church offered the use of the Barham Centre in Parkmill as another site. Officer Brown also mentioned that they were looking for a place to hold a PACT surgery and Cllr Ponting mentioned a coffee morning the following Saturday, Officer Brown hoped to attend. Councillors thanked the officers. The officers left the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

None.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as read and signed by the chair.

4. **Matters Arising**

On 4(9a) Bus Shelter at Perriswood – The clerk wrote to Cllr Lewis asking whether he could cover the cost of upgrading the bus shelter out of his ward budget. He replied saying he felt that Swansea Council should cover the cost and that he had written to them and is waiting for a reply.

On 4 (11a) Bin at Tor View Car Park – The Clerk has written to Cllr Lewis regarding the bin. He has replied stating that the council have no plans to replace the bin as there is one across the road by the bus stop. The Clerk to write to Swansea Council emphasising the need for a bin in the car park.

On 4 (11b) On (4) 11b Sandy Lane Potholes – The clerk received a letter from the Golf club (dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019) saying that they would repair the lane but then received an email (15<sup>th</sup> February) saying that they have been advised to seek further advice as they do not legally have to maintain it. Clerk to write to Highways to establish who is responsible for maintenance of ‘the by-way’ for health and safety purposes.

On 4 (12/2A) – Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston – The clerk has written to Nigel Fitzgerald of the Highways department and is waiting for a reply.

On 4 (11-1) Email from Huw Evans, Democratic Services – The clerk has written to Chris Howells regarding recycling and the new black bags scheme in relation to holiday lets/holiday makers and day trippers, he replied that day trippers need to use bins provided on the curb side etc and *he also advised that holiday lets owners shouldn't use domestic waste services to dispose of their waste as technically the waste is not 'domestic'*. Cllr Owen-John mentioned that it was difficult for some holiday makers to get to grips with recycling as it done very differently in different areas and it's very confusing.

On 4 (12c) Path from Ilston Valley to Lunnon – The clerk visited and the path has now been cleared of trees.

On 4(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen – The clerk has contacted the office of Julie James AM and emailed her directly asking for help in the process of transferring the assets. An acknowledgment email has been received. Once a response is forthcoming and the community council know whether it is possible to gain control of the land, we will inform residents of our intentions.

On 12 (a) The clerk spoke to environmental health at the council, who advised that they had no plans to replace the dog waste bin as it had been damaged beyond repair and they had no money to replace it. They had also changed their vehicle and it can no longer access the lane as it is too big to get down there and turn around.

On 12 b) Clerk spoke to Sean Hathaway who will visit the sites and assess the situation. Cllr Church suggested contacting him again to suggest applying for RPD funding for spraying.

On 12 c) The clerk has notified highways of the situation and received an acknowledgement.

5. **Reports from Members**

None.

6. **Planning Applications**

None



The emails received have been noted, those commented on are noted below:

1) Email received on 8<sup>th</sup> February from Alison O'Hara, from Electoral Services, regarding the Review of Polling District and Polling Places Regs 2006 and the current review being undertaken by Swansea Council. The Clerk to complete the online form to state that the community council are happy with the current arrangements.

2) Email received on 12<sup>th</sup> February from Chris Lindley, Gower Area Of Natural Beauty Team, Swansea Council, regarding the Gower AONB Dark Sky Community Award Application, asking for support from Community Councils and possible nomination of discovery areas within community council areas. *Clerk to write to Chris Lindley in support of the application and to nominate Green Cwm/ Parc Le Breos as a possible discovery area.*

## 12. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Hollett asked whether a cherry tree could be planted on the green by the Church in Penmaen. No objections raised. Cllr Hollett to explore this possibility as long as the residents and commoners don't object, *especially the Beynon's who cut the grass.*
- b) Cllr Church raised the issue of Swansea currently being consulted as being an area of possible Nuclear Waste disposal. Clerk to write to formally lodge our objections and concerns and to back the campaign to object to this proposal. Tourism Swansea Bay are leading the campaign to object.
- c) Clerk has spoken to One Voice Wales regarding the notice board on the wall in Penmaen. We don't have to have a notice board in Penmaen as long as we have one somewhere else. The agenda will go up in Lunnon and Ilston. The Notice Board in Penmaen will be taken down. Potentially the agenda could also go up in the village hall.

### Date of next meeting.

**Noted** date as Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Ponting has given his apologies for the next meeting. Cllr Owen-John to look at the planning applications.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairman.