

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April 2019

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Village Hall on Wednesday, 24th April 2019, at 7.30pm:

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Elliott, Mr V. Jones, Mr. R Church, Mrs F. Owen-John, Mr D. Llewellyn, Mr J. Howells, Dr J. Kingham and Mr D. Ponting.

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs A. Elliott

In Attendance: Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mr N Hollett, Mrs C Grove and Mrs J Griffiths.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

None.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2019 were approved as read and signed by the chair.

4. **Matters Arising.**

4(9a) **Bus Shelter at Perriswood** – The Clerk has received email correspondence from the Swansea Council's Transport Team in relation to the upgrade of the bus shelter, stating that the quotation received from the contractor is no longer valid. The company, Queensbury Shelter, has ceased trading. The Transport Team are in the process of looking for another quote and will get back to us as soon as possible. The Clerk will contact the Transport Team to see if there has been any progress with this.

On 4 (11a) **Bin at Tor View Car Park** – The Clerk has written to Cllr Lewis and to Swansea Council once again reiterating the need for a bin at the car park. Cllr Kingham stated that over the Easter bank holiday weekend, during the fine weather, rubbish has been left by the dog poo bin near the gate to the car park at the top of the lane from the beach. The clerk to write to Swansea Council and Cllr Lewis to inform them that this is happening.

On (4) 11b **Sandy Lane Potholes** – No update.

On 4 (12/2A) – **Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston** – Cllr Kingham stated that new National Speed Limit signage has been put up at either end of the lane, even though the road surface is very bad and full of potholes. Cllr Howells asked whether the community council had been consulted on the 20mph speed limit through Parkmill. The consensus was no but that it was a good thing in general.

On 4(12b) Cllr Church stated that Japanese Knotweed is making a strong comeback in Ilston valley and needs spraying as soon as possible. Clerk to contact Sean Hathaway once again to tell him.

On 4(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen – Clerk has written back to Ms Blythyn and has received an acknowledgement but has received no reply as yet.

On 8 RDP Funding Possibilities – Clerk has spoken to Paul Jones who said that applications would need to show evidence of need and community engagement. He sent through a list of approved projects. The clerk will circulate these via email along with the funding criteria. Cllr Church has obtained the necessary forms for applying for funding and Cllr Owen-John has passed these on to the necessary person to apply for funding of the improvements at the church.

On 9 Gower Community Council Forum Meeting – The clerk has emailed all the clerks in the local area and received positive feedback. The meeting format will be on an as and when necessary basis or when issues arise.

On 12 (a) Draft Community Newsletter – Another draft has been drawn up, this will be looked at the end of the meeting.

On 12 (b) Potholes from Brownswell Farm to Lunnon Farm and Lunnon Hill – The clerk contacted Highways and the potholes have been repaired from Brownswell Farm to Lunnon Farm. The road surface on Lunnon Hill remains in a dangerous state. The clerk to contact Highways as a matter of urgency. Clerk to ring and send follow-up email as soon as possible.

5. **Reports from Members**

None.

6. **Planning Applications.**

Application No. 2019/0741/FUL

Location: Lifeguard Hut, Three Cliffs Bay Beach, near
North Hill Lane, Swansea, SA3 2HB

Proposal: Retrospective Planning Application for RNLI
Lifeguard Facility

Applicant: RNLI

After discussion, no objections were raised.

Application No. 2019/0772/NMA

Location: Rose Cottage, Penmaen, SA3 2HH

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment - The repositioning of the 'New Velux roof window from the location shown on the original, approval, proposed North (road) elevation drawing.

Applicant: Mr Steve Pleydell

After viewing plans, no objections were raised.

Location: Behind the RNLI Lifeguard Hut,
Three Cliffs Bay Beach, near North Hill Lane,
Swansea, SA3 2HB

Proposal: Planning application for the siting of a small timber shed housing an eco-toilet behind the existing RNLI lifeguard hut which has been in situ since March 2016.

Applicant: Mr Summers – RNLI

Approved but members requested to know how electrical power will be sourced. There is no power supply at the hut, there is no application for an electricity supply but the technical specification for the composting toilet requires a 240volt power supply. Cllr Ponting to ask for clarification when he sends the planning responses in to the planning department.

7. Financial Statement.

Year Ending 31st March 2019 Balances:

£3,330.77 Deposit account
£2,875.84 Current account.

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

1.	Clerk's Pay	£161.00
2.	Clerk's PAYE	£35.20
	Total	£196.20

Credit – Nil

Therefore -

Balances: £3,330.77 Deposit account
£2,679.64 Current account

a) **Payments** - None

8. Rural Development Partnership.

As above

9. Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere) -

Received and noted:-

Emails Received:

Received on 9th April 2019, from Allison Lowe, Swansea Council Democratic Services, requesting that the attached form be completed to show whether community council members have claimed any expenses or allowances in 2018/19 tax year. The clerk has completed the form to show that no councillors have claimed any payments.

Received on 11th April 2019, from One Voice Wales, regarding the Swansea Area Committee Meeting on Monday the 29th April. Cllr A Elliott and Cllr C Grove are our current representatives but as neither could attend, apologies were sent.

Received on 13th April 2019, forwarded by Democratic Services, from the Planning Society for Wales (POSW) regarding the Town and Community Council survey. Community Council Clerks have been asked to complete a survey regarding their local planning authority by 10th May. The Clerk to complete with the help of Cllr Ponting as the Planning Officer.

Received on 16th April 2019, from One Voice Wales, acknowledging our membership fee and welcoming us for the forthcoming year.

Letters Received:

Letter from M S Thomas, Group Leader – Traffic and Highways Network Management, dated 8th April 2019, regarding the problems with access to Tor View. M S Thomas advised that the hatched areas is owned by the Housing Department and not ‘adopted highway. The matter has now been forwarded to the Housing Department for them to deal with. After some discussion regarding the ownership of the carpark itself and whether a covenant exists to keep the area clear the clerk to write to the housing department to see what can be accomplished.

Letter from Nick Harvey, Seafarers UK (undated), asking the community council to fly a Red Ensign flag for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019 – Cllr Kingham said he would do this.

Hags Spring offers brochure 2019 – Clerk to email again to say that we do not have any land or play areas.

Letter from BDO, dated 28th March 2019, regarding this years’ audit, the clerk to work on the audit over the next month and report progress at next month’s meeting.

12. Any Other Business

a) The map with ward boundaries has been added to the draft newsletter along with the addition of an events section. Cllr Owen John will be the contact for events and an email address provided. A welsh version will also be produced alongside the English version. Other local information will be added i.e. bus information and the ambassador project funded through RPD. The leaflets will be produced by Tourism Swansea Bay. Cllr Church will email out the final version before the next meeting and then it will be distributed. The Post Office will distribute the newsletter house to house. There will be a section for people to opt out next time if they so wish. Cllr Ponting suggested that it be produced quarterly. This was unanimously approved. Feedback will be welcomed.

b) Cllr Ponting has received an email from a resident asking if there is anything that the community council can do to get the dog poo bin reinstated on the way down to Three Cliffs Bay. The Clerk to write to the Environment/Cleansing department and reiterate what we have already said. mentioning the co-ordinated ‘Destination Management Plan’ which should take precedence in appropriate areas.

Date of next meeting.

Noted date as Wednesday 29th May 2019 following the AGM at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman.