

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th June 2019

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Village Hall on Wednesday, 26th June 2019, at 7.30pm:

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Elliott, Mr N. Hollett, Mrs F Owen-John, Mr D. Ponting, Mrs J Griffiths and Mr J Howells

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs A. Elliott

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mr V Jones, Mr R Church, Dr J Kingham, Mr D Llewellyn and Mrs C Grove.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

None.

3. **To consider the asset transfer of land at Tor View, Penmaen.**

The Community Council noted the document that was presented at the last meeting. The council are also concerned about any possible use of the site and wish to preserve it as it stands. The council will consult with the local community around any proposals. However, the council are awaiting a decision on the status of the land before we can proceed any further.

4. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2019 were approved as read and signed by the chair.

5. **Matters Arising.**

4(9a) **Bus Shelter at Perriswood** – There has been no update from the Transport Team regarding the bus shelter. The deadline for applying for funding through the RDP has been extended to September. Cllr Church to proceed.

On 4 (11a) **Bin at Tor View Car Park** – The bin has been moved to the car park. Cllr Owen-John reported that it is already full. The dog waste bin on the lane coming up from Tor Bay is completely obscured from view by vegetation, as is the sign. The concern is that people may miss it and put their dog waste into the rubbish bin. Cllr Ponting will keep an eye on the bin usage and cut back the vegetation.

On 9 **Access to Tor View** – The clerk has written back to the Housing Department querying the term improvements rather than maintenance of the car park. The clerk has not, as yet, received a reply.

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

On 4 (12/2A) – **Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston** – Cllr Griffiths reported that she had received a Notice of Closure for works to be carried out on the unnamed road Y1740 which runs from Willoxton Cross, passed Furzehill and Brynafel to Ilston village. The notice states that the road is to be cleared from Ilston to Willoxton Cross. Cllr Griffiths reported that the Council has cleared the roadsides from Ilston to the brow of the hill out of Ilston but that no repairs have been undertaken to the road surface. From the top of the hill to Brynafel the growth at the side of the road has restricted the road surface to approximately 1 metre. From Brynafel to Willoxton Cross, although passable there is still heavy growth in the lane. Where the road passes Furzehill, it severely restricts vision both from traffic coming out of the junction and for traffic

coming up and down the lane which is not helped by the installation of a national speed limit sign off a 40mph road at Willoxton Cross. The council did not clear the whole length of the road as stated in their notice. The council closed the road for only one day from Willoxton Cross to Furzehill to undertake repairs to some of the potholes in the lane. This meant that residents had to negotiate travelling from Furzehill to Ilston where hedges were overgrown and with massive potholes in the road. On the same day, all the surrounding roads in the area were cut by the council but this road was not.

On 4(12b) Japanese Knotweed – no update.

On 4(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen –The clerk has emailed Hannah Blythyn asking for further help with the process of asset transfer. The email has been acknowledged but the clerk has not received anything further. Clerk to follow up after the next meeting if no reply is forthcoming at that time.

On 4(12b) Potholes from Brownswell Farm to Lunnon Farm and Lunnon Hill – The clerk has received a reply from Nigel Fitzgerald stating that due to the location he and colleagues will carry out preliminary checks on the gully drains etc within the location. On the finalisation of this work, colleagues will then look to implement an appropriate scheme to address the issues that we have highlighted.

On 6 Planning Applications - Cllr Ponting reported that the eco toilet behind the lifeguard hut at Three Cliffs Bay has been approved. The replacement dwelling at Stones Field, planning application 2019/0972/FUL, is still being considered.

On 12 (a) Penmaen Hill Accidents - Clerk has contacted Highways, they will look into the matter.

6. **Reports from Members**

None.

7. **Planning Applications.**

Application No. 2019/1343/FUL

Location: Parc Le Breos Court, Parkmill, SA3 2HA

Proposal: Extension of existing building to provide additional garage and storage facilities

Applicant: Mr G Sibbald

After discussion, no objections were raised to this application.

Application No. 2019/1384/TCA

Location: Guide Centre, Parkmill, SA3 2EQ

Proposal : Fell trees at the guide centre

The information on the council website is incomplete. It doesn't say which trees they want to fell. The clerk will contact planning for more information and bring back to the next meeting for further discussion.

8. **Financial Statement.**

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

1.	Clerk's Pay	£195.00
2.	Clerk's PAYE	£1.20
	Total	£196.20

Credit –

1.	Precept	£1,590.00
2.	Interest on Savings a/c	£1.66

Therefore -

Balances:	£3,332.43	Deposit account
	£3,627.86	Current account

- a) **To consider the income and expenditure for the tax year 2018/19 and review the budget** – the Clerk has compiled a spreadsheet with the income and expenditure for the last tax year. It was discussed whether the Sunday bus service benefits the local community or mostly the tourist demographic. The clerk to contact the service provider and Tourism Swansea Bay to see if they have any statistical information. The review of the budget to be deferred until July.
- b) **Payments** – An invoice for the payment of £75 from the Internal Auditor has been received. All members agreed to the payment of the invoice.

9. **The Audit Return for the year ending 31st March 2019**

The completed audit return for 31st March 2019 was presented to the council and after discussion was received and approved. The return was duly signed by the RFO and the chairman.

10. **To consider the Counsellor Allowance of £150 for the year ending 31st March 2020**

The Clerk handed out the forms to be completed by members if they so wish.

11. **Rural Development Partnership.**

As mentioned above the window for funding applications has been extended until September.

12. **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere) -**
Received and noted:-

Emails Received:

- a) Received on 30th May 2019, from Mr Paul Griffiths, Area Cleansing Manager, Parks and Cleansing, Swansea Council, regarding getting a replacement dog waste bin on the lane leading down to Three Cliffs Bay. The council have looked in to other nearby suitable locations but didn't come up with one that wasn't directly by a residents' property. After a location visit, Mr Griffith could find no evidence of dog waste bags on the adopted highway and stated that any on the unadopted road was the responsibility of the landowner to deal with. The email was noted.

b)Received on 7th June from Rt Hon The Lord Pickles, Chairman, The Parliamentary Review, inviting Ilston Community Council to be representatives for 2019/20.

c)Received on 10th June 2019, from Mr Stephen Crocker, Project Director, The Gower Project, regarding a community-based industry program set up to eradicate bovine TB on Gower. Mr Crocker asked if he could attend the next meeting of the council to give a briefing/ presentation with the possibility of asking for a contribution towards the cost of the project. The clerk has replied that he is welcome to attend and give a presentation but as a small community council we may not be able to offer financial support.

Other Correspondence:

None received.

12. **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Howells to contact James Rutter to cut back the verges on the cattle grid at Nicholaston Cross.
- b) Cllr Howells asked Cllr Ponting if there was any news regarding the appeal on North Hills farm. Cllr Ponting replied that there was no news.

Date of next meeting

Noted date as Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman.