

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th September 2019

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 25th September 2019

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

One member of the public, who did not wish to speak.

In the Chair: Councillor : Mrs. A Elliott.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. A. Griffiths, J. Howells, D. Ponting, Mrs. C. Grove.

In the absence of the clerk, Councillor F. Owen-John agreed to take the minutes.

2. **Personal Interests.** None declared.

3.. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.. **Matters Arising.**

On 4 (11) a. Bin at Tor View Car Park. This is now being used and emptied

On 4(9) Access to Tor View. Nothing to report.

On 4. 11b Sandy Lane Potholes. Nothing to report.

On 4(12/2A) Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston The Clerk has written to the Council but no response so far. Councillor Kingham reported he had walked it and the growth has been cut back a bit, but it is not good enough and the ruts in the road make it impassable for normal cars. Councillor Llewellyn reported that he will be cutting the top bit, but can't get the tractor down very far. Wait for a response from the Council.

On45(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen. A letter has been received from Lewis Hinds confirming that the land is NOT for transfer. The Community Council will continue to monitor the situation.

On 4 (12b) Lunnon Hill. The sides of the road on Lunnon Hill are still a problem. Await an answer from the Council.

On 4.(12a) Penmaen Hill Accidents. A letter dated 7 August had been received from Highways in response to the Clerk's communication. This stated that their target for dealing with any reported defects is 21 days. This time has expired but no further action has been taken.

On 7. Planning The Clerk had written to Chris Dale, Countryside Access Team Leader, who had sent a reply stating that Mr Paul Beynon had been asked to provide evidence of the alleged private right of way, but had not receive any. In the event of such evidence being provided the situation would be reviewed.

Examination of maps reveals that no track from Parkmill to the west of Pennard Pill has existed for at least 140 years. There is also no evidence on the ground of any track, and

until improvements had been carried out nearly 3 years ago, the public footpath that runs along the western bank of the Pill was virtually impassable on foot.

The present bollards replaced older bollards that had become rotten, and which were installed 20 years ago. A few metres further along the track (which is also a bridleway) a large boulder was placed across it by the landowner over 30 years ago to obstruct access by vehicles. During this period no complaints were received from Mr. Beynon regarding access.

On 12 (a) Erin Rickard, Gower Hedgerow Hub. Has asked if she can send in photos for inclusion in the news letter. Councillor Church agreed that about 200 words and photos would be suitable.

On 12 (e) Friends of Singleton Park. The Clerk had written to Ryan Thomas from whom a reply had been received stating that as Development, Conservation & Design Manager his service area would be responsible for the determination of any subsequent planning application but would have no influence over whether such an application were submitted or whether the site were to be sold by the Council. A copy of concern expressed had been passed to the Head of Strategic Estates for consideration.

On 12. Any other business. A reply had been received from Mr. Fitzgerald, Highways Manager. Concerning a) Large vehicles. This has been passed to Jeff as a traffic safety issue to be looked at and a request to update this Community Council.

b) Temporary traffic lights at Kilvrough and Parkmill. "From a Highway Maintenance perspective we would not look to fund traffic lights, Jeff again as this is a traffic safety issue would your section be able to fund this request?"

c) Cutting grass verges on South Gower Road. This had also been passed on to another department requesting the relevant officer to update the Clerk on this issue.

Councillor Owen-John reported that the verges have now been cut, albeit, not particularly well.

Councillor Llewellyn reported that he would be cutting the sides from Wiloxton to the Cattle Grid to the common going from Lunnon.

5. Refuse Collections Three Cliffs. Councillor Ponting had been contacted by a resident re non collection of refuse at the bottom of Northhills Lane. There are 26 dwellings in Stone's Field and the refuse bags are often not collected. This encourages holiday makers to add their rubbish to this. After some discussion it was agreed that Councillor Ponting be asked to establish the facts and status of the Stone's Field residences. It was agreed that the situation does need sorting out.

6.. Reports from Members; There were no reports from members.

7.. Planning Applications.

Application 2019/1962/S73. This is the site of The Cabin, a wooden bungalow for which planning permission had been granted in 2015, but work had never started. The plot is at the bottom of Northhills Lane overlooking Three Cliffs Bay. The application is to extend the planning consent for a further 5 years. The plot is up for auction.

It was agreed no objection, since no objection had been raised to the original application.

8. Financial Statement. Just the basic figures are available. The current account balance £4,398.66, The Saving account: £3,334.09.

The only invoice received is for the Sunday Swansea Bus Service for £1,100.00. It was not clear for what period this covered and it was agreed that further information should be sought as to the period covered. The break down of passenger numbers which had been requested was also unclear. Councillor Church is to enquire about future plans for the service which runs every hour from 8 am to

7 pm. The Chairman to make more enquires concerning passenger numbers, who else contributes and what our portion of the cost we are covering, before any payment is authorised.

9. **Rural Development Partnership**. Councillor Church reported that 3 projects had been put forward 1) Knotweed Control in Ilston Valley; 2) Speed controls 3) Bus shelter at Perriswood. Each for £3,000. The Knotweed needs to be dealt with now, so a sum of £574 has been requested in order to do the job. This may, or may not be repaid depending on if the project is passed. It was agreed that this sum be approved for payment. Waiting to hear anything regarding the other two projects.

10.. **Correspondence**.

a) One Voice Wales: Welsh classes to be advertised in the Newsletter free of charge.

b) Llanrhidian Lower: An e-mail had been received asking if Highways could be contacted to see if some signs could be put at the bridge at Llythred as it is narrow and dangerous. The river is the boundary between the two areas. It was agreed to contact the Clerk of Llanrhidian Lower and ask if they could contact Highways, as our Clerk is unwell, but stating that Ilston CC support the suggestion.

c) Up turn in Crime. Councillor Ponting had reported that P C Jeavons had been in touch to point out the increase in burglaries and theft of farm equipment in the area. It was agreed that a warning could be included in the Newsletter and that Councillor Ponting should have regular updates from P C Jeavons.

d) Councillor Ponting has received an e-mail from a resident, Steve Playdell of Penmaen requesting the CC to contact the Council with regard to traffic calming devices to be installed through Penmaen. The 30 mph sign on the west bound carriage way is obscured by vegetation, which needs cutting back. The pavement on the north side of the road opposite Rose Cottage was cleared a few years ago, but has now become overgrown again and needs cutting back to make it safe to walk on. He also thanked the Council for arranging for the rubbish bin to be moved from the opposite side of the road back to the car park at Tor View, as they now did not have rubbish thrown into their garden.

It was agreed that The Chairman would write a letter to Highways asking for lower speed limits at the points where both ends of the loop road meet the main road, as both are dangerous crossing points. Also requesting clearance of the pavement.

e) The Chairman read a circular from Swansea Council to all Community Councils asking if any group would like to take over the Christmas Sleigh. It was agreed that Ilston would not be interested.

11.. **Any Other Business**

1. Boundaries Commission. Councillor Church raised the matter of the Commission having now put out a report to which comments may be made. The recommendation is that Ilston be grouped with Pennard, in an attempt to balance out the numbers in each Ward area. There were also suggestions for name change to include Gower in the title. Some discussion took place but no unanimous conclusions were agreed. It was agreed that Councillor Church will write a letter which he will circulate to all Councillors. It was also pointed out that anyone may send in comments as individuals.

2. Trail Bikes: Councillor Kingham had received an e-mail from a resident regarding boys using trail bikes across Cefn Bryn. He had video evidence with the registration of the van delivering the bikes, together with dates and times. It was agreed that Councillor Kingham would contact P C Jeavons and request that the situation be monitored and hopefully stopped.

3. Notice in car park area near cattle grid at Penmaen: Councillor Kingham asked if the relevant people be asked to remove the trailer advertisement that advises people not to leave valuables in

their cars. It was agreed that Councillor Kingham would contact the Crime Prevention Unit and request removal. Councillor Church volunteered to store the trailer over the winter if necessary.

4. Thanks were expressed to The Chairman for her work to cover for the Clerk..

- 12 The Clerk. The Clerk has presented a sick note, but it is not clear what our responsibilities are regarding sick pay. Also it is uncertain whether she will be fit to recommence duties after the end of this month. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact One Voice Wales for guidance. Also Councillor Church would enquire if Dean at the information center in Parkmill could provide temporary Secretarial services, especially filtering e-mails. All the Councillors wished The Clerk a speedy recovery.

- . Date of next meeting. Wednesday, 30th October at 7.30 pm. (The Chairman gave her apologies)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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