

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2021

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at 7pm, online via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic on Tuesday, 11th May 2021.

Present: Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, Mr D. Ponting, Mr R. Church, and Mr V. Jones,

In the Chair: Councillor: Mr D. Ponting

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs: Mr N Hollett, Dr J Kingham, Mr J Howells and Mrs J Griffiths

2. Personal Interests.

None

3. Traffic and Parking Management on Gower.

Cllr Church report that he had met with Tonia Antoniazzi MP on 1st May to discuss the points raised in the Lifting of Lockdown letter to Swansea Council in which she was cc'd.

Cllr Church reported that, so far, no measures have been put in place with regard to traffic and parking management on Gower. Ms Antoniazzi supported the idea of electronic road signage in Mumbles and Gower detailing waiting times, number of car parking spaces or car park full. She also supported the idea of traffic controls at pinch points e.g., Kilvrough Manor. At the meeting it was asked if the community council would support increased signage, traffic controls and increased input from the local Police.

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all those present that the community council would support the following:

- an advanced warning system to be put in place this summer for busy weekends and holiday weeks. This could be electronic signage to advise motorists that certain key carparks are full e.g., at main beaches and top locations such as Rhossilli.
- It was also agreed that there is support for traffic light control at the usual traffic pinch points, such as Kilvrough Wall. Everyone is concerned that there appears to be no overall plan or strategy to deal with the likely surge in numbers. A key point must be who should take the lead and be responsible for action and co-ordination, Police, highways, carpark owners?
- There was support for a pre-booking system to be put in place for parking spaces and notices to advise visitors that this needs to be done. This could take the form of an online system.
- There was also support for a park and ride scheme if this doesn't introduce too many additional busses as they can cause an issue at pinch points. COVID restrictions could impact on how successful they would be in alleviating traffic as they are not currently at full capacity.
- Support was given for a marshalling system to give help on the ground and to report on traffic issues as remaining car park spaces.
- Finally, concerns were raised regarding health issues associated with high air pollution at peak times. Reducing the build up of traffic congestion would be beneficial to the community.

Cllr Church reported that he would inform Ms Antoniazzi of the outcome of the meeting and that she would then arrange a meeting with Mark Thomas from the Traffic department at Swansea Council to discuss them.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday, 26th May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting ended at 7.20pm

Chairman.