

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th January 2017

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 25th January 2017:

Present: Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, J. M. G Howells, Mrs. C. Grove, R. Church and V. M. Jones.

In the Chair: In the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs. A. Elliott

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr. J. Kingham, Mrs. J.A. Griffiths, Mrs. F. Owen-John, N. Hollett and Mr. & Mrs. D. Llewellyn.

An apology was also received from County Councillor Richard Lewis.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising.**

On 4. Welsh Government & AONB. Watching brief to be kept.

On 8(2) Accidents, Penmaen Hill. Ongoing with Councillor R. Church and Highways Department.

On 7(a) Area Review, Property and Building Services. Matter ongoing with immediate past Chairman.

On 6 Draft letter to residents. **Noted** on (2) Councillor R Church stated freepost envelopes could cause a problem.

Council **agreed** residents be written to and, if they wished, could write their response to the Chairman or Clerk

On (3) Clerk to contact Councillor R. Lewis regarding address labels.

4. **Reports from Members.**

There were no reports on this occasion.

5. **Planning Applications.**

The weekly lists were received.

(a) Application No. 2017/0068/FUL.

Location: Field adjacent to Maes Yr Haf, Parkmill.

Proposal: Use of part of field for temporary parking of up to 25 touring caravans from 22 - 26 June 2017 (inc.) and 7 – 11 September (inc.).

Applicant: Gower Blue Grass Festival.

Councillors Roy Church and Viv Jones declared an interest.

After discussion, **agreed** to raise no objection.

(b) Application No. 2016/3644/FUL

Location: Tanglewood House, Lunnon, Parkmill.

Proposal: Detached garage.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. H. Morgan.

After discussion, **agreed** to object for the following reasons:-

The Council feels that the applicant seems to have total disregard for the Planning Authority's regulations and believes that having built a large, substantial, house with a single-storey extension to the rear of the site formerly Byways bungalow and garage, there should be no more development at this property.

Building a garage without planning permission, in full public view to its close proximity to the highway, is inappropriate.

This Council, therefore, cannot agree to this retrospective planning application.

Furthermore, the Council would like to point out that some hedgerow has been destroyed already in front of the newly constructed wall and railings.

(c) Application No. 2016/3514/TEM

Location: Fairwood Corner Farm, Fairwood, Gower.

Proposal: Use of land for Caravan Rally, 40 units, from 14th September – 17th September inc.

Applicant: Caravan Club.

Agreed to raise no objections.

(d) Application No. 2016/3093

Location: Webbs Field, Nr. Brookvale, Ilston, Gower.

Proposal: Retention of packing shed, compost toilet, gravelled parking and TB testing area used in association with community supported agriculture.

Applicant: Mr. A. Flanagan.

Agreed to object for the following reasons:-

It appears that this application is for work already completed a year ago. The Council does not approve of people doing work and then applying for retrospective permission.

The Council is aware that several residents of Ilston are very disturbed by this application and have already made their own objections.

The Council is concerned that if retrospective planning permission were granted, the site owner would be encouraged to develop the site further without applying for consent first.

The Council therefore objects to this application.

6. **Financial Report.**

Noted expenditure to date (25/1/17)

as £2,629

Further expenditure to 31/2/17:

£175 Clerk

£250 Audit

£100 Typing and clerical work

£525

Total expenditure (expected)

£3,154

Income (Precept £3,104.40)

Final payment of precept for 2016/17 received 23/12/16 £1,034.66

Balances as at 25/1/17:

Current Account £7,477.96

Deposit Account £3,321.89

Considering the Council's very small income and expenditure, the report was more than adequate and the Clerk was thanked for his report and it was approved accordingly.

7. **Risk Problems.**

The Council looked at all aspects and there are no ascertainable risks.

8. **Rural Development Partnership.**

There were no reports on this occasion.

9. **Correspondence.**

Received and noted:-

- a) BDO Auditors Southampton, letter dated 15/12/16 re invoicing arrangements for Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016. Wales Audit Office raising the invoice for work undertaken on behalf of Auditor General for Wales which should be received in due course.
- b) Welsh Government letter 16/12/16 – appropriate sum under Section 137(4) (A) LG Act 72 Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2017-18 £7.57 per elector.
- c) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – round table regional discussion events letter dated 19/12/16.
- d) M & WW Fire & Rescue Service Stakeholders' letter dated 8/12/16 – review of information. **Agreed** to remain on data base. Clerk to reply accordingly.
- e) Welsh Government – letter January 17 – Town and Community Councils Survey 2017 – Service and Asset Management Survey live from 19 January to 3 March – referred to Clerk to report back.
- f) Invitation to City Carol Service 15/12/16 – unfortunately Chairman and Members unable to attend.
- g) Christian Retreat, Nicholaston, 2017 Programme of Events.
- h) Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2017 Issue 109.
- i) Tenovus Cancer Care, Cardiff – financial appeal.

10. **Any Other Business.**

1. **Highways Matter**

Noted stone on Penmaen Hill on left going down to Parkmill, and pavement opposite Rose Cottage, Penmaen still not attended to. Take up again.

2. Pot hole 100 yards west of Nicholaston Church, Road A4118, east carriageway (where a fatality occurred some years ago) – take up.

3. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Noted date as 22 February 2017 at 7.30.

The Vice-Chairman was thanked after taking her first meeting as Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Chairman.

