

# Ilston Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017:

**Present:** Councillors Dr. J. Kingham, D. Llewellyn, J. Howells, Mrs. C. Grove,  
Mrs. F. Owen-John, R. Church, V. Jones, N. Hollett

**In the Chair:** Councillor Dr. J. Kingham.

**In attendance:** County Councillor Richard Lewis.

**Noted** that at the Annual General Meeting held before this meeting the following Members were returned unopposed:-

<u>ILSTON</u>	<u>PENMAEN</u>	<u>NICHOLASTON</u>	
R. K. CHURCH	NIGEL HOLLETT	DAVID	M.
LLEWELLYN			
AUDREY J. ELLIOTT	JOHN M.G. HOWELLS	*FRANCES J. OWEN-JOHN	
JENNIFER A. GRIFFITHS	JEREMY G.C.KINGHAM		
CLARE M. GROVE	*DALE EDWARD PONTING		
VIVIAN M. JONES			
JULIA LLEWELLYN	*REPLACING F.OWEN JOHN	*REPLACING	
AWAY HOLDING	AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE	WHO PASSED	
	COUNCIL	OFFICE	

**Further noted** Councillor Dr. J. Kingham re-elected Chairman and Councillor Mrs. A. Elliott re-elected as Vice Chairman

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. A. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Elliott and D. Ponting.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising.**

On 4. **Welsh Government & AONB.** Report by Councillor R. Church stating Welsh Government had announced that it is considering legal changes to the landscape protection regimes in place for National Parks and AONBs.

This follows the publication of a review (external link) of these designated areas by the Future Landscapes Working Group, Chaired by Lord Dafydd Ellis-Thomas.

Papers can be viewed on the Welsh Government web site (Councillor J. Howells has the link whereby Members can view reports online).

**Agreed** close watch be kept on developments over following months and if the Council needs to do anything at this stage.

On 8(2) **Accidents, Penmaen Hill.** **Noted** report to be compiled by Councillors J. Kingham, J. Howells and Mrs. F. Owen-John and forwarded to the Clerk for appropriate letter to be sent to Stuart Davies, Head of Highways.

Councillor R. Lewis would also further on the Council's behalf.

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

On 6. Draft letter to residents. Report by Councillor R. Church to the next meeting.

4. **Reports from Members.**

There were no further reports.

5. **Planning Applications.**

The weekly lists were received.

**Noted** no applications for consideration.

**Further noted** letter 18/5/17 re Construction of Detached Dwelling – appeal by Mrs. J. Bressington following refusal of Planning Permission by City & County of Swansea. Appeal starting date 11/5/17.

**Agreed** letter be sent to Enforcement Section regarding their instructions to remove caravan from the site. Last date for removal 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Caravan still there. Why has it not been removed?

6. **Audit Return for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

Completed Audit Return was received.

After consideration the Return was approved and signed ready for onward transmission to BDO, the External Auditors.

7. **Rural Development Partnership.**

Councillor Roy Church reported that there is money available. **Agreed** that application be made up to £10,000 and suggesting the following projects: Signage APP, extending wall to the west of Parkmill and Sat Nav issues. Councillor Church will report back in due course.

8. **Gower Community Tourism Ambassador Project.**

Correspondence from Gareth Kiddie Barry running the Ambassador Project initiated by City & County of Swansea on behalf of the Gower Landscape Partnership and Swansea R.D. Programme Local Action Group, the aim of which is to establish a team of volunteer Community Tourism Ambassadors on Gower.

The Council **noted** the correspondence.

9. **Correspondence.**

Received and noted:-

a) Letter 27 April 2017 Zurich Maniechal Insurance - insurance renewal from 1 June 2017 in the sum of £167.44. **Noted** an increase of £3.74 from last year. Having checked with other companies, this quote could not be beaten. **Agreed** to accept quote in the sum of £167.44 and that payment be made.

b) Letter May 2017, One Voice Wales, noting the Council's membership for 2017-18.

**Noted** that Council can nominate two representatives to represent the Council at the Quarterly Area Committee Meetings.

**Agreed** Councillors J. Kingham and Mrs. C. Grove be the Council's representatives and One Voice Wales be notified accordingly.

c) Audit letter dated 20 April 2017 noted at the meeting on 26/4/17, and further noted at this meeting future governance themes as follows:

2017 – 18	2018 – 19	2019 – 20	2020 – 21
Effectiveness of Internal Audit.	Compliance with Standing Orders.	Use of 5137 Local Government Act 1972.	Employment of Staff.
Use of reserves.	Delegation to Committees.	Arrangements for making payments.	Well-being of future generations.

d) Focus on Play, Communities and Town Councils, May 17 briefing.

e) Clerks and Councils Direct, May 2017, Issue 111.

10. **Any Other Business.**

1. **Road Problems.**

a) Shepherds to brow of Lunnon Hill – ruts either side

b) Chevron sign by Great Lunnon Farm destroyed.

c) Southern side of road to west of Nicholaston Cross still badly pot-holed.

d) Pot-holes Bryn Afel to Ilston.

e) Footpath half way up Ilston Valley from Gower Inn to Ilston – fallen trees.

f) Cattle grids at Penmaen and Nicholaston Cross and Lunnon Road north end – all need clearing out.

g) Damage to bus shelter at Nicholaston Cross.

Take up with Highways

2. **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted date of next meeting as 28 June 2017 at 7.50 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Chairman.