

# Ilston Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017:

**Present:** Councillors Dr. J. Kingham, Mrs. Audrey Elliott, J. Howells, V.M. Jones, Mrs. C. Grove, Mrs. J. A Griffiths and Mrs. F. Owen-John.

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

**In attendance:** County Councillor Richard Lewis.  
Two members of the public, namely Messrs. Headly Jones and Adrian Parker.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Church, N. Hollett and D. Llewellyn.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 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. Clerk to speak with Police and Traffic Section, and Councillors J. Howells, Chairman, and Mrs. F. Owen-John to give details to Clerk for the letter to be sent..

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

On 6. Draft letter to residents. Councillor R. Church to report back to Council on current position.

4. **Reports from Members.**

There were no reports on this occasion.

5. **Planning Applications.**

The weekly lists were received.

(a) Application No. 2017/0597/ADV

Location: Gower Inn, Parkmill, Gower.

Proposal: Illuminated fascia signs, etc.

Applicant: Stonegate.

**Noted** signs were better than the previous ones and that there was no objection.

It was further noted, however, that the Council's response could be sent within 21 days of date of Planning letter which was 31 March 2017, yet the signs were up and working on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk was asked to obtain observations on this from Planning Department.

6. **Audit Return for year ended 31 March 2017 and Financial Statement..**

The Audit Return was received from BDO Southampton, the Council's external auditors.

The Council noted the financial statement as follows:-

Current Account	£6,932
Deposit Account	£3,322
Precept	£3,104
Expenditure	£3,174
RDP Account	
Expenditure	£870

After deliberation, **resolved** that the accounts be approved and the Audit Return be completed. Further **resolved** that Mr. J. G. Bennett of Southgate be reappointed as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2017/18, his duties primarily to be the audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and any other report the Council may require during the financial year.

The Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Bennett.

6a. **Matters for AGM and date of AGM (Election Year).**

**Noted** the agreed date for the AGM needed to be changed from 31 May to 24 May 17 as the AGM in Election Year for Community Councils has to be held within 18 days Election Day (excluding Sundays).

**Further noted** the following extra items to be placed on the Agenda:-

To re-adopt:

1. The Code of Conduct.
2. Financial Regulations.
3. Standing Orders.

7. **Rural Development Partnership.**

In the absence of Councillor R. Church there was no report.

8. **Correspondence.**

Received and noted:-

- a) Wales Audit Office letter, 20 April 17, audit fees and other matters related to 2015/16 audit.
- b) Three Cliffs Fundraising Branch, Penmaen, Gower – invoice in the sum of £1,000 contribution to costs of lifeguards at Three Cliffs Bay, Easter 2017 to September 2017. Reaffirmed Council's agreement to pay towards costs this year and next year in the sum of £1,000 per annum. **Agreed** payments.
- c) Letter One Voice Wales 19/4/17 – motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting and minutes of Swansea Area Committee
- d) Letter 5/4/17, C&C of Swansea – notices of Uncontested Election, Ilston Community Council.
- e) Rebecca Evans, AM – information poster.
- f) Play for Wales – Issue 48, Spring 2017.
- g) Wickstead playground brochure.

8. **Any Other Business.**

1. Draft Well Being Assessment for Swansea dated January 2017 – returned by Chairman who recommended it should be noted.
2. Pot Holes. Road A4118 between Nicholaston Cross and Perriswood Farm badly potholed – take up with Highways.
3. **Noted** comments by Councillor Mrs. F. Owen-John on problems of caravans going up unsuitable roads.

Date of next meeting

**Noted** the date as 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with the AGM at 7.00 p.m., followed immediately by the monthly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman.