

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th September 2017

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 27th September 2017:

Present: Councillors Dr. J. Kingham, J. M. H. Howells, D. Ponting, V. M. Jones, R. Church, Mrs. C. Grove and Mrs. F. Owen-John.

In the Chair: Councillor Dr. J. Kingham.

In attendance: County Councillor Richard Lewis.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, Mrs .J. Griffiths and N. Hollett.

The Chairman welcomed Members back after the summer recess.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising.**

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

On 8(2) Accidents, Penmaen Hill – reply still awaited from Ms. Antoniazzi, MP for Gower.

On 6. Draft letter to residents – ongoing.

On 7b. Noted F of PL stood for Friends of Pennard Library.

On 9a. Bus Shelter at Perriswood. Noted letters dated 31 July and 11 October 2017 and further noted demolished bus-shelter debris has been removed, but that the Transport Team does not have a budget available to replace the shelter.

The Clerk was instructed to take the matter up again and ask the Department “could not a replacement of a shelter of any material, not necessarily brick, be carried out under the Council’s insurance, seeing that a Council lorry had demolished the shelter in the first place?”

Reported again under Correspondence.

4. **Reports from Members.**

There were no further reports on this occasion.

5. **Planning Applications.**

Councillor Dale Ponting reported that the following applications had been received:-

a) Application No. 2017/1662/FUL

Location: 2 Tor View, Penmaen.

Proposal: Side extension.

Applicant: V. Jordan.

Council agreed not to raise an objection.

b) Application No.

Location: Fairwood Corner Farm, Fairwood.

Proposal: 2 Caravan Rallies 2018.

Applicant: Mr. L. Griffiths.

Council agreed not to raise an objection.

c) Application No. 2017/2026/17

Location: Millbrook Court, Parkmill.

Proposal: Granny Annexe.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. G. Mobbs

Before discussion took place, the following Members declared personal interests:

Councillor Dr. J. Kingham, R. Church and D.Ponting.

Agreed to raise no objection.

6. **Financial Statement.**

Noted only transactions since the last meeting were part payment of fees to the Clerk of £140 and tax on payment of £35, and the precept payment of £1,116.50

7a. **Completed Audit Return 2016/2017.**

The completed audit return was received together with audit letter dated 4 August 2017.

The Issues Arising report was received, which will be dealt with as follows:-

1. Trust Fund Disclosure Note answer will show N/A in future.
2. Website will be updated to show that the items mentioned, where applicable, will be included.
3. Internal Auditor will produce a report in detail in future.
4. Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed in the Council's area and on the Website.

8. **Maintenance of ICC Website.**

Councillor Church reported site rebuilt with extra layer of security. Costs £142 over next 12 months.

9. **Rural Development Partnership.**

Noted Gower Landscape Partnership to fund APP . Further details to follow.

10. **Replacement of Clerk on his retirement.**

The relevant papers for the appointment of a part-time Clerk were brought to the attention of the Council and after discussion **agreed** that the new appointment be offered 2 hours per week on scale point 15, i.e.£8.717 per hour rounded off to £9, making it £936 per annum.

Further agreed to advertisement being displayed in the community area and on the website, and that anyone interested telephone the Clerk in the first instant for details.

11. **Correspondence..**

Received and noted:-

- a) Letter dated 9 August 2017, Parks Department re bin at Tor View Car Park, Penmaen – bin should be replaced and matter now in the hands of County Councillor Richard Lewis.

- b) Bus shelter, Perriswood Lane. Noted letters dated 31 July 2017 and 11 August 2017 from Transportation Department and that the debris had been removed after the shelter had been demolished by a Council vehicle.
The Department regrets they do not have a budget available to replace the shelter and feel the position of the shelter in relation to the road would make it difficult for waiting passengers to see approaching buses. With this in mind, they are consulting with New Adventure Travel with a view to installing a flag & pole on the A4118 at a more convenient location for travellers – details will follow.
Council agreed the Department be written to again, asking could not replacement of a shelter of any material be carried out under the Council's insurance.
- c) Wales Audit Office invoice for carrying out 2016/2017 audits of the Council's accounts in the sum of £245.25. **Agreed** payment.
- d) C & C of Swansea invoice for funding towards Gower Sunday Bus Service Summer 2017 in the sum of £1,100. **Agreed** payment be made.
- e) Tourism Swansea Bay invoice dated 20/9/17/18 – renewal of membership in the sum of £80. **Agreed** payment.
- f) Barclays Bank notice, August 2017 – Killay branch to close 1 December 2017. From then any branch may be used.
- g) Gower First Responders letter 18/8/2017 re donation, etc. **Agreed** matter be placed on agenda for next meeting.
- h) Gower Community Tourism Ambassadors – additional training details.
- i) Land at Perriswood Farm – apportionment of Grazing Rights Application No. 2598(S) **noted**.
- j) Welsh Government letter 1.9.17 - Clustering Funding to support the initial setting up of Joint Arrangements.
- k) Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2017 Issue 113.
- l) Playground Equipment brochures HAGS & Weeksteed.

12. Any Other Business.

1. Agenda for next meeting “Gower 1st Responders”.
2. Highway matters to be reported:-
 - a) Bryn Afel to Ilston pot-holes and hedging – CC Richard Lewis to further.
 - b) Cattle grid, Nicholaston Cross – cleaning out and post repairs.
 - c) North Hills Lane just before Nott Hill junction – flooding in rain.
3. Date of next meeting.
Noted date as Wednesday 25 October at 7.30 p.m.

Matters of emergency to be reported to Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Planning matters to be reported to Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Councillor Dale Ponting and Local Members

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Chairman.