

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th February 2018

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 28th February 2018:

Present: Councillors Mr J Howells, Mrs F Owen-John, Mr D Ponting and Mr Roy Church.
Mr John Jacobs as advisor to the Clerk.

In the Chair: Councillor Mr J Howells

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Elliott, C Grove, J Kingham, V Jones and J Griffiths.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

An interest in planning application 2017/2632/FUL for 3 ponds at Webbsfield Ilston was declared by Councillor R Church.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018 could not be taken as read as none of the Councillors present were present at the last meeting.

4. **Matters Arising.**

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

On 5. Welsh Water on Cefn Bryn - No progress to date. Clerk to meet with Cllr J Howells. Cllr D Ponting reported that the work has finished but that the area is still a mess, bits of concrete lying around and wooden shuttering still in place.

On 5a. Speeding in Parkmill – Nicola Mathews, PA to Ms Antoniazzi to keep council informed.

On 9a. Bus Shelter at Perriswood.- the shelter has been erected and examined by Cllr F Owen-John. It has been found to be inadequate and dangerous. It is open to the prevailing winds. Three vehicles have gone into the ditch where the road is eroded adjacent to the bus shelter. Local users have reported that there is a danger to anyone using the shelter who are unaware of the ditch and may fall in. It was felt that the design of the old bus shelter prevented this. It is known that at least two children regularly use the bus shelter. Cllr Owen-John to email photos to the Clerk. The Clerk to write to the council about this matter.

On 9j. Data Protection Officer – The clerk has written to Swansea City Council in response to the email received from Huw Evans on 30/01/18 regarding the City Council acting as Data Protection Officer for the town and community councils. No response has been received. Cllr Church asked if they can make the council website compliant and will they be responsible for implementing the myriad of new regulations. Clerk to write again to further clarify what Swansea City Council can do as DPO for Ilston CC and to ask the specific questions that came up in the meeting. As a small public body, ICC has to join the Information Commission Office (ICO) at a cost of £30 per annum, as part of these new regulations. Clerk to look on ICO website to establish how the council should proceed.

On 11a. Bin at Tor View Car Park – the bin will be sited near the start of the summer season. Councillor R Lewis to keep council informed.

On 12/2a Bryn Afel to Ilston – work to commence in the next few weeks. Councillor R Lewis to keep council informed.

5. **Reports from Members.**

No reports from members.

6. **Planning Applications.**

The following applications have been received:-

a) Application No. 2017/2632/FUL

Location: Webbsfield, Ilston

Proposal: Siting of 3 ponds

Applicant: Mr A Flannagan

Cllr D Ponting raised a number of issues and also raised three local objections that he had received. These included parking issues and increased road use, water supply, the need for pond dipping as an educational activity as such ponds already exist on the common along with amphibian populations etc. and the commercialisation of the site. Cllr R Church suggested a site visit. After discussion it was decided that Cllr Ponting would write to the Planning Department detailing the following points:

1. The council does not object to the building of the ponds only for purely agricultural purposes.
2. The council objects to the proposal of using the ponds for ponding dipping as this a concern for local residents due to increase road use, parking issues and commercialisation
3. The council does not wish to support any proposal that would unbalance the ecosystem.

b) Application No. 2018/0397/FUL

Location: Gower Heritage Centre Overflow Car Park

Proposal: To imbed turf mesh matting into the grass in the meadow at the front of the Heritage Centre, that acts as an overflow car park.

Applicant: Gower Heritage Centre

Councillor Church declared an interest. After discussion, council raised no objection.

7. **Financial Statement.**

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Precept of £1,116.50 has been received.

Cheque for £14.40 paid to HMRC for tax on Clerk's wage.

Balances:

£3321.89 Deposit account

£4914.91 Current account

8. **Rural Development Partnership.**

Cllr R Church reported that progress has been made on the app, he will give a more detailed update at the next meeting.

9. **Correspondence**

Received and noted:-

- a) Letter dated 1st February 2018, from Ben Smith, Head of Financial Services for Swansea Council, confirming amounts and dates of precepts for 2018/2019. These are 3 lots of £1292.00 to be paid on or before 30/04/18, 31/08/18 and 28/12/18. Clerk to write to inform Mr Smith of her employment and subsequent change of clerk details.
- b) Letter date 5th February 2018, from Sophie Rees, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, requiring a current email address for the council to enable the service to become paperless. Clerk confirmed that she had emailed, conveying the information required.
- c) Letter dated 7th Feb, from One Voice Wales, asking the council to join One Voice Wales and advising that this will result in a membership fee of £75. The council agreed to membership and to pay the membership fee.
- d) Invoice dated 14th February from One Voice Wales, for the payment of course fees of £40.
- a) Letter (undated), from Claire Germain, Local Government Partnership, regarding the changes to charging for the burial of children. As ICC is not a council responsible for cemeteries or crematoria no further action is required.
- b) Newsletter (undated), Gower Landscape Partnership – Issue 2.
- c) Letter dated 22nd February 2018, from Kidney Wales- financial appeal
- d) Clerks and Councils Direct, February 2018, Issue 116. Clerk to write to change Clerk details and address.
- e) Newsletter from HAGS for Town and Parish Councils, Issue 5 – March 2018
- f) HAGS Inclusive Playground Solutions brochure
- g) Email received on 27/02/18, from Independent Remuneration Panel – Annual Report, hard copy available.
- h) Email received on 23/02/18, from Sarah Rochina – Ageing Well in Wales Programme survey, feedback requested by 16th March.
- i) Email received on 23/02/18, from Tom Jenkins – The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales regarding guidance for principal councils on the review of communities.
- j) Email received on 22/02/18, from Paul Davies, Assembly Member for Preseli regarding a consultation on the text of the draft Autism (Wales) Bill. Comments by 17th April. (forwarded from One Voice Wales)
- k) Email received on 22/02/18, One Voice Wales latest bulletin.
- l) Email received on 22/02/18 and 19/02/18, from Lyn Cadwallader regarding job vacancies at One Voice Wales.

- m) Email received on 20/02/18, from Wendy Huggett, One Voice Wales, regarding forthcoming training opportunities.
- n) Email received on 14/02/18, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales regarding the Innovation Practice Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday 29th March 2018
- o) Email received on 14/02/18, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, regarding the Tax policy work plan 2018 and developing new taxes in Wales.
- p) Email received on 14/02/18, from Lisa Aspinall containing the Engagement Event Invitation from the Review Panel in Carmarthen on 13th March 2018. (forwarded from One Voice Wales on 14/02/18)
- q) Email received on 12/02/18, from Charlotte Collins, Swansea City Council, regarding the bus shelter at Perriswood.
- r) Email received on 9/02/18, from Sarah Rees, Office of the First Minister, regarding public appointments.
- s) Email received on 7/02/18, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, The Ombudsman's Casebook-Issue 31.
- t) Email received on 9/02/18, from the Welsh Assembly Office regarding the Women's Suffrage Grant Scheme.
- u) Email received on 7/02/18, from Gemma Nesbitt, regarding the consultation event on the future of Great Western Railway franchise on 13th February 2018.
- v) Email received on 7/02/18, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, regarding the end to changes for child burials in Wales.
- w) Email received on 26/02/18, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, regarding the new Data Protection Regulations coming into effect on 25th May 2018.

10. **Any Other Business.**

- a. Councillors agreed to a presentation from Mrs S Rodaway regarding VocalEyes at the start of the next meeting.

Date of next meeting.

Noted date as Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman.