

Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th March 2018

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

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

In the Chair: Councillor Mr J Kingham

A presentation was heard from Mrs Susan Rodaway from Swansea Rural Community Voice Project regarding the online community engagement platform – Vocaleyes. Mrs Rodaway explained how the online platform could be used to further community engagement and to inform the community council of the views of the community and what residents want to happen in their area. The platform is used anonymously. The platform is split into topics and wards. Ilston Community Council is within the Gower Ward and therefore would share topics with other councils within this ward. Pennard Community Council is engaging in participatory budgeting, it is using the platform to gauge the popularity of various ideas/projects put forward (via the scores given to each idea) and has designated a percentage of their precept to paying towards top ideas.

This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Grove and Mrs J Griffiths.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

None declared.

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 were approved as read and signed by the chairman as were the minutes of 31st January 2018.

4. **Matters Arising.**

On 4. Welsh Government & AONB. Cllr J Howells asked if there was any news on this issue. Nothing was reported as yet. Watching brief be kept.

On 5. Welsh Water on Cefn Bryn – Cllr J Howells reported that he had rung Welsh Water on a number of occasions unsuccessfully. Cllr J Kingham heard informally from Gordon Howe who had heard from a former colleague at Welsh Water, who said that the plan is to reinstate the ground once the ground has dried out.

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

On 9a. Bus Shelter at Perriswood. - The Clerk read out the email from Ms C Collins, Passenger Transport, Swansea City Council replying to the questions raised in the last meeting relating to the inadequacy of the replacement bus shelter. The response was that there were insufficient funds available in the Transport Department budget to replace the damaged shelter so the replacement shelter was paid for out of monies obtained from the Cleansing Department's

insurance. Unfortunately, this was insufficient to replace the shelter like for like and a less substantial shelter was erected in its place.

Regarding the ditches adjacent the shelter, Ms Collins assured the council that money was being procured to erect fencing around the area. Members instructed the Clerk to reply to Ms Collins to relay that the council members are unhappy with this result and to raise the following questions and concerns:

Why does the insurance pay-out not pay for an adequate replacement?

How much money was received from the pay-out and how much did the replacement bus shelter cost?

The road needs urgent attention as three vehicles have already gone into the ditch and there remains a danger to all road users. How long will it take for the fencing to be installed?

On 9j. Data Protection Officer – The Clerk read out the email received on 22/3/18 from Huw Evans, Head of Democratic Services at Swansea City Council which stated that they are not in a position to act as DPO for each town or community council and recommends seeking advice from One Voice Wales. Clerk to therefore ring One Voice Wales for advice. Clerk to also register the community council on the ICO website.

On 11a. Bin at Tor View Car Park – the bin will be sited near the start of the summer season. Clerk to contact Councillor R Lewis to seek an update.

On 12/2a Bryn Afel to Ilston – Clerk to contact Cllr Lewis to seek an update.

5. **Reports from Members**

Cllr Church attended the Drug Awareness Meeting organised by Pennard Community Council on 27th March 2018. The presentation was given by Police Sergeant Dix and PC Jeavons. Cllr Church reported that there is an increasing problem with drugs in Pennard and other areas. Gangs were coming to Swansea and pushing drugs mainly in the Sketty and West Cross areas. A recent incident at Parkmill, involving young persons in a car was drug related. The police are asking residents to be vigilant and if there is a problem, or residents see something suspicious contact by text either PC Jeavons the new police officer for Gower or Sergeant Dix, who has responsibility for coordinating drug related issues in Swansea, directly to get a immediate response. Be aware that these gangs are armed with knives. The local schools and the campsites in summer may be targeted as seen as easy prey. Pennard School have put CCTV in grounds and playing fields.

The officers also suggested putting a notice up on the council website highlighting the problem and giving the relevant numbers to ring. Contact number for PC Jeavons is 07805301600.

Cllr Church reported that two youngsters were caught on CCTV in the Heritage Centre car park, steeling car wheels. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough light as the car park is not lit at night to identify them.

Cllr V Jones reported that a number of farmers have has their quad bikes stolen.

6. **Planning Applications.**

The following applications have been received:-

a) **Application No. 2018/0763/PNA**

Location: Phillips Field, Lunnon

Proposal: Siting of 2 polytunnels for storage

Applicant: Mr Anthony Flannagan

The polytunnels 15m x 8m x 2m (LxWxH). The Gower Society has raised no objection but stipulated that the hedgerows should be kept high enough to hide the tunnels from view.

The planning department have stated that the proposal fits their requirements and will notify the applicants within 28 days as to whether plans should be submitted. It was noted that no drawings have been put forward. Cllr Jones raised the issue of visibility and access as the entrance is narrow and hidden and gives out onto a fast and busy stretch of road.

7. **Financial Statement.**

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Cheque for Clerk's pay for February of £92.40 and replacement cheque for January of £ 62.40.

Cheque to One Voice Wales for £75 for membership. Cheque to One Voice Wales for £40 for Clerk's training course fees. A refund of £20 has been received from the Society of Local Council Clerks in respect of the clerk's training course.

Balances:	£3324.13 Deposit account
	£4665.11 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) Email (forwarded by One Voice Wales (OVW)), on 1st March, from Joan Lockett, Welsh Government, regarding funding support availability in 2018/19.
- b) Email (forwarded by OVW), on 5th March, from Historic Environment Legislation team, Welsh Government, regarding the consultation on Edition 10 of Planning Policy Wales.
- c) Email received on 5th March from Valmai Matulla, containing the Welsh Air Ambulance trustees report and financial statement to 31st July 2017.
- d) Email received on 5th March from Pennard Community Council regarding a police presentation on drugs and antisocial behaviour issues. Cllr Church attended.

- e) Email received on 6th March from Leighton Jones, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales containing an invitation to the roundtable discussion on its remuneration framework.
- f) Email (forwarded by OVW) on 7th March from Tom Jenkins, The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales regarding the publication of the final guidance on the conduct of community reviews by principal councils.
- g) Email (forwarded by OVW) on 8th March, from Nick Selwyn, Wales Audit Office, regarding the survey of Town and Community Councils delivery services to rural communities.
- h) Email received on 9th March from Lyn Cadwallader, One Voice Wales, attaching information from Welsh Government regarding community asset transfer conferences.
- i) Email received on 13th March from Kimberly Lloyd-Owen, Welsh Working Hearts Group, enquiring as to whether the council has a working defibrillator on site and to contact them if we would like one. Members responded that there is a defibrillator in Parkmill.
- j) Email (forwarded by OVW), from the Local Toilet Strategy, Welsh Government, responses to the strategy to be submitted by 4th April 2018.
- k) Email received on 13th March from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, regarding the OVW Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony to be held on 29th March at the Royal Welsh Showground.
- l) Email received on 14th March, from Aled Rees, Communications Officer, Age Cymru Swansea Bay. Charitable request.
- m) Email received on 14th March, from Alison Frances, Clerk to Pennard Primary School Governors, asking that a council member be nominated to be a school governor as the previous Community Council governor's term has ended. Members directed the clerk to reply, saying that as Cllr Hollett is already a parent school governor, could he fulfil the role as community council governor also.
- n) Email received on 14th March, from Huw Evans, in response to an email sent by the Clerk pertaining to Swansea Council acting as the DPO for Ilston CC. Mr Evans replied that the County Council was still considering the feasibility of acting as DPO for Community councils but that no decision had been made.
- o) Email received on 19th March, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, inviting member councils to submit motions for debate at the Annual General Meeting 20178, by 31st May 2018.
- p) Email received on 20th March, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, advising the council that the consultation on 'A parliament for Wales' will close on Friday 6th April 2018.
- q) Email received on 20th March, from Tracy Gilmartin-Ward, One Voice Wales, regarding the provision of insurance policies to Town and Community Councils by Came and Company Local Insurance.
- r) Email received on 20th March, from Jeremy Parkhouse, Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group, next meeting to be held on 26th March 2018.
- s) Email received on 21st March, (forwarded by OVW), from the Wales Audit Office, regarding an online survey on how well local authorities provide services to rural communities. Deadline for responses – 6th April 2018.
- t) Email received on 21st March, (forwarded by OVW) from Laurie Davies, regarding the Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People – Green Paper consultation.

- u) Email received on 21st March, (forwarded by OVW), from Welsh Government, regarding Financial Reform – UK Government call for evidence to examine how charges or changes to the thx system could tackle the problems associated with single use plastic waste. Deadline for responses is 18th May 2018.
- v) Email received on 22nd March, from Huw Evans, Head of Democratic Services, Swansea City Council, stating that, after consideration of the work needed, the County Council could not act as DPO for the community council. He advised that community council contact One Voice Wales for Advice.

Cllr Ponting stated that the Clerk may be the ideal person to be the DPO as all information and correspondence passes through them. Cllr Church stated that all docs posted on the website need to be in PDF format so that they cannot be edited and that the website needs upgrading to be compliant. Clerk to therefore contact One Voice Wales and report back to council.

- w) Email received on 22nd March, from Charlotte Collins, Passenger Transport, Swansea City Council, regarding the new bus shelter at Perriswood, Oxwich. Clerk instructed to write again to Ms Collins asking why the insurance pay-out was insufficient to cover the cost of a like for like replacement. Clerk to also reiterate that the road is unsafe due to the ditches adjacent to the shelter and to ask when they will be made safe.
- x) Email received on 26th March, from Wendi Huggett, One Voice Wales, confirming the training course bookings for the Clerk. Members agreed to pay a mileage allowance to the clerk for attending.
- y) Email received on 26th March, from One Voice Wales, regarding the Betsi Cadwallader Stakeholder Reference Group meeting on 19/01/18, containing the latest report from Mike Harrimens, the OVW representative in the group.
- z) Email received on 27th March, (forwarded by OVW), from The Fields in Trust regarding the Active Spaces Grants Scheme. Applications for grants from landowners deadline is 8/06/18. It was raised that a grant could be applied for to purchase land contained in the Local Development Plan, in Penmaen and Lunnion. The land could be transferred as an asset transfer as the land is in active use. It was proposed that this issue be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- aa) Email Received on 28th March, from OVW, regarding the joint One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks conference on 16th May at Llandrindod Wells.
- bb) Email received on 28th March, from PC Richard Jeavons, introducing himself as the new PC for Gower and giving his contact details.
- cc) Letter dated 9th March, from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales, regarding a presentation on the review of the electoral arrangements for the City and County of Swansea, on 3rd May 2018 at the Guildhall, Swansea at 5.30pm.
- dd) Letter dated 21st March, from Welsh Government, giving the link to the Green Paper consultation 'Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People'.
- ee) Brochure from Glasdon. ff)

10. **Any Other Business.**

Cllr Owen-John raised a concern regarding the enclosure on land opposite the turning to Sandy Land. After 12 years the land becomes the property of the person who enclosed it. No objections were raised as it was felt that the land was being looked after.

Date of next meeting.

Noted date as Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman.