

# Ilston Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Present:** Councillors D. Ponting, Mrs. F. Owen-John, Mrs. J.A Griffiths, V. Jones, D. Llewellyn, Mrs. C. Grove, J. Howells

**In the Chair:** Councillor : D. Ponting.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A Elliott, R. Church, N. Hollett, Dr. J. Kingham

In the absence of the clerk, Councillor F. Owen-John agreed to take the minutes.

2. **Personal Interests.** None declared.

3.. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.. **Matters Arising.**

On 4 (11) a. Bin at Tor View Car Park. Continue to monitor the situation, but no further action at present.

On 4(9) Access to Tor View. Nothing to report. Continue to monitor

On 4. 11b Sandy Lane Potholes. Nothing to report. No further action to be taken at present.

On 4(12/2A) Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston No response from the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Mrs. J Griffiths will write to Mr. Fitzgerald, Highways Dept. at the Council to inform him of the state of the road surface and overgrowth. Action: JG

On45(12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen. It was agreed that the residents of Tor View should be informed of the Council's decision that the land is not for transfer. Councillor D Ponting undertook to write to the residents. Action: DP

On 4 (12b) Lunnon Hill. The sides of the road on Lunnon Hill are still a problem. It was agreed that Councillor J Griffiths, would add this problem to her letter to Mr. Fitzgerald. Action: JG.

On 4.(12a) Penmaen Hill Accidents. No response from the Council. Agreed to defer to next meeting.

On 7. Planning. Agreed to take no further action.

On 12 (e) Friends of Singleton Park. No further action.

On 12. Any other business. Large Vehicles and Temporary Traffic Lights. Still waiting to hear from "Jeff". Agreed to defer to next meeting.

c) Cutting grass verges on South Gower Road. Most verges had now been cut.

Councillor Llewellyn reported that he and Mr. Peter Mabbett had cut the sides from Wiloxton to the Cattle Grid to the common going from Lunnon. He requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Mabbett. Councillor Frances Owen-John agreed to do a letter. Councillor D. Ponting thanked Councillor Llewellyn. Action FOJ

On.5. Refuse Collections Three Cliffs. Councillor D Ponting reported that green waste was not being collected on a regular basis from the property formerly Heritage Acre. He had still not received information regarding Stone's Field residents. He will follow up. Action: DP

On 7.. Planning Applications.

Application 2019/1962/S73. Councillor D Ponting reported that the plot had now been sold.

On 8. Financial Statement. The invoice received for the Sunday Swansea Bus Service for £1,100.00. is for the summer of 2019 which this Council had already agreed to pay. As regards next year, only Llanrhidian Lower and Rossilli contribute to the cost and as there is no real benefit to our area, it was agreed that it was unlikely we would contribute next year. Councillor D Ponting agreed to see that the invoice is now paid. Action: DP

On.9. Rural Development Partnership. In the absence of Councillor R Church, there was no further information, so deferred to next meeting.

On 10..Correspondence.

b) Llanrhidian Lower: Bridge at Llythred. It was reported that the Chairman had contacted the Clerk of Llanrhidian Lower asking them to make the contact with the Council and we will support them.

c) Up turn in Crime. It was reported that Councillor Ponting and Councillor V Jones are points of contact with the police concerning crime in the area.

d) Letter re traffic calming Penmaen., Councillor D Ponting reported that Highways had responded that speed humps were not appropriate in the area as there must be street lighting. It was reported that the pavement on the north side of the road opposite Rose Cottage had been cleared the day after the last meeting.

On 11..Any Other Business

1. Boundaries Commission. In the absence of Councillor R Church there was no further information. Deferred to next meeting.

2. Trail Bikes: In the absence of Councillor Dr. J Kingham there was no further information. Deferred to next meeting.

3. Notice in car park area near cattle grid at Penmaen: This has now been removed.

12 The Clerk. Councillor D Ponting reported that he would be point of contact with the Clerk while she is still on sick leave. She is aware of her entitlement to sick pay which will be paid. It was agreed that there is a need to be proactive in getting more secretarial help such as asking if another CC Clerk in the area could assist. Another option that was suggested at the last meeting was that Dean at the Barham Centre be asked to help. Action: Ask Roy

**5. Reports from Members.** No reports from members.

**6. Planning Applications:** Application No:2019 2052 FUL The View, Penmaen. It was reported that Councillors had been notified of the application and given the opportunity to view the application on line. In order to meet the deadline for comments which was prior to this meeting, Councillor D Ponting had drafted a letter which had been circulated to members. Following comments received from members, Councillor Ponting had sent off the letter, expressing certain objections.

Application No:2019 2100 FUL Poly-tunnel at Webbsfield, Ilston. Unfortunately the Council has already passed the application. It was reported that some residents were unhappy and blamed the tunnels for flooding on the road at Ilston. Councillor V Jones reported that the flooding was a result of the work carried out by the Council to prevent the river undermining the road, which now stopped the water being able to go over the edge of the road into the river. It was agreed to monitor the situation. Councillor D Ponting agreed to deal with the

It was reported that Councillor N Hollett had made the point that sometimes it is practically impossible for all Councillors to see the plans prior to meetings exacerbated by the quicker turnaround of planning applications under the new planning rules. The Constitution of the Council allows that if a quorum is in agreement the matter may be decided.

7. **Rural Development Partnership.** Nothing to report, so deferred to next meeting.
8. **Financial Statements** It was reported that the balance on the current account is £4,191.76 and on the deposit account £3,334.90. Payment had been made to Mr. J Rutter for grass cutting at Nicholaston cattle grid £15, and the Clerk's salary of £191.90. As reported above, the £1,100 due to the Sunday bus service is now due for payment and Councillor Ponting will deal with this.

Feed back from the Audit. A notice had been received for display in the area, to state that the audit had been completed and giving a contact person and address for anyone wishing to view the accounts. Councillor D. Ponting agreed to be the contact and Councillor V Jones agreed to post the notice in Ilston and Lunnon. It was suggested he photograph the notice as displayed in case this was requested by the auditors.

Some issues raised by the Auditors were that the reserves were too great and needed to be reduced by April by £1,000. Also, a couple of boxes had not been ticked and the details relating to the minute when the accounts were accepted had not been completed.

The Councillors discussed the matter of the reserve and agreed that it could be spent, but it would also be prudent to consider if the Clerk is off for longer it may be necessary to pay for more secretarial help. Also, the balance is going to be reduced by payment of the Sunday bus service. There were no other invoices outstanding and no requests for donations had been received.

9. **Correspondence.** All relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Councillors and it was agreed that they be noted.
10. **Any other Business** There was no other business.
- . **Date of next meeting.** Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Chairman.