

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd January 2020

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 22nd January 2020.

Present: Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, D. Ponting, Mrs. J.A Griffiths, Mrs C Grove, V. Jones, J. Howells and R. Church.

Resident/Owner of Seren's Retreat

In the Chair: Councillor: Mrs. A. Elliott.

The owner of Seren's Retreat, Fairwood, came to notify the Community Council that a Certificate of Lawful Use was being entered to Swansea Council. This is for yurts on Seren's Retreat which have been there for 8 years between Easter and October.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Hollett, Dr. J. Kingham and Mrs. F Owen-John

2. **Personal Interests.** Cllr V. Jones declared an interest in item 6. Planning application 2019/2938/TEM

3.. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.. **Matters Arising.**

On 4(12/2A) Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston It was reported that all major pot holes have been filled in. The situation will continue to be monitored

Action: JG

On4 (5/12e) Asset Transfer of land in Lunnon and Penmaen. Councillor Ponting reported that he has written to Miss Llewellyn to notify her that the asset transfer will not go ahead and to speak to him with any further queries.

Action: DP

On 4 (12b) Lunnon Hill – Cllr Griffiths has written to Swansea Council but not received a response. She will send the correspondence so far to the Clerk who will chase up. Action: Clerk.

On 4 (12a) Penmaen Hill Accidents. The Chairman has had a response to her e-mail from Swansea Council.

On 12. Any other business. Large Vehicles and Temporary Traffic Lights. The Chair has had a response from Mark Thomas, ultimately there is no funding available.

On.5. Refuse Collections, Three Cliffs. The situation would continue to be monitored by Councillor Ponting

On 10 b Correspondence.- Llanrhidian Lower: Bridge at Llythred - No further information.

On 11. Any Other Business -

1. Boundaries Commission. Councillor Church reported that on the draft local government reform act, OVW email shows the response to consultation is progressing through the welsh assembly. Cllr Church to monitor.

Action RC

3.Trail Bikes. Cllr Church reported that he had seen some more activity recently. The Community Council are awaiting an update from Cllr Kingham.

On 12 The Clerk is back in position

On 6. Planning Application - Councillor Jones reported that the paper work relating to the extension to No 3 Lunnon Close, has been sorted out.

It was reported that Aldergrove, Furzehill – didn't get approval. Oakdale, Penmaen has been approved.

On 7 Rural Development Partnership – Other schemes were selected for support. A resident raised the point regarding the harsh chemical, glyphosate, used on knotweed, has been damaging her wildlife garden. The Clerk to write to Swansea Council to ask what their plans are in regard to the knotweed and whether they have contacted the landowners.

On 10 Any Other Business – Speed Indicators, Cllr Church reported that they cost approximately £1500 each. They record the average speed and the number of vehicles. Cllr church will get more details and report back again in February.

5. Reports from Members - None

6. Planning Applications –

Application No. 2019/2938/TEM

Location: Great Lunnon Farm, Lunnon, Swansea, SA3 2EJ

Proposal: Siting of 5 touring caravans from 1st April (or Good Friday, whichever comes first), until 1st October during 2020 and 2021.

Applicant: Mr VM Jones

Cllr Jones vacated the room during the discussion as he had declared an interest, being the applicant. After discussion no objections were raised.

Application No. 2019/2947/TEM

Location: Fairwood Corner Farm, Fairwood, Swansea, SA2 7LB

Proposal: Siting of 5 touring caravans from 1st March until 30th November 2020 and 2021.

Applicant: Mr L Griffiths

After discussion, no objections were raised.

Application No. 2019/2940/TEM

Location: Heatherbrae, Nicholaston, Swansea Sa3 2HL

Proposal: Renewal of planning permission for the siting of 5 touring caravans from 1st March until 30th November 2020 and 2021.

Applicant: Mrs JM Lloyd

After discussion no objections were raised.

Application No. 2019/2908/TCA

Location: Kilvrough Woods, Parkmill

Proposal: To fell 12 Ash trees and 9 Sycamore trees within the Parkmill Conservation Area.

Applicant: Mr P Thornton on behalf of The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
After discussion, as the trees were hazardous and/or suffering from ash dieback, no objections were raised.

Application no. 2019/2834/FUL

Location: Beach View, Stone's Field, Three Cliffs, Swansea, SA3 2HD

Proposal: Detached single garage

Applicant: Mr C Stone

After discussion the following concerns and objections were raised-

1. This is one of the most iconic views and well-known locations on the Gower ANOB. It was felt that a garage at this location would be inappropriate and out of place with the exceptional surroundings and contrary to the character of the area.
2. This is the third application for the same plot, the first being for a double garage, the second for hard standing for vehicles. This was supported by the community council. It formed part of plans for the construction of a fifth chalet within a confined site at the top of Stone's field. Members believe that if this application is approved it would create an unacceptable density of development at such a sensitive site.
3. Within yards of the proposed garage is a large building plot (formerly The Cabin). Members feel that any buildings approved for the Stones Field site may create precedent for future plans on the adjacent Cabin plot.
4. Highways – As with all recent application at Three Cliffs, the Community Council felt that consideration needs to be given to the damage caused to the adopted road leading from North Hills Lane to the unadopted road. The lane is rapidly losing its very rural, intimate character. Members feel that consideration needs to be given to the fact that it is one of the main pedestrian access routes to Three Cliffs Bay.

Application No. 2019/2919/FUL

Location: Stonemill Stables, Parkmill, SA3 2EQ

Proposal: Retention and completion of access track leading to dwelling and stables.

Applicant: Mr R McCulloch

After discussion, no objections were raised.

7. Financial Statements

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

1. Clerk's pay	£106.70	18/12/19
2. Nicholaston & Penmaen Hall rent	£52.80	4/12/19
Total:	£159.50	

Credit –

1. Interest paid	£1.66	2/12/19
Total	£1.66	

Therefore –
Balances:

£4326.06 Current Account
£3335.75 Deposit Account

- a) Charitable donation requests are noted as follows:
West Glamorgan Age Cymru, dated January 2020, no specific amount asked for.

8. **Budget and precept**

The budget was discussed. It was unanimously agreed to add money for website maintenance and for the domain name (£240). It was also thought that the council benches needed attention as well as other structures in the area so a budget was set aside for this purpose. This year, councillor expenses were added for attending training, such as petrol costs. The amount given to the Three Cliffs Life Guards was halved as discussed at previous meetings and amounts were set aside for VE day, traffic control measures and the regular community newsletter. The precept has been kept low in previous years to reduce reserves. It was thought best not to raise it to reduce reserves further.

The Budget was reviewed and after deliberation was approved to the sum of £9,199.40. The precept remains set at £15 per property, i.e. 327 Band D Equivalent Properties, amounting to £4905.00.

Item	2019/2020	2019/2020	2020/2021
Income (Precept)	£4770.00	£4770.00	
Expenditure	Expected £	Actual £ (22/01/2020)	Expected £
Employees			
Clerk Salary	1932.00	1672.00 ¹	1932.00
PAYE	422.40	45.90	422.40
Administration/Office Expenditure			
Computer and Printer	0	0	100
Telephone and Internet	120	0 ²	120
Stationary, Printing and Postage	100	81.94	100
Newsletter	0	0	500
Petty Cash	50	0	50
Insurance	170	167.44	170
Election Costs	0	0	0
Members Costs			
Expenses	0	0	200
Training (inc Clerk)	500	0	500
Chair's Allowance	0	0	0
Premises Costs			
Hall Rent and Electricity	180	173.20	180
Hedge Cutting	15	15	15
Asset Maintenance	0	0	500
Services and Subscriptions			
Tourism Swansea Bay membership	80	0 ³	85
Website Maintenance and cost of domain name	0	0	240
One Voice Wales	75	0 ⁴	75
Information Commissioner	35	35	35
Internal Auditor	75	75	75
Audit Fees	350	0 ⁵	300
Traffic Control Measures	0	0	1500
Grants and Donations (including those under s137 of Local Gov Act 1972)			

Item	2019/2020	2019/2020	2020/2021
VE Day Celebrations	0	0	500
Friends of Pennard Library	100	0 ⁶	100
RNLI Three Cliffs Lifeguard	1000	0 ⁷	500
Gower First Responders	0	0	
Swansea Council Gower Sunday Bus Service	1100	1100	0
Charitable Donations	500	0 ⁸	1000
Total Expenditure	6784.40	3266.78	£9199.40
Earmarked Reserves	2014.40		4294.40
Budget Requirement (Precept) for the Year	4770.00	4770.00	4905.00

Still to pay in 2019/2020 Tax Year:

¹£635.50 Clerks wages and tax

²£120 internet and phone

³£80 TSB

⁴£75 OVW

⁵£300 Audit Fees

⁶£100 Friends of Pennard Library

⁷£1000 Three Cliffs Lifeguards

⁸£500 charitable donations

- **Total approximately £2,741.50 left to pay up to 31st March 2020**

Precept for 2018/2019 - £4770
(318 Band D Equivalent Properties @ £15)

A/C Balances 22/01/2020
£3,335.75 Deposit account
£4,326.06 Current account

Precept for 2020/2021

Tax base calculated as 327 Band D equivalent properties, if precept remains the same, precept would be 327 Band D x £15 = 4,905.00.

Therefore, it was resolved that the precept for 2020/2021 be £15 i.e. 327 Band D equivalent properties at £15 = £4,905.00 and Swansea City Council to be notified accordingly.

9. **Rural Development Partnership.** – No further update.

10. **Correspondence.**

- All relevant email correspondence had been sent to Councillors and noted.
- Clerks and Councils Direct, January 2020, Issue 127

11. **Any other Business**

- The draft, bilingual winter 2020 newsletter is under development. Both the new management at Shepherd's and the Gower Inn have expressed interest in advertising in it. The Gower Inn and

Three Cliffs Holiday Park want to put in pictures. Cllr Church to pursue. Cllr Howells to contribute a 'What's on in the Village Hall' section. Tourism Swansea Bay to print and distribute.

b) Clerk to contact Paul Egan to find out what to do with the Councillor allowance forms.

. **Date of next meeting.** Wednesday, 26th February at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman.