

# Ilston Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held at Penmaen and Nicholaston Parish Hall on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Present:** Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, D. Ponting, Mrs. J.A Griffiths, Mrs C Grove, Mrs F Owen-John, V. Jones, J. Howells, J Kingham and N. Hollett.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Church and D Llewellyn.

2. **Personal Interests.** None

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising.**

On 4(12/2A) Lane from Bryn Afel to Ilston -The lane is passable.

On 4(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 – The Clerk has written to Nigel Fitzgerald but has had no response so far. The Clerk will chase up. Action: Clerk.

On 4 (12a) Penmaen Hill Accidents.- No further information

On 12. Any other business. Large Vehicles and Temporary Traffic Lights. No further information

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.- Cllr Church will report back in the March meeting.

Action RC

3.Trail Bikes. – Cllr Kingham spoke to PCSO Andrew Brown regarding the Trail bike situation. He was told that the police cars can't chase the bikes across the Bryn. Cllr Ponting has been informed that the Vans carrying the bikes, recorded on the videos given to Cllr Kingham, have been traced and the owners have been advised that the police will take their bikes if they are caught on the Bryn.

On 7. RDP: Japanese Knotweed – The Clerk reported that Sean Hathaway had replied to her email asking what the council's plans were in regard to knotweed in Ilston and Pennard Valley.

Mr Hathaway said that the council had contacted the landowners and were ready to go last summer but had couldn't secure funding. The cost was less than £1000 and could the Community Council cover this. Some residents are concerned about the consequences of using glyphosate on their gardens and wildlife. Cllr Kingham suggested looking into recent scientific evidence into the effects of glyphosate before the next meeting and then make an informed

decision in the March meeting. The Clerk to contact Sean Hathaway to establish the timeframe of when the knotweed needs to be treated.

Action: JK & Clerk

On 10 Any Other Business – Speed Indicators, Cllr Church to report back next meeting

Action:RC

On 6 Planning Application – All planning applications from the last meeting have been passed.

On 8 Budget – The Clerk has contacted the Friends of Pennard Library and will pay them as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk

On 11 (b) The Clerk contacted Paul Egan at One Voice Wales regarding the Councillor Payment forms, he informed her that the forms need to be kept on file for audit purposes.

## 5. Reports from Members –

Cllr Ponting reported back on the Village Hall meeting regarding the VE Day celebrations. The budget has been set at £500 for a BBQ for 80 people with a donation of £5 per head. This will go to a charity such as Hope for Heroes or similar. The planting a few small ornamental Rowan trees along the boundary with the Hall has been suggested to commemorate 75 years since victory in Europe. The Hall committee have asked if the Community Council could write to the County Council into the feasibility of this, as the trees would be on their land. Once permission is received from the Swansea Council, the Hall committee would seek the views of the residents of Tor View. It was agreed by all members to do this.

Action: Clerk

## 6. Planning Applications – None

## 7. Financial Statements

**Noted** transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

1. Clerk's pay for January	£98.10	20/02/2020
2. Clerk's pay for December	£98.10	28/01/2020
Total:	£196.20	

Credit –

None

Therefore –

Balances:

£4129.86 Current Account  
£3335.75 Deposit Account

In a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, Mr Ben Smith, Chief Finance Officer, Swansea Council, confirmed the following;

### **The Community Council Precepts 2020/2021:**

Three payments of £1,635.00 on or before 30/04/2020, 28/08/2020,31/12/2020.

- a) An invoice amounting to £83.00 was received for 2020/2021 membership was received from One Voice Wales. This amount has increased by £8 from last year but it was felt that the services received was worth it. It was unanimously agreed by members to pay this amount.

Charitable donation requests are noted as follows:

Children's Wales Air Ambulance, no specific amount asked for.

## 8. Rural Development Partnership. – No further update.

## **9. Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere).**

Received and noted:-

- a) Broxap Litter and Recycling Bins Catalogue 2020/2021
- b) Glasdon Focus on Local Councils and Village Gateways Catalogues 02/2020

Emails received and noted:-

- 1) From One Voice Wales, 31/01/2020, regarding the forthcoming training sessions at Pennard Community Hall.
- 2) From Brynmor Williams, Fields in Trust Cymru, 04/02/2020, regarding protecting land for future generations through partnership with landowners including Town and Community Councils.
- 3) From Wales Audit Office, 06/02/2020, regarding the Consultation of future audit arrangements for community councils in Wales. The proposal is for a three-year audit programme. The deadline for responses is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- 4) From Penny Gruffydd, Sustainable Policy Officer, Swansea Council, 12/02/2020, enclosing an invitation to the Nature in your space workshop in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales.
- 5) From Chris Dale, Countryside Access Team Leader, 17/02/2020, regarding the Diversion Order (2017) of Footpath 35, in the Community of Penrice and Ilston.
- 6) From One Voice Wales, 18/02/2020, regarding the consultation event – Beyond Recycling, an event on a new circular economy for Wales.
- 7) From Keep Wales Tidy, forwarded by One Voice Wales, 19/02/2020, regarding the new Local Places for Nature Scheme. The deadline for first application is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 8) From One Voice Wales, 19/02/2020, containing an urgent message regarding the Green Growth funding opportunities for Community and Town Councils. Due to the number of emails that the Community Council is receiving on the topic of nature and sustainability, the Sustainability Policy will be put on the agenda for next month.
- 9) From Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, 19/02/2020, containing the Annual Review 2020.

## **10. Any other Business**

- a) There is a blocked culvert between Lunnon Close and Stone Lee Bungalow on the road from Lunnon to Ilston. The Clerk to contact Highways.
- b) The access only sign was knocked down on North Hills Lane. Cllr Ponting contacted Swansea Council and they repaired it.
- c) The potholes on the eastbound carriage way, just beyond Nicholaston Church, have been repaired.
- d) The post on the cattle grid on the loop road along the edge of Cefn Bryn, has been hit. There is wire bulging into the road and needs repairing. The clerk to contact Highways.
- e) An old dead elder tree on the edge of the bridge, just before the churchyard in Ilston, needs to be felled as its about to fall. Clerk to contact Chris Dale.

**Date of next meeting.** Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Cllr Kingham sends his apologies. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman.