

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th November 2020

At a meeting of the Ilston Community Council held online via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, 26th November 2020.

Present: Councillors Mrs. A. Elliott, D. Ponting, Mrs. J.A Griffiths, Mrs F Owen-John, R. Church, V. Jones, J. Howells and N Hollett

In the Chair: Councillor: Mr D. Ponting

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr D Llewellyn, Mrs C Grove and Dr J Kingham

2. **Personal Interests.**

None

3. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

On 4(12b) Lunnon Hill – The amount of traffic has reduced now that the A4119 has reopened at Perriswood. The Clerk to chase up Nigel Fitzgerald to find out if the ‘extended highway’ area comes within the responsibility of Swansea Council.

On 12 (A.O.B) 3 Trail Bikes – Cllrs Ponting and Kingham met with Chris Dale from the Countryside Access Team. Mr Dale reported that no parking is allowed on the first plateau up from the nursing home, more people are parking here unlawfully. He said that the team could erect signs saying ‘No Access’ by areas such as the nursing home. The Community Council has agreed to contact the police to inform them when this has been done. The access lane across the top of the Bryn is not a Bridal Way Open to all Traffic, therefore trail bikes are not allowed, Mr Dale will do what he can to discourage the bikes but doesn’t want to put large rocks in place as there are too many access-points they are unsightly and are a problem in terms of health and safety.

On 7 RPD: Japanese Knotweed – Cllr Church has contacted three different contractors regarding alternative approaches to treating Japanese knotweed without spraying. The best approach is a three-year plan which eliminates 95% of the knotweed which is left to die naturally in the ground using a much less damaging herbicide. It is a much more sustainable practice and does not leach into the ecosystem. The contractor has walked the site, treatment will take three years. We now need to speak to the landowners to agreed a payment plan. Clerk to contact Chris Lindley to help explain the situation to the landowners and the possibility of funding as it is a more sustainable solution.

On 5 V.E. Day - We have received a couple of replies from residents of Tor View regarding the plan to plant a few ornamental trees to commemorate VE Day. We have permission from the Housing

Department of Swansea City Council but we need to establish where the water main is that supplies the houses. Clerk to contact Welsh Water. Clerk to ask Cllr Kingham to establish the cost of four ornamental, small rooted, rowan trees. Clerk to write to residents to update them.

On 10 (A.O.B) a Blocked Culvert –The culvert has been dealt with.

On 10 (A.O.B.) e Dead Alder Tree – The wrong tree was taken away. The Alder will be dealt with.

10. Parking Problems in Penmaen – Clerk to chase up Nigel Fitzgerald to establish if this is the responsibility of the traffic department.

On 5. Outstanding Review Points from the Annual Review for the year ending 31st March 2020

All outstanding points sent to the external auditors, currently going through review.

On 12 (A.O.B) a – discussed later

b- broken bridge and trees down in Ilston valley - the trees have been cleared and the bridge repairs have started.

On 5 (RfM) Gower Road Closure at Nicholaston - Gower Road, A4118 at Nicholaston, has reopened. Residents are not happy with the hedge replanting. It is very sparse, small hazel whips which will take years to develop into an established hedge have been planted. The residents want something more substantial as the houses can now very clearly be seen when they couldn't be before. Clerk to write to Nigel Fitzgerald to ask for a mixture of species and more substantial species be planted such as blackthorn and hawthorn.

On 6. Application No. 2020/0169/FUL –Temporary yurts at Bryncoch Farm – a letter was sent with no objection. However, a note was made regarding the retrospective application.

On 9. Yearly subscription to Zoom – This was paid and will be looked at again in a year's time.

5. Reports from Members

None

6. Planning Applications

Application No. 2020/2162/FUL

Location: The Old Forge, Parkmill, Swansea, SA3 2EQ

Proposal: Proposed new sage green UPVC windows replacing wooden windows
(planning submitted as in a Conservation Area)

Applicant: Mr S Peake

After discussion, no objection raised.

7. The National Salary Award and the Clerks pay per hour.

The Clerk left the room.

After discussion it was decided to increase the Clerk's wages from £9.81 to £11.00, this to be backdated to 1st April 2020. From 1st April 2021 the Clerk's salary to increase to £11.30 per hour in line with SCP 11 on the National Salary Award Scheme.

8. Financial Statement

Balances

Noted transactions since the last meeting were as follows:

Debit -

A. Elliott	£115.10	29/10/2020
C E Toft	£196.20	16/11/2020
Tourism Swansea Bay	£300.00	16/11/2020

Total: £611.30

Therefore –
Balances:

£3,530.14 Current Account
£3,338.28 Deposit Account

- a) No invoices have been received. A total of £115.10 was paid for the yearly subscription of Zoom, this was agreed by all members at the October meeting.

49. The Budget for the year 2021/2022

Budget 2021/2022

Item	2020/2021 Budget set in January	2020/2021 November	Left 2020/2021	2021/2022
Income (Precept)	£4905.00	£3270.00 + £1500 (funding)	£1635.00	To be decided
Expenditure	Expected £	Actual Expenditure to date (17/11/2020)		
Employees				
Clerk Salary	1932.00	1572.00	770.4	2712
PAYE	422.40	12.00	0	0
Administration/Office Expenditure				
Computer and Printer	100	0	0	50
Telephone and Internet	120	0	120	210
Stationary, Printing and Postage	100	0	100	200
Newsletter	500	500 +300	0	500
Petty Cash	50	0	50	50
Insurance	170	167.44	0	170
Election Costs	0	0	0	0
Members Costs				
Expenses	200	0	200	200
Training (inc Clerk)	500	0	500	500
Chair's Allowance	0	0	0	0
Premises Costs				
Hall Rent and Electricity	180	39.80	140.2	180
Hedge Cutting	15	0	15	15
Asset Maintenance	500	0	500	500
Services and Subscriptions				
Tourism Swansea Bay membership	85	80	0	100
Website Maintenance and cost of domain name	240	0	240	240
One Voice Wales	75	83.00	0	90
Information Commissioner	35	35.00	0	35
Internal Auditor	75	75.00	0	75
Audit Fees	300	0	300	350
Traffic Control Measures	1500	0	1500	0
Grants and Donations (including those under s137 of Local Gov Act 1972)				
VE Day Celebrations	500	0	0	500
Friends of Pennard Library	100	0	100	100
RNLI Three Cliffs Lifeguard	500	0	500	250

Item	2020/2021 Budget set in January	2020/2021 November	Left 2020/2021	2021/2022
Gower First Responders	0	0	0	250
Swansea Council Gower Sunday Bus Service	0	0	0	0
Charitable Donations	1000	1500.00	0	1000
Total Expenditure	£9199.40	£4364.24	£5035.6	£8277.00
Earmarked Reserves	4294.40			£2817
Budget Requirement (Precept) for the Year	4905.00			5460.00

Total £5035.60 left to pay up to 31st March 2021

10. Update on the RDP

See Above.

11. Correspondence

- a) Clerk and Councils Direct November 2020, Issue 132
- b) Elan City, 16th November 2020, a letter containing Special Offers and Elancity Products and brochures.
- c) Kelvin Jenkins, 17th November 2020, regarding the special delivery of The Watchtower to all government officials, locally and nationally.

12. Any other Business

a) The bridge over the river, leading to Ilston Church, the side is wobbly. The Clerk to contact the Countryside Access Team.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday, 20th January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman.