

Ilston Community Council

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The monthly meeting of Ilston Community Council will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022, at Nicholaston and Penmaen Village Hall.

<p>MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ANY MATTERS THEY WISH TO RAISE WILL BE HEARD DURING THE FIRST TEN MINUTES OF THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AGENDA</p>

Agenda

Present: Councillors – Mr D. Ponting, Mrs F. Owen-John, Mrs A. Elliott, Mr V. Jones, Mrs J. Griffith and Mr R. Church

Cllr Church joined the meeting at 7.30pm

Also present: Ms R. Munns from the Ecological Land Cooperative and Mr Trevor Davies, steward to the land south of Furzehill Green, Parkmill.

In the Chair: Cllr D Ponting

Item 7 – To consider Planning Applications – This was moved up the Agenda to allow Ms Muuns and Mr Davies to make a presentation on planning Application number 2021/3251/FUL and then leave if they so wished. After the presentations and discussion by members, it was agreed by all members present not to object to the planning application but to add conditions that no further development to be allowed on the two plots on this site and that the barn could not be converted into a dwelling.

Ms Muuns and Mr Davies left the meeting at 7.25pm.

1. Apologies for absence – Councillors: Mr N. Huffer, Mr N. Hollett, Dr J. Kingham and Mr J Howells.
2. Declaration of Personal Interests – Cllr Church declared an interest on Item 5, on 4 (11) (AOB) and Item 12 as he is a director of Tourism Swansea Bay (TSB). Cllr Ponting declared an interest in Item 5, 4 (10), the Queens Jubilee celebrations as he is the chair of the Village Hall committee where Jubilee celebrations will be held.
3. To consider the use of Vocaleyes in community engagement with Mr Matthew Newbold, the Marketing and Business Development Manager – Mr Newbold sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting in person. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk liaise with Mr Newbold or Susan Rodaway (the local representative), to discuss the options regarding implementing Vocaleyes to aid in community engagement.

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 24th January 2022 and 9th February 2022 – The minutes for the 24th January meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Jones, all members present agreed. The minutes for the 9th February meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Elliott, all members present agreed.

5. To consider any matters arising out of the minutes –
Re minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2021 –

On 3a) Presentation on Planning Application 2021/3250/FUL by R. Muuns, Planning Manager for the Ecological Land Cooperative – This item was further discussed at the meeting held on 9th March. All members present agreed to keep a watching brief.

On 5 Matter raised by community members -Field adjacent to Maes–Yr–Haf – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk should follow up on this matter as no response has been forthcoming from Swansea Council.

On 4 (12b) Lunnon Hill – After discussion, it was agreed by all members present that the clerk will forward the email received from Mr Fitzgerald to Cllr Church in order for him to compose a reply.

On 4 (10) Parking Problems in Penmaen – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to contact the ombudsman as no reply has been forthcoming from Mr Thomas.

On 4 (5) (RFM) Gower Road Closure at Nicholaston – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Owen-John to forward pictures of the potholes in the layby to the Clerk. The clerk to chase up the matter with Swansea Council.

On 4 (12) (A.O.B) Wobbly handrail on Ilston church bridge – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Elliott and Cllr Griffiths will check that this has been done when visiting the church on Sunday.

On 4 (11) (A.O.B) Traffic congestion in Parkmill - it was agreed by all members present that once Cllr Ponting and Cllr Church compose the questions then the survey would be compiled by TSB and issued to those on the mailing list.

On 7 Planning Application – The Bungalow, Parkmill, SA3 2EJ – It was agreed by all members present to keep a watching brief.

On 4 (6) RFM -Donation to the RNLI – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk chase this up with the lifeguard team.

- Missing Access Only Sign – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to chase this matter up as lorries are now using the space to turn around and churning up the verges and adjacent garden frontages.

On 4 14 Correspondence – Broadcasting of meetings - It was agreed by all members present that this would be looked at, at the next meeting, once the report from Cllr Huffer has been discussed regarding the new Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021. The clerk to contact OVW to ask the question that if the Community Council advertises that if anyone wants to join via zoom then the meeting will take place on zoom, if not could a meeting be held in person at the Hall.

On 4 11 Correspondence – Zoom Renewal - It was agreed by all members present that this would be looked at, at the next meeting, once the report from Cllr Huffer has been discussed regarding the new Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

On 4 (5) RFM – Illegal Camping on Cefn Bryn – it was agreed by all members present that the clerk to contact Mr Kersley-Evans regarding adding the ‘No Campervans’ sign to the signs to be erected on Cefn Bryn

On 4 (5 RFM) – Nat Group Bus Services - It was agreed by all members that Cllr Hollett will update on this matter at the next meeting.

On 4 (7) Water Supply Problems – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to contact Mr Taylor from Welsh Water to establish when he will be able to attend a meeting. There may be a need for a special meeting if Mr Taylor is not available for any of the scheduled meetings.

On 4 (8) Financial Statement -a) Budget – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk write to Cllr Richard Lewis to ask him if he has contact details for the Gower First Responders.

On 4 (10) Correspondence – a) The Queen’s Jubilee – It was agreed by all members present that the £500 in last year’s budget for the VE Day Celebrations be used for the Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations. This will be shared between the events happening in different villages in the community council area.

On 14 (A.O.B) – Potholes in Furzehill Lane – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk chase this up with the highways department.

Re minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021-

No further decisions made.

6. To consider any reports from Members - None
7. To consider any Planning Application – None other than the above.
8. To receive the financial statement –
 - a) To consider any invoices or accounts for payments and any requests for donations under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 An invoice was received for the continuing membership of One Voice Wales – It was agreed by all members present that this should be paid.
9. To consider the completed Audit Return for the year ending March 31st 2021 It was agreed by all members present that £5.00 per copy would be charged to anyone wishing to be sent a hard copy of the Audit Return to cover printing cost, postage and time taken by the clerk. A copy of the return has been posted on the noticeboard along with the completion notice and details of where the original can be viewed once received by the clerk.
10. To consider the costs associated with the May 2022 elections – It was agreed buy all members present to put aside £1500.00 for costs incurred by the May elections.
11. To consider the broadcasting and streaming of meetings – It was agreed by all members present that this would be discussed at the next meeting.
12. To consider the hosting of the website renewal – It was agreed by all members present that the website host should be changed to Tourism Swansea Bay, who already look after the website at a cost of £150/year.
13. To consider any up-date on the Rural Development Partnership - None.
14. To receive any correspondence –
 - a) Email received on 24th February 2022, form OVW on behalf of The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, inviting the community council to complete a questionnaire about the future of regional development in Wales and asking us to share with our networks. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to share this information on the Community Council email list.
 - b) Email received on 31st January 2021 from Suzy Richards, Sustainable Policy Officer, Swansea Council containing links to a number of surveys being held by Swansea Council and offering members the chance to

have their say about how Swansea Council works and sets priorities. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk should forward the email to Cllr Ponting so that he can take a look.

15. Any other business a) It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Jones look at the situation where two huge trees have come down on Lunnon Hill.

b) It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to contact Swansea Council regarding a tree that is starting to fall, in the wall of Hunter's Lodge, Penmaen.

c) It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact Highways to report potholes on the east bound carriageway, west of the layby in Nicholaston.

d) It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to chase up the missing sign at the junction of Lunnon Road on Pengwern Common.

Meeting Closes at 9.02pm