

Ilston Community Council

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The monthly meeting of Ilston Community Council will be held on Wednesday 21st September 2022, at the Barham Centre, (the zoom option failed to connect).

<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>

Decisions Made at the Meeting

Present: Councillors – Mr D Ponting, Mrs H James, Mrs S Mobbs, Mr R Church, Mrs A Elliott, Mr N Huffer

Cllr N Hollett joined the meeting at 8.55pm and left 9pm via telephone

County Councillor -Mrs L James joined the meeting at 7.34pm

In the Chair: Cllr D Ponting

- 1.Apologies for Absence – Cllr S Pleydell, Cllr C Bates and Cllr Hollett as he could only briefly attend.
- 2.Declaration of Personal Interests – Cllr Church declared an interest in Item 6 as he is a member of Cae Tan and knows the people on site. He abstained from the discussion and voting.
- 3.To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 27th July 2022 - The minutes for the meeting held on 27th July were proposed as a true record by Cllr H James and seconded by Cllr Elliott. All members present in agreement.
- 4.To consider any matters arising out of the minutes –
On 4 (12b) Lunnon Hill – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Church arrange a meeting with Swansea Council to discuss the dangerous edge to the road surface via County Councillor Lynda James
On 5 (4) Reports from Members – After the community council received complaints from Tor Views residents about overnight parking in Tor Bay car park, it was agreed by all members present that Cllr L James take the complaint to the AONB Forum.
On 5 (7) Water Supply Problems in Penmaen – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact residents on the mailing list to enquire into whether they have been affected by the water supply problems and if they have had a letter from Welsh Water offering a reduction in the water rates.

On 5 (11) Welsh Government Defibrillator Scheme - It was agreed by all members present that the community council could offer help and support with the application for the defibrillator but not offer financial assistance.

On 5 (15 A.O.B.) - d) Missing signs on junction of Lunnon Road and Pengwern Common – The signs were replaced but have since been knocked down by a car crashing into the sign post. The clerk has informed Swansea Council. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact Mr Avo again for an update.

On 5 (18) A.O.B.) Footpath in Parkmill – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr L James will look into reinstating the footpath sign as it has fallen over.

On 5 (6) Report from Members – Road Closures due to Iron Man Event – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Church represent the community council at the meeting with organisers and Swansea Council to discuss the issues and discuss alternative routes for the event next year.

On 5 (10) Sewage Outfall at Parkmill – it was agreed by all members present that Cllr Mobbs monitor the situation and take photos and videos when it happens again. It was agreed by all members present that equipment could be purchased in order for a sample to be taken and sent to an accredited laboratory for testing.

On 5 (13) Extra hours worked by the clerk – It was agreed by all present that the clerk keep a record of extra hours worked and present this for payment on a quarterly basis.

On 5 (6) Reports from Members – d) Annual Report – this has been completed by Cllr Ponting. It was agreed by all members present to publish it on the website.

On 5 (8) – Financial Statement – a) It was agreed by all members present to pay the Clerk £8.37 towards travel expenses incurred when meeting Cllr Ponting and Cllr Elliott for the signing of contracts etc.

On 9 Training for Members - It was agreed by all members present that the councillor responsible for the nine key areas of the community council work are as follows:

1. Chair – Cllr Ponting, Vice Chair – Cllr Church
2. Planning – Lead: Cllr Elliott, with support from Cllr Hollett
3. Environmental Issues – Lead: Cllr Mobbs with support from Cllr Huffer
4. Training – Lead: Cllr H James with support from Cllr Ponting and Cllr Bates making up the Training sub committee
5. Highways – Lead: Cllr Bates with support from Cllr Pleydell, Cllr Church and Cllr Mobbs making up the sub committee
6. Finance – Lead: Clerk as RFO with support from Cllr Ponting
7. Communications and Engagement – Lead: Cllr Pleydell
8. Community Council Forum – Lead – Cllr H James.
9. Swansea Area Committee – Lead: Cllr Ponting and Cllr Church

It was agreed by all members present that the clerk establish when the next Community Council Forum is to be held and let Cllr H James know.

On 5 (21 A.O.B.) – PCSO Andrew Brown to attend meeting. It was agreed by all present that the clerk contact PCSO Andrew Brown with the dates of the next few meetings.

On 11 – Traffic Working Group – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Church look into the costs of running another Speed Indicator Device to be potentially placed opposite the Gower Inn in Parkmill.

On 18 Correspondence – a) Sustainable Steps Wales grants – It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Mobbs and Cllr Huffer look into opportunities for funding with the possibility of getting funding towards continuing the Nicholaston to Mumbles bus.

On 19 A.O.B a) Ideas for Cllr James' Environment Budget - It was agreed that Cllr Hollett take the lead in liaising with Mr Methuen-Campbell as land owner, to plant a tree on Penmaen Green, to be commemorated to Queen Elizabeth II and also to request that the green is mowed less frequently. The clerk to send Cllr Hollett the response from a Tor View resident to the 'It's for Them' campaign about environmentally friendly mowing regimes.

It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact the Parks Department to get the hedges cut back along the footpath diagonally opposite Tor Bay car park, close to where the pavement runs out, to aid visibility when crossing over as it is a dangerous bend and visibility is low.

It was agreed by all members present that Cllr L James liaise with Swansea Council about the possibility of a hatched area on the road opposite Tor Bay car park to enable school children to access the school bus stop safely and to ask the Parks Department to cut the hedgerow back to aid visibility when crossing the road as it's a blind corner at this spot.

5.To consider any reports from Members –

- a) Cllr H James has been approached by a resident who witnessed an accident on Lunnon Hill. After discussion it was agreed by all members present that Cllr L James ask Highways for a Give Way to oncoming traffic sign to be placed at the top of the hill.
- b) After the resignation of Cllr J Griffiths, it was agreed by all members present that a Vacancy Notice needs to go up in all the usual places and on the website. The clerk will facilitate this.

6.To consider any Planning Applications –

Application Number – 2021/3250/FUL

Location: Land south of Furzehill Green, Parkmill, Swansea, SA2 7LQ

Proposal: A One Planet Development comprising one detached dwelling and associated enterprise and creation of three ponds (Additional information received).

Applicant: Ms R Muuns from Ecological Land Cooperative

After discussion and a vote, it was agreed by the community council that, other than that the development has been scaled down, there are no significant changes from the previous application and the community council has nothing to add to their previous statement.

Three Cliffs Campsite yurts and car parking issues – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact the Planning Department about the following:

- Report that residents are concerned that the 28 days permitted parking has been exceeded
- To ask if a change of use planning consent has been obtained for the designated shop car parking spaces and area around the barns for beach car parking.
- Enquire into the consent for the number of yurts on site. Has permission been sought to increase the number from 19 to the 32 currently standing.

7.To receive the financial statement –To consider any invoices or accounts for payments and any requests for donations under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

- a) Cllr Ponting presented a receipt for £30.00 for the flowers bought for Cllr Griffiths on her retirement from the community council in thanks for all her hard work. It was agreed by all members present to reimburse Cllr Ponting.
- b) Donation to Tenovus – It was agreed by all members present not to donate financially to the charity but agreed to advertise the Free Support Line number on the website.

8.To consider Training for Members -

It was agreed by all members present that Cllr H James consult with members taking responsibility for the different areas of work to discuss training needs. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk refresh her skills by taking the Governance and Finance Training Module.

9.To consider the Activities Records – no decisions made.

10.To consider the update from the Traffic Working Party – It was agreed that Cllr Church will send the data from the Speed Indicator Device to the working party.

11.To consider the website and communications – no decisions made.

12.To consider financing the replacement unit for one of the emergency phones at Three Cliffs Bay – After discussion, it was agreed by all members present to buy the replacement unit for the emergency phone located at the bottom of the footpath to Three Cliffs from Penmaen and also pay the monthly line rental for the duration of the contract. Once the contract expires this will be looked at again.

13.To consider the non-collection of green bags in Lunnon – This issue has been resolved as the clerk contacted the Refuse and Recycling Supervisor at Swansea Council who has assured the community council that this area will be prioritised. Cllr H James, however, has been contacted by residents about an issue with black bags being dumped at the same location to be picked up with the residents' black bags. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk write to Mr Watkins again and ask that if the number of bags exceeds the allocated three per household for the five properties, then can this please be investigated.

14.To consider the use of Vocaleyes for community engagement – After discussion, it was agreed by all members present that the community council would, in the first instance, use the new revamped website to engage with the community and also produce flyers to be delivered to all households asking for ideas and referencing the website and joining the community council mailing list. It was agreed that Cllr Church to look into the flyers.

15.To consider the broadcasting and streaming of meetings – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk speak to PC Homecall to discuss upgrading the laptop to 4G so it can connect to BT Hotspots. Cllr Church to look into the network connection at the Barham Centre.

16.To consider any up-date on the Rural Development Partnership – It was agreed by all members present to take this off the agenda.

17.To receive any correspondence –

- a) Received on 28th July 2022, from Mrs S Rodaway, enquiring into the possibility of collaborative working between Ilston and Pennard Community Council as we are now in the same ward. It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Ponting to contact Mrs Rodaway and also the remaining community councils in Gower Ward to discuss common issues such as road closures for events.
- b) Received on 12th August 2022, Welsh Government via One Voice Wales, the Section 6 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Duty – reporting requirements and resource sheet. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk forward this to Cllr Mobbs and Cllr Huffer.

- c) Received on 15th August 2022, from One Voice Wales, the second round of the Local Places for Nature, breaking barriers funding. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk forward this to Cllr Mobbs and Cllr Huffer.
- d) Received on 23rd August 2022, from One Voice Wales, the Nature Network Fund funded jointly by NRW, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Welsh Government. This has been launched to improve the condition and resilience of Wales' marine and terrestrial protected sites network. Grants available from £30,000 to £1 million. It was agreed by all members present to send this out on the council's mailing list. The community council do not own any land but would consider working collaboratively with landowners.
- e) Received on 6th September 2022, from Home Start Cymru, regarding the Together We Can campaign – Home Start Cymru are looking for volunteers to help deliver services to support families with young children when they need it most. It was agreed by all members present that this should be uploaded to the website.

18.Any Other Business –

- a) It was agreed by all members present that daffodils be planted in Parkmill, Ilston and Lunnon.
- b) Cllr L James reported that the pilot bus service from Nicholaston to Penmaen has had the go ahead. The published timetables have the wrong times going through Kittle. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk send the corrected version on the mailing list once received.