

Ilston Community Council

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The monthly meeting of Ilston Community Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7pm, via zoom.

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

Decisions Made at the Meeting

Present: Councillors – Mr. D. Ponting, Mrs. H James, Mr S Pleydell, Mr C Bates, Mr R Church, Mr N Huffer, Mr N Hollett, Mrs A Elliott, Mrs. S Mobbs, and County Cllr L James.

In the Chair: Cllr R Church

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Ponting apologised for leaving the meeting at 7.20pm as he had technical difficulties.

2. Declaration of Personal Interests – Cllr H James declared an interest in pre-planning applications, 2022/2317/PRE. Cllr Church declared an interest in Item 4a – To consider any invoices or accounts for payment, as he is the chairman of Tourism Swansea Bay. Cllr Hollett declared an interest in Item 12 – Correspondence, as his is linked to a charitable trust where the Community Council could apply for funding. The councilors would not take part in the decision making on the items that they have declared an interest in.

It was agreed to move to item 7. Matters Arising and to approve the minutes once this section had been completed.

7. Matters Arising –

On 5 (21) AOB – Contacting the local Police to come to a meeting – The clerk reported that she had been in contact with Sergeant Simon Chadwick who agreed to try and come to a meeting in the near future. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk let him know the dates of the February and March meetings.

On 18 Correspondence – a) Sustainable Wales Grant – It was agreed by all members present to discuss this at the next monthly meeting.

On (4) 19 – AOB a) Environment Budget – Cllr Hollett reported that he has had a quote for a lime tree for £60. This was agreed by all members present. It was stipulated that this would come out of this year's budget.

On 5 Reports from Members – a) Accident on Lunnon Hill- Cllr L James reported that she is waiting to hear if the farmer who owns the land at the top of the hill agrees to the siting of a sign on their land. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk follow this up and report back at the next meeting.

On 14 – Discussion on the use of Vocaleyes for Community Engagement – After discussion it was agreed by all members present to schedule a Councillor Surgery for Tuesday 21st February. Cllr Church and Cllr Mobbs agreed to attend. Cllr Church agreed to facilitate the production and distribution of flyers in the community.

On (4) 17 – Correspondence – c) Section 6 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience - it was agreed by all members present that this be considered at the next monthly meeting.

e) Local Places for Nature - it was agreed by all members present that this be considered at the next monthly meeting.

On 6 Reports from Members – Mumbles Triathlon Event – After discussion, it was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact the organiser of the Mumbles triathlon to establish the route taken so that the Cleansing Department of Swansea Council can check for remaining arrows on the roads.

On 6 Reports from Members – Community Bus – After an update from Cllr L James, it was agreed by all members present that a reminder of the community bus service be added to the flyers being sent out to the community for the Councillor Surgery.

On (4) 9 - Training for Members – It was agreed by all members present to look at training cost during the budget.

On (4) 12 - Website and Communications –

3) Data Sharing – It was agreed by all members present that councillors who haven't yet logged into Google Drive to do so. Cllr Pleydell to sort out the authorisation issue and the clerk to also log on to view the documents.

On (4) 14 - OVW/SLCC Conference – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk to contact OVW to ask if a follow up report is available.

d) Stakeholder Alliance for Swansea Airport – After an email update from Bob Oliver, the chair of the Stakeholders Alliance, it was agreed by all members present to put this item on the agenda for February's meeting.

On 6. Reports from Members –

1. Town and Community Council Forum – The clerk enquired into the free training offered by Swansea Council for community council members. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk follow this up.

On 11. To consider the ICC Activities Record - After discussion, it was agreed by all members present to look at how this is viewable on the website. Producing a summary was put forward as a suggestion.

On 16. To receive any correspondence –

c) Received 14th November 2022, from One Voice Wales, regarding new guidance on Bullying and Harassment in Councils. It was agreed by all members present that this be considered during the February meeting.

On 17. Any Other Business -

b) Restricting Heavy Vehicles on Mill Lane, Parkmill – Cllr L James reported that a TRO would be needed to achieve this. It was agreed by all members present that she looks into approximate costs.

d) Isolated Community Members - It was agreed by all members present that the clerk look into funding availability and to ascertain what assistance is available.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 26th October 2022- The minutes for the meeting held on 26th October were proposed as a true record by Cllr C Bates and seconded by Cllr S Mobbs. All members present in agreement.

4. 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 –
- It was agreed by all members present to pay the invoices from Tourism Swansea Bay for £100 (membership) and £240 (Website Maintenance and cost of domain name).
 - It was agreed by all members present to pay the invoice from Swansea Council for the costs incurred by the May 2022 Election of £481.18
 - It was agreed by all members present to pay the invoice received from OVW for training of £35.00

5. To consider the Budget for the year ending March 31st 2024 – After reviewing the draft budget compiled by Cllr Ponting, Cllr Church and the clerk, and subsequent discussion, it was agreed by all members present that the budget be set at £7228.60. It was agreed that £540.10 be used from the community council reserves. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Pleydell and seconded by Cllr Bates, that the precept be raised from £15.00 to £19.50, as band D equivalent properties number 343, this would give a total precept of £6688.50. This was agreed by all members present.

The clerk to complete the Precept Notification Form and send it to Swansea Council's Finance Department electronically and in hard copy. It was suggested by Cllr Hollett that the community council try using Microsoft Teams and thereby saving the council the cost incurred by using Zoom. It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Hollett and the clerk look into this. It was agreed by all members present to allocate £400 for training cost, this is the equivalent of one training module per councillor.

6. To consider the Emergency Phone at Three Cliffs Bay -

After the consideration of the Budget, it was agreed by all members present that the community council would pursue fund raising to raise the cost of the emergency phone at Three Cliffs. It was proposed by Cllr Bates and seconded by Cllr Huffer that the decision made to finance the emergency phone from Community Council reserves, at the meeting held on 21st September 2022, be retracted. This was agreed by all members present. The clerk will therefore contact Mr Peter Beynon at Swansea Council to let him know of the decision.

8. To consider co-option to fill the vacancies on the community council – As the date of the January meeting was changed to 11th instead of 25th, it was agreed by all members present

to extend the deadline for the submission of the completed co-option forms to 21st February, one week before the February monthly meeting.

10. To consider any Planning Applications –

Application No. 2021/3250/FUL

Location: Land South of Furzehill Green Parkmill Swansea SA2 7LQ

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

Applicant: Ms R Muuns

After discussion, it was agreed by all members present that the additional information received did not alter the view of councillors since this was last considered.

Application No. 2022/2519/PRE

Location: Mulberry Hill Penmaen Swansea SA3 2HQ

Proposal: Pre-application enquiry - Detached dwelling

Applicant: Not stated on the Pre-application Form

After a brief discussion it was agreed by all members present not to comment until the full application document is submitted.

It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact planning to enquire into whether Ilston Community Council Area applications are being included in the weekly lists that are sent out to Cllr Elliott as the planning officer.

11. To consider the update from the Traffic working party – After feedback from Cllr Bates and Cllr Pleydell, it was agreed that the draft report be sent out to members for comment after checking the details with Cllr L James and Cllr Ponting, along with the video compiled by the working party as an aide memoir to the particular traffic issues in our area.

12. To consider any Correspondence –

Emails received and noted:

- Received on 14th December 2022, from Chris Dale, the Countryside Access Team Manager for Swansea Council, regarding the Swansea and Gower Local Access Forum – It was agreed that interested members contact Cllr Church. The clerk to contact Mr Dale and inform him that the community council is interested in having a member on the group and to advise that this will be looked at again at the February meeting.
- Received on 15th December 2022, from Michelle Langshaw from Swansea Council for Voluntary Services, attaching a poster for community pitch events being held throughout the Swansea area in coming weeks. It was agreed by all members present to look at this and other funding options at the next meeting. It was raised that it might

be possible to apply for specific project funding from the CLA Trust. The clerk will look this up and send the link out to members.

Date of Next Meeting - It was agreed by all members present that the next meeting take place on Tuesday 28th February at 7pm at the Barham Centre, Parkmill and also online via Zoom or Teams.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm