

# Ilston Community Council

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The monthly meeting of Ilston Community Council will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at the Barham Centre, Parkmill, and via zoom \* following the AGM

<p><b>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</b></p>
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## Decisions Made

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Present: Councillors - Mr D Ponting, Mr R Church, Mr B Beynon, Mrs H James, Mr S Pleydell, Mrs S Mobbs, Mr C Bates and Mr N Hollett. Cllr I Brown joined the meeting at 7.43pm

**In the Chair:** Cllr D Ponting

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr L James and Cllr N Huffer. Cllr I Brown sent apologies as he was going to be late
2. Declaration of Personal Interests – Cllr B Beynon declared an interest in Item 12, Correspondence – letter from a resident regarding the cutting of hedges at the Three Cliffs Bay Holiday Park as it is owned by his family
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Pleydell and seconded by Cllr Mobbs. All members present in agreement. The minutes were then signed and dated by the chair.
4. To consider any matters arising out of the minutes –

**On 4 (4,19) AOB** a) Environment Budget – Planting of a tree to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II – Cllr Hollett reported that the event had been well attended. It was proposed by Cllr Ponting to wait for 12months before placing a plaque next to the tree to make sure that the tree thrives. This was agreed by all members present. Cllr Ponting suggested writing to thanks Rev Peter Brookes for his attendance and for blessing the tree. It was agreed by all members that Cllr Hollett draft a letter to be sent via the clerk. Cllr Hollett agreed to send Cllr Pleydell photos to go on the website. Once Cllr Brown arrived he reported that Green's are happy to sponsor the tree and the plaque and to pay for both plus the refreshments. Cllr Brown agreed to look into the price of a plaque and to agree the wording of it and report back.

**On 7 (4) Reports from Members** – Iron Man Meeting – Cllr Church reported that he had the direct email of the organisers and it was agreed by all members that he liaise directly with them regarding the concerns and objections raised by residents regarding the road closure and access during the events. Cllr Church will raise the need for extra Marshalls to allow access to those who need it. Cllr Church also proposed approaching Swansea Council to ask for a reduction in rates for residents for loss of amenities as those

affected do not have access to their properties for such events, which are happening with increasing frequency. After discussion, a vote was taken with a result of 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstaining. Therefore, it was agreed by the majority that Cllr Church approach the council with this request.

**On 18 Correspondence** – a) Sustainable Wales Grant – Cllr Ponting reported that he had been to the event organised Tonia Antoniazzi MP and SCVS at Gorseinon College. The event was aimed at looking at funding for communities and neighbourhood projects such as social isolation, refreshments and transport. He also reported that Great Western Railway was represented and that they allocate funding that benefits tourism and local economies. It was agreed that Cllr Mobbs look into this on behalf of the community bus.

**On (4) 6 Reports from Members** – Swansea Council eLearning opportunities. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact Mr Huw Evans for an update.

**On 7 (17) AOB** – a) Restricting Heavy Vehicles on Mill Lane, Parkmill – Cllr Church reported that residents have asked for the yellow lines to be re-marked. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact highways about this and copy in Cllr L James.

**On 7 (6) Emergency Phone replacement at Three Cliffs Bay** – clerk reported that she had received a Service Level Agreement from Peter Beynon for the line rental of the replacement phone. The clerk had sent it through to members but as there had been insufficient time between receiving the document and the meeting it was agreed by all members present that members send their feedback to Cllr Church to collate before sending back to Mr Beynon. It was agreed by all members present that this be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

**On 7 (12) Correspondence** – e) Swansea and Gower Local Access Forum – Cllr Church reported that he had received a formal invitation to join the forum but that there is a requirement that ICC agree that he can join in order for him to take part in discussions and comment where a conflict of interest may arise. It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Church can join the forum.

#### **On 5 RFM's -**

3) Next 'Meet Your Councillor' session - Cllr Church reported that the Gower Inn are unable to host the session on 13<sup>th</sup> June and had not replied regarding the 20<sup>th</sup>. He then offered to host the event at the Gower Heritage Centre instead. It was therefore agreed by all members present that the event take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Gower Heritage Centre at 6.30pm. It was agreed that Cllr Church draft a notice to be sent out by the clerk to advertise the event. It was also agreed that if the Biodiversity Report is agreed at item 8 then this be sent out to residents along with the notice and asking for comment on the Biodiversity Action Plan.

5) Footpath from Nicholaston through Perriswood to the Penrice Estate – The clerk reported that she had not heard back from the Countryside Access Team on this issue. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk chase for an update.

**On 7 Financial Statement** – the clerk reported that the £250 has been reallocated to the training Budget – It was agreed that the clerk now sent it to Cllr Pleydell to upload to the website.

**On 15 Correspondence** – g) The Value of Planning and How it Positively Impacts our Welsh Communities. As Cllr Hollett had not been able to attend this training he reported that he had looked at the content of subsequent training sessions and found it to quite basic. It was agreed that the clerk contact Planning Aid Wales to enquire into whether they provide more in-depth training or who to go to for it.

**On 10. Financial Statement** – c) extra hours worked by the clerk – It was agreed that the clerk further research sim deals and report back at the next meeting.

#### **On 5 Reports from Members –**

- 1) New local ranger and Gower co-ordinator for the National Trust – Cllr Ponting reported that he had not as yet invited the new co-ordinator to a meeting but that he would do so before the next meeting.

- 3) Cattle grid on the loop road behind Penmaen Church – Cllr Ponting reported that this has been repaired. Cllr James asked about the one on Pengwern Common, she will check if this has also been done, if not it was agreed that the clerk contact Cllr Lynda James for an update.
- 6) Penmaen Village sign – Cllr Ponting reported that Cllr L James had been out to look at the sign. It was agreed that the clerk check with her to see if the new sign has been ordered.

**On 9 Co-option** – it was agreed by all members present to also put a notice up on the post by Ilston Church. The clerk to send the notice to Cllr Brown to laminate and then to Cllr James to put up.

5. To consider any reports from Members –

- 1) Cllr Ponting reported that he had been approached by Dr Kingham regarding overnight parking in the Penmaen East National Trust car park. Signs were put up 18 months ago but have since been reversed over and destroyed. Cllr Ponting has reported it to the National Trust Gower ranger who will contact Alan Kersley Evans, the area manager. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk also write to him to reinforce the point and ask for new more substantial signage to be put up. It was also agreed that Cllr Ponting bring this up at the Gower Community Council Forum.
- 2) Benches – Cllr Mobbs reported that Cllr L James has offered to replace the community council bench in Parkmill that was recently destroyed by a trailer reversing into it. Cllr James has also asked if there is anywhere in the locality where another bench can be situated. Cllr Church agreed to speak to Brian Williams at Perriswood if he agreed to one being put by the Perriswood bus stop. It was also agreed that the green at Lunnon Close be suggested to Cllr James as a suitable place for a bench.
- 3) Cllr Mobbs reported that there is a big pile of gravel at the bottom of Sandy Lane on which cars are skidding and bringing the gravel down onto the road. It was agreed to ask Cllr L James if the maintenance team could sort it out.
- 4) Cllr H James reported that the sign depicting a horse and cart and an arrow, on the cattle grid on Pengwern Common near the junction to Lunnon Road has been hit and swung round so that it is hit by large vehicles going over the cattle grid. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk report this to highways and to Cllr L James.

6. To consider any Planning Applications - None

7. 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 – Cllr Hollett reported that the refreshments for the tree planting had cost £7.75 and the tree plus delivery cost £80.00 in total as opposed to £70.00 agreed at the February 2023 meeting, an increase of £10.00. As each payment was £10.00 or under Cllr Ponting agreed the payments and they were then presented to members at the May meeting retrospectively. These payments were agreed by all members present. Cllr Brown reported that Green's were happy to reimburse the community council for the cost of the tree and the refreshments.

8. To consider the Section 6 Biodiversity Report – After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bates and seconded by Cllr James to adopt the Biodiversity Report and send it out to residents and on to One Voice Wales. This was agreed by all members present. It was also agreed that the 'It's for Them' report also be resent to residents on the mailing list and to ask what residents want the community council to do next as part of our Biodiversity Action Plan, to be discussed at the next 'Meet Your Councillor' session. The clerk to send the BAP template to Cllr I Brown as he agreed to take the lead on this.

9. To consider the update from the Traffic working party – After a report from Cllr Bates, it was agreed by all members present that he chases up Go Safe to agree a meeting date. It was also agreed that he follow up with the 20mph speed limit campaign on how this will be implemented on Gower.

Cllr Church reported that he had spoken to officials at Kilvrough Manor. It was agreed by all members present that Cllr Bates write to Oxford City Council as the owners of the manor to ask if they have a view on traffic management around their wall. Cllr Bates to draft a letter to be sent out by the clerk.

10. To consider asking Swansea Council to clear ivy from roadside fences – Cllr Church reported that the fence on the roadside stretching from the forge in Parkmill to the bottom of Sandy Lane is choked with Ivy and also the railings in Ilston along the bridge. It was agreed that the clerk ask Cllr L James if this can be dealt with by the maintenance team.
11. To consider the Local Area Coordinator Guides for Community Councils in Gower – It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact the Gower Co-ordinator and ask if they would like to attend a meeting to give a presentation on how we can work together.
12. To receive any correspondence –
  - a) Received on 11/05/2023 from Cllr Ponting, forwarded from Llanrhidian Lower CC, from Ceri Gimblett, the Interim Service Group Director, Neath Port Talbot and Singleton Service Group, Swansea Bay University Health Board, regarding the provisions of Phlebotomy Services in Gower. After discussion, it was agreed by all members present that Cllr Ponting discuss this matter with other local community councils at the next Community Council Forum meeting. It was also agreed that the clerk contact the Practice Manager at The Gower Medical Practice to ask, as they are an independent practice, if they have any plans to have a phlebotomist on site.
  - b) Received on 15/05/2023 from Bridget Stein regarding dog behaviour and the offer to put up signs. It was agreed by all members present that the clerk contact Sergeant Chadwick and also Swansea City Council to ask if they have appropriate signage. It was agreed that the clerk reply to Mrs Stein and report that the ‘dogs on leads’ signs are usually used on farm land and not open access areas but to let her know that the CC are contacting the police and Swansea Council to ask about appropriate signage and inform her that Cllr Church will bring the issue up at the Local Access Forum and that the CC will also raise it with the National Trust Gower Co-ordinator when she attends a CC meeting.
  - c) Received on 25/05/2022 from Clive Scott, Footpath Officer for Bishopston CC asking who he should contact at ICC regarding creating an informal group to discuss footpaths in the area, especially in light of the Bishopston and Pennard area Walkers are Welcome initiative. Cllr Church agreed that the clerk could pass his details onto Mr Scott.
  - d) Received on 26/05/2023 from Annzella Gregg from North Hills Lane regarding the cutting of the hedge along the lane that borders the road and Three Cliffs Holiday Park and the hedge that borders the car park within the holiday park. She acknowledges there is a need to cut hedges back for visibility but is concerned for nesting birds and feels that the hedge cutting has been premature and could be handled with more consideration for the needs of wildlife. Cllr Beynon declared an interest in this item as his family own the holiday park and took no part in the discussion other than to answer direct questions from ICC members. The clerk reported that she had forwarded the email onto Cllr Lynda James who advised contacting NRW. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk respond to Ms Gregg to say that she could report the issue to Swansea Council via their online report form on their website and also to NRW. As Ms Gregg had mentioned in her letter that the RSPB recommend, in the first instance, talking to the other party, Cllr Beynon was asked if he would be happy to discuss the matter with Ms Gregg. Cllr Beynon agreed and said he was happy to do so. It was also agreed that the clerk send the ‘It’s for Them’ Welsh Government report to the Holiday Park and to let Ms Gregg know that this had been done.

13. Any Other Business –

- a) Cllr Church reported that after attending the Code of Conduct training, he was informed that, although there is need to put councillor details on the website, no personal contact information should be uploaded and the clerk should be the single point of contact. Cllr Pleydell agreed to facilitate this but reminded members that the list of councillor interests and conflicts of interests should be on the website and to contact him with this information is not already done so.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Barham Centre and online.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm