

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th March 2025

At a meeting of Ilston Community Council, at the Barham Centre, Parkmill on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. N Hollett, Cllr. R Church, Cllr. S Mobbs and Cllr L James

In the Chair: Cllr N Hollett

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. D Ponting, Cllr. S Pleydell, Cllr. N Huffer, Cllr. B Beynon, Cllr. I. Brown and Mr P Sizer Clerk who joined via Zoom at the start of the meeting but left due to illness.

Due to only three Councillors being present, the meeting had to be declared as not being QUORATE and therefore no decisions could be made, however matters could be discussed and these appear in these minutes.

The Clerk did advise that he had some very urgent payments to be made before the end of the month which coincided with the end of the financial year. It was agreed that as three councillors were present, as long as the Clerk received in writing agreement from another Councillor not present at the meeting, the payments could be authorised as below.

The order of the meeting was changed to allow the Clerk to present his update via Zoom and then leave the meeting as he was not well.

12. **Clerks Update to include Correspondence received and the Financial Position.**

Correspondence had been received regarding the recent fires on Gower

Correspondence had been received regarding proposed changes in parking in the area

These matters will be carried over to the next meeting in May.

The Bank Balance stood at £9297

Since the last meeting payments have been made to
Tourism Swansea £150.00

Interest has been received on funds in the deposit account of £14.60

Payments that require paying immediately are:

Clerks' salary £836.55

HMRC for PAYE/NI on Clerks salary £248.68

Dan Perrin for Payroll services £75.00

The Clerk had some general expenses of £47.18

One Voice Wales – membership £105.00 to be paid after 1st April as refers to 2025/2026 financial year.

The Clerk had heard back from Audit Wales stating their invoice of £246.00 was correct and this had to be paid.

As stated above, it was agreed to make these payments as long as the Clerk can obtain agreement from another Council in writing. Cllr. Pleydell responded and agreed the payments be authorised.

The Clerk advised he had sent in a request to City & County of Swansea for precept for 20225/2026 in the sum of £8338 as agreed at the January meeting.

The ongoing matter with HMRC regarding outstanding funds to them is still under discussion. The Clerk assured the Councillors that Ilston Community Council are correct and the error lies with HMRC with an unallocated payment. The Clerk, supported by our Payroll Bureau Dan Perrin, are still involved with discussions regarding sorting the matter.

The Clerk left the meeting at this stage.

2. **Declaration of personal interest**

There were no declarations of interest

3. **Consider representations from members of the public.**

There were no members of the public present

4. **Approve minutes of monthly meeting held on 28th November 2024**

These could not be agreed as the meeting was not quorate and would be approved at the May meeting.

5. **Matters arising**

The matters arising was carried over to the May meeting apart from the following points which were noted:

Ash trees on Cefn Bryn-contact will be made with the landowner and establish if they will be taking the trees down at some stage

6. **Swansea Community Review**

No further notifications had been received regarding the proposed merger and Cllr. Huffer had received no acknowledgement to his letter.

7. **Consider planning applications**

Nothing to note

Cllr. Mobbs highlighted the large planning application for over 40 houses in Pennard and these were discussed briefly but it was recommended that a planning subcommittee take place to discuss this in depth. Cllr. Mobbs attended a meeting held in Pennard regarding the application and a concern over the possible excess water if drainage could not cope was

noted. The Clerk has been asked to contact LDP to express the concerns of the Council.

8. **Grant requests**

There were no requests for grants

9. **Flooding update**

Flooding it was noted that some progress had been made however the maintenance regime was questioned and Cllr. James said they should now be in operation. Cllr. James will talk to Mike Sweeney regarding next steps

10. **Traffic Report**

There had been no update on this matter

11. **Reports from members**

It was noted about National Grid had responded to some residents regarding the long power cut in the winter but others had not heard back

The house on the main road that is being rebuilt has barriers erected for safety purposes but Cllr James will ask if these can be pushed in even more to avoid cars hitting them

Cllr. Church to look into costings for a mirror at the bottom of Lunnon Hill and community council I've been invited by some residents to explore whether it would pay for this

13. **AOB at discretion of chairman.**

There were no AoB

Time and date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 29th May 7.00 p.m. which will be the Annual Meeting.