

Ilston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th May 2026

At a meeting of Ilston Community Council, at the Barham Centre, Parkmill on Thursday 28th May 2026 following the Annual meeting.

Present: Cllr. N Hollett, Cllr. D Ponting, Cllr. R Church, Cllr. S Mobbs, Cllr I. Lloyd, Cllr N Huffer, Cllr. S. Pleydell, Cllr L James (Swansea Council) and Mr P Sizer Clerk

In the Chair: Cllr N. Hollett

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. B Beynon and Cllr. I. Brown – both apologies work commitments related

2. **Declaration of personal interest**

It was agreed that any personal interest matters would be discussed as they appeared in the agenda.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance

4. **Approve minutes of monthly meeting held on 26th March 2026**

The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meetings held on the 26th March 2026. Cllr. Lloyd proposed and Cllr. Hollett seconded a motion that they are correct. One minor error was noted in paragraph 13 which reads Knot Weed and should have read Nott Hill. The Clerk was asked to amend the minutes and send a revised copy to Cllr. Pleydell for the website.

5. **Matters arising**

The Clerk had received a response from Caroline Gregg regarding the railings at Sandy Lane and Swansea Council were rejecting any changes. The Council asked if they could be painted to match the colour of the railings at the bridge. The Clerk to make contact with Swansea Council.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

The Clerk had received a response from Jake Cosgrove of the AONB who asked for a telephone conversation. Cllr. Church offered to take this call and asked the Clerk to make contact with Mr Cosgrove.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

The Clerk had been asked to contact the Insurance Company regarding cover for the defibrillators. The Clerk reported that all devices are fully covered against theft. The Clerk was to advise the Insurance Company that this would be the last year of insurance cover required by them due to the merger of Councils.

Cllr. Church asked the Clerk to check what the arrangements were for any "run off cover" after the Community Council existence.

a **Swansea Community Review**

The Clerk reported no further advice had been received and he had heard nothing from Pennard Council regarding any meetings prior to the merging of the two Community Councils

7. **Consider planning applications**

There was only one planning application reported by the Clerk.

Mr & Mrs Peterson were asking for a Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 2021/1862/FUL granted 14th April 2022 to extend the time to commence works by a further 5 years

The Hideaway Penmaen Swansea SA3 2HD. This had already been agreed by Swansea Council.

On a previous planning application, there was a request from Nicholston House to approve alterations. Discussions were held regarding the proposed use of the building after the alterations. It was proposed to ask a representative of Gower College Swansea to attend to update the Community Council.

ACTION POINT Cllr Brown

8. **Grant requests**

There were no grant requests presented to the Council at this stage.

Cllr. James asked if the Council could forward the grant of £1250 for the Community Bus that was in the budget. This was agreed to be paid as soon as possible.

9. **Traffic Updates**

The Clerk had received a response from Mr Matthew Bowyer from Swansea Council regarding meeting the Councillors but after he had received back his surveys. The Clerk was asked to make contact with Mr Bowyer and ask if he could "speed up the surveys" and a meeting could then be held.

Other matters regarding traffic in the Community included a report from Cllr. Ponting about the serious accident at Oxwich Cross which has left a lady in hospital in a serious condition. The junction there is very poor with bad blind spots and also very faded road markings. This would also be discussed with Mr Bowyer.

Cllr. Ponting also reported that two residents had been in contact with Swansea Council, Mr David Rimmer and Mr Paul Sherwood regarding the blind junction at Nicholston Cross. Mr Rimmer had reported his daughter had been hit by a delivery courier at this junction as they were turning into the lane. The road at this point is 60mph which is not suitable for the conditions etc.

The on-going situation of Kilvrough Manor was discussed where approaching the education premises was a 40mph with speed signs painted on the road but then the road meets the nasty bends and high wall where there are several accidents. It was agreed that a 20mph would be better as there is an educational premises located there plus just after the "walls and bends" the speed becomes 20mph through Parkmill. This would be taken back to Mr Bowyer.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

Cllr Hollett agreed to contact the Management team at Kilvrough Manor and ask if they could put any pressure on Swansea Council as buses for their students loaded and unloaded just before the high walls and bends which is a 40mph speed area.

ACTION POINT Cllr. Hollett

A suggestion was made to invite the new MSP's for the area to a meeting. The Clerk suggested inviting both John Davies and Franchesca O'Brien to attend where the road situation could be discussed.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

10. Defibrillators – update

The Clerk reported the third cabinet had been fitted in Ilston by Mr Evans and the defibrillator placed in the cabinet and now fully operational and reported to "The Circuit"

The Clerk had been notified by "The Circuit" that they had received a response from a member of the public stating that the map on the websites was not showing the correct location. The Clerk traced the map showing the location and it had been placed out in Three Cliffs Bay although the Clerk had placed it correctly when entering the details on "the Circuit". The Clerk checked all three locations and verified that they were all now showing the correct locations.

As reported earlier in these minutes, the Clerk confirmed that the Insurance Company would cover any theft from the cabinets as part of the cover. The only cost to the Community Council would be if the devices were used and the pads opened and used as they would need replacing. Also, the batteries would need checking to ensure they had enough "power" left in them depending on the number of "firings" if they had been used.

The Clerk had now written to all three address that site our Defibrillators thanking them for their assistance.

11. **Training including Defibrillator Training**

The Clerk had agreed attended the Defib and CPD training event at Penmaen Village Hall. About 12 residents had attended but the Clerk noted the age range was mature and the event had not attracted the younger residents.

The Clerk asked if another event could be held say in October/November and the Council try and attract the younger audience such as Young Farmers etc. This was agreed by all present and the Clerk was asked to make the arrangements. **ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer**

No Councillors wished to undergo any training by OVW in this period.

12. **Reports from members**

Cllr. Ponting reported that rubbish collections were not taking place in North Hills Lane especially at the address of Stonesfield.

There are large rubbish receptacles present for the litter from the Stonesfield Chalets and the Beach House. Cllr. Ponting will contact Swansea Council to enquire about the collections.

Cllr. Ponting reported the resurfacing of Tor Car Park which was now much improved and he thanked Cllr. James for her assistance on this matter.

Cllr. Ponting reported that Penmaen Village Hall now had its own webpage and there is a link on it to the Ilston Community Council website.

Cllr. Ponting asked the Clerk to contact the Footpaths Officer at Swansea Council about the state of the steps leading from the bridge in Parkmill to Three Cliffs. Some of them could be a trip hazard.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

Cllr. Ponting had completed work creating a firebreak at Notts Hill

Cllr. Ponting thanked Cllr. James for the reports to the Culvert that had been repaired in Penmaen.

Cllr. Lloyd reported on the condition of the path just over the footbridge opposite Shepherds where there was evidence of a sinkhole. The Clerk was asked to contact the Footpaths Officer at Swansea Council.

ACTION POINT Mr P Sizer

13. **Clerks Update to include Correspondence received and the Financial position.**

The current bank balances stand at:

Current account £3266.53

Savings account £6012.29

Total £9278.82

Since the last meeting:
Received percept payment £3058.34

Paid since the last meeting:
Balance councillors' allowances £208.00
HMRC – Clerks NI and PAYE £315.07
Clerk's salary £863.03
Heartbeat Trust £575.00 for the new cabinet
Dan Perrin - Payroll calculations £75.00
Clerks' expenses £76.40
One Voice Wales membership £112.00
Paul Evans – fixing of defib cabinet £50.00

The Clerk asked for the following payments to be authorised:
Heartbeat Trust donation £50.00
Insurance £264.00
Heartbeat Trust circa £100 for the bleed kit
ICO direct debit £52.00
Community Bus grant £1250.00

Cllr Hollett proposed making these payments and the matter was seconded by Cllr Pleydell.

The Clerk advised the Councillors that there was already noted above, a direct Debit payment due to ICO of £52. The Clerk would make contact with them to stop all future payments due to the merger of the Council with Pennard next May.

The Clerk had received an email from a Debra Jones of Ceredigion Network offering their services to update the website to Welsh. The Clerk had turned down this offer due to the forthcoming merger and this was agreed by all present.

The Clerk presented a personal item to the Councillors regarding Barclays Bank. Details were fully discussed and agreed by the Councillors present but as of a personal nature are not recorded in the minutes but are available on application by a member of the public.

14. **AOB at discretion of chairman.**
There was no AoB

Time and date of next meeting.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.