

Penrice community council

Chairman's report May 2015

The past year has seen the following developments

Community projects

Defibrillators. A total of four defibrillators have been purchased, two for Horton and two for Oxwich. The defibrillators were funded partly from "the big lottery fund" and partly from the sale of community council land the year previously. Big thanks to Gavin Roberts for his efforts to bring this project to fruition.

Poppy seed areas. These were sown to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, The areas were, Slade cross, Oxwich Green and Horton Green. The seed was provided free by Swansea City Council Parks Department. Unfortunately the project was not a massive success.

Benches and notice boards & signs. The community bench at Oxwich Church has been repaired using a recycled plastic seat instead of the previous wooden plank, which had rotted. The notice board at Little Reynoldson has been replaced again using a recycled plastic material. The area in front of the notice board and post box has been paved. Hopefully the use of the recycled plastic material will lessen the need for ongoing repairs to our benches and notice boards. The New PCC sign for Oxwich Green has been fitted to the legs of the existing notice board, and the old sign removed as it was a little shabby!

PPC web site. The community council now has its own new web site, this is a fantastic project work undertaken by Jan Ellis. This was done in order to resolve some issues we had with the Gower web site. There was also funding available to facilitate the work.

Land at Horton lifeboat station. We are in the process of selling a piece of community council land adjacent to Horton lifeboat station for the purpose of extending the lifeboat station to house a larger lifeboat. The sale is for a nominal fee. At the time of writing sale is agreed but not completed.

Jill Bowen stood down as community councillor, the post was advertised in accordance with procedure and subsequently Rob Newman from Slade was co-opted onto the council.

Donations have been made towards the up keep of the local churches, chapel and to the village halls. Money has also been donated towards the cost of the annual Horton fire work display as well as the Oxwich art group.

Villagers had complained vociferously regarding noise emanating from functions held at the Coal House in Oxwich. The owner Thomas Methuen Campbell met with the council and villagers and the issue was resolved amicably, with no reoccurrence.

There are ongoing discussions with Swansea City Council, regarding highways, drainage, glass in Horton dunes. Etc. It is increasingly difficult to get a positive outcome to issues raised due to increasing budgetary restraints of Swansea City Council.

The precept remained unchanged and it has not been increased since 2010