

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:** Councillor M Barnett  
Councillor M Williams  
Councillor J Bowen  
Councillor R Lewis  
Councillor B Richards  
Councillor A Glass  
Councillor G Roberts

Two Members of the public were also present.

Action

**151/14 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell and J Ellis

The Chair proposed to suspend Standing Orders alter the order of business to allow Mr Adrian Hughes from the Fire Service to give an explanation on the Defibrillators that have been proposed for Horton. Unanimous.

**152 Defibrillators at Horton.**

Mr Adrian Hughes who was from the Fire Service and also a Reynoldston Community Councillor gave a detailed explanation about defibrillators to the Council.

Details:-

- a. Cost approximately £1500 each (including the cabinet).
- b. A cabinet is required so that they can be outside and accessible to the public with easy access in an emergency. A small amount of electricity is needed to have some heat source in the cabinets as the pads cannot get too cold. This will have a nominal cost to heat.
- c. Reynoldston Community Council decided to purchase approx 8 defibrillators. To fund this, they had applied for a Welsh Lottery Fund Grant, raised the precept and had also received a donation from the Ramblers Group of £1000. The Community Council were contributing £2000.
- d. The Defibrillators are very easy to use, they can monitor the persons heart and give voice instructions to the user and can only be used if needed . The Reynoldston CC are going to purchase one for training purposes so any number of people can be trained to use them, in fact it is beneficial to the community to train as many people as possible. The Fire Service can arrange these. Training could be added on to resuscitation courses lasting maybe 1.5hrs. All training would be free.
- e. Ambulance Control will have a list of where they are located and will give anyone needing one the distance to the nearest defibrillator on a 999 call.
- f. They are best placed in an unlocked cabinet outside.
- g. Cllr B Richards has one at Bank Farm and there is one at the Oxwich Bay Hotel.
- h. There is one planned to be put in Knelston School.
- i. The community councils can share information for the grant application and work together to buy more.  
Decided: Cllr A Glass to contact Huw Jones re grant information. AG
- j. The battery life is 4/5 years, the pads need replacing and can be purchased 15 per set. They are self checking, running diagnostics daily and guaranteed for 7 years.

Council decided: To work with Reynoldston Community Council and include Horton Hall Committee in all elements who suggested this as a project. Council decided in principle to get 4 defibrillators, two to be placed in Horton and two in Oxwich. Locations tba but considerations were the Coastguard in Oxwich, Greenways in Oxwich and one on Horton Village Hall and one for lower Horton.

The cost of 4 would be £6000. The Chair proposed that the PCC in principle invest £3000 in this project with the view that the remaining £3000 be obtained from a grant. Seconded Cllr R Lewis, carried unanimously.



**160/14                      The Community Project.**

- a.        The condition of Oxwich Green had been raised with Cllr M Williams by the local residents, the comments received were that the grass needed to be cut more often. The area near the hedge where the grass cuttings were thrown needed attention. Decided: Cllr M Williams to send e mail/letter to Brian Griffiths and have a look at what was needed in this area.
- b.        Cllr M Williams reported: he had received the free poppy seed from the CCS and a price £160 from James for preparing an area of 100 square metres with the work planned to start after Easter. If we contact the CCS Parks Department early next year then they will do the work for the PCC. Maybe next year wild flower seeds can be sown.
- c.        Slade Cross, permission was needed from Thomas to do the work. SC

**161/14                      The Coalhouse**

Cllrs had received complaints from residents in the lower part of the village and also up as far as Norton Farm at the top of Oxwich Cross about the loudness of the music being played in the Coalhouse during the weddings that were being held there. Also of concern to residents was the lateness that this music was played up until 11.30pm.

Cllr G Roberts had to leave the meeting at this point.

Many of the residents had complained to the CCS.

An e mail received from Cllr T Methuen-Campbells was read to the meeting:-

*...Under the Licensing Act 2003, any premises with a premises licence, which the Coalhouse has, is allowed to play live music until 11pm even if they do not have a specific live music licence. Moreover, the last wedding in March was covered by a Temporary Event Notice which meant that we could have carried the music on until 1am. As such, I have abided by our licensing requirements to the letter which is what I agreed to do.*

*I also feel that, as agreed previously, we have taken reasonable steps to cause as little disturbance as possible to the village. As I say, we could have legally carried on the live music until 1am at the last wedding but I insisted that it was stopped at 11pm and then quieter recorded music was played until midnight. This was to minimize the disturbance to the village - given that the nearest houses are a long way from the restaurant I feel this is reasonable.*

*I would also like to mention that we have had the Police Licensing Officer down at the Coalhouse over the winter and he did not see any issues with our wedding activities.*

*Having said that, we will obviously make every effort to listen to concerns that have been raised and we will try to cause as little disturbance as possible going forward.* Cllr T Methuen-Campbell

Cllr R Lewis advised that the CCS Environmental Health Department take complaints very seriously and a licence can be taken away if a complaint is upheld. However the CCS try and work with businesses to find a resolution that suits the business and also the residents and in many cases the outcomes are satisfactory. The CCS doesn't like to use the decibel metres due to having difficulty getting the data accepted if a case went to court.

Cllrs R Lewis and B Richards left the meeting at this point.

The Council agreed to work with Cllr Methuen-Campbell to try and ensure that all parties are supported. Clerk to ask Cllr Methuen-Campbell to meet with Cllrs A Glass and M Barnett at 11pm at the Coalhouse during a wedding. SC/MB/AG/TMC

Cllr A Glass left the meeting at this point.

**162/14 Councillors Reports / Questions.**

- 1 The footpath at Slade - Steve Parry from the CCS had been in negotiation with Lincoln Bennett to purchase some land to re-establish the footpath. This is ongoing.
- 2 Cllr J Bowen had arranged for The Gower Society to do a litter pick in Lucas Bay and had collected approx 60 bags of rubbish. Clerk to send a letter to thank them. SC

**163/14 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (Limited to 10 minutes)**

None

**164/14 Date and venue of next meeting.**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Horton Village Hall ( a week earlier than usual date)

Cllr J Bowen explained to the Council that due to personal reasons she was resigning from the Council, effective immediately. The Council wished to thank Cllr Bowen for all her hard work and efforts over the last 8years. Cllr Bowen advised that she would still remain active in dealing with the CCS regarding pot holes, road condition and other local issues.

The Clerk to advertise the CCS and also the position with the usual statutory notices.

SC

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_