

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Councillor M Williams
Councillor B Richards
Councillor A Glass
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor R Newman

41/14 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell, M Barnett and R Lewis.

The Chair proposed to suspend Standing Orders to alter the order of business to deal with the co-option of a new Councillor. Seconded Cllr G Roberts carried unanimously.

42/14 To fill the vacancy for the Office of Councillor to Penrice Community Council by Co-option.

Due to the fact that an election had not been called, and all the statutory notices advertising the vacancy had been displayed and the CCS Elections Office had been duly notified, The Council could now co-opt to fill the vacancy on the Council.

One application had been received from Mr Rob Newman, who lives in Slade, Oxwich. Following a discussion, the Chair proposed that Mr Newman was co-opted to the Council with immediate effect, seconded Cllr A Glass, carried unanimously. The Code of Conduct along with the Council's Standing Orders had previously been sent and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed. The Council welcomed Cllr Newman.

43/14 Declarations of Interest.

None

44/14 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held 18th June 2014.

Amendments;

Item no 33/14 Add to the title Oxwich as the location for the Dog Bins.

Item 34/14 a. Change the wording Penrice Ward to the Penrice Community Council Area.

With the above amendments, Cllr A Glass proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, seconded Cllr G Roberts, carried unanimously.

45/14 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 29/14 Cllr R Lewis to meet with Chris Seagar in order to get the bus turning area repaired. Deferred until the next meeting. RL

Item 33/14 Cllr A Glass to meet with the CCS on Monday to advise the best locations for the dog litter bins.

46/14 Community Councils

1 One Voice Wales - Area information including Minutes of previous meetings, Annual Meeting minutes, Area minutes and Chief Executive Report. Noted.

47/14 Correspondence

1 Ilston Solar Panel – Share option notification. Mr Ant Flannigan had attended a previous meeting to advise the Council of the proposal to have a Solar Panel Farm in Ilston, Gower. It was now at the stage of Share Options available to purchase. Council resolved to forward the e mail to all and felt that it was not necessary for Mr Flannigan to attend another meeting. SC

2 CCS Planning notification – Application no 2014/0664 Approved

3 CCS Planning notification – Application no 2014/0662 Approved

48/14 Financial.

1	Payments	
	Clerk Salary and Expenses	£ 411.73
	Internal Auditor	£ 50.00

Cllr B Richards proposed to pay, seconded Cllr J Ellis, carried unanimously.

2 Annual Return.

Council considered the Annual Accounts. The Council's accounts had been internally audited. Council read and agreed "yes" to all questions listed in Section 2 of the Annual Return Document. The Annual Return was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk at this point of the meeting.

3 The Council's bank account.

The fact that cheques were becoming less acceptable in some instances, Council considered a possible move towards electronic banking as something the Council should consider. The risks were discussed and how to safeguard the money that was being transferred would have to be investigated. Cllr G Roberts agreed to ask his Bank Manager of the HSBC to advise on the protocol and how it would work for a Community Council. GR

4 The Clerk requested if the Council could consider splitting the Clerk and RFO role and for the RFO to prepare and finalize the accounts. Following a discussion Council resolved that Cllrs G Roberts and J Ellis would investigate options. GR/JE

49/14 Planning.

A Application no 2014/0907 Applicant Vodaphone
Brief proposal ;Replacement 1 monopole mast from a 2 G to a 4 G sharable mast. The removal of one equipment cabinet to two equipment cabinets. The new mast would be larger and higher.

Council raised the point that the Government are considering legislation that all mobile networks would have to share aerials, beyond the current purpose of the public being able to call all 999 emergency services in currently out of service areas.

The mast would also enable faster broadband connections.

Following a discussion, Cllr Gavin Roberts proposed that the Council accept the application, seconded Cllr B Richards, a vote followed 5 in favour and 1 abstained. The motion was carried.

50/14 Defibrillators Update

Cllr G Roberts reported : the grant had been submitted and it would take 15 weeks before the grant could be processed.

51/14 Councillors reports

The Chair reported: He had met with Cllr T Methuen-Campbell during a recent wedding being held at the Coalhouse.

Chairmans' Report:

I left the village hall at 1030. Outside the Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall, if you listened carefully you could just hear something from the beach direction. No louder than the voices I could hear from the Oxwich Leisure Park. Weather conditions were still, previously an easterly wind had exacerbated the issue.

I walked down the village observing as I went. By the time I got to the Coastguard Station you could just make out the words of the song. At the time I didn't think it was loud enough to be heard inside a house. I met Cllr Thomas Methuen-Campbell at about 1100 at the Coalhouse. The sound coming from the marquee was such that we both could have a conversation without having to raise voices within 10 metres of the venue. I commented that in my opinion the sound level on that occasion seemed quite reasonable and that if they had sound measuring equipment they should use that evening as a bench mark of acceptable. The music stopped just after I left.

I subsequently have met with Mr Dave Workman and he said that it caused him no disturbance.

Cllrs all felt that this was now a positive outcome.

52/14 Public Questions relating to the Agenda.

None

53/14 Date and venue of next meeting.

17th September 14, to be held at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall.

Date _____ Chairman _____