

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 18th February 2015 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Councillor M Williams (Chairman)
Councillor A Glass
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor M Barnett
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor R Newman
Councillor B Richards
Councillor R Lewis

No members of public were present.

127/15 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr T Methuen-Campbell.

128/15 Declarations of Interest.

None

129/15 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 21st January 2014.

Item 124/15 No 4

Amend the last sentence to read...Cllrs M Barnett and J Ellis both support the desire to improve the mobile reception in the area, but considered the proposed location of the phone mast inappropriate.

Item 123/15

PPC amended to PCC.

Item 114/15

TMT amended to TMC

Cllr G Roberts proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, seconded Cllr M Williams, carried unanimously.

130/15 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 112/15

Cllr R Lewis still to meet/ report on meeting with Chris Seagar. Deferred

RL

Item 112/15

Oxwich sign is being made.

GR

Item 114/15

Cllr M Barnett reported: the glass on the dunes at Horton, consisted of discarded jam jars and bottles that were a site of an old tip. Due to the sand shift these were gradually being exposed. Cllr Barnett will continue to keep dealing with this issue and it was considered if this area could be fenced. The area in question was the highest point of the dunes adjacent to the Lifeboat Station.

7.35pm Cllr R Lewis joined the meeting.

130/15 Matters arising from the minutes cont.....

Item 119/15

The notice board to be delivered to Cllr A Glass. The Installation to be arranged when received, resolved to ask Keith Parker to install.

Item 112/15

Cllr Lewis reported that he had spoken to Huw Daniels not Chris Saegar and hopefully the bus turning area on Oxwich Green will now be improved. Cllr Lewis added that he had addressed other problem areas very quickly.

Item 120/15

Insurance quotation for the defibrillators deferred until the next meeting.

SC

131/15 Community Councils.

Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report from the OVW Area Meeting.

The points raised included;

- Ageing well in Wales
- New Status for Wales
- Changes in the Audit Office
- More roles being adopted from City Councils by Community and Town Councils

a) Councillor Training

The OVW Website and Social Media Course

Resolved Cllr J Ellis to attend. The total cost of the course was £35 and a bursary was available.

Cllr J Ellis, B Richards and R Newman still needed to attend a Code of Conduct training course.

132/15 Correspondence

1. The Kidney Foundation in Wales. Financial request. Noted
2. A thank you letter had been received from St. Illtyds Church for the donation. Noted

133/15 Financial

1	CCS purchase of seeds	£ 24.50
2	Audit Office	£ 276.00
3	S Pinner installation of defibrillators	£ 500.00

A letter of thanks to Rob details to be supplied

SC

4	Second Life Products (recycled notice board)	£ 756.00 incl delivery and VAT
5	Clerk salary (Jan)	£ 381.55
6	Clerk salary (Feb)	£ 408.01
7	Training OVW J Ellis total £35 but bursary available so this will be the maximum if needed.	

Proposed to pay Cllr G Roberts, seconded Cllr A Glass, carried unanimously.

The Chair proposed that Standing Orders were suspended to alter the order of business to report on the CCS Planning meeting. Unanimous.

134/15 Community Planning - Report following meeting with CCS Planning Dept

Cllr M Williams along with Cllr A Glass and M Barnett had met with the CCS Planning Department.

The following points were raised and considered:

- 1 PCC comments to local planning applications to be linked with policies within the UDP Framework.
- 2 Councillors make observations from a layman's point of view.
- 3 The UDP is 'wooley' and is contradictory.
- 4 The UDP and Planning Department do not take into account the holiday lets.
- 5 Excessive holiday lets are affecting communities.
- 6 Affordable houses on Gower are needed, a barn conversion would not be passed as a home, but as a holiday let planning permission would be given.
- 7 An area in Scurlage had been given to the Housing Association by the CCS, who had planned quite a few houses that were crammed in. The most benefit would be made by the housing association.
- 8 The planning applications that were currently sent to the PCC in paper copy format, are due to be replaced by electronic copies.
- 9 Pre-planning consultations would not continue to be free, but there would be a cost in the future.
- 10 Audits for planning – against decisions made were to be carried out.

135/15 Planning.

A *Mobile Infrastructure Project – Pre-application consultation request - Proposed installation of 22.5 High Lattice Tower Mobile Phone Base at land at Beeches Farm, Horton, Swansea, SA3 1LW*

Points raised;

- 1 Less than 6 weeks to apply for permission.
- 2 Cllr T Methuen-Campbell owns the verge in front of the planned site and has written to the applicant to refuse access over this verge to the area.
- 3 The initial posting for pre-application consultation had not been received by the PCC. Cllr J Ellis had spoken to Harlequinn, and the Gower Society had been consulted along with Chris Linley from the AONB.
- 4 The 22.5m high tower was to try and deal with 30 properties that were in 'not spots' with no service.
- 5 A better location would be just down the face of the cliff.
- 6 It was not thought that the areas with not spots were just in Horton.
- 7 The view in this location would be affected by the erection of this mast, there must be other areas that were as suitable, that would be less intrusive. It stated Bank Farm as a possible location, however Cllr B Richards had confirmed that he had not been contacted by Harlequinn regarding siting this mast at Bank Farm.
- 8 Chris Lindley – mindful that it is ultimately a planning decision, however the impact on the landscape characteristics had not been assessed. He appreciated that it is a multi provider station.
- 9 If this is refused by CCS, then it will go to WAG and probably will be passed. There had been 50 applications in Gower and they all had been passed, even when a very active opposition group actively opposed many of them.
- 10 Can the 35 'not spot' areas be identified?
- 11 What are the proposals to minimize the visual impact?
- 12 A portable array.

Decided: letter to advise of the high sensitivity of the location area and the visibility from a long distance. Not enough clear information for not using alternative sites listed. Not identifying the not spot areas. Cllr A Glass proposed that Cllr J Ellis respond with the above concerns, unanimous.

JE

136/15 Defibrillators – Update

- a) All the defibrillators had been installed and were ready to be used.
- b) A very good training session had been held in Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall. All who attended were complimentary to the project. It was agreed that training was essential, as in a real life panic situation, this would be crucial for the equipment to be used as intended. Familiarization with the equipment meant that the response would be effective.
- c) The cabinets can all be opened and no codes were needed.
- d) Chris Williams at Greenways wanted to be aware in the house if one of these was removed.
- e) In the summer period, more training could be organized for summer visitors.
- f) Staff at Bank Farm had been trained previously as they also had one there.
- g) Approximately £5000 had been spent.

Cllr G Roberts proposed that the PCC purchase one as a reserve / roving spare in case one broke or had been used.

Locations for this could be the Coastguard Station at Oxwich or the Lifeboat Station at Horton.

Seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously. Cllr G Roberts to order. GR

Cllr J Ellis had sent out an Aide Memoire for the training, this was noted and Cllr J Ellis would continue to work with Adrian Hughes who had given the training.

137/15 Wild Flowers – Oxwich Green

The seeds had been obtained.

138/15 PCC Website (JE)

A Website Managed Mailings

B Website Archive

Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report on the needs and updates on the website. Council agreed that Cllr J Ellis to manage it as she saw fit as this was her expertise and to just advise members of the updates.

8.50pm Cllr R Lewis left the meeting.

139/15 Councillors Reports/Questions

Superfast Cymru – noted.

140/15 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

None.

141/15 Date and venue of next meeting.

18th March 2015 At Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall.

Date _____ Chairman _____