

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held
on Wednesday 15th June 2015 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Members Present:

Councillor M Williams (Chairman)
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor M Barnett
Councillor A Glass
Councillor T Methuen-Campbell
Councillor R Newman

25/15 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs B Richards and R Lewis.

26/15 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr A Glass declared a personal interest in an Item to be discussed under Planning application no 2015/0990 due to being the owner of the property and therefore the applicant for this Planning Application request.

Cllr G Roberts declared a personal interest in an Item regarding the sale of land to the RNLI due to being a member of the Lifeboat crew.

27/15 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd May 2015.

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

28/15 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 22/15

Letters had been sent to the both Halls requesting if it was possible to install a telephone line for the purpose of having broadband available for Council meetings. Awaiting replies. SC

7.33pm Cllr T Methuen-Campbell joined the meeting.

Item 17/15 Sub Item 165/15

The Clerk and Cllr J Ellis met and sorted through all old out of date paperwork. Also website was discussed.

Item 22/15

Members again reiterated that not enough information had been received regarding the details and costs required for the running of the library. The Clerk had sent an email offering the Notice boards or any publicity they needed.

29/15 Community Councils.

1 Cllr J Ellis advised that information had been circulated from OVW. - Noted.

30/15 Correspondence

- 1 Emmanuel House – A request for financial support for the Youth Group. Following consideration Council resolved to note this request and to refer the request to Llanrhidian Community Council as this project would be located in that ward. SC
- 2 A letter had been received from a member of the public requesting if the Council had any land for sale in the area. Cllr Glass knew of land that may suit but that was not in the ownership of the Council and offered to reply to the sender.
- 3 Knelston Primary School – Vacant Position for a School Governor to be filled by a Community Councillor. Members discussed and even though there was interest due to time and work constraints no one would have enough time to commit to this role at this time.

31/15 Financial

- 1 Clerk salary £ 408.01

Proposed to pay Cllr M Williams, seconded Cllr G Roberts, carried unanimously.

- 2 The Annual Return – Statement of Accounts

The Annual Return for the year Ended 31st March 2015

Councillors read Section 1 - Accounting Statements for Penrice Community Council and reviewed the figures for the financial year 2014 – 2015.

Expenditure had increased due to the purchase of defibrillators and cabinets and also a new notice board at Reynoldston. Expenditure had not increased as much as planned however due to the receipt of a grant of £4000 received from the Big Lottery Fund.

Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement

Council read numbers 1 to 9 inclusive under the Annual Governance Statement contained in the Statement of Accounts.

Each item question was considered and discussed and answered yes to numbers 1 to 8 with a not applicable for box number 9, trust funds.

The Chair signed the Statement of Accounts and the Clerk also signed the accounts.

32/15 Planning

- A** **Application no:** 2015/1135
Applicant: Mr and Mrs P Bassett
Application Site: Little Haven, Oxwich
Proposal: 2 storey building with rebuilt extensions

Cllr T Methuen-Campbell declared a personal interest and withdrew from the meeting.

Cllr A Glass had received the application prior to the meeting and had reviewed the application in detail so outlined the intention to the members. The site currently has planning permission for use as a holiday let and part of this application was to amend that to have permission to be used as a residential property.

Following review of the plans, Council resolved to support the application and to support the addition use of class from C3 holiday let to C1 residential accommodation.

32/15 **Planning cont.....**

- B** **Application no:** 2015/0990
Applicant: Mr Alan Glass
Application Site: Woodlands, Oxwich
Proposal: Demolition of existing two storey garage/living accommodation superstructure, retaining floor slab structure.
Formation of new residential plot.
New two storey (replacement) dwelling rebuilt on existing footprint.

Cllr A Glass gave a brief outline of the application and explained the details as laid out in the plans. He answered members questions. He advised the Council that the architect had been sympathetic to the neighbours by ensuring that the windows did not over look their garden and had been advised that they were happy with the plans.

Following this, Cllr Glass declared an interest, due to being the applicant and the owner of the property and withdrew from the meeting.

The Chairman had viewed the area prior to the meeting and Cllr G Roberts had received the plans prior to the meeting and had reviewed in detail. Both explained the proposal and answered questions.

Points considered;

- 1 Walls are so high, that is barely visible from the road.
- 2 The building was originally a garage.
- 3 As the use would be as a holiday home this was considered, in the past Members felt that it was a negative effect on the area to have too many holiday homes, however that due to the size of the building planned then this would be the natural use of this proposed development.
- 4 The access did not seem to be a problem, as there is already a right of access there now.

Cllr G Robert proposed to support this application, seconded Cllr T Methuen-Campbell

A vote was taken, four in favour, 2 members abstained. Motion carried.

33/15 **RNLI - Sale of Land adjoining the Horton Lifeboat House. Proposed conditions for the protection of the land received from the Solicitor.**

Cllr G Roberts declared an interest and did not speak or vote during this item.

- 1 Cllr J Ellis had previously circulated queries regarding the conditions for the protection of the land received from the solicitor.
- 2 These were raised at the meeting and discussed.
- 3 As these were quite detailed and raised to ensure that the land was fully protected, it was resolved that Cllr J Ellis to put these in an email, forward to the Clerk to send to the solicitor. The Clerk pointed out that the email received from the solicitor had advised that this document had been sent to the RNLI's Solicitor.

JE/SC

34/15 **Benches and Noticeboards.**

- **Ownership of the bench outside Penrice Church**

Things had progressed since the agenda was written and this was now not for discussion as the situation had been resolved locally.

34/15 Benches and Noticeboards cont.....

The Chair had completed a thorough check of the notice boards and benches and circulated his findings to members prior to the meeting and this information was briefly outlined again at the meeting.

- 1 The Penrice notice board may need attention. Cllr T Methuen-Campbell agreed to have a look at this and ensure that it was put into an acceptable condition. TMC
- 2 The Bench at Oxwich Church looked very good and had plastic planks, which provided durability and also prevented the shrinking and expanding of the wooden slats which caused the deterioration on Council owned benches, especially Slade Cross, which needs work.
- 3 The old posts at Reynoldston notice board needed to be removed.

35/15 Councillors reports/questions.

A Cllr G Roberts advised that Defibrillator training was being arranged for July, dates, times etc. tba.

Cllr G Roberts gave an update on the broadband costs from Spectrum;

1. £ 960 including VAT for the installation to both halls.
2. £ 65 thereafter monthly for each hall for unlimited use.
3. £16 line rental, but would include a free 6 months in a 24 month period.
4. Suggested that it could be trialled for 2 years and would only pay for 18 months.

The Council also considered that BT would be offering a superfast option toward the end of the year/ early next year.

That would give a choice but may not be cheaper.

Cllr G Roberts advised that there may be a grant voucher available for the installation.

Resolved Cllr G Roberts to circulate the information and agenda next meeting.

GR/SC

B Cllr T Methuen-Campbell advised that the Penrice sign was still missing. The Clerk to chase the CCS SC

C Cllr A Glass reported that he had received complaints regarding the noise from the Coalhouse following a recent wedding, including the lateness of the noise abating (11.30 pm., from memory).

Cllr T Methuen-Campbell advised that the Coalhouse had not received any complaints. Cllrs Williams and Glass had visited on a previous occasion and that the music was at an acceptable level, which was measured by Cllr Methuen-Campbell, for use in the future.

The differences between the location of the Coalhouse and also the Oxwich Bay Hotel were also considered. There was no buffer or barrier between the village and the Coalhouse as there was between the village and the Oxwich Bay Hotel..

35/15 Councillors reports/questions cont....

Cllr T Methuen-Campbell also advised that the police had been called on another occasion, following a complaint and they also found that the sound levels were acceptable. There was no live band on the night in question, only a DJ. The license that is held by the Coalhouse allows music until 2 am, and that the DJ had been informed that the music should not be above the 70 decibel level. Cllr Methuen-Campbell explained that he cannot act if complaints are not made directly to him or the Coalhouse. No more functions are are currently booked

D Cllr G Roberts asked about the ownership of the byway adjoining Horton Green. Some properties along the road own the road directly outside their houses. There were areas that needed repair so ownership needed to be checked, to see who is responsible for this.

Cllr J Ellis advised that the PCC own the road up to Robins Rest.

Resolved : Agenda next meeting.

SC

36/15 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

None

37/15 Date and venue of next meeting.

Date _____ Chairman _____