

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2015 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Councillor M Williams (Chairman)
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor A Glass
Councillor R Newman

Four members of the public were present at the meeting.

38/15 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell and M Barnett.

39/15 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr M Williams and Cllr R Newman declared personal interests in an item to be discussed under Planning, No 2015/1257 due to knowing the applicant.

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.

40/15 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15th June 2015.

Amendment:

Item no 35/15 – Remove point 3 and add to complain in good time.

Cllr G Roberts proposed that with the above amendment the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, seconded Cllr J Ellis, carried unanimously.

41/15 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 28/15 Sub item 22/15

A positive response had been received from Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall regarding the installation of a telephone line to the Hall in order to provide a broadband service for the Council, however there had not been a response from Horton Village Hall as yet.

Item 30/15 no 1

The Clerk had sent an email response back to the Emmanuel House Youth Group advising them to contact the Council whose ward covered the location of the proposed activity.

Item 35/15 B

The Penrice Sign is still missing, Clerk to advise the CCS.

SC

42/15 Community Councils.

None

43/15 Correspondence

1 CCS - Application no: 2015/0990 Woodlands, Oxwich - Notification of refusal of planning.

Cllr A Glass was the applicant for this planning application and was present at the meeting. Unknown to the Clerk, he had not received prior notification from the CCS of the decision to the application. Because he had not received a letter from the CCS before the Council, he found out the response from the Planning Department at the meeting.

44/15 Financial

1	Clerk salary and expenses July	£ 408.01
2	Clerk salary and expenses August	£ 381.55
3	Internal Auditor	£ 50.00
4	One Voice Wales	£ 103.00

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

45/15 Planning

A Application no : 2015/1257 Ms I Tucker
Land next to Honeysuckle Cottage, Oxwich Green, Oxwich
New dwelling house with garage

Cllrs R Newman and M Williams both declared a personal interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting for this item.

Cllr A Glass took the Chair for this item.

1. Mr Eddy Mahony was present at the meeting and was invited to speak to the Members and express his views on the application. He explained that he lived in Honeysuckle Cottage and was a carer for his mother. He advised that he was disappointed with the application and felt that Gower should remain unspoiled and that this was a 'ribbon building' on conservation land. He had bought the cottage from Mr M Mead.
2. Cllr A Glass asked what Mr Malony thought the plot at the side of this property had been retained for? He stated that this was a natural building plot.
3. Mr Mahony advised that in 2006 the plot had been sold to fund a conservatory and that the proposed building would block out the light to Honeysuckle Cottage.
4. Cllr A Glass stated that there were no windows planned at 1st floor height overlooking Honeysuckle Cottage.
5. Mr Mahony advised that the proposed building was not a traditional design and not in keeping with other properties in the area. The gable was not in the direction with the road as the other properties.
6. Cllr J Ellis stated that the proposal was for 2 storey into the gable. The design was not in keeping with other properties and was not appropriate. The orientation was also not suitable for the location.
7. Mr Mahony introduced Mr R Fisher, a planning consultant, who was also present at the meeting. Mr Fisher referred to the UDP policies and explained some of the policies that this application did not comply with.

Some of the points raised :

- a. References made that this application was similar to Ashcroft were not correct and was not similar in any way.
- b. Scale on the plot, height and density was unsuitable for the size of the plot.
- c. *Visual impact*
- d. Right angles to the road.
- e. Loss of privacy. A hedge was planned but this would take a long time to grow.
- f. Greenfield area and not brownfield.
- g. Boundary line in question.
- h. New dwelling only permitted when there is a full time worker in either agriculture or forestry.

Cllr G Roberts proposed that the PCC object to this application as it was too large for the plot, the orientation was unsuitable and not in keeping with other properties. Not in character with the surrounding properties. Seconded Cllr J Ellis carried unanimously.

45/15 Planning cont.....

Cllr M Williams took the Chair at this point in the meeting.

- B Application no : 2015/1199 Ms LJ & CJ Mumby
Channel View, Port Eynon
Alteration to existing vehicular access, proposed new entrance gates together with associated operations/works in connection with siting of 3 caravans (granted under established use certificate 2/1/83/0052/07)

PCC had queried with the CCS if this was within their ward as it was located just the other side of the boundary with the CCS and had been advised that the application had been sent to the both community councils. Mrs S Mumby briefly explained the history of the site.

Following a discussion Council resolved that there was no comment and to not respond on this item as it was not within the ward of the PCC. Carried unanimously.

- C Application no : 2015/1149 Mrs C Gauci
Oxwich Leisure Park, Oxwich
To increase 8 month residency to 10 months in order to increase the holiday duration period.

Resolved: No comment.

46/15 RNLI - Sale of Land adjoining the Horton Lifeboat House.

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

Cllr J Ellis had raised certain issues previously with the transfer document received from the solicitor. The RNLI had requested that they could use a strip of land approx 6 foot wide in order to access the land that was to be developed. This area of access land was common status. It was raised that the PCC need to ensure that they abide by all laws. It was agreed following discussion that any activity would fall to the person who caused it.

47/15 Broadband in the Halls in both Oxwich and Penrice.

- a. The Clerk reported that Oxwich Hall Committee had responded positively, however still awaiting a response from Horton Hall Committee.
- b. Agreed that the quotations received were expensive, however it had not been decided to proceed as yet.
- c. Spring next year there would be many more offers and deals possibly available.
- d. It was suggested to wait until the planning system actually changed and review again at this time.
- e. Mrs S Mumby from the floor suggested that Caravan Connect Server could offer a solution, which would give the same access as used on the caravan sites.
- f. Camping Connect offer different packages, depending on need.
- g. Horton is already in place and could be utilized. A telephone line would be needed, also a telegraph pole but there would be a possibility of income from the percentage of revenue.

48/15 Ownership of the Byway that Adjoins Horton Green

Reported: This was already been marked up for repair by the CCS. Resolved to keep an eye on it and hopefully there would be no further issue.

Some of the pot holes were already being filled in.

49/15 Councillors reports/questions.

1. Cllr M Williams reported that the defibrillator located at Greenways was bleeping in the night.
2. Resolved Cllr G Roberts to contact the maintenance firm to have a look at it. GR
3. Cllr J Ellis advised that Gower Landscape and Heritage were conducting a Hedgerow survey and verbally gave the information regarding the details.
4. Cllr A Glass added that funding was being offered to bring hedges back into good repair and that there was certain criteria that had to be met. The forms were available to download and print.
5. Cllr J Ellis had begun to put the register of interest forms on the website. Also on there is the development of a mailing list, assistance was required to populate this so if everyone could assist in this.
6. Cllr A Glass suggested that we invite the Warden from the NRW Nature Reserve to the October meeting to give a talk on projects etc. Decided Agenda October meeting. SC
7. Cllr A Glass also reported that the work on the sewerage in Oxwich had not been as successful as was hoped. Currently the area was being surveyed with a view to laying it in the road. The main contractor to Welsh Water is working on the details of the scheme. A good idea in the future if the PCC could organize a public meeting so that all the details could be advised and any queries concerned aired.
8. Pot holes between Oxwich and Horton at Badgers Hole and Bysouth are now a problem and need reporting. SC
9. The Chair would also input on the website 'Fill that Hole' MW

50/15 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

None.

51/15 Date and venue of next meeting.

16th September 2015 at Horton Village Hall.

Date _____ Chairman _____