

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:**

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

**52/15 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell and R Newman.

**53/15 Declarations of Interest.**

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

Cllr B Richards declared an interest in the Item to be discussed under Planning relating to an application for a caravan rally to be held at Bank Farm, Horton due to being the owner of Bank Farm.

**54/15 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

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

**55/15 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**Item 35/15 B**

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

SC

**Item 49/15 no 2**

Cllr G Roberts reported that the maintenance firm had been in the area conducting training sessions and would have carried out a routing check of all the defibrillators at this time. The Chair to check with Chris Williams to ensure that the problem with the unit had been resolved.

MW

**Item 49/15 no 6**

Agenda NRW for the October meeting and invite Nick Edwards to give a presentation about a year at the Nature Reserve.

SC/AG

**Item 49/15 no 8**

Pot holes still a problem at Badgers Hole, Bysouth Farm, The Sanctuary and Goosey. Also the condition of the Penny Hitch is a cause for concern. Clerk to advise the CCS again.

SC

**56/15 Community Councils.**

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| 1 | Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report following the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting. | Noted |
| 2 | One Voice Wales Minutes of Area Committee meeting.                                      | Noted |
| 3 | The CCS Forum details.  | Noted |
| 4 | One Voice Wales National Executive – Minutes of meeting.                                | Noted |

**57/15 Correspondence**

- 1 The Bay Magazine.
- 2 A letter had been sent from Mr B Griffiths regarding an unmade road and building works at Oxwich Green.  
Groundworks at Hilltop had commenced and Mr Griffiths was concerned that the lorries were going to churn up an already unlevel area. This had been raised by Cllr R Lewis with the CCS to rectify, as this area was also used by the CCS as a bus turning area. However no work had been undertaken to date. Cllr Lewis agreed to chase this with the CCS. RL
- 3 Council considered preventative parking options, eg bollards, wooden stakes etc. Resolved Agenda October meeting. SC

**58/15 Financial**

**To Certify and Approve the Annual Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 following the completion of the External Audit.**

The External Auditor had now reviewed the accounts and had only one comment that the Internal Audit was dated a few days after the accounts were signed off. The accounts had been internally audited prior to the meeting, however there had been a delay as the internal auditor had requested additional evidence of receipt for payments from all the donations made under Section 137 payments. This had not been requested in the past and took a few extra days to contact all the organizations who received these donations. The accounts therefore were actually signed off by the internal auditor a few days later. This had been noted and letters would be requested in the future.

The Chairman and Clerk re-signed the Statement of Accounts and dated this.

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| 1 | Clerk salary and expenses | £ 408.01 |
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Proposed to pay Cllr M Williams, seconded Cllr G Roberts, carried unanimously.

**59/15 Planning**

- A Application no :2015/1228 Dr A Fowkes Driftwood, Oxwich  
Proposed 2 storey rear/side extension, change of existing flat roof, 8 number of roof lights, side terrace canopy and raise in height of 2 existing front first floor windows.

This application had already been decided by CCS, however the PCC had not been notified.

- B Application no : 2015/1476 The Caravan Club Bank Farm, Horton  
Caravan Rally for 80 units from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Cllr B Richards declared an interest in this item due to being the owner of Bank Farm.

Resolved: To offer the comment that the Council had no objection to the application providing that the CCS were monitoring the number of caravans in the Gower area at any one time and that this number was not detrimental to the area and the residents who live there.

- C Application no : 2015/1554 Mr and Mrs Sweetland Rose Cottage, Perriswood  
Replacement garage.

Not in the Council's ward , so no comment.

**59/15 Planning cont.....**

D Application no : 2015/1419 Mrs H Boo Westernside Cottage, Horton  
Proposed increase in roof height of existing single accommodation to create internal mezzanine, plus insertion of rooflights and flue into said roof. Proposed part demolition of existing 1980's rear extension. Proposed new 2 storey rear extension. Proposed replacement of existing uPVC conservatory. Associated landscape works.

Mr Harry Jenkins lives in the property next door to this application and had passed comments to Cllr B Richards that he was concerned that there would be windows that would overlook his property and therefore a loss of privacy. Council questioned if due consideration had been given with respect to the loss of light on the neighboring property and resolved to pass these concerns to the CCS.

E 2015/1736 Mr Michael Bullock Greenways Leisure Park, Oxwich  
Proposed decking around caravan.

Resolved: No objections.

**60/15 RNLI - Sale of Land adjoining the Horton Lifeboat House.**

**To consider the notification that a planning application that has been submitted to the CCS for a proposed temporary accommodation in an existing car park adjacent to Horton and Port Eynon Life Boat Station.**

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

The Council considered that the portacabins were already in Horton Car Park and this was on CCS land and not PCC land. This would be for a temporary basis whilst the works were underway.

Council resolved following a brief discussion that there was no objection to this application.

**61/15 Broadband in the Halls in both Oxwich and Penrice.**

- a. At the last meeting a member of the public from the floor had suggested Camping Connect could be a suitable solution for offering broadband in the halls. Cllr G Roberts advised that there was a signal to access this but was weak.
- b. Horton Hall Committee had advised that they would be interested in having this service installed.
- c. The Grant Application that was considered at a previous meeting had now passed so this would not be accessible.
- d. Spectrum was at the moment the only option available. Council discussed the responsibility for the downloads.
- e. Also the installation and running costs were discussed. Council considered that it may be possible to try it for a period of 2 years to see if it would be viable.
- f. It could become a source of income for the Halls if Camping Connect were to use the Halls as a hub.
- g. Though Openreach brochures had been circulated (handed out by Cllr Glass) that said Superfast Cymru is available now, this is not true. Views as to when it will be available range from a few weeks to six months. It was felt that at this time there may be more choice of suppliers and possibly lower cost implications, due to an increase in competition.
- h. Following a discussion it was resolved to defer and wait to see if new deals became available, but to keep looking for new offers.

**62/15 Councillors reports/questions.**

Cllr A Glass reported : Sewage accumulation had occurred outside The Oxwich Bay Hotel on the road. Dwr Cymru needed to be contacted to raise this as a concern. The Chair will check to see if Mr I Williams had already contacted Dwr Cymru in the first instance. MW/SC

Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report on updates on the website.

**63/15 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)**

None.

**64/15 Date and venue of next meeting.**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall.

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