

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:**

Councillor A Glass (Acting Chairman)  
Councillor G Roberts  
Councillor T Methuen-Campbell  
Councillor R Newman  
Councillor J Ellis  
Councillor M Barnett  
Councillor B Richards  
Councillor R Lewis

**Member of the Public** Mr P Muxworthy.

**103/16 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr M Williams

**104/16 Declarations of Interest.**

None

**105/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Amendment Item 100/16**

To read ...The CCS had enquired if there was a possibility to consolidate some of the services ....

With the above amendment, Cllr G Roberts proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously.

**106/16 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**A Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**Item 69/15 Sub item 49/15**

The Greenways Leisure Park defibrillator has now been adjusted and is not bleeping.

**Item 88/16**

Cllr G Roberts had replied to Suzy Davies MP re the defibrillators.

**Item 95/16**

Fluorescent Paint on horses in Gower. Awaiting response.

The Clerk reported; Highways had been contacted on numerous occasions, via emails and also by phone. Steve Avo and Nigel Fitzgerald had also been emailed directly with requests for meetings in an effort to repair the many pot holes, replace missing signage and also to repair the bus turning area on Oxwich Green. Contact had been made commencing in September and other than an automatic response email, no update had been sent or no contact with information about rectifying any of the problem areas. Some of these areas were becoming quite dangerous and need urgent investigation. The Clerk had contacted the Complaints Department and had received an email from Nigel Fitzgerald to say that an inspector was reviewing the areas identified by the PCC.

Cllr Lewis advised to contact Stuart Davies Head of Highways for all issues that are not being dealt with.

The Clerk to contact Stuart Davies directly.

SC

The Acting Chair, Cllr A Glass proposed that Standing Orders were suspended to alter the order of business and deal with public questions at this point in the meeting, Unanimous.

**107/16 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)**

The Chair invited Mr Muxworthy from the floor to ask his questions.

Mr Muxworthy expressed that he was very unhappy that the PCC had caused the RNLI extra unnecessary expense to the value of £5000 and additional unnecessary extensive works that he said that the PCC had been obstructive just because of a manhole cover that was originally to be sited on Council land.

The Acting Chair explained that this was not the case at all. He explained that the problem had been that the RNLI team had omitted to include the drains in the original plans and that this had only been realized by the RNLI at the very last minute and just before the Transfer Document was to be signed. The land where the RNLI wanted to site the drains, was not included in the legal documents and also had common land status. The Council had met with the RNLI onsite to discuss the options and to explain the fact that the common land status would need to be lifted to allow the works and various other areas of concern. The PCC had given the RNLI the options and left the decision to them to make. It would have delayed the planned works as time would have been needed to receive the relevant permissions which is the reason that the RNLI decided on the internal option. The PCC had been very accommodating and supportive to the RNLI at all stages to enable this project to go ahead.

Cllr Lewis advised members that there had been lorry loads of sand in skips removed from the area, which seemed strange when it could have been placed on the beach?

Mr Muxworthy expressed that this was still his view and left the meeting at this stage.

**108/16 Community Councils.**

Deferred to later in the meeting.

**109/16 Correspondence**

- 1 An email had been received from Llanrhidian CC regarding the reduction in local policing in Gower and the increase in thefts.  
Members thought that this was the case with thefts of quad bikes and Cllr Lewis suggested that this letter be forwarded to the Police Commissioner. Decided Clerk to advise Llanrhidian CC that the PCC support the letter and to recommend that this is sent to the Police Commissioner.  
SC
- 2 St Andrews Church had sent a thankyou letter for the donation with details of the expenditure.

**110/16 Financial**

The Clerks salary and expenses (Nov and Dec) As there was no meeting in November  
£ 408.01

Proposed to pay Cllr G Roberts, seconded Cllr T Methuen Campbell. Unanimous

Bird Ringing Oxwich Marsh £ 200.00

Proposed to pay Cllr G Roberts, seconded Cllr T Methuen-Campbell. 6 in favour, 1 abstained, 1 against. Motion carried.

**111/16 Planning**

A Honeysuckle Cottage, Oxwich had appealed and had been refused following appeal.

No other planning applications had been received.

**112/16 Horton and Penrice Notice Boards**

Chewing gum had been put in the key hole of the Penrice CC notice board, but this has now been removed.

Penrice CC notice board, Cllr T Methuen Campbell offered to make good and presentable. TMC

Horton notice board is broken and now cannot be closed. Cllr A Glass to contact Keith Parker to get a quote to repair. AG

**113/16 Communications and Community Engagement.**

Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report following a OVW meeting;

Points raised:- The Charter and Local Government Bill forthcoming

Work placed pensions to be looked into for the Clerk. Cllr G Roberts to investigate. GR

Resignation of Cllrs - The CCS need to be notified as soon as possible if this occurs.

Point of contact for the Clerk with the CCS. Cllr J Ellis to find out who this is. JE  
Huw Evans can be contacted if the PCC do not receive a response.

Local events, if aware of any in the area to notify and Cllr J Ellis will look into using Twitter JE

**114/16 Councillors Reports.**

Cllr A Glass gave a verbal update on the Welsh Water works that were currently underway in Oxwich. They were experiencing some difficulties due to the inclement weather but all was proceeding with minimum disturbance.

Pot Holes – Penny Hitch becoming very bad – Highways SC

Cllr M Barnett reported: the 'old dump' on the dunes where exposed glass and pottery was exposed. The CCS had put up a sign advising people to avoid this area in question. Following a discussion resolved: Cllr M Barnett to chase. MB

Cllr R Lewis reported: The area used for bus turning was not owned by the CCS, but by the Penrice Estate.

Cllr M Barnett reported: Internet problems had been experienced in the area. These were intermittent and at present Spectrum did not know what the problem was.

**115/16 Date and venue of next meeting.**

The next meeting was 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall

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