

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held
on Wednesday 16th March 2016 Hall at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm**

Members Present:

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

A reporter from the South Wales Evening Post was also present.

130/16 Apologies for Absence.

None

131/16 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr J Ellis declared a personal interest in an item on the Agenda relating to Shore Cottage, Horton, due to being the owner of the property.

132/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting 10th February 2016

Amendment Item 10716

Delete: (removed prior).

Amendment : to readIt was also explained that the Council even though some members expressed concerns about manhole covers on an open space in an AONB, had agreed to allow the RNLI to put the drains on the additional bit of land, however this land had common status which would need permission prior to any work being completed

Amendment Item 125/16

Delete: ...(there was no clear sign of where it was)

Amendment : to read... Cllr M Barnett had walked the area surrounding the footpath and some of the boundary crossings were impassable.

Amendment Item 127/16

Delete: (around the manhole covers)

Amendment: to read.... The Foreman had advised that some of the tarmac may be able to be dropped into the pot holes.

There had been some repairs on The Penny Hitch.

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

133/16 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 107/16

The RNLI letter was brought to the meeting for an overview with the Councillors and would be sent. SC

Item 119/16 sub item 112/16

Cllr A Glass to contact Keith Parker to give a cost for the repair of the Horton Notice Board. AG

133/16 **Matters arising from the minutes cont....**

Item 113/16

Workplace pension information.

GR

Item 121/16

Clerk had emailed refusing permission for lanterns being released at the Oxwich Bay /Beach at a wedding.

Item 124/16

Cllr T Methuen-Campbell to make good and presentable the Penrice CC notice board at Penrice.

TMC

134/16 **Community Councils.**

Cllr J Ellis reported: Following a Sustainability Workshop that Cllr Ellis attended, a verbal report on the items that were covered at this course was presented to the meeting.

135/16 **Correspondence**

- 1 An email had been received from Mrs K Bevan asking for notification of any future road closures that would be necessary for the Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru works that were been carried out in Oxwich. The PCC and Dwr Cymru Welsh Water had worked closely with the community and had held a public drop in meeting to advise and notify residents of the works and also answer any queries and questions from the public and businesses in the area. All major work has now been completed so the email was noted.

- 2 A letter received from Byron Davies asking for support to save the Gower Cockle industry. Noted.

7.50pm Cllr R Lewis joined the meeting.

A Link was to be put on the website and also the link could be circulated.
Cllr Lewis said that it was a disgrace that we have allowed this industry to be lost.

JE

- 3 CCS Wildflowers £25 cost.

136/16 **Financial**

The Clerks salary and expenses £ 408.01

OVW Sustainability Course (total cost £35) but a bursary so would be less.

CCS Wildflowers £ 25

Proposed to pay Cllr M Williams, seconded Cllr G Roberts. Carried Unanimously.

137/16 **Planning**

An anonymous letter had been received criticizing the CCS Planning Department regarding the "curious decisions" that seem to be given and the lack of consistency of decision that are made.

A discussion followed and the points that were raised;

- 1 Should the PCC acknowledge the letter as it was anonymous?
- 2 The PCC agreed that the CCS do not take notice of the PCC comments and often the opposite outcome is either passed or refused.
- 3 Some developments will be necessary in the area.

137/16 **Planning cont.....**

- 4 PCC had met with Ryan Thomas previously in an effort to try and understand why the CCS seem to do the opposite to the PCC and community observations and information.
- 5 The situation is going to get worse.
- 6 If more than thirty names object to an application, then the decision will be passed to the Planning Committee.
- 7 Planning officer's guidance surely must be paramount, however this is often not followed and the planning committee dismiss the advice and decide the opposite. Surely this is wrong.
- 8 The views that had been passed to the PCC from residents were that the CCS Planning Department was rotten to the core and that the Head of Planning, Deputy Head of Planning and Enforcement Officer were dealing with applications in isolation and not with the inclusion of the Planning Officers.
- 9 It was agreed that this letter would resonate with many locals and also Councillors.
- 10 All decisions were based on policies however there were so many contradictory policies that a policy can be matched to any decision made.

Following a discussion it was decided to respond empathizing with the letter, but in order to take further the PCC would have to have a name. SC

A Application no: 2016/0171 Mr B Lewis
Application Site: Oxwich Leisure Park, Oxwich
Variation of Condition D Planning Permission 77/1167/03 to revert back to original 8 months occupancy
March to October.

No Objection.

D Application no: 2015/2117 Mr E Mullett
Application site: 4 Oxwich Leisure Park, Oxwich Bay, Oxwich
To increase the occupancy from 8 months to 10 months.

No Objection.

C Application no: 2016/0263 Mr S Hathaway, Environment Officer. CCS Nature Conservation Team
Application site: Horton Car Park, Near Toilet Block
Installation of public interpretation panel re: education and awareness rising of wildlife of sand dunes and sandy beach.

The content that was to be put on the board was queried as Port Eynon was to be on the header of the boards and the location would be Horton. Therefore the Council would like to see the village of Horton at the top of the boards. Some members thought that they were dreadful. Following some further discussion it was resolved that there was no objection providing that the name of Horton was at the top of the boards and also that the location was not obstructive. Unanimous.

B Application no: 2016/0266
Application site: Mr D Holmwood
Ash Cottage , Horton
Addition of single storey utility with flat roof and the addition of new fire escape conservation roof lights.

Following a discussion it was resolved that there was no objection to the application.

138/16 Future Projects

- 1 Broadband was again discussed and it was resolved to wait for BT to have the superfast broadband in the area.
- 2 Planting snowdrops on the verges was also considered.
- 3 The ‘Old Well’ in Horton could be cleared and maintained. However the possible low number of people that would benefit was a factor.
- 4 Equipment for various groups in the area.

Resolved agenda for next month’s meeting.

SC

139/16 Update if received on the Proposed Changes to a right of access over land owned by Shore Cottage.

Deferred until the next meeting.

140/16 Councillors reports/questions.

Pot Holes – Some work has been undertaken, but this is still a big problem in the area. Pot holes have developed on the Marsh Road and the road in this area needs to be built up. Clerk to speak to Stuart Davies to try and resolve and also advise that the lack of communication is a problem. SC

Proposed that Cllr Glass to send thanks to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water for how they have dealt with the PCC, residents and local businesses with the works that have been carried out over the last couple of months at Oxwich. AG

Cllr Glass raised the fact that he had received suggestions from residents that the Oxwich cross roads should be lit. Noted.

8.50 pm Cllr R Lewis left the meeting.

141/16 Public questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

The South Wales Evening Post reporter from the floor, requested a copy of the letter that was received complaining about the CCS Planning Department to be used as a story. Due to the FOI and openness, the PCC agreed that a copy to be sent, however to remove the email address on the letter. Also to advise the sender that this action had been taken.

Also he raised that the Welsh Arts Council had a ‘Big Night Out Scheme’. Noted.

142/16 Date and venue of next meeting.

20th April 2016 Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall.

Date _____ Chairman _____