

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held
on Wednesday 20th April 2016 Hall at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm**

Members Present:

Councillor A Glass (Acting Chair)
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor R Newman
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor M Barnett
Councillor B Richards

143/16 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell, M Williams and R Lewis

144/16 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.

145/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting 16th March 2016

Amendment Item 125/16

Replace the word 'signs' with 'crossings'.

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

146/16 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 133/16 Sub item 107/16

RNLI letter had been sent and Peter Guscott from the RNLI had advised that the complaints were being investigated.

Item 119/16 sub item 112/16

Keith Parker had repaired the notice board.

Item 133/16

Workplace pension information. Cllr G Roberts reported; The information is not completely clear but as the PCC do not have a PAYE system nothing has to be actioned on this topic until next April 2017. The Clerk pays tax via other employment. Cllr G Roberts to contact the Pensions Regulator. GR

Item 133/16 Sub item 124/16

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

Item 135/16 No 2

Cllr Ellis reported that when the link that was requested to be placed on the PCC Website had been investigated it was a political website. Resolved to place a disclaimer and Cllr J Ellis to take further. JE

Item 140/16

The Clerk gave a verbal report that the response from the CCS regarding the Pot Holes, had been very poor. A phone call message had been left by Mr N Fitzgerald and when the Clerk had tried to return his call was unable to have an answer and there was no answer message to leave a message request for a call back. All very poor. It was agreed that the Clerk write to all other Community Councils via OVW to see if this would make an impact. SC

Item 140/16

Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water - Cllr A Glass reported ; the works at Oxwich had now mainly completed apart from a small element that may need rectifying on the crossroads. The work will have greatly reduced the problem but it is still not certain if the problem is completely solved and only time will tell. Welsh Water have managed a difficult job very well and due to the fact that they have worked closely with the public and the PCC have made the necessary road closures with the minimum disruption as was possible.

147/16 Community Councils.

Cllr J Ellis reported: Government Reform may see in the future a fewer number of Councils. OVW favours clusters however this is not a decision for OVW.

A Revised Code of Conduct which has some amendments. Cllrs will no longer be obliged to report if another Councillor has breached the Code.

The Responsible Officer will now be the Clerk.

Annual Meeting to adopt the new Code of Conduct.

SC

Larger Councils, North West of Gower are concerned about the release of land for development.

Other items raised included A Living Christmas Tree Scheme, Councils have provided dog foul bins at a cost of £1500, Reynoldston PO has been purchased by local residents and staff are currently being trained. Three Crosses has a planning development in the area that is causing concern to local residents and the Community Council have applied for Village Green status.

148/16 Correspondence

None

149/16 Financial

The Clerks salary and expenses £ 408.01

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

Keith Parker (repair of Horton Notice Board) £ 35

Proposed to pay Cllr g Roberts, seconded Cllr R Newman.. Carried Unanimously.

150/16 Planning

A Application no: 2016/0469
Dr A Fowkes Driftwood, Oxwich

Following a discussion it was resolved to support this application.

B Application no: 2016/0436
Chanel View, Slade.

Following a discussion it was resolved that there were no objections to this application.

151/16 Requested Excavation in the Road for RCW Grove.

A power cable was needed to go under the road to go to the property owned by Mr RCW Grove at Ivanhoe Cottage, Horton. The PCC permission was needed for this to go ahead. Following a discussion Council decided that providing all Health and Safety requirements were meant and that the road was made good after the works were carried out then permission was granted. Access to be maintained for the relevant energy cables and to ensure that it was in accordance with good practice.

152/16 Horton Notice Board.

Has been repaired.

153/16 Fly Tipping and Land Encroachment at the Coastguard Station, Oxwich.

It was reported that a workshop and conservatory that had a wood log burner and flue installed had been erected on land that was adjacent to the Coastguard Station land at Oxwich. Mark Owen owns land behind the Coastguard Station and a neighbour seemed to be storing things in this area. There was also a sports car parked there. There has been no planning permission sought for this. Pallets etc had also been dumped here. Could this be classed as fly tipping on land not belonging to him? There is also an electricity cable from the house opposite to the workshop.

Resolved; Clerk to contact the CCS Enforcement Dept and advise that this is on private land and to ensure that this is not a safety hazard if it is not installed properly. Advise that structures are in place and that hedges have been removed. Also to contact the National Grid re safety concern. SC

154/16 Community Issues.

The old rubbish tip on the dunes – The CCS had put warning notices advising the public to take care in this area. Cllr M Barnett had been to the area and this does seem satisfactory. Plastic and rubbish is being collected from the dunes and is being taken from the beach. However there has been some collected rubbish on the dunes that has been there for 2/3 weeks. Resolved to contact the Environment Dept. JE/SC

There are an excess number of telegraph poles currently in Horton, that have been installed by BT. Openreach had already been contacted by the Clerk with no response. What is the overall plan and is there another option for the reduction of the poles?

155/16 Future projects.

Horton Hall had planned a Queens 90th Birthday celebration. Also they were looking at purchasing new chairs that would cost £5000. A gardening trip had been arranged to the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

Following a discussion it was resolved to donate £200 to the Horton Hall Gardening Club proposed Cllr J Ellis, seconded Cllr G Roberts, carried with one abstained.

The Hall could benefit from Lottery Funding and the PCC could match fund? SC

Defer Queens birthday till May meeting. SC

Wildlife Boards that could be linked to children and education.

Horton Hall Cubs/scouts.

Camera on the Oxwich Marsh which could be linked to the PCC Website.

NRW / University.

Agenda next meeting. SC

156/16 Update if received on the Proposed Changes to a right of access over land owned by Shore Cottage.

Cllr J Ellis gave an overview of the situation to date and then withdrew from the meeting.

Resolved to advise Rosemary Morgan to remove the single occupancy restriction as there is already more than single occupancy at Serendipity due to the log cabin in the garden. The Council are happy to proceed with this.
SC

157/16 Councillors reports/questions.

Cllr M Barnett reported that cars were parked on Oxwich Hill in the passing areas. Yellow lines and notices were suggested, however Council had discussed this in the past and this would not be able to be monitored or enforced so would not be possible to implement.

158/16 Public questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

None

159/16 Date and venue of next meeting.

May 2016 Horton Village Hall

Date _____ Chairman _____