

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held  
on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 remotely via Zoom video conference commenced at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:**

Cllr A Glass (Chairman)  
Cllr J Tarrant  
Cllr R Newman  
Cllr A Barraclough  
Cllr L Grove  
Cllr H Trick

**179/20                      Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Ellis, K Grove and T Methuen-Campbell.

**180/20                      Declarations of interest**

None.

**181/20                      To approve the minutes of the meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

The minutes were a true and accurate record of events, proposed Cllr J Tarrant, seconded Cllr A Barraclough, carried unanimously.

**182/20                      Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**Item 160/20**

Jet Skis in Oxwich Bay: Again concerns had been raised with the Chair because of the potential for accidents particularly as some jet ski users had been seen drinking before taking the vehicles on the water and some were not bearing numbers. This had also been raised at the last meeting. The noise levels were increasingly affecting local residents. The noise is sometimes travelling as far as Horton. It was agreed that the monotonous noise from these vehicles in this location was extremely irritating. The reckless attitude of some of these jet skiers was putting anyone swimming in the sea at risk of injury. It was agreed that this situation was very difficult to police and control.

The Penrice Estate try to manage the situation by having a boat club with numbers allocated to members. However the car park closes at 6pm so that the beach is then open to whoever wants to use it without any regulation. In addition, some jet skis have arrived from other beaches such as Port Eynon and Mumbles. It is very difficult to regulate these people.

An electronic barrier was suggested for the Beach House to prevent people getting access to the beach after 6pm. Environmental health, noise pollution and the detrimental effect on sea creatures was also discussed.

A sound metre was available to use to monitor the noise levels. The Chair to action this. AG

The Chair would organise a remote public meeting and bring the outcomes to the PCC to take forward. AG

**Item 176/20**

The path between Port Eynon and Horton: The path had been cut and all the vegetation had been left in situ. Brambles and ferns now littered the path making it unusable again. The work carried out on this continues to be sub standard and a total waste of money. The CCS had been contacted and they advised that they were considering how to deal with it. It was agreed that this path has been slippery and overgrown and now was full of cut bramble and should have been left alone. People had hurt themselves here and one person had been taken to hospital.

**Item 176/20**

The 117 bus is now running again.

**183/20** **Matters outstanding.**

- 1 Provision of the Website – Ongoing.
- 2 Annual Meeting – planned for November.

**184/20** **Planning.**

Cllr L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Bank Farm due to a business connection and did not speak or vote during discussion on this item.

Noted: The Application made by Emmanuel House in Horton had been refused due to the proposed amendments not being non-material as per application.

**A** **Use of land for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 40 units from 31st August 2021 to 5th September 2021 (inclusive)** Field 0005 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL Ref. No: 2020/1682/TEM

Resolved to advise the CCS that there were no objections to the application providing that the number of caravans in the area at any one time was not to be detrimental to the residents and visitors to the area.

**B** **Pre-application Enquiry - Two storey side extension, front porch and detached garage** Whiteoaks Reynoldston Swansea SA3 1AQ Ref. No: 2020/1661/PRE

Noted.

**C** **Use of land for a caravan rally for a maximum of 80 units from 28th May 2021 to 6th June 2021 (inclusive)** Field 0818 Bank Farm Leisure Horton Swansea SA3 1LL Ref. No: 2020/1662/TEM

Resolved to advise the CCS that there were no objections to the application providing that the number of caravans in the area at any one time was not to be detrimental to the residents and visitors to the area.

**D** **Variation of condition (d) of Planning Permission 77/1167/03 granted 24th November 1977 to allow the occupation of the chalet for 10 months - from the 1st March to the 31st December** 62 Oxwich Leisure Park Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LS Ref no: 2020/1730/s73

Resolved: object due to the overload on the sewer system which already had problems during the winter months.

**185/20** **CCS Planning Consultations [www.swansea.gov.uk/spgconsultation](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/spgconsultation) (by 16/10/2020)**

- **DRAFT Revised Gower AONB Design Guide**
- **DRAFT Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands on Development Sites**
- **DRAFT Development and Biodiversity**

Points raised: No consideration to encouraging building for local people with low cost housing. There needs to be protection for the character of the villages. Many areas now 2<sup>nd</sup> home villages and mostly the homes stand empty. The local school may close shortly. More needs to be done to encourage local families to live in the villages. Coastal villages especially need protection. Also no information relating to the older people retirement homes etc. For example bungalows do not seem to factor. Resolved: The Chair to respond. AG

**186/20** **Financial.**

1. Clerks salary and expenses September as per salary & expenses sheet
2. Starleaf (Video conferencing platform) replacement cheque to include VAT £ 144.00
3. Clerk to source a gift for IA due to exemplary work undertaken as a thank you.

Approve payments as presented Cllr R Newman, seconded Cllr A Barraclough, carried unanimously.

**187/20** **Community Councils.**

- 1 One Voice Wales Training courses had been circulated – Cllr H Trick needs to attend a code of conduct training as soon as one is available. HT

**188/20** **Correspondence.**

None

**189/20** **Councillors reports/questions**

Reported: A meeting was planned for next month with the Highways Department and a representative from the Drainage Team. Oxwich village had been investigated and it was apparent that some properties were affected much more than others. The vicarage drain that ran at the back of some properties was blocked. Bull rushes were growing around the drains and the metal conduit which was 3 ft across the fish pond was possibly also blocked. Some of this area was NRW land. Various properties identified experienced problems with regular flooding of their gardens, especially during the winter months. The road drain could also be blocked. The Chair would also attend the proposed meeting to try and see if this ongoing problem can be improved. AG/HT

Reported: Cars parking on Underhill Lane, Horton during busy times. This was blocking the lane if any emergency services needed to access this area. There was a no parking sign there in the past. Following a discussion it was resolved that Clerk to request the Council put some yellow lines to this small area of road. Also to re instate the no parking sign opposite Underhill Lane. SC

Reported: An email had been received highlighting a blocked footpath in Oxwich. The PCC had raised this with CCS and the path is now cleared. Noted.

Chase the additional bin requested at Oxwich Cross.

SC

**190/20** **Public input relating to the agenda.**

None.

**191/20** **Date and venue of next meeting.**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 Remote Meeting.

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