

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 19th February 2014 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm

Members Present: Councillor M Barnett
Councillor M Williams
Councillor R Lewis
Councillor A Glass
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor B Richards

Action

124/14 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell and J Bowen

125/14 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr B Richards declared an interest in an Item to be discussed under Planning relating to Bank Farm due to being the owner.

Cllr R Lewis declared an interest in all Items to be discussed under Planning due to being a member of the CCS Area 2 Planning Committee.

126/14 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held 15th January 2013.

Amendment: Clerk salary was corrected.

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

127/14 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 97/13

Pot holes – Cllr A Glass reported that a truck had filled the worst of the holes, however there was a very large one appeared at the entrance to the Old Post Office. To be discussed later in the meeting.

Item 97/13

Cllr G Roberts reported that the grit bin had been delivered and was in place in Horton. Cllr Roberts would be the responsible person for the bin.

Item 93/13

The CCS had responded and were looking into the problem tree on Oxwich Green. Awaiting their reply.

Item 95/13

The poppy seeds had been ordered. The CCS had advised that there would be controls on the distribution of these.

Item 121/14

James Rutter to contact the Chair, Cllr A Glass to chase.

Emrys Price - recycled website for alternative benches. Cllr A Glass to chase

MB/AG

AG

132/14 The Community Project

- 1 The 'Old' Well in Horton. To work with the Gower Society to improve the area. The well used to be a focal point. The well is currently partly covered and a cap stone was over the deep part. Council discussed whether the project would be worth the cost of restoring it. Resolved: The Chair to meet with the Gower Society to see if they are interested in being involved with a restoration project. MB
- 2 Broadband Hotspots in the village halls for example. The implications, cost etc to be investigated. GR
- 3 Wild flowers and poppy seeds – Areas that were discussed and then decided for the poppy seeds were Slade Cross, Oxwich Green and Horton Green. Only poppy seeds at this time.
- 4 Cllr M Williams to contact Jan Harris-Smith to query plant costs. MW
- 5 Cllr M Williams to find out the coverage and area and co-ordinate the amount of poppies required. MW
- 6 Encourage wildlife / nature with bird boxes, bee boxes and could be linked to webcams. These could be placed on the lifeboat house for example. Cllr G Roberts to cost and investigate details. GR
- 6 An archive site. Cllr J Ellis to investigate and cost. JE

132/14 Highway works

Cllr A Glass reported:

Pot holes – The road has collapsed under the beach wall by the Oxwich Bay Hotel. Some infill work has been done, but the wall needs underpinning to be completed, before the road can be repaired. This wall is owned by the Penrice Estate. This needs to be repaired fairly urgently.

Pot holes - Slade, these have been reported, but are still not repaired. The Highways Department are not reactive in their response. There is a lot of concern over the state of the roads.

Decided: The Chair to meet with Cllr A Glass to view the area and contact Cllr T Methuen-Campbell to see if the beach wall can be repaired. AG/ MB

133/14 Road Verges

Cllr A Glass suggested that some work was needed to tidy up the verges by the old Post Office.

Decided Cllr M Barnett to discuss with Cllr T Methuen-Campbell.

MB

134/14 Paving Slabs Little Reynoldston.

Resolved Cllr A Glass to cost.

AG

135/14 Councillors Reports / Questions.

The sign to warn visitors of the rip tides in the sea at Oxwich Beach had been printed. Thanks to G Roberts for this. Cllr Glass to pass to Cllr T Methuen-Campbell to put up.

135/14 Councillors Reports / Questions cont.....

- 1 Cllr A Glass gave a verbal report on the sewage problems that were a constant problem for residents in Oxwich. Many residents experienced sewage in their gardens when there is a lot of rain.

Tankers were taking the sewage from Oxwich Cross in an attempt to alleviate the problem. However this practice was causing noise disturbance to nearby residents. Also the area at Oxwich Green where the sewage was being pumped into a manhole, was now churned up and muddy.

The NRW had been asked if the water level could be dropped and following a meeting it was discovered that this was not possible to do at this time, however it could be looked at in the summer months.

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water are applying for emergency funding to renew a long section of sewer in Oxwich. This might necessitate a long road closure. When a possible solution is nearer to being decided, the PCC could host a public meeting to ascertain the feelings and requirements of all those affected.
- 2 The Penny Hitch sign had blown over.- letter to the CCS to advise. SC
- 3 The Walkways at Horton had been damaged by the recent inclement weather. One from Horton Green to the beach had been made safe on the coastal path. The Chair had contacted the CCS to advise. Other walkways had as much as a 10ft drop, whilst at this time the work is not urgent it will need to be undertaken by the Easter holidays.
- 4 The letter that was sent to the Planning Department had been forwarded to the Head of Planning and a copy could be sent to the Council Leader also. SC

136/14 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (Limited to 10 minutes)

None

123/14 Date and venue of next meeting.

19th March 2014 Horton Village Hall

Date _____ Chairman _____