

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:**

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

No members of public were present.

**109/15 Apologies for Absence.**

Clerk, S Caswell (due to illness)

**110/15 Declarations of Interest.**

None

**111/15 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

Cllr J Ellis proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, seconded Cllr M Williams, carried unanimously.

**112/15 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**Item 83/14 , 69/14 sub item 57/14**

Cllr R Lewis still to meet/ report on meeting with Chris Seagar.

RL

**Item 83/14 sub item 57/14**

Oxwich sign needs to be made.

GR

**Item 89/14**

Sale of land to RNLI – intended letter has been drafted.

**113/15 Website**

Cllr Ellis reported that the framework is in place and access codes have been sent to Councillors and Clerk.

**114/15 Glass in Horton Dunes**

Cllr Barnett reported that following an email to CCS, he had met Chris Linley from CCS on site, and they had concluded that the mix of broken plate glass, crockery and cans was probably deliberate infill to raise the height of the dunes (maybe WW2 defenses), now exposed by erosion. Mr Linley was to investigate remedial action. Cllrs agreed that it is CCS responsibility as landowner. Cllr Glass advised Cllr Methuen-Campbell that there is always litter in the dunes behind the Oxwich beach car-park, and in the wooded area between the inner and outer car-park (either litterlouts or wind-blown flotsam), and this becomes more visible with the winter vegetation die-back – the wooded area needs clearing.

Cllr Barnett will follow up with Chris Linley.

TMT  
MB

**115/15 Community Councils.**

Cllr Ellis is to attend a meeting tomorrow.

JE

**116/15 Correspondence.**

Nothing for this meeting.

**117/15 Financial.**

Payments

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| 1  | Frazer Bennett (mowing)                               | £ 140.00 |
| 2. | The City and County of Swansea (wild flower planting) | £ 24.00  |

Propose payments Cllr M Williams, seconded Cllr G. Roberts, carried unanimously.

**118/15 Planning**

Nothing

**119/15 Notice Board – Little Reynoldston**

Clerk S Caswell had not managed to negotiate a discount. To be ordered at £595. MW/SC

**120/15 Defibrillators**

Cllr Roberts reported: Horton Village Hall installed but waiting power; Sea Breeze imminent (on return wall, out of sun); hall in Oxwich and Greenways due on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cllr Roberts is to “guardian” for the Horton defibrillators. Cllr Glass proposed and Cllr Newman seconded Cllr Williams to be guardian for Oxwich units – unanimous.

Clerk to establish additional insurance cost for adding all four units to PCC insurance policy. SC

**121/15 Wild flowers**

Cllr Williams reported that he had been unable to persuade CCS to plant Horton Green, despite the number of passing visitors, but they will do Oxwich Green. He is offering to plant Slade Cross, and Cllr Ellis will liaise with Cllr Roberts and designate and plant a small patch on Horton Green. Cllr Williams’ suggested that “Honey Bee Mix” be tested. The likely cost is £30-40. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Methuen-Campbell, carried unanimously. MW/JE/GR

**122/15 Highways**

Cllr Glass reported that the Highways Dept has gone from (arguably) over-regularly sweeping the roads in autumn to not doing it all, though the comment was tempered by the hill to Oxwich Green having been swept since he logged this item for discussion. Oxwich lane has areas of composting leaf litter making it muddy, and the road markings invisible. No drainage clearance is done proactively – just cleared when a blockage is reported. Some, such as the run-off from the road into the marsh by the beach car-park entrance, need to be done regularly, because the reeds grow and block the channel.

Agreed: Clerk to write to CCS to establish their current policy, and ask for these items to be attended to.

Also, potholes in upper reach of lane through Oxwich Village are verging on being dangerous. Clerk to also include the potholes in the email. SC

**123/15                      Community Planning**

Cllr Ellis reported that the consultation period may be closed. A meeting with CCS is booked for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, but restricted to 3 Councillors. Agreed Cllrs Glass, Barnett and Williams to attend. The intention is to establish a clearer idea of CCS policy on planning applications, and whether PPC input is considered. AG/MB/MW

**124/15                      Councillors reports/questions.**

1. Cllr Roberts reported that he had completed the Local Authority Budget Consultation survey on-line.
2. Cllr Ellis asked if anything more is needed for the website. Cllr Williams suggested a mechanism for local residents to leave their email addresses for periodic updates of events, such as defibrillator training dates – to be looked into. JE
3. Superfast Cymru (Broadband). Cllr Glass reported inability to even register for updates with BT, let alone obtain any availability dates. Cllr Roberts gave him Ceri Fitzpatrick's mobile number. Cllr Methuen-Campbell has not received any applications for way leaves from BT, despite being told they would be needed.
4. Cllr Barnett had been forwarded an email from Chris Linley, CCS about a new mast near the top of Horton Lane (John Tucker, Beeches Farm field). It purported to be sent for consultation to (inter alia) Cllr Lewis, PCC (nothing circulated by the Clerk, so presumably not received) and Gower Broadband Group – Cllr Glass confirmed that he has seen it and will forward it to other Councillors. Cllrs M Barnett and J Ellis both support the desire to improve the mobile reception in the area, but considered the proposed location of the phone mast inappropriate. AG
5. Cllr Glass reported that Mumbles Coastguard had to rescue someone from Oxwich beach from the outer car-park (fortunately the person concerned could walk that far) because they could not unlock the chain to the main car-park. Cllr Williams advised that this was due to the car-park keys having slid down beside a car seat – they are now where they ought to be.
6. Cllr Methuen-Campbell reported that the Penrice sign, coming from Horton, by The Pound, had gone missing (it went missing for 3 months last winter).  
Agreed: Clerk to advise CCS in the same email as previously raised issues 122/15. SC

**125/15                      Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)**

None.

**126/15                      Date and venue of next meeting.**

Horton Village Hall 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

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