

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at Horton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Councillor M Williams (Chairman)
Councillor A Glass
Councillor G Roberts
Councillor J Ellis
Councillor R Newman
Councillor B Richards

One Member of the public present

156/15 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs T Methuen-Campbell and M Barnett.

157/15 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr B Richards declared a personal interest in five of the items to be considered in Planning due to being the owner of Bank Farm, and being related to Mr Williams of the Oxwich Bay Hotel. (Application nos 2015/0504, 2015/0526, 2015/0531, 2015/0581, 2015/0534.)

158/15 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 18th March 2015.

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

Cllrs A Glass and R Newman joined the meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended to alter the order of business to discuss Planning at this stage of the meeting, unanimous.

159/15 Planning.

Cllr declared an interest in this planning application, he did not speak or vote on this item.

A Application no: 2015/0581
Mr I Williams, Oxwich Bay Hotel, Oxwich

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 2013/0127 in order to extend the temporary period by three years ending on 31st December 2019.

Mr Williams was present at the meeting and answered Members questions regarding the application. He explained that the removal of the condition, meant a variation to extend the duration of permission to site the marquee for a further three years. He explained that all the information contained in the report was the same as the original but had been 'toned down' at his request.

No issues had been experienced or reported from the weddings held in the marquee, and the new sound system had been a great success.

All Members thought that the olive green colour was very good.

159/15 Planning cont....

The colour was discussed in more detail, and it was agreed that Mr Williams had made huge efforts to get the balance right for all concerned. Mr Williams agreed to change the colour of the tunnel to green.

Mr Williams left the meeting at this stage to allow the Council to consider the application.

Cllr B Richards withdrew at this point of the meeting, due to a personal interest.

The Council had previously supported the original application.

Following a discussion, the Chairman proposed that the Council support the application, providing all conditions remain the same as the previous application. This was seconded by Cllr G Roberts, carried unanimously.

B Application no: 2015/0504 West Wales Camping and Caravanning Club
Bank Farm, Horton Rally, 28th October -30th October 2016 40 units

C Application no: 2015/0526 West Wales Camping and Caravanning Club
Bank Farm, Horton Rally, 5th August -30th August 2016 , 70 units

D Application no: 2015/0531 West Wales Camping and Caravanning Club
Bank Farm, Horton Rally, 25th March -3rd April 2016 , 60units

E Application no: 2015/0534 West Wales Camping and Caravanning Club
Bank Farm, Horton Rally, 27th May – 5th June 2016 , 70 units

Resolved; that there was no objection, providing that The CCS were monitoring the number of caravans in the area at any one time and that this number was not going to be detrimental to the area and the local residents.

F Application no: 2015//0537 Mr J Legg
Greenways Leisure Park. Decking around caravan.

Resolved; No comment.

G Application no: 2015/0449 Mr D Hendricks
The Police Station, Reynoldston. Change of use from Police Station / residential to residential.
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and front porch. Detached garage.

Resolved; to support the change of use, but that the CCS ensure that there is adequate vision on this junction relating to the height of the proposed wall.

160/15 Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 112/15

The Oxwich sign has been made and just needs to be altered slightly in size.

Item 112/15

The Chair reported that no work has been done yet in the bus turning area.

Item 119/15

The Noticeboard is now up in Little Reynoldston and the old one has been removed.

160/15 Matters arising from the minutes cont....

Item 120/15

Defibrillators – Cllr G Roberts had made contact with Cariad, the suppliers of the Defibrillators and they had offered to maintain the equipment indefinitely. They would check the equipment, batteries and replace any pads/ batteries as required. There would be a one off charge for this of £250. Cllr Roberts suggested that this would be a better and cheaper option than purchasing a spare defibrillator as previously decided. The Council would still have to carry out checks of the equipment as they are still the guardians and ultimately responsible for them. The Chairman proposed to accept this offer, seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously. GR

Cllr A Glass had tried to open the cabinet in Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall and had experienced difficulties. Members discussed further training and also the offer of a training defibrillator at a Council meeting.

161/15 Community Councils.

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| 1 | OVW – Notice of next meeting. | Noted |
| 2 | OVW – Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting. | Noted |
| 3 | OVW – The Voice leaflet. | Noted |

162/15 Correspondence

1. A letter had been received from Reynoldston Community Council regarding the sale of the Post Office. They advised that if it was not sold, then an application would be made for a change of use. They felt that this would be detrimental to the Gower Area. They had invited a representative to attend a meeting 28th April. Cllr G Roberts to attend. GR
- 2 A copy of the Bay
- 3 The Welsh Assembly - information on Heritage Sites and functions. Noted.

163/15 Financial

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| 1 | Clerk salary | £ 408.01 |
| 2 | Cariad (to maintain the defibrillators and cabinets, replacing the pads and batteries as required) | £ 250.00 |
| 3 | Zurich Insurance (annual insurance) | £ 382.52 |

Proposed to pay Cllr M Williams, seconded Cllr B Richards, carried unanimously.

164/15 The City and County of Swansea – Consultation on Tax for second homes and unoccupied houses.

Members considered and discussed if there should be any additional exemptions on tax for second homes and unoccupied houses. It was agreed that in the Gower area holiday homes are detrimentally affecting small villages and communities. If someone could afford a holiday second home, then they could afford to pay the Council tax for the resources that they would receive in the area of the house. There were

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exceptions such as inherited houses for example and time for probate or sale of the house was also considered.

Resolved; to respond that there should be no additional exemptions for second homes or unoccupied homes.

165/15 Councillors Reports/Questions

Cllr A Glass : the query that Mrs Edwards had raised to Cllr T Methuen-Campbell that the Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall was being used as a café had been passed to the Hall Committee. The hall is to be let out for a craft workshop in the summer, with teas and coffees possibly being sold. This letting will raise funds for the hall upkeep. All felt that this was not a Community Council Issue and that was for the Hall Committee to deal with.

Cllr A Glass ; The NRW had fitted a penstock valve in the Marsh. This would hopefully prevent further flooding in the area. The burning of the rushes had not been actioned by the NRW and had been acts of vandalism.

Council decided to invite Nick Edwards to the May Council meeting to give an update of their work.

Cllr J Ellis ; OVW Website had been launched. The Clerk will have to be involved with the password etc so will work with J Ellis to put this in place. SC/JE

All Members will be able to access this site.

Cllr M Williams ; All the seeds have been planted on Slade Cross.

166/15 Public Questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes)

None.

167/15 Date and venue of next meeting.

20th May 2015 At Oxwich and Penrice Community Hall.

Date _____ Chairman _____