

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held
on Wednesday 26th August 2020 remotely via Zoom video conference commenced at 7.30pm**

Members Present:

Cllr A Glass (Chairman)
Cllr J Tarrant
Cllr K Grove
Cllr R Newman
Cllr A Barraclough
Cllr L Grove
Cllr T Methuen-Campbell
Cllr H Trick

164/20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Ellis

165/20 Declarations of interest

Cllr L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in items to be discussed under planning, relating to Bank Farm due to having a business interest connection. He also had a prejudicial interest for the planning application for an extension to the Horton Village Hall due to being a member of the Hall Committee.

Cllr J Ellis who had written to the Council has declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application amendment for Emmanuel House due to being an immediate neighbour.

Cllrs A Barraclough and J Tarrant declared prejudicial interests in the planning application for an extension for the Horton Village Hall due to being on the Hall Committee.

166/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2020.

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

167/20 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Item 158/20

The Memorial Bench – Ongoing.

Item 160/20

Jet Skis in Oxwich Bay – Concerns had been raised of possible accidents due to certain Jet Ski users some of whom had been seen drinking prior to taking the vehicles on the water and also some who were not bearing numbers. Some jet skis were visiting Oxwich Bay who had originally come from Mumbles and also Port Eynon and it was impossible to regulate these. If a ban was imposed, then Jet Skis could come in after 6pm and be completely unregulated. The Penrice Estate have advised that they are trying to strike a balance and are monitoring the situation. The club members have to display numbers.

Reported: The toilets in the car park had been opened and also the CCS toilets were now also open.

168/20 Matters outstanding.

1 Provision of the Website – Ongoing.

Cllr L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Bank Farm due to a business connection and also declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the planning application for an extension on the Horton Village Hall due to being a member of the Hall Committee and did not speak or vote in either of these items.

Cllrs A Barraclough and J Tarrant declared prejudicial interests in the planning application for the extension to the Horton Village Hall due to both being on the Hall Committee. They did not speak or vote during this item.

- A** Use of land for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 90 units from 28th May 2021 to 6th June 2021 (inclusive) Field 7700 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL
Ref. No: 2020/1442/TEM
- B** Use of land for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 90 units from 26th March 2021 to 11th April 2021 (inclusive) Field 7700 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL
Ref. No: 2020/1441/TEM
- C** Use of land for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 90 units from 29th December 2021 to 2nd January 2022 (inclusive) Field 0005 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL
Ref. No: 2020/1446/TEM
- D** Use of land for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 90 units from 19th July 2021 to 16th August 2021 (inclusive) Field 7700 Bank Farm Caravan Park, Horton, Swansea SA3 1LL
Ref. No: 2020/1447/TEM

Council considered these applications A – D together and decided to submit the comment that providing the CCS were monitoring the situation and that the number of caravans in the area at any one time was not detrimental to the residents and visitors then there was no objection.

- E** To prune 1 Holly tree and fell 1 Cherry tree within the Oxwich Conservation Area
Sweet Briar Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LS
Ref. No: 2020/1418/TCA

Decided – No Comment.
- F** To fell one ash tree and lop one ash tree in the Oxwich Conservation Area
Land Adjacent To Honeysuckle Cottage Gander Street Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LU

Ref. 2020/1509/TCA

Decided – No Comment.
- G** Variation of condition D of planning permission 77/1167 granted 24th November 1977 to allow for to allow the occupation of the chalet for 10 months from the 1st March to the 31st December. 66 Oxwich Leisure Park Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LS
Ref. No: 2020/1573/S73

Decided – Object. The sewer in Oxwich is already an unresolved problem during the winter months and each chalet given extended use is adding to this problem.
- H** Single storey rear extension Horton Village Hall Horton Gower Swansea SA3 1LB
Ref. No: 2020/1542/FUL

Cllrs A Barraclough, J Tarrant and L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in this item due to being on the Hall Committee and did not speak or vote during this item.

Decided – To support the application.

I Demolition of existing dwelling to be replaced by 3 residential dwellings with associated access and landscaping works (Non Material Amendment to planning permission 2016/1238 granted 31st March 2017) to reconfigure internal floor layouts, remove chimney, modification to windows/glazing and modification to ballustrading to Plot 3

Emmanuel House Horton Swansea SA3 1LB

Ref. No: 2020/1525/NMA

Cllr J Ellis was not present at the meeting but had written to the Council regarding this application. Cllr Ellis for this reason had declared a prejudicial interest in this item.

An email outlining objections and reasons had also been received from a resident.

Concerns raised in the letters focused on the increased area of glazing, reduced effectiveness of the balustrades and the overall impact, including the visual impact of more extensive glazing, the additional overlooking and loss of privacy and light pollution. The addition of two full sized glass panels facing south in what had previously professed to be a plain side of the house respecting its neighbours and the increased size of the glass doors onto the first floor terrace would create an extended area of glass over three connected walls with significant impact particularly to the south west. This would cause loss of privacy to the rear garden of a nearby property. The reduction in height of balustrades to 1.5m, the loss of obscured glass and the lack of obscured glass specified for the new glazing would all contribute to the impact and would fail to protect from the increased activity caused by the primary living area being moved to the first floor. These changes would be highly visible and extensive glass windows at the first floor level would be completely out of keeping with the local vernacular and diminish the status of Horton as a conservation area. It was queried whether this is a non-material amendment.

Decided – To object due to the modification to the glazing and balconies, including increase in size of existing glazed doors, additional glass panels, the reduction in height of the balustrades and the loss of obscured glass. The Council wanted to support the objections received as it was agreed that with extensive unobscured glazing there would be a loss of privacy to the direct neighbours which would be exacerbated by the proposed first floor living and a negative impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, the changes would cause light pollution and would not preserve or enhance the conservation area.

J Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 4 (levels) 5 (landscaping), 7 (boundary treatments) and 8 (drainage) of planning permission of planning permission 2016/0838 granted on appeal 29th Nov 2016

Dwelling Adjacent To Honeysuckle Cottage Gander Street Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LU

Ref no. 2020/1580/DOC

Decided – No comment.

1. Clerks salary and expenses August as per salary & expenses sheet.
 2. Internal Auditor (Audit Financial Year 2019 2020) £ 300.00
 3. Starleaf (Video conferencing platform) £ 120.00
- Information on the Starleaf platform recommended by One Voice Wales as a safe way for Councils to conduct remote meetings had been circulated to Councillors and had been posted online as a document relating to this meeting.

Payments as presented to be paid, proposed Cllr L Grove, seconded Cllr A Barraclough carried unanimously.

The Internal Audit Report had been circulated to Councillors. The PCC had been given a clean Internal Audit with some recommendations. Council resolved to accept the Internal Audit Report as a positive overview of the governance and financial situation. Council appreciated the thorough work carried out by the Internal Auditor.

172/20 **To Approve the Annual Return for the Financial period 2019 – 2020 and to Complete the Annual Governance Statement and accept the accounts as presented.**

The completed Annual Return and accounts had been circulated to all Councillors. The Governance Statement Action Plan had been made available to Members via an admin link for the website. Each question from the Annual Return Annual Governance Statement Part 1 (1-9) and Part 2 (1+2) was considered by Council. All were answered 'yes' with the exception of question 9 which was N/A.

173/20 **To request the CCS to implement some protection measures to prevent any further degradation of The Dunes at Port Eynon / Horton Beach, especially Big Top.**

Reported: Storms over the past 12 to 13 years have eroded the sand in the area of 'Big Top'. The marram grass has disappeared due to youngsters sliding down on surfboards. This area will be completely lost so action needs to be taken. Suggestions made included signage, fencing, barriers to try and prevent people sliding down this area. Decided to request that the CCS take action for the restoration of 'Big Top', Horton. Cllr L Grove to be a point of contact. Clerk to contact CCS and send photos. SC

174/20 **Community Councils.**

None

175/20 **Correspondence.**

1. An email had been received from a local resident regarding an overgrown path in Oxwich. Cllrs A Glass and H Trick had investigated. Cllr A Glass had contacted the CCS to advise of the problem. The Clerk phoned the CCS Access Department and was advised that the path was on the schedule of works and would be cut the following week. The resident who raised the concern was advised.

176/20 **Councillors reports/questions**

Reported: Penrice Estate had opened up Underhill Cottage Field to cope with busy parking during the very warm weather which alleviated the congestion on the road. Four people were put on duty to try and speed up the entry into the car park. A new brighter more noticeable sign had been purchased advising when the car park was full, to be placed out at the top of the hill. The Estate was sent a text when the car park was full so that placing the sign out was quickly dealt with. The Estate did not feel that placing the "Car Park Full" sign nearer Nicholaston Church, to give drivers more notice, was workable. There was further discussion about how to improve the congestion on the Marsh Road.

Reported: Photos had been circulated showing the problematic path between Port Eynon and Horton. The overgrowth had been cut however the cut debris including brambles had just been left on the path making it still unusable. This is a continuance of sub-standard work and a continuation of a waste of money. Clerk would write to Mike Scott to advise of the disappointment at the lack of proper maintenance on a path that is continually unusable. SC

Reported: The 117 bus is not currently running. A resident had advised that it was due to resume again in September. The Clerk would write to enquire about the proposals for this route? SC

Reported: Due to the good weather earlier in the year and combined with the lockdown, a larger proportion of the public than normal had headed to the beaches which resulted in a higher number of people finding themselves in difficulty in the water. This meant that the RNLI and Coastguard had been working really hard to deal with this increase in calls and rescues.

177/20 **Public input relating to the agenda.**

None

178/20 **Date and venue of next meeting.**

16th September 2020 Remote Meeting.

Date _____ Chairman _____