

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 remotely commenced at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:**

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

**60/2021 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr A Glass.

**61/2021 Declarations of interest.**

Cllr J Ellis declared a personal interest in the Item Fireworks/ Bonfire due to living next to Horton Green.

Cllr L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in the Items Bank Farm and Horton Quarry due to a business connection with the owner.

**62/2021 To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

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

**63/2021 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**Item 31/2021 The Harvesting of Mussels etc. from Gower beaches by large groups.**

CCS Environmental Department had suggested attending the PCC meeting in October for this issue to be discussed further. The Clerk had written with an invitation but no response to date. LG/SC

**Item 36/2021 D Horton Quarry, Horton**

Cllr L Grove declared a prejudicial interest in the Items Bank Farm and Horton Quarry due to a business connection with the owner.

Reported: Chris Healey Team Leader CCS had phoned and advised that there was to be a meeting on site with technical advisers at the Quarry. The Clerk had asked for an email confirming the details discussed but this had not been received to date. Cllrs confirmed seeing a group of people meeting at the site approximately 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Clerk to chase a written update. SC

**Item 51/21 Slurry Problem**

Ongoing.

## Item 52/2021

An reply email had been received from the water safety team CCS as follows:

*“Thank you for your correspondence regarding Jet Skis at Oxwich and Port Eynon this summer.*

*I totally appreciate your concerns as we have seen an increase in irresponsible behaviour throughout Swansea and throughout Wales as colleagues in other local authorities have made me aware.*

*This seems also to be a national issue with the government recently producing a consultation on personal watercraft that you can comment on should you wish. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-enforcement-of-the-dangerous-use-of-recreational-and-personal-watercraft>*

*Swansea Council has a boat registration scheme that also covers Jet Skis and this means that all craft has an identifiable coloured sticker easily visible from other craft as well as shore. This year they have also introduced to the scheme briefings whereby staff meet with all craft owners making them aware of the byelaws and how to be a responsible boat owner, some are also encouraged to attend relevant courses.*

*Working with our lifeguard services we can identify if craft are being irresponsible and report back to our launch sites at Knab Rock Mumbles or Swansea Marina. This year the Marina service have terminated a birth for one person through this process.*

**As you can appreciate, we can only control craft that are launched from our sites and don't have the resources or manpower to be on the water to police this. Many craft that enter our waters and often cause a nuisance may even come from further afield with boats/jet skis travelling from Burry Port and Port Talbot (Aberavon).**

*Regarding Oxwich the beach as your aware is managed by the Penrice Estate and should they continue to experience such craft this would then need to be passed onto the police as it a criminal matter.”*

*Kind regards*

**Peter Beynon**  
*Cydlynnydd Datblygu Cymunedau, Partneriaethau a Chyrchfannau*  
**Community, Partnership & Destination Development Coordinator**  
*Gwasanaethau Diwylliannol / Cultural Services*

Councillors felt that some of this letter was not true and that the bylaws apply to all when in open water. The Consultation details had previously been circulated to members who said that they would all reply individually. Council stated that the CCS do have the power to police open water and it was not enough to say that they do not have the manpower for this, with the bylaws being their responsibility to uphold. It was suggested CCS should not allow jet skis to launch during the day as this would minimize their time on the water especially when younger swimmers were in the water. This is the approach in Oxwich.

Cllr Methuen-Campbell clarified that the Penrice Estate owns the beach to the low water mark and therefore cannot control the open water, but tries to retain some control with the operation of the boat club and their rules, which include a water safety course and number system.

Council felt that this problem was within the responsibility of the City and County of Swansea Council to monitor and control especially with launching restrictions placed during the day time hours. Clerk to follow up with the CCS.

SC

All members to respond to the consultation individually.

All

**Item 55/2021** Welsh Hearts replacement Defibrillator - Cllr R Newman to contact Greenways Leisure Park to see if there is any information on the defibrillator that was located there - ongoing.

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**Item 57/21** The CCS had been contacted to request that the verges be cut slightly earlier in future, because this year it was left too late in the year.

**Item 57/21** Reported: The problem with the disabled toilet at Oxwich had been rectified.

**64/2021**                      **Community Councils.**

**1**            **Pilot of Community and Town Councils Self-Evaluation Toolkit**

Resolved: Yes the Council to respond to be included.

**2**            **Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils**

Resolved: Council to adopt the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

**65/2021**                      **Correspondence.**

All items to be discussed under agenda items.

**66/2021**                      **Financial.**

SLCC Membership	£ 120
Horton Fireworks Display	£ 350 ( as per budget)

Reported: The Firework Display and Bonfire had been run safely and successfully for many years. The requirements for the PCC and the event to be properly insured had been circulated. The relevant risk assessment, procedures and event overview photograph (showing the location of the fireworks and bonfire) had been reviewed. The event would remain substantially the same as previous years. Cllr J Ellis would liaise with the Firework Team with regard to insurance and the Horton Councillors would manage the bonfire and clear up.

Clerk Salary, Expenses and Deductions as per wage sheet.

Cllr J Ellis gave a verbal report on payroll and pensions. Nest Pension had been investigated. All information was noted.

**67/2021**                      **Planning.**

**A**            **Use of field for a caravan rally for a maximum of 30 units from the 3rd July to 17th July 2022 (inclusive)** Field 0005 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL  
Ref. No: 2021/2529/TEM

**B**            **Use of field for camping and caravan rally for a maximum of 50 units from the 12th August to 26th August 2022 (inclusive)**  
Field 0005 Bank Farm Horton Swansea SA3 1LL  
Ref. No: 2021/2537/TEM

Resolved: To submit the response that there was no objection, providing the CCS was surveying the total number of caravans in the area at any one time and that the amount would not be detrimental to the residents and visitors.

**C**            **Pre-application enquiry - Restoration of outbuilding**  
Easter Cottage Slade Gower Swansea SA3 1NA  
Ref no 2021/2204/PRE

Pre-application – noted.

**D**            **Variation of condition (d) of planning permission 77/1167/03 granted 24th November 1977 to allow for holiday occupation of the chalet for 10 months (1st March to 31st December)**  
94 Oxwich Leisure Park Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LS  
Ref no 2021/2350/S73

Resolved: To object to this application.

**68/2021**                      **Councillors reports/questions.**

Reported : Recent problems with an old asbestos water pipe in Slade had caused problems locally. Welsh Water had been very helpful during the repairs.

**69/2021**                      **Public questions relating to the agenda. (limited to 10 minutes).**

None.

**70/2021**                      **Date and venue of next meeting.**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 remotely via Zoom

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