

PENRICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Penrice Community Council held
on Thursday 20th July 2023 7.30pm at Horton Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr G Roberts (Chair) Cllr R Newman Cllr C Grove Cllr J Ellis Cllr P Sharman Cllr T Methuen-Campbell	
One member of the public was present.	
	<u>Action</u>
50/23 Apologies for absence. Cllr A Glass, Cllr K Grove	
51/23 Declarations of interest. None	
52/23 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 29th June 2023 Amendment add Cllr P Sharman in attendance. With the above amendment it was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events proposed Cllr C Grove, seconded Cllr P Sharman, carried unanimously.	
53/23 Matters arising from the Minutes. Passing places – The estate of George Bathurst the brother of Lord Bathurst it was thought owns the land that are now passing places. Item 34/23 (23/23) A meeting had been requested with the CCS to discuss the works planned in Horton to resolve the water drainage issues, but was not needed at this time. Item 34/23 (27/23) Rope accessing the beach at Slade – ongoing. Item 40/23 The Penrice Estate would investigate to see if there was anything that could be done to resolve the issue of vans parking in the car park and being used for camping illegally. It was pointed out that there were toilets in the area that were open 24hours. Item 40/23 Email sent requesting CCS enforce illegal parking near the beach. Awaiting a response. Item 41/23 The Clerk had written to request more detailed notification regarding road closures to minimise disruption. Noted	RN
54/23 Community Councils. a. OVW - All relevant emails had been circulated and were noted. b. OVW - Training dates c. OVW Area Committee 17th July	

<p>Gower Community Council Forum – Update GR</p> <p>The second Forum meeting was held - purpose to bring together Community Council's to discuss and hopefully resolve issues affecting all of the local CC's to lobby the CCS as part of a larger group in an attempt to get things done. Topics: Traffic in Gower / Bus services / recycling of wood / phlebotomy services were all discussed.</p> <p>Speed limits were not enforced. The Welsh Government plans to reduce the speed to 20mph in certain areas will not affect Gower, there are no plans to change the speed limits for Gower. Enforcement – it is required in the area more for poor driving rather than speed. Cycling is a problem and a scheme to make cycling in the area safer would be welcomed. Speed limits is not the answer. Conclusion – Cycling on Gower much more popular now and the roads do not really support both cars and bikes. Cycle paths considered. A better experience would be gained by both.</p> <p>Bus Services – very infrequent, so businesses were commenting that they cannot get staff so have to provide transport.</p> <p>To take common issues to the CCS via this Forum.</p> <p>The City and County Review of Community Councils.</p> <p>One thought is that it would be beneficial with a larger critical mass. Others thought that a smaller body was better, to know and represent the community due to knowing the area and people in the area. Retain our identity as a smaller council. It was good that the Gower CC Forum was meeting and then taking things back to the Councils. Boundaries and naming were being looked at by the CCS currently. Agreed: To discuss and comment further, when there is a formal response requested.</p>	
<p>55/23 Correspondence.</p> <p>1 Macmillan Mighty Hike - 2024 event is set to be just one day on the 6th July</p> <p>2 CCS - Notice of 20mph speed limits in September</p>	
<p>56/23 Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of Internal Audit report <p>The Internal Audit Report had been circulated. Recommendations are in line with Council policy. Noted that Council assets are correctly not depreciated for accounting purposes.</p> <p>Cllr J Ellis proposed that the IA Report be accepted, seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Internal Controls <p>A draft Review of Internal Controls had been circulated.</p> <p>Cllr J Ellis proposed that the review be approved, seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Approve and sign the Annual Return 2022 – 2023 <p>The Annual Return signed by the Internal Auditor had been circulated. The Accounting Statements were certified by the RFO. The Annual Governance Statement was considered and the Council answered yes to each item 1-8, with 9 not being applicable.</p> <p>Cllr J Ellis proposed the Annual Return be approved, seconded Cllr P Sharman, carried unanimously.</p> <p>Other Records</p> <p>Cllr J Ellis confirmed the Asset Register and Asset Survey had been revised as agreed in previous meeting.</p> <p>Cllr J Ellis confirmed Cash Book to June, and Pension Regulation reports & PAYE up-to-date.</p> <p>Clerks salary and expenses July and August as per payment sheet.</p> <p>Proposed to pay as presented Cllr J Ellis, seconded Cllr R Newman, carried unanimously.</p>	

57/23	Planning	<p>Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 2018/1872/S73 granted 23/10/2018 to allow continued siting of the serviced marquee building for use all year as venue for weddings and other functions, and continued use of the car park extension in association with the hotel business until 31st December 2029.</p> <p>Address: Oxwich Bay Hotel Oxwich Swansea SA3 1LS</p> <p>Reference: 2023/0615/S73</p> <p>Cllr R Newman declared an interest in this item, due to being a friend of the owner and did not speak or vote during this item.</p> <p>Reported: local residents do not hear the noise, but other areas in the valley do. Traffic caused by this business does not seem to be a problem. The owner works with the community as much as possible.</p> <p>Decided: to support a 3 year licence from the end of 2024, rather than a 5 year due to being preferred by the PCC. How long can a temporary structure being applied for?</p>	SC
58/23	Passing Places in Oxwich – Sign	<p>Discussed and liabilities were considered. Cllr R Newman to try and identify the owner and sign is in discussion.</p>	RN
59/23	Project Ideas	<p>Coronation stone – agreed with the Penrice Estate Cllr A Glass to take further.</p> <p>Ideas list to be circulated.</p>	AG
60/23	Defibrillators Maintenance Check Confirmation and replacement defibrillator cabinets purchased.	<p>All checked and reported as in working order.</p> <p>New box painted green – Cllr R Newman to check with Coastguard to see if they are happy with the box</p>	RN
61/23	Councillor's Reports.	<p>Asset Register –</p> <p>The Penrice noticeboard – condition to be checked - Cllr T Methuen-Campbell to check</p> <p>The Bench outside the quarry need to see if in good order– The Chair to check</p> <p>Reported: The footpaths in Oxwich to Penrice have not been cut and are impassable. Some permissive paths had been reported as being fenced so access is being blocked. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Request the definitive map to show the footpaths.</p> <p>Reported: Illegal camping in The Oxwich Car Park – when trying to move on they are refusing. Penrice Estate responded that they will look into the situation.</p> <p>Toilets opposite the hotel are open 24hours a day.</p> <p>There are also people parking in the hotel illegally.</p> <p>Reported: The drainage on Horton Hill – Have installed a large funnel in to take the water into the drain. This was felt that this should alleviate the majority of the problem. It will have to be maintained. The PCC will need to ensure that the work is working, which will be evident over time. This may improve the problems lower down the hill.</p> <p>Reported: Since the ban on jet skis, the area much quieter.</p> <p>Reported: New Councillor Induction – Cllr C Grove had attended.</p> <p>Reported: Lead pipe replacement – Most of the village may be on lead. The resident has to pay for the main pipe to the property.</p>	<p>TMC</p> <p>GR</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC/RN</p>

62/23 Public Questions relating to the Agenda (limited to 10 minutes). <i>(to be submitted to the Clerk by email or letter up until 5pm the day prior to the meeting)</i>	
None	
63/23 Date and Venue of Next Meeting.	
Presentation from the Oxwich Warden Oxwich Hall 21 st Sept.	AG