

PENLLERGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 10th November 2015

PRESENT. Councillor W Morgan (Chairman)

Councillors

Mr W Meredith, Mr T John, Mrs R A Talbot, Mrs M Morgan Mr K Evans Mrs W Fitzgerald Mrs C Pugh

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mr M Daniels, Mrs G Richards, Mr N Bolt

07.15.01 PUBLIC MEETING

Mr D Oakley in attendance as an observer

07.15.02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

07.15.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2015 were approved

07.15.04 MATTERS ARISING

Grant Funding

Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the possibility of grant funding being available from the Community Foundation in relation to the Sports Field allotments proposal

Children's Playground

Evidence that that the initial problems are receding due to the weather and an increased police presence.

07.15.05 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr S Litherland, Group Planning Manager Bellway Homes

Noted invitation to meet with a small group for an informal discussion on proposed development in Penllergaer.

Agreed to meet with Bellway on November 18th and to include members of the Action Committee

Mrs Suzy Davies AM

Publicly accessible defibrillators

Noted campaign to bring to the attention of public bodies the benefit of having defibrillators available for use in the event of an emergency.

Agreed in principle subject to identification of a suitable public location. Suggestions welcomed.

City and County of Swansea

Floral basket scheme 2016

Noted that for 2015 the Council was supplied with 31 lamp post displays and 2 hanging baskets at a cost of £2343 exc Vat. The equivalent cost for 2016 is £2460

Agreed that the matter be deferred for further consideration due to the problems experienced with the lamp post displays in 2015.

Penllergaer Over 60's Association

Noted the application for financial assistance in accordance with S137 Local Government Act 1972

Agreed that a sum of £300 be approved.

St David's Church

Noted the application for financial assistance with project to increase visibility of the Church and provide circulation space next to the War Memorial including replacing hedge with railings, tree surgery to a number of trees and new paving around the War Memorial. The estimated cost of the work is £4000 and detailed quotations will be sought together with other funding sources. Detailed plans are available.

Agreed that a contribution of £300 be made earmarked specifically for the War Memorial.

07.15.06 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Pugh reported that the deadline for items for the December Newsletter is 21st November

07.15.07 FINANCE REPORT

Invoices for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment

Bowcom	Line marker	£648.00
Mazars	Audit fee 2015	£354.00
D L Hoskins	Clerks Expenses July/Sept	£188.45
Councillor Tom John	Reimb new mop pavilion	£19.99
Mrs Ena John	Reimb mats for planter	£27.50

Budget Monitoring

The Clerk reported for the period ended October that overall expenditure and income for the current year remained within the budget. Savings have been achieved from a reduction in the insurance premium renewal as a result of a 3 year long term agreement which has been used to partly offset the cost of a traffic assessment consultants report approved by Council as an urgent item of expenditure. The exceptional contribution made to the City and County of Swansea to provide a zip wire for the refurbished children's playground on Gors Common in the sum of £7075 will be financed from the general reserve fund. A full report including projected income and expenditure for the current year together with budget proposals, precept and proposed Band "D" council tax for 2016/17 will be available in due course.

07.15.08 REPORT OF THE SUB COMMITTEES.

Sports Field

Councillor John reported the need to replace the existing chairs in the pavilion with slatted wooden seating. It was agreed that the work be undertaken at a cost of £400. In relation to the proposal for allotments on the unused area of the Sports Field it was suggested that an item be included in the Newsletter to test public opinion.

Village Hall

Councillor Pugh reported that the annual Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday 10th December. The risk assessment requires speed limit of sleigh not to exceed 8mph together with escort vehicle with flashing beacon light, minimum 2 stewards to wear high visibility jackets and to accompany the sleigh, sleigh to be vacated for travel on the bypass, police and insurers to be informed. The Chairman reported concerns received from overhanging tree and leaves on the pathway to the School causing a hazard. It was agreed that action be taken to remedy the situation.

Environment

Councillor Fitzgerald reiterated concerns over the LDP process and the manner in which the City and County of Swansea are expediting planning applications. It was agreed that representation be made to the City and County of Swansea objecting to the Bellway document "A Vision for Penllergaer" appearing on the Council web site. It was also noted that the new cycle/footpath access point remains closed due to issues with the existing speed limit signs.

Police

No report in the absence of Councillor Richards.

07.15.09 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None

07.15.10 RESIDENTS QUERIES

None

07.15.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 8th December 2015

D.L.Hoskins CPFA

Clerk to the Council