

Llanelly Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th September 2014 at the Gilwern Community
Centre at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Kay Blackwell(Chairman)
Cllr Malcolm Cook
Cllr Lynne Elliott
Cllr Simon Howarth
Cllr Paul Downes

Cllr Val Jones
Cllr J Jones
Cllr David McCloy
Cllr Trevor Williams
Cllr Archie Thomas

14/302 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council .
Two members of the public were in attendance

Cllr Howarth joined the meeting at 7.22pm

14/303 Agenda Item 1:-Apologies received from.

Cllr's Brian Kemp, Phillip Salter and Anthony Carrington

14/304 Agenda Item 2:-Declaration of interest.

No Declarations were offered

The Chairman welcomed both members of the public to the meeting and asked if standing orders could be suspended to allow the public to address the meeting.

Proposed: by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr McCloy.

Both members of the public expressed concern over the amount of dog waste which is not picked up after people have let their pets run around the playing fields and the area in general. It was explained that one dog entered a residents garden and messed and the pet owner did not attempt to clean up the mess. Concern was also expressed that some people are parking in the Playing Fields car park and smoking illegal substances. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *the Clerk contact the local police about the smoking and ensure the barrier is closed in the winter months earlier, and the gates to the Community Centre are locked.*

The Chairman thanked both residents for attending the meeting and bringing the issues to the Council's attention.

14/305 Agenda Item 3:- To confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on the 30th July 2014 as an accurate record.

Proposed: *by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Elliott that the minutes are signed.*

Resolved: *the minutes are signed by the Chairman.*

14/306 Agenda Item 4:-Matters to report

No matters to report

14/307 Agenda Item 5:- To confirm the notes from the Gilwern Community Centre Working Group Meeting on the **11th August 2014** as an accurate record.

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth seconded by Cllr Cook that the minutes are signed.

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman

14/308 Agenda Item 6:-Matters to report

The Clerk gave members a verbal report on the estimated cost of the notice boards. There was some debate over the cost and after some debate it was:

Resolved: that the Clerk obtain further estimates and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Blackwell gave members a verbal report in relation to the water meter at Gilwern Community Centre. Members noted the report.

14/309 Agenda Item 7:- To confirm the notes from the Tourism Stakeholders Working Group Meeting on the **27th August 2014** as an accurate record.

Proposed: by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Howarth that the minutes are signed.

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman

14/310 Agenda Item 8:-Matters to report

The Clerk explained to members the background to the meeting. Cllr Howarth explained it would seem local businesses would like the Community Council to help support the business in the Community. It was explained that the village would benefit from some tourism signs directing visitors to the canal and also directing visitors using the canal towards the village.

Cllr Thomas explained more signs should be provided due to the number of vehicles passing through the village travelling west to events in the west of the NPA.

The Clerk explained that an order has been placed for the gateway signs and the signs will be delivered by the end of the month (September) There was some debate over the locations of the signs and the cost of erecting them.

14/311 Agenda Item 9:- To confirm the notes from the Gilwern Community Centre Working Group Meeting on the **1st September 2014** as an accurate record.

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth seconded by Cllr Blackwell that the minutes are signed.

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman

14/312 Agenda Item 10:-Matters to report

No matters to report

Cllr Blackwell gave members a verbal report in relation to the meeting she and the Clerk had attended with "Three Counties Community Play" which supports the volunteers that run the play group on a Wednesday evening. The Clerk explained that the volunteers don't have any funds or financial support. The group funds any insurance cover. He explained the Community

Council may consider working in partnership with the volunteers, and that may help with the insurance cover for the group.

Cllr Howarth explained that "Three Counties Community Play" to support the play group at Llanelly Hill Welfare Hall, but due to the fall off of children "Three Counties Community Play" have withdrawn their support.

Members agreed the support the insurance cover and noted the reports.

The Clerk asked about the snooker table that is in storage. Cllr Blackwell explained that she and Cllr Kemp asked the youth team if they would like the table for one of the clubs in Monmouthshire. The Clerk explained that the youth team leader asked if the table was movable but due the weight they have declined the offer. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *the table should be advertised as a closed tender process or placed on E-bay if there is no take up on the tendering basis.*

Cllr Blackwell explained about the security of the building and the number of keys that have been handed out by MCC and some of the centre users. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *that the Clerk arranges to change the locks and key codes.*

The Clerk asked about the remaining items left at the OSCC; he explained that the items remaining are not required for Council use. After some debate it was:

Agreed: *the Clerk obtains a skip to dispose of any unwanted items.*

14/313 Agenda item 11:- Consider any planning applications received or granted before the meeting.

Applications:

- **ENF/14/01377/OD:** 12 Brynlas Gilwern. Alleged unauthorised erection of fence exceeding permitted development limits.

The Clerk informed members that the Council had received an reply from NPA and read the letter to members for information

- **14/10994/FUL:** Brookwood Cottage, 6 Forge Row, Gilwern.
Remove existing timber and glass porch from rear elevation. Remove brick outside WC to erect mahogany UPVC conservatory on masonry dwarf wall with fully glazed side panels and glass roof
- **14/11107/FUL:** Willowdene, Forge Row, Maes-y-Gwartha.
Proposed dormer window and rooms in roof space to provide ancillary accommodation.
- **14/11167/FUL:** 3 Penallt Estate, Llanelly Hill. Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.
- **14/11194/FUL:** Land near Hafod Road, Brynmawr.
High head micro hydro scheme, with turgo runner in turbine house, system consisting of intake weir and integrated forebay tank, pipeline and turbine house

All of the above were noted and no objections were offered

Applications Approved:

- **14/10954/FUL:** 9 Elm Grove, Gilwern. Garage extension with pitched roof and porch
- **14/10695/FUL:** Woodvale, Common Road, Gilwern. Change of use from B1 photographer's studio to C3 residential extension of existing dwelling
- **14/10798/FUL:** Meadowcroft, Hiley Avenue, Gilwern. Single storey extension to side of bungalow
- **14/10851/FUL:** 8 Club Row, Clydach. Extension to current porch by creating a sunroom

Applications Refused:

- **14/10804/FUL:** Grouse Cottage, Cymro Road, Llanelly. Change of use to revert property with an established use as an education centre (C2) to a residential dwelling (C3) (Full Application)
- **14/10694/OUT:** Land at School Lane, Gilwern. To reapply for planning permission for a dwelling on a plot of land (Outline Application)

All of the above were noted

The Clerk informed members that the planning application for the redevelopment at Cwrt-y-Gollan will be presented to the NPA - PARWO meeting on Tuesday 9th September. He asked if members wish to make any observations to the committee meeting regarding this application. He explained that the Chair and Vice Chair were notified of this application and believed that the Council should make observations on the application due to the impact on Gilwern. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *the Clerk would attend the committee meeting and make observations in relation to the traffic assessment*

14/314 Agenda item 12:- Correspondence received.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. None

Monmouthshire County Council :

2. Road traffic Reg's Rolling road closure 8th & 9th Sept
3. Controlled Waste Transfer Note
4. MCC Care line poster

Other

5. NATO Summit
6. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council. News Bulletin
7. Blaenavon World Heritage site, conference
8. Abergavenny and Distract Partnership against crime
9. Corona energy
10. Mazars, Annual return for year ended 31 March 14

Members noted the report from the auditors and Cllr Blackwell signed the return.

11. One Voice Wales 2014 Motions
12. BT stopping your service
13. Shelter Cymru

14. Came & Co Council insurance renewal
15. One Voice Wales courses
16. PRS for Music
17. Royal Mail redirection notice
18. Noah's Ark Children's Charity. Family Fun Day
19. Letter from Greenfields Cottage Llanelly Hill
20. Wales Audit office "redistribution"
21. Abergaveeny Town Team, situation report August 2014
22. Abergavenny Town Team meeting minutes

Emails

23. Small grants programme
24. Email from Cllr Howard regarding Dog Waste and footpaths in the Community
25. Complaint about signage on one of the local shops
26. BBNP next scrutiny topic
27. Road House Narrow boats and MCC Highways
28. From MCC highways
29. World War 1 Centenary commemorations
30. Email regarding tree in woodland
31. Developing the Welsh national marine plan.
32. MCC Whole place officer Area committee grants
33. Clydach trust fund concern

All of the above were noted

14/315 Agenda item 13:- Dog Waste in the Community "Clerk".

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the situation with the dog waste bins in the Community. He explained that a number of the bins need to be emptied once a week due to the usage. He explained that the bins located at the Gilwern Playing fields, and the three bins on the canal bank are the bins in most demand. He also explained that more bins are on order and they should be with the Council by the end of September. There was some debate if more bins should be located in the same location and leave the collection to twice a month. After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Elliott the bins are emptied once a week for a trial period

Resolved: the bins indentified by the Clerk are emptied once a week for a trial period and it will be considered again in the new year.

This item should be read with minute 14/304

14/316 Agenda Item 14:- Multi Sports Surface Area in Gilwern "Cllr Carrington"

This item was deferred to the next meeting

14/317 Agenda item 15:- To note Income & Expenditure.

Clerks salary & HMRC payment	
Redirection of mail	£195.00
Gilwern Village Hall Grant	£2,000.00
BNP Paribas	£181.20
Welsh Water Public Convenience	£103.25
Welsh Water OSCC	£149.96
Merlin waste 1 st 15 th 29 th Sept	£183.06
Welsh Water Gilwern CC	£13.31

Blackwood Fire	£117.14
Abergavenny TC Sports Festival	£194.83
Mr Chris Davies newsletter	£60.00
SET office supplies	£33.60
Newhall janitorial	£39.73
BT redirection of Telephone	£126.00
E.on Public Conveniences	£34.50
E.on OSCC	£83.39
MCC Non Domestic rates	£104.00

Proposed: by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr V Jones the above invoices are paid.

All the invoices were available for inspection by members.

14/318 Agenda item 16:- Reports from the Clerk.

The Clerk gave members a verbal report on the estimated cost of providing notice boards in the Community following the working groups meeting in August. He explained that had received two estimates which were in excess of £1,800. After some debate it was:

Agreed: the Clerk obtain some further estimates and report back to the next meeting

The Clerk gave members a report on the waste collection from the Gilwern Community Centre and the amount of waste generated. After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth that the council obtain estimates for a large waste collection bin.
After some debate it was:

Resolved: that the clerk obtains estimates. This was agreed by all members

14/319 Agenda Item 16:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

No further matters to report.

14/320 Agenda Item 17:- Reports from members of the County Council.

Cllr Howarth gave members a verbal report on the car parking charges in Monmouthshire. The charges will not be implemented in Gilwern. He also explained Monmouthshire will need to find further savings in the new financial year and MCC will be looking to sell further assets to support the existing statutory services

14/321 The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.28pm

Signed by _____

Cllr

Date 13th October 2014.

Items underlined were amended in the meeting 13th October