

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE  
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2008 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: M.Anton, E.Gunn, M.Idris, E.Ireland, F.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, M.Mayes & P.Williams.

Chair sought permission which was granted to add an extra item to the Agenda - that being: Resolution to Adopt the New Code of Conduct - which will be known as Item No. 5.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.**

Were received from: Cllr C.Jenkins S.Eyre & O.Kennedy.

**(2) Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct members must declare an interest at the commencement of the matter being discussed or when the interest becomes apparent. Members disclosing an interest must enter the agenda number of the item on the form supplied by the Clerk at each meeting.

**(3) Acceptance of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

**(4) Matters Arising**

re: Item (7) (e) Clerk said the old website is now closed.

re: Item (13) Chair said problem parking near junction of Woodside has been reported to PCSO's and double yellow lines requested. Also stated that the verge outside Betting Shop was still in negotiation stage and complaints received that some pot-holes repaired in Dylan Road but some left.

**(5) Resolution to Adopt the New Code of Conduct**

Clerk explained that the new Code of Conduct must be signed tonight as we don't meet until the end of May and the Code takes effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All members present (apart from the two outgoing councillors F.Jenkins and E.Gunn) received and signed an undertaking to observe the New Code of Conduct. The only addition being made to Item 17 of the Code a resolution was passed that the value of gift, hospitality etc be over £25.00. The new councillors will be asked to come into the office on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to sign up.

**(6) Police Report & PACT meeting.**

Chair, Vice-Chair, Cllr Anton and Clerk attended the PACT meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March in St. Hilary's Church Hall. Concern was expressed at the lack of communication and feed-back received from police on various issues. Next PACT meeting in St. Hilary's on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**(7) Correspondence**

(a) Card received from Ross Jones thanking Council for £50 sponsorship.

**(8) (a) Chairman & City Councillor's Report**

The Chair reported:

(i) She received a letter from Cllr Gunn stating after 21 years of being a community councillor she was not standing for re-election. A thank-you was given to Cllr Gunn and Cllr F.Jenkins for all their endeavours also to Cllr Eyre in his absence, and we will have a drink and nibbles at the end of the Meeting.

(ii) Reception for the successful Swansea City Football Club will be held on Monday including tour on open top bus - suggested we send a letter of congratulations on their achievement of winning League One.

(iii) Finally everyone aware City Council elections taking place next Thursday 1st May.

### **(8) (b) Clerk's Report**

- (i) Letter received from Clive Hopper in relation to energy saving was noted.
  - (ii) Invitation received to attend Inauguration of the Lord Mayor on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Brangwyn Hall @ 10.15 am - Cllrs B.Jones and E.Ireland accepted invitation.
  - (iii) Insurance due 1<sup>st</sup> June - will place on May Agenda.
  - (iv) Gentleman left a sponsorship form in Information Centre for World Society for Protection of Animals.
  - (v) Complaints Book - Nothing
  - (vi) Literature received: Children & Young People plan - 2008/2011 draft consultation passed to Cllr Johnson.
- Clerical Expenses: £6.60

### **(8) (d) Planning Committee**

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr F.Jenkins read out all applications to which there were no observations. The Chair returned to the meeting and informed members 503 Gower Road has been refused on appeal, 5 Keats Grove turned down and extension at 22 Lime Grove approved..

### **(8) (e) Computer Committee**

Cllr Anton reported over 400 people have viewed website (approx 13 a day) including someone from France. Suggested looking at alternative to Broadband.

### **(8) (f) Swansea in Bloom**

Cllr B. Jones sought retrospective approval for the payment of £50 made to two Olchfa school boys, for digging flower beds who were fundraising for trip to Ecuador. Although it was felt by some members a little expensive it was proposed by Cllr Gunn seconded by P.Williams that this payment be approved. Suggested holding a committee meeting shortly.

### **(9) Financial Report**

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 723.48
No. 1 Account	£ 546.85
No. 2 Account	£ 3849.91

### **(10) Community Council Elections**

All forms handed in and accepted - there will be no election - one vacancy in North and one in West. Will be able to co-opt in June.

### **(11) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report**

The Clerk said no committee meeting held this month; Anna (German student) started in Centre two weeks ago - very pleasant and capable. Balance sheets for March distributed showing 10% increase in sales compared to last year. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr F.Jenkins that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT in the sum of £76.56. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment of £45.97 to Welsh Water. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr B. Jones that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Dawsons for rent due 1<sup>st</sup> March in the sum of £1625.00. Proposed by Cllr Gunn seconded by Cllr Johnson that invoice be paid to SWALEC for £193.50. Rates are now being paid by Direct Debit.

### **(12) Clerk's Salary**

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary be raised from £5,100 per annum to £5280 (£440.00) per month in accordance with the National Scale.

### **(13) Information Point**

New Information Point will be ordered when remainder of work is priced i.e. removal and disposal of old notice board, reinstatement of tarmac, erecting new which will need a small crane. Cost will be well in excess of £4,000 budgeted for.

**(14) Any Other Business**

Cllr Idris said she was approached by Mrs Fuge regarding replacement of tree on corner of Wimmerfield Crescent/Wimmerfield Avenue which has been demolished.

Cllr Anton said he had received complaints regarding builders debris in Broadmead.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.