

## **AUGUST 2006**

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE

417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair.

Cllrs: B.Brazil, M.Farley-Hills, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, F.Jenkins, B.Jones, O.Kennedy, T.Thomas & P.Williams,

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#### **(1) Apologies for Absence.**

Were received from Cllrs E.Gunn, M.Mayes & R.Murphy.

#### **(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 Special Meeting and the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record. (after amending Item 7 (a)(ii) 2nd line should read Environment Department not Environment Agency).

#### **(4) Matters Arising**

re: Item 11. Members requested the Clerk to contact Environment Department to move litter bin near Doctor's surgery in Goetre Fawr Road.

#### **(5) Police Report**

In the absence of police presence there was no report. Members expressed concern at the absence once again of no police particularly in view of the ongoing problems in Dunvant Park with vandalism and bikers. Cllr Jenkins said every time we have a new community policeman they promise more visible presence and more police on the beat and yet the situation is still a shambles.

## **(6) Correspondence**

- (a) Next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7 pm Cockett Police Station.
- (b) Age Concern A.G.M. is to be held at Dolphin Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.
- (c) Letter received from Childline Cymru thanking Council for £50 donation.

## **(7) (a) Chairman and City Councillor's Report.**

The Chair reported:

- (i) The Eisteddfod had proved a great success, attended some of the evening entertainment - the Park & Ride operated a first class service although there were some complaints of the ground being difficult to negotiate with wheelchairs and pushchairs.

### **Cllr Thomas entered the meeting at 7.30 p.m.**

- (ii) Suggested the Annual Coffee Morning be held first Saturday in October (7<sup>th</sup>) subject to availability of St Hilary's Church Hall.
- (iii) Dunvant Community Council officially absolved on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2006.
- (iv) A very well attended Songs of Praise was held last Sunday at which the collection amounted to £320 and was donated to Salvation Army Band and Gordon Lee Trust Fund.

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

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Letter received from Head of Legal Services of City & County of Swansea stating Cllr Lynda James of Pennard Community Council and Cllr Don Richards of Pontardulais Community Council are being recommended to serve on the Community Councils Standards Sub-Committee.
- (ii) Letter requesting grant from British Red Cross was noted.
- (iii) Read out an Email received which questioned why the general information on the website was out of date, why no photos of councillors, why was a resident of Gowerton on the Council, complaining of illegal parking and dreadful litter generated by the chip shop - Cllr Thomas said he spent all night putting website up to date but still no news forthcoming from any councillors - suggested we place all planning applications appertaining to Killay on website.
- (iv) No complaints recorded in book.
- (vii) Various literature received will be left in Information Centre.

Clerical Expenses: £9.05

## **(7) (d) Planning Committee**

Cllrs M.Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr Thomas read out all applications to which there were no observations and stated objections were made to the application to cut down five trees on Stephenson Road all of which have preservation orders and the amended application at 119 Dunvant Road has been refused. At this juncture Cllrs Farley-Hills and F.Jenkins left the meeting. Amended plans for 12 flats (instead of 17) at 19 Goetre Fawr Road were discussed at depth and it was felt by a majority that no further objections should be raised.

The Chair together with Cllrs F.Jenkins and Farley-Hills re-entered the meeting.

### **(8) Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported the following balances: Current Account   £ 396.00

No. 1 Account       £2635.79

No. 2 Account       £3698.48

**(9) Reports (a) Footpaths** - Cllr F.Jenkins said walking would commence shortly.

© **Swansea in Bloom** - Cllr B.Jones was pleased to announce that we have won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Swansea in Bloom. All selected front gardens in our competition have been inspected by committee and the ten chosen are: 29 Woodside Avenue, 7 Woodside Close, 2 Clyne View, 520 Gower Road, 3 Goetre Fawr Road, 2 Ridgeway, 128 Broadmead, 10 Kennington Close, 26 Dylan Road and 479 Hendrefoilan Road. Each will receive certificate and £10 voucher.

### **(10) Killay Information & Tourist Centre Report.**

Cllr Williams said committee meeting held last Monday and commented on good sales for July; will be having table top sale next Saturday when it is hoped some items will be sold together with jewellery. Stock take will take place next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August and asked all councillors to assist. The Clerk distributed balance sheets for July. Proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Lewis News for £123.38 (Rita Mitchell calendars). Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr Kennedy that we pay Invoice to Wales Book Council for £7.98. Proposed by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Williams that we pay September rates to City and County of Swansea for £346.00. Chair reminded that we need more white garden sacks.

### **(11) Summer Fun Days - Report**

Cllr M.Jones said two meetings had been held and it was agreed to hold 3 days of entertainment. The first being Red Addiction (two female singers) on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30pm in the precinct, on Friday afternoon Bouncy Castle and children's entertainer booked for St. Hilary's Church Hall at 2.30 pm and in the evening at 8.30 pm Faded Glory Rock & Roll Band in the

precinct; on Saturday table top sales in precinct at 10.30 am and in the evening at 8.30 pm Trembling Knees (50's music) in the precinct - programmes have been printed and separate raffle will be held on each occasion. Cllr Thomas said he hoped everyone would participate and launched a scathing attack on the absence of some councillors who don't even bother to give apologies for their absence, never contact the Chair or Clerk from one month to the next and it was the same few who do everything and are carrying other members. Those members are blocking the way for other people who wish to be involved and serious questions should be asked if they are not contributing why are they on the Council? He reiterated these points and asked for his conversation to be minuted.

### **(12) Notice Board at Killay Library and Litter Bins - Update**

Clerk reported that new notice board has been taken to library where they will install it - having difficulty in placing new litter bin intended for outside Information Centre - pole being too small so will ask Dawsons if it can be placed on their pole. Tony Parker requested that a notice board should go outside his shop in Broadmead and C.H. Hardware is going to paint the old notice board outside their shop. Proposed by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Kennedy that we pay invoice to Glasdon UK Ltd for £561.30 = vat 98.22 = £659.52.

### **(13) Replacement Carpet and Hoover - Discussion**

It was agreed from a safety aspect the carpet in small office should be replaced - Cllr Jenkins asked that this item be put on hold as new carpet was being laid in Village Inn so should be some spare. It was also agreed as the old hoover has broken down a new one could be purchased by Cllr Ireland up to the value of £50.

### **(14) Forum Meeting Report**

Cllr C.Jenkins gave a very comprehensive report on Forum meeting attended 1<sup>st</sup> August at which item discussed (1) the 'Strategic Framework for City Centre' which explained the retail led regeneration plus new housing (flats) etc with the priority area being connecting the city centre to the marina. (2) Housing stock transfer.

### **(15) Any Other Business**

Cllr C.Jenkins said she had observed a City Council van parked illegally outside chemists for over half an hour.

Cllr F.Jenkins produced the final receipts for Eisteddfod which amounted to £3,781.75 being the sum raised in our area.

The Chair brought to the attention of members that Cllr Dahan had missed six consecutive meetings without any reason or prior apology given and was therefore deemed to have broken the

Constitution and it was the duty of the Clerk to inform the Electoral Officer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.