

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2008 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: M.Anton, B.Brazil, S.Eyre, M.Idris, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, F.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllr E.Gunn, O.Kennedy & M.Mayes.

(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 both Meetings held on 23rd January 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising

There were none.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Clerk said herself, Chair and several members went to a well attended PACT meeting on 28th January - items discussed: illegal parking in particular outside schools, speeding especially on Gower Road and dog mess - resolved that dog litter bins were not needed or wanted in precinct. Next meeting at St. Hilary's on 31st March at 7 p.m. Cllr C.Jenkins reported on a meeting herself and Clerk attended at County Hall on 30th January 'Spotlight on Police'. This meeting centred on budget and financing - key priority to improve communication. Will retain police house on Reynoldston. Although overall crime rates down there is an increase of 1,170 drug related crime. There will be a service rise in police precept of 5%.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Financial Services City & County of Swansea stating precept will be paid 30/4/08, 29/8/08 and 31/12/08.

(b) Notice received of meeting in Liberty Stadium on Friday 29th February 'Your Chance to influence Swansea's New Community Strategy'.

(c) Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting to be held at Cockett Police Station on Tues 4th March @ 7 p.m.

(7) (a) Chairman & City Councillor's Report

The Chair reported:

(i) On Monday attended City Council Budget meeting - council tax will be increased by 3.5%.

(ii) Has noticed and received many complaints of an increase in litter and illegal dumping.

(iii) Lamb Lane traffic calming will be carried out this financial year - scheme has been delayed because areas around Dunvant School will be included in the scheme and is out for consultation hence the delay.

(iv) Some community councillors and those with children have been fortunate to attend the new Leisure Centre - everyone seemed very impressed.

(v) Civic Centre incorporating the new Library will be officially opened on 18th March.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

(i) A letter received from One Voice Wales inviting us to become members at a cost of £532.00 was noted.

- (ii) Last meeting Chair asked that we look into the Draft Regional Technical Statement on the website - having viewed the site there was no mention of sand dredging.
 - (iii) On Tuesday 18th March Chair and myself invited to opening of the Civic Centre.
 - (iv) Letter received from Football Association of Wales seeking sponsorship for Ross Jones of Killay who has been selected to play in the Under 18's squad for the Home Internationals. Proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Ireland and agreed unanimously to donate £50.
 - (v) Three other letters of appeal were agreed to be placed on March agenda.
 - (vi) Complaints Book - Overhanging bushes 17 Goetre Fach Road and 19 Ashgrove.
- Clerical Expenses: £18.12

(7) (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. She reported that 503 Gower Road was going to appeal; 19 Goetre Fawr Road has been turned down on appeal; 341 Gower Road (10 bedroom dwelling) is listed for approval and fence in Dylan Road has been approved after recent site visit. The Chair returned to the meeting.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr Anton reported that everything in order and we are now linked to City & County of Swansea website. Suggested a letter be written to Tony Thomas asking him to take old site down. Clerk thanked Cllr Anton for setting up new stock system.

(8) Financial Report

The Treasurer reported the following balances: Current Account £ 512.20
No. 1 Account £ 1509.89
No. 2 Account £ 3801.09

(9) Community Council Elections

The Chair read out a letter in relation to the forthcoming elections, most important points: the count will take place in Killay not Guildhall and Community Council results will not be declared until the Friday morning. Members were asked, if they intend standing, to collect the relevant paperwork after the meeting and return completed by next meeting.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr Williams said committee meeting held on Monday and we will be having a 20 year old German work placement, as last year, commencing on 7th April for 6 weeks. Delighted to report that we are having a very busy February. The Clerk distributed balance sheets for January. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr C.Jenkins that retrospective approval be given for payment made to SWALEC in the sum of £105.65. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr F.Jenkins that invoice be paid to Meirfield Printers for £13.80 for tide tables. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr B.Jones that we pay invoice to Welsh Books Council for £132.29.

(11) St David's Day Celebrations

The Chair said as we could not rely on the weather it was decided to celebrate St David's Day in Information Centre by giving tea/coffee and Welsh cakes and a gift for any child wearing Welsh costume.

(12) Christmas Lights and Events.

Clerk distributed balance sheets showing a total of £3948.46 spent on lights etc. When grant received and vat reclaimed amount will reduce to £2671.60. Mr Dahan in Post Office has refused to pay. Proposed by Cllr B. Jones seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for all payments made as shown on balance sheet.

(13) Information Point

Chair said several different avenues had been explored - the only one affordable was shown in the City Council Street furniture book costing £2,500. This was agreed in principal but will not order until new financial year.

(14) Swansea in Bloom

Clerk said she had placed this item on the agenda in case members of committee wished to order lamp standard baskets - Cllr B. Jones said it was decided these will not be purchased this year and instead of doing a Spring Garden competition would do a Best Summer Garden competition.

(15) Any Other Business

Cllr C. Jenkins said the sun dial which was purchased for the millennium was broken - Clerk said she would speak to Cllr Mayes about repair. Cll C. Jenkins also asked if we could obtain 'No Parking' signs on railings outside chemists.

Cllr Idris said there were so many lovely items for sale in Information Centre they should appear on website.

Cllr Eyre asked if a low level crossing could be placed at Cygnet Close - Cllr M. Jones said this item had been requested previously and when the road is resurfaced will ask again.

Cllr M. Anton said the drains had been cleared very swiftly in Goetre Fawr Road.

Cllr P. Williams said there is an urgent need for double yellow lines at corner of Broadmead/Goetre Fawr Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.