

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2010 at 7.15 p.m

Before the meeting commenced members were addressed by Mr J.Sherrard-Smith - Chair of Clyne Valley Park Action Group who outlined their future plans for the park and asked members to attend their AGM on Tuesday 16th March at Vivian Hall, Blackpill at 7 pm.

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, S.John, M.Idris, B.Jones, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs.E.Ireland & 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 27th January 2010 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (7)(b) (1) Clerk said complaints continue with regard to the state of the grass verge outside Black Boy - Chair said Cllr J. Jones has spoken to Highways who in turn are taking action against the brewery chain and regarding verge outside Betting Shop they have put signs up asking customers not to park on verge.

re: Item (7)(b) (I) Clerk said pot holes on roundabout near Siloam very bad - Chair said they will be attended to this week.

re: Item (4) Clerk said Fire Safety Report was imminent.

re: Item (7)(b)(I) Clerk enquired if Highways had examined dip in road opposite Co-op central reservation and dreadful smell of gas outside Information Centre and in precinct.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

No report as there were no members present. Congratulations to PCSO Alex on her announcement of being pregnant.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Next Forum Meeting Tuesday 16th March @ 5pm at County Hall.

(b) Letter from CCS Financial Services stating present will be paid 30/4/10, 28/8/10 and 31/12/10.

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

The Chair reported:

(i) Very busy time on Council at present - Budget meeting last Monday and nominations put forward for Lord Mayor (Cllr Richard Lewis) and Deputy (Cllr I Richard). With reference to cuts in the education budget Cllr Jenkins questioned the need for a Presiding Officer and Deputy and £8,000 payment for Vice-Chairs. Members also felt that fortnightly refuse collections will inevitably lead to fly tipping.

7 (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

(i) Although not confirmed the children from Hendrefoilan Primary could be coming to the precinct on St. David's Day - Chair will seek confirmation.

(ii) Cllr Ireland purchased polyanthus from Chaplins for front of Information Centre also 2 bags of compost from C.H.Hardware therefore proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr John that retrospective approval be given for this expenditure in the sum of £22.98.

- (iii) Complaints Book - nothing to report.
 (iv) Literature received: Review of Community Boundaries
 Clerical Expenses: £7.94

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr Fletcher read out applications to which there were no observations. Cllr M.Jones re-entered the meeting and took the Chair.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr Johnson said website had 38 visits; usual one from California, also Singapore and India - asked once again for a brief resume of all councillors so these can be placed on website.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£	404 . 83
No. 2 Account	£	5616 . 66
No. 3 Account	£	3899 . 35

Clerk said last years Audit complete and approved.

(9) Broadband - Progress Report

Cllr Idris said she received a quotation for Office Broadband from a company Utility Warehouse for £75 per quarter - this sum is only slightly less that current payment therefore agreed to stay with BT unless cheaper option found.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Clerk said no meeting held on Monday - didn't put purchase of heater on Agenda because someone has kindly loaned us one. Balance sheets were distributed for January. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr B.Jones that invoice be paid to Muirfield Printers for £12.80 (tide tables). Clerk said rent due 1st March.

(11) Lease of Information Centre & Community Council Office

The Chair explained that due to recent struggles maintaining sufficient cover for Information Centre shifts and dilapidated state of premises and ever increasing costs was it worth keeping until lease is up next year or give three month's notice which we can do at any time. After discussion it was resolved by a majority that we see out the lease until summer 2011.

(12) Co-option of One Member North Ward and Two Members West Ward

No progress reported on any further co-options.

(13) Christmas Lights and Events

The Clerk distributed a balance sheet which showed all Christmas expenditure amounted to £3510.49. Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr John that retrospective approval be given for all payments made as per balance sheet.

(14) Requests for Donations and Sponsorship of Chair in St. Hilary's Church

Proposed by Cllr Fletcher seconded by Cllr Hendy and agreed by a majority that we donate £50 to Alzheimer's Society; £50 to NSPCC and £60 to sponsor a new chair in St. Hilary's Church.

(15) Any Other Business

Cllr Jenkins reported a tractor from farm was driving through the village at excessive speed - Chair will speak to police. She also said City Council lorries churning up grass in Dunvant Park also dog mess still prevalent; dog mess also reported in Ddol Road, Curry Close and Wimmerfield Avenue.

Clerk said Stephenson Road site is now in a filthy condition.

Cllr John said drains smelling in precinct and gas smell outside Dawsons.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.