

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE  
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2008 at 7.15

p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

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

**(1) Apologies for Absence.**

Were received from: Cllr 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 both Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an addition being made to item 7 (d) (November meeting) as Cllr Johnson also left the meeting when 19 Goetre Fawr Road was discussed.

**(4) Matters Arising**

re: Item (4) New spotlights have been fitted in Information Centre window.

re: Item (6)(a) Date has changed to 30<sup>th</sup> January of the meeting 'Spotlight on Police' at County Hall 6.30 pm.

re: Item (9) Clerk thanked St Hilary's Lunch Club for lovely Christmas lunch.

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

Chair said everything fairly quite in precinct at present and next PACT meeting is in St Hilary's on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7 pm.

**(6) Correspondence**

(a) Letter received from Llchwyr Town Council enquiring where we purchase flower baskets and planters.

(b) Notice received from One Voice Wales re: Planning - Training Seminar for councillors on 18<sup>th</sup> February Room 6 Guildhall at 6.30 pm. cost £35 per councillor.

(c) Letter received from St Hilary's Lunch Club thanking Council for Christmas donation.

(d) Notice received from Ombudsman in association with One Voice Wales who are holding a 'Complaints Handling Seminar' on Thursday 21/2/08 at Miskin Manor Hotel at 7 p.m.

(e) Letter received from St Hilary's Church thanking Council for support and donation towards the Christmas Tree Festival.

(f) Notice received of Extraordinary General Meeting of Swansea in Bloom in Guildhall 6/2/08 at 6.30 pm.

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

The Chair reported:

(i) An Open Day is being held tomorrow in County Hall between 10 am and 1 pm for people to view the new E Government programme.

(ii) Herself, Vice Chair and Clerk attended Community Councils Buffet Evening last night in Mansion House.

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

(i) Before Christmas attended Lord Mayor's Carol Service at St. Mary's Church - very cold also an excellent evening in Mansion House where we sold nearly £300 of jewellery.

(ii) Letter received from Electoral Officer stating Community Council elections will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May and therefore should set aside adequate budget provisions for this amounting to approximately £2,000.00.

(iii) Letter received from Boundary Commission relating to review of boundaries - Chair advised Council to reply as previously to C.C.S. i.e. Killay should be two wards not three for Community Council purposes and two councillors represent the ward for city council purposes.

### **Cllr C.Jenkins entered the meeting at 7.30 pm**

(iv) Letter received from Livingston read out in relation to community council holding events in the precinct - Chair and Clerk will reply stating how disappointed we are with this company's apparent lack of community spirit.

(v) Letter from British Heart Foundation received seeking donation or holding a fund-raising event on 14<sup>th</sup> February - suggested we write replying we would consider holding our annual coffee morning on their behalf.

(vi) Letter received from Planning Department seeking replies to the Draft Regional Technical Statement by 31<sup>st</sup> January - Chair suggested this be looked at on the website as it could include sand dredging.

(vii) Complaints Book - Road sign missing bottom of Wimmerfield Drive and Mr P. Edwards wants a copy of our letter of objection in relation to 503 Gower Road.

(viii) Literature received: Health Challenge Wales - Summary Document, Design Guide for Householder Development - Consultation Draft and Clerk's Direct.

Clerical Expenses: £15.85

### **(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. The Clerk said council had previously objected to house on land at Landore Avenue. Also noted 503 Gower Road going to appeal; 10 Clos Cynan has been approved despite objections; acknowledgement of letter of objection received re: 341 Gower Road, Murco garage signage has been refused on appeal and 19 Goetre Fawr Road has been refused - a letter was sent from this council objecting and acknowledgement received from Planning Department despite not being noted in report. The Chair returned to the meeting and advised that fence in Dylan Road was due for a site visit next week, and apparently amended plans are in the pipeline for 341 Gower Road and 391/393 Gower Road where it would appear more trees have been felled.

### **(7) (e) Computer Committee**

Cllr Anton reported that everything in order and website has had 242 visitors. Planning database now up and running and currently doing a new format for the stock and new photocopier has been installed.

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

The Treasurer reported the following balances: Current Account £ 1060.45

No. 1 Account £ 7509.89

No. 2 Account £ 3801.09

### **(9) Ratification of Precept 2008/09**

The precept of £22,000.00 set for 2008/09 was agreed by a majority.

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

Cllr Williams said committee meeting held on Monday and the most important item discussed was the manning of the centre on Saturday mornings and with four new councillors this should be possible without having to call on more volunteers. The replacement of the Information Point (rotundo) in the precinct was also discussed as a priority. The Clerk distributed balance sheets for November and December which proved very good months regarding sales. Proposed by Cllr C.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Stephen Pratt (jewellery) for £946.17. Proposed by Cllr B. Jones seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Rockbottom for £225.25. Proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Anton that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT for broadband for £77.51. Proposed by Cllr Gunn seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment made for January rates to City Council for £358.00. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment made to SET for £20.56 for photocopy paper. Proposed by Cllr Mayes seconded by Cllr Gunn that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT for phone bill for £75.78. Proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson that we pay invoice to Welsh Roots for £182.16 for honey etc. Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr Williams that we pay invoice to Stephen Pratt for £59.93. Proposed by Cllr M.Jones seconded By Cllr Brazil that we reimburse Cllr Anton for the purchase of a new photocopier amounting to £244.13. Cllr Anton was thanked for his promptness in obtaining machine and time involved in setting up. Clerk said window and door still not repaired and we are losing revenue with no window display and no lights in window for safety reasons despite the apparent lack of action it was agreed to pay rent to Dawsons in the sum of £1625.00.

### **(11) St David's Day Celebrations**

Chair said as St David's Day fell on a Saturday this year it would be good to hold some form of event - agreed by a majority to hold in the precinct (weather permitting).

### **(12) Christmas Lights and Events.**

Clerk reported that the switch on had proved more popular than ever despite having a few problems with the lights mainly due to weather conditions. Only items paid for to date was for trees and refreshments for children. Christmas Grotto in library very successful despite dreadful weather and very crowded for Songs of Praise on the Sunday. After Christmas we attended a super lunch in Village Inn. After the Grotto some children's goody bags were left so they were given to Crug Glas Special School when they visited St Hilary's to view the Christmas tree - a card with photos received thanking council for their generosity.

### **(13) Forum Meeting Report**

Clerk and Cllr C.Jenkins attended last meeting where a presentation took place on the regeneration of the city centre - most interesting - hoping to create a boulevard effect bringing the centre and seafront together, with new shops and housing.

### **(14) Any Other Business**

Cllr M.Jones said the new Civic Centre and Library will be officially opening on 18<sup>th</sup> March and the new Leisure Centre will be opening first week in March.

Cllr Mayes said there was a need for more dog litter signs in Wimmerfield Drive area.

Cllr F.Jenkins asked when will Christmas tree be taken down - Clerk said weather had prevented this.

Cllr Anton reported all drains block in Goetre Fawr Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24 pm.