

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY 2010 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

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

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs. O.Kennedy & G.Thomas.

(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 24th November 2009 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 to get this verge reinstated also contacted Corals nationally regarding verge outside their premises and will ask customers not to park on verge.

re: Item (4) Clerk said land at Stephenson Road has now become a dumping ground.

re: Item (9) Cllr Fletcher asked if a resolution has been found regarding Cllr Thomas' concerns in relation to fire exit - Clerk said a Fire Risk Assessment has to be carried out so will seek views from Safety Officer.

re: Item (7)(a) (ii) Chair said new bus shelter back near Commercial - one across road still leaking.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Cllr Fletcher gave a brief summary of PACT meeting held on 7th December at which issues discussed were (i) PCSO's and PC carried out regular patrols outside Dunvant School & Curry Close and have spoken to parents parking illegally. (ii) with regard to speeding on Gower Road 4 operations with hand held speed devise have taken place - average speed recorded 28 mph - suggested vehicles slow down when police highly visible. (iii) no evidence of illegal parking in Wimmerfield Avenue area. New issues discussed:- Parking outside Corals Bookmakers. Progress made on securing a room for PCSO's at Dunvant School. PCSO's continue to hold surgeries at Killay Information Centre first Monday of every month 11am - 1pm and Three Crosses on first Wednesday of month 12 noon - 2.30pm. Speed camera van continues to be used in Goetre Fawr Road. Priorities for next meeting on 22nd February 7pm in St. Hilary's Church Hall:- Speeding on Gower Road and Tirmynydd Road, Three Crosses.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at Cockett Police Station on February 3rd at 7 pm.

(b) Letter received from Maggies Care Centre thanking Council for £75.00 donation.

(c) Letter from St. Hilary's Church thanking Council for £30 Christmas Trees donation

(d) Letter from Killay Lunch Club thanking Council for £40 donation.

(e) Letter from Peter Black AM thanking Council for Information Centre use as a surgery.

(f) Forum Meeting 19th January cancelled - will now be held on Tuesday 16th March @ 5 pm.

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

The Chair reported:

(i) Following a request has asked for green waste bins to be provided in St. Nicholas Court.

(ii) Attended a meeting last Tuesday re: Clyne Valley Country Park Action Group - some concerns raised and it was agreed that Community Councils need to meet group. If possible Chair will arrange for next meeting.

(iii) Attended today in the Grand Theatre National Holocaust Day - different format than previous occasions - met with various groups and school children.

(iv) Dog mess still being reported in Dunvant Park despite Council providing gloves and bags - also dog mess in precinct reported by Clerk.

- (v) Problem in Olchfa Lane with water - ditch to be cleared by Council and surface made even.
- (vi) Several complaints regarding missing street lights in particular Dunvant Road - some will be reinstated.
- (vii) When Community Council produced a Newsletter difficulties occurred getting deliveries made therefore suggested that all Community Council news be included in Focus leaflet - agreed provided nothing political arises which might deem Community Council to be politically affiliated with the Liberal Democrats.
- (viii) Thanked all for their support during recent Tribunal no sanctions incurred thankfully - was found in breach but no to have an influence on proceedings transpired a lady had a personal bias towards her.

7 (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Letter received from Electoral Officer regarding replacing three wards for two namely North and South for Community Council purposes - our agreement was noted and these proposals will now go to full Council after 26th March.
 - (ii) Form received regarding Hanging Basket scheme - agreed to have one outside Information Centre and the usual barrier baskets etc.
 - (iii) Letters seeking donations from Alzheimers and NSPCC - agreed to place on March agenda.
 - (iv) Complaints Book: Gentleman complained that during recent weather no grit had been placed on road leading to Ty Cila - this was refuted as Council classes these establishments as priorities. Also reported tat a gentleman took sand from bin at Hendrefoilan and then sought to charge people to clear their drives in Wimmerfield Drive.
 - (v) Literature received: Local Delivery Plan Delivery Agreement; Ombudsman Draft Code of Conduct; Ombudsman Booklet - How to Complain about a Public Body and Clerk's Direct.
- Clerical Expenses: £15.10.

(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 nothing relevant to report apart from usual user from California - asked for a brief resume of all councillors so these can be placed on website.

(7) (f) Footpaths

Nothing to report.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 39 . 09
No. 2 Account	£ 11616 . 66
No. 3 Account	£ 3899 . 35

Clerk said will need to transfer at least £5,000 to pay for Christmas lights etc.

(9) Ratification of Precept 2010/11

The minutes of the precept meeting dated 13th January 2010 having been distributed were agreed after discussion regarding change of Broadband supplier (place on next Agenda) and Cllr Fletcher queried why Notice Board appeared on both balance sheets - this was explained that it could be paid before March if not in next year's budget. The precept of £25,200.00 was therefore ratified unanimously.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr P. Williams reported on meeting held Monday and said sales were fair but still short of people to carry out shifts in shop especially on Saturdays; also with shortages agreed to close for the winter months on a Wednesday. Clerk distributed balance sheets for November and December. Christmas Fayre in the Village Inn and Mansion House Christmas Fayre were very successful and helped boost sales especially jewellery. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr Jenkins that invoice be paid to Jaspa Products for £44.85 (candles). Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment made to

BT for Broadband for £72.74. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr John that retrospective approval be given for payment of £95.32 to BT (Phone). Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr Williams that retrospective approval be given for payment of rent made to Dawsons for £1750.00. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Jenkins that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Stephen Pratt for £883.68. Proposed by Cllr John seconded by Cllr Ireland that further invoice be paid to Stephen Pratt for £25.70.

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

No progress reported on any further co-options.

(12) Christmas Lights and Events

The Clerk said all Christmas events were very successful in fact more popular every year. Over 40 children attended grotto and £200 approx collection made at Carol Service. No balance sheet until next meeting as all invoices yet to be received. Four shops still outstanding for Christmas lights contribution. Christmas meal (rather belatedly) to be held on Wednesday 17th February @ 6.30 p.m.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllr Jenkins said a pancake race was taking place in the precinct on 16th February at 1 pm and suggested Community Council has a team. Also mentioned Council sponsoring a new chair in St Hilary's Church - place on next agenda.

Cllr Idris reported many pot holes in Dylan Road - Chair said unfortunately due to bad weather roads bad in many areas.

Cllr B.Jones reported large puddle outside/porch St. Hilary's Church which was very dangerous in icy weather - Chair said it would appear the water is seeping through wall of house next door to church therefore it is their responsibility.

Clerk said a lady had fallen in road from the central reservation opposite the Co-op - the road has dropped very significantly in this area and suggested it should be looked at.

Cllr John requested a heater for Information Centre - place on next agenda.

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

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