

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2009 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, M.Idris, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, M.Mayes, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs O. Kennedy & J.Hendy.

(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 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an addition made to item (7) (f) last line reading: £50 donation made to C.H.Hardware. The minutes of the Precept meeting held on 14th January 2009 having been circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an addition to read: (third line) but also taking into consideration observations made by the Auditor that our reserves are very low; it was proposed etc.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (10) Clerk said herself and Cllr Hendy attended very nice Christmas lunch at St Hilary's Lunch Club.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Police Community Support Officers Alex and Clive introduced themselves and reported on several minor incidents and the recent PACT meeting which was poorly supported; three topics brought up for discussion - speeding, vehicle nuisance and off road motorbikes. Next PACT meeting 30th March 7pm in St. Hilary's Church Hall. Reported also that they will be holding their surgery in the Information Centre the first Monday of every month from 11 am to 1 pm. Cllr Jenkins said parking in Killay is now worse since the introduction of traffic wardens as the PCSO's can only book for obstruction not for illegal parking.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Thank you letters received from St. Hilary's Church for donation of £30 towards Christmas Tree Festival and St. Hilary's Lunch Club for donation of £50.

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

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

Apologised for the absence of City Councillor J.Jones.

The Chair reported:

(i) Will be attending Holocaust Memorial Day tomorrow in Brangwyn Hall - different format than previous years.

(ii) Some Gower Road residents have received letters informing them that speed indicator sign points are being placed on verges in their vicinity - one between Murco Garage and Olchfa roundabout, one between N.C.H. and The Commercial, one just before The Dell and the other probably on bend near the Bus Stop opposite The Dell.

(iii) Double yellow lines will be painted on Ridgeway near library, Lime Grove/Broadmead - will be advertised in March Leader newspaper - if no objections will be carried out immediately. Highways have stated that they will not remove barriers outside chemists, there will be no mini roundabout near Commercial and not feasible to move crossing nearer shops. Work will commence on the grass verge outside Betting Shop probably by placing bollards.

(iv) At the PACT meeting it was pointed out that PCSO's at present are not trained to use hand held speed cameras as stated in October minutes.

(v) A gentleman called in Information Centre to enquire why his complaint had not been dealt with in relation to missing road signs in St. Hilary Drive - on investigation Chair had reported this matter on 26th September 2008 when sign was knocked down.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Sadly three letters of resignation received from Mr. T.Jackson, Mr M. & Mrs A. Anton. Mr. Jackson has volunteered to help in Information Centre and Mr. Anton will continue with website.
 - (ii) Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk recently attended Community Council Buffet Evening at Mansion House.
 - (iii) Agreed to leave letters from MacMillan Cancer Support and Alzheimers Society seeking financial aid until new financial year - letters seeking grants from Wales Kidney Foundation and Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod were noted.
 - (iv) After debate and bearing in mind that our donation budget is exhausted it was proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed by a majority to donate £50 to Jack Lee of Tycoch who has been selected by West Glamorgan Under 15's Cricket team to tour Singapore and Australia.
 - (v) Have not received invoice for new Notice Board but have complained as windows holding condensation.
 - (vi) Complaints Book - Nothing.
 - (vii) Literature received: Clerk's Direct.
- Clerical Expenses: £13.20

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr Jenkins read out all applications to which there were no observations. Clerk said committee met and objections have been made to amended plans for flats at Murco Garage and acknowledgement received. 4-6 Landor Avenue have made an appeal. Agreed that Cllr Fletcher will serve on Planning committee. Cllr M. Jones returned to the Chair.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Due to the resignation of Cllrs M.Anton and A.Anton Cllrs P.Williams, K.Johnson and M.Idris were selected to serve on Computer committee - clerk said there was now the need to appoint a Chair/Spokesperson. Cllr M. Idris was also selected to serve on Swansea in Bloom committee.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 577.79
No. 1 Account	£ 8112.40
No. 2 Account	£ 3896.92

(9) Ratification of Precept 2009/10.

The precept was ratified in the sum of £24,000 (Twenty four thousand pounds).

(10) Report on Code of Conduct Training Meeting.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs C.Jenkins, K.Johnson and J.Hendy. Cllr Jenkins said it was a very long informative meeting - main points being declarations of interest and behaviour regarding representing your community.

(11) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr P. Williams said committee meeting held on Monday only two councillors turned up. Reported sales very good for November and December but now very quiet. Balance sheets distributed for November and December. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment made to SWALEC for £83.14. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr B.Jones that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT for Broadband for £75.86. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Mayes that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Dawsons for £1625.00 for rent 1st Dec - 28th Feb. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr B.Jones that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Stephen Pratt Celtic Jewellery for £674.74. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Idris that Clerk be reimbursed for payment made to Cartridge World for £29.00 for photocopier cartridge. Clerk reported

over £300 made at Mansion House Christmas Fayre and solicitor is now holding surgery every Thursday afternoon. Letter received from Dawsons informing us that rent will be increased to £7,750 per annum - letter in reply stating our budget has already been prepared and we can only afford £7,000.

(12) Christmas Lights and Events

Clerk reported no balance sheet to date as bill has not yet received from Phillips Electric. As mentioned in precept meeting £500 grant will be forthcoming from City Council. All events went smoothly - Christmas lights switch on very busy and Clerk did mention fear of children being crushed. Grotto very well attended and although it was bitter cold a very good turn out for Carol Service. The Christmas tree in church turned out superb and Cllrs B.Jones, E.Ireland and Chair were thanked for their help. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment to City Council for hire of sleigh for £149.99. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Thomas that retrospective approval be given for payment made to InHouse Entertainments for £230 (Snow Queen). Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Village Inn for pop for £30.00. After Christmas a very pleasant evening meal held in Village Inn.

(13) Forum Meeting Report

Chair reported on latest Forum meeting at which Carl Humphreys - Head of Highways discussed Asset Management Plan which covers roads, pavements and signs. A presentation was made by Cath Williams on licensing outlining the different categories of licences. At the next Forum meeting a person from the Assembly will present the new 'Charter'.

(14) Any Other Business

Cllr Mayes reported dangerous metal post outside 22 Wimmerfield Drive.

Cllr Fletcher said he was concerned at the leak near the library in frosty weather causing a slip hazard - Chair said at present there is a dispute as to who owns the land.

Cllr Ireland sought permission to purchase polyanthus to plant outside Information Centre.

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

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