

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2010 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, S.John, B.Jones, O.Kennedy & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs M.Idris, K.Johnson & 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 23rd June 2010 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record after amending £15000 to £1500 (item 7(a)(iv) re: BMX Track) and deleting last line of item 7a(iii).

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item 6 (b) Congratulations to Cllr Katherine Johnson on the safe arrival of a baby boy on 7th July.

re: Item 7 (b)(I) Pink bags delivered to all houses in Killay and in stock at Information Centre.

re: Item (4) City Council say that hedge at No.19 Ashgrove is not a problem; Chair will speak to resident of 396 Gower re: overgrown bush.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

PACT meeting on 5th July well attended - action discussed from previous meeting (1) Further operations have taken place with hand held speed device and in addition Automatic Number Plate Recognition proved successful resulting in numerous tickets issued for vehicle defects, no insurance, one arrest for drink/driving and 3 vehicles seized. (2) No calls reported to police regarding incidents of off road biking. New Issues discussed - Local trading standards officers visiting houses in Killay regarding 'No Cold Callers' campaign. PC Parry & PCSO's will be visiting Olchfa and other primary schools to talk to pupils before summer holidays to explain what is considered acceptable behaviour and/or anti-social behaviour. PCSO's surgery will move to Killay library Fridays 1 - 2pm. Jeff Green City & County of Swansea Road Safety Officer explained that Gower Road between Uplands and Fairwood has been identified a route where action will take place to reduce the number of accidents. This is part of a five year accident reduction plan. Not able to provide any update regarding the hatched area outside the chemists. Cllr Tregoning and PCSO's keen to patrol Dunvant Park regarding dog mess and shaming dog owners. Next PACT meeting 20th September @ 7pm in St Hilarys. ⁱ

(6) Correspondence

None

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

The Chair reported:

(i) Representatives from the Parks Dept have spoken to youths regarding BMX track and work should commence within weeks.

(ii) Community Councils will be written to by the Boundary Commission to discuss boundary changes.

(iii) A member of City Council is willing to do a presentation to Community Council regarding Unitary Development Plan.

(iv) A planter has been obtained to place on grass outside Betting Shop.

(v) Regarding seat in the precinct in memory of Prof Joe Marshall quotation obtained amounting to £1625.00. The seat actually costs £700 and the remainder is placement and land search - Cllr Jenkins said this was far too expensive and would look to place seat or some form of wrought iron seating around flower beds on Livingston land.

- (vi) Herself and Cllr Jeff Jones had intended spending their environmental money on a refuge crossing on Goetre Fawr Road near top of Broadmead and bus stop opposite but Welsh Water want £5,000 to move the water main - therefore this scheme will not go ahead at present.
- (vii) Explained that Singleton Hospital Casualty Unit and Out of Hours GP service is closing 1st October and moving to Morrision - after discussion and in view of recent adverse publicity regarding patients waiting 36 hours for treatment it was felt essential that the minor casualty unit is essential therefore agreed to write and voice our objection.
- (viii) Regarding flats on Murco Garage site - this will be back in planning in two weeks time and a representative from Community Council can exercise their right to speak. Main concerns centre around access and egress.
- (ix) Pot holes are at present being inspected and graded and patching work is taking place also next phase of testing street lights will be commencing.
- (x) Will be receiving letters shortly regarding the fortnightly black bag collection.

7 (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Forum Meeting took place 22nd July at which Clerk and Cllr Fletcher attended - Cllr Fletcher reported firstly on presentation by Leader of the Council Cllr Chris Holley on future funding of local authorities. No definite news on funding for Wales until completion of the spending review due out October 2010. However, known that funding will be cut significantly leading to drastic reductions in services. Could include staff cuts, reduction in number of current services and closure of buildings - already seen with number of primary school closures. No indication of how budget cuts will effect Community Councils - overall a bleak picture. The other item discussed was 'Waste Management & Recycling' - need to reduce waste going to landfill and increase recycling rates both driven by financial and environmental targets. Waste to landfill carries a tax of £48/tonne rising by £8/tonne each year. Landfill waste restricted by an annual target which is reducing each year. Failure to comply will lead to £200/tonne fine. Swansea recycling rates in 2009/10 were 35%; in 1st quarter 2010/11 recycling 40%. Swansea has recently signed a legal document to procure waste treatment plants to benefit all south Wales authorities which includes an Anaerobic Digester to be built on remote site i.e. Felindre or Nantycaws. Kittle Hill Digester does not feature in Swansea plans, it is a private application.
 - (ii) Letters from Maggies Cancer Care Centre and NPCC seeking financial support were noted but agreed to discuss Shelter Cymru at next meeting.
 - (iii) Letter from Gareth Evans of Twyni Teg seeking a donation to raise funds for his son to receive treatment in America for autism. - Agreed not to donate to individual cases as this could set a precedent to others but a letter will be written explaining our reasons.
 - (iv) Complaints: Flooding last week on roundabout near Siloam and 'No Tipping' signs have disappeared at Woodcote. No dog mess bags in Singleton Park.
 - (ii) Literature received: Assembly leaflet outlining procedures for making, confirming and enforcing byelaws. Ombudsman Annual Report 2009/10. Local Development Plan.
- Clerical Expenses: £12.28

(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 apart from reservations regarding extension in Goetre Fach Road. Clerk said still receiving correspondence regarding objections to Kittle Farm Anaerobic Digester. Cllr M.Jones re-entered the meeting and took the Chair.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

In the absence of Cllr Johnson there was no report.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

Clerk said she has not heard when judging will take place.

(7)(g) Footpaths

Chair said the algae on ponds is natural and there are no plans to remove it but the fence will be replaced. Cllr Jenkins reported ticks in grass and pond area - one had become embedded in her little dog and she was very poorly also a dog mess bin was needed at the top of the walk near Clyne Valley Cottages.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£	360 . 16
No. 2 Account	£	1518 . 30
No. 3 Account	£	3900 . 29

Cllr Fletcher being concerned with finances carried out a budget forecast to which the Clerk concurred and suggested finance committee meet. Main reason for forecast deficit was distinct drop in Information Centre Sales and high cost of Notice Board.

(9) Amendment to Constitution

The following amendments were agreed and ratified: A.G.M. Meetings - "Any later arrivals at Annual General Meeting cannot participate in item under discussion. They can participate when next item on Agenda commences". Co-option Meetings - "Any late arrivals at co-option meetings cannot participate if there is more than one candidate applying for position".

(10) Killay Information & Tourist Centre Report

Cllr Williams said meeting held on Monday and was pleased to report sales are now picking up. Clerk distributed balance sheets for June. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Jones that invoice be paid to J.Salmon Ltd for £256.19 for calendars. Proposed by Cllr Fletcher seconded by Cllr Hendy that invoice be paid to SWALEC for £88.48.

(11) Summer Events

Cllr Kennedy said following acts booked - Thursday Italian Night (no cost) Friday 1pm Circus Workshops (£250) and Bouncy Castle (£130) together with face painting, tattoos, fortune teller etc. Friday night 60s music with group call 'Off The Record' (£150) Table Top Sales on Saturday - all hands on deck please! Extra entertainment Saturday evening with Elvis impersonator (£150) Chair said the new Play Bus will be there on Friday between 1pm and 2 pm. and chairs have been ordered with City Council; these will be collected by Somerfields and stored in Village Inn. Risk Assessment has been carried out and insurance covered and outside licence obtained by Ken Jenkins. All these events are being held in conjunction with the traders and Livingston Co are happy to help with clearing up precinct. Songs of Praise now booked for 22nd August with German Youth Choir and Salvation Army Band - hopefully the Lord Mayor will also be in attendance.

(12) Boundary Changes affecting Killay Community Council Wards

In view of the boundary changes the following councillors will serve on two wards namely North Ward: J.Hendy, M.Idris, S. John, K.Johnson, M. Jones & O. Kennedy. South Ward: N.Fletcher, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, B.Jones, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(13) Co-option of Councillors for Killay Community Council

No progress to report but in view of the boundary changes the three vacancies are for the North Ward.

(14) Any Other Business

Cllr John said the bushes in Cygnet Close/back of Village Inn very overgrown.
Cllr Fletcher apologised for his absence in August meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.
