

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 2008 at 7.30 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: A.Anton, M.Anton, N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, M.Idris, E.Ireland, T.Jackson, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, O.Kennedy & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs M.Mayes & 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 25th June 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an addition being made to Item 7 (a) (ii) to read: Hendrefoilan School Lane.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item 7(a) (ii) Clerk said NEAT team have carried out an excellent job on clearing land in Cygnet Close opposite rear of Village Inn - Cllr Ireland said likewise at St. Christopher Road steps.

re: Item 7(b) (viii) Clerk said new water meter has been placed in Information Centre.

re: Item 7 (d) Clerk reported taxis still operating from Killay and motor bikes still in Clyne..

re: Item 13. Chair said pot holes have been repaired in Cygnet Close.

re: Item 11 Chair said she has reported dog mess problem in Hendrefoilan Woods; asked the warden to visit and requested another dog mess bin.

re: Item 7 (a)(i) Met with officer from City Council regarding planting of daffodils on Gower Road, Wimmerfield Avenue, Ridgeway and other areas on a rolling programme.

re: Item 7 (a) (v) Chair and Cllr J. Jones attended Livingston meeting (Cllr C.Jenkins declared an interest and left during discussion of this item) It was agreed at the meeting that the precinct car park will remain free.

re: Item 11 Chair said she will speak to the owners of 397 Gower Road regarding overhanging trees.

re: Item 9 Chair said despite asking Information Centre workers to unlock back door some were still not doing so.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Clerk, Chair and several councillors went to a well attended PACT meeting on 30th June in St. Hilary's Church Hall. Clerk said she was disappointed that the PCSO's are holding a monthly surgery in St. Hilary's and not in the Information Centre as they used to. Subjects discussed were speed of traffic, indiscriminate parking and bikers in Clyne Valley. PCSO's called in Information Centre and said bikes were now being confiscated.

City Cllr J. Jones entered the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter of thanks and receipt received from Childline thanking Council for £50 donation.

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

City Councillor J. Jones reported:

(i) Swansea West councillors met Chief Supt M. Mathias - among items discussed was the ongoing drugs problem which is now worse in Swansea than Cardiff. Police admit mistakes made by closing sub-stations and some councillors felt PACT meetings complete waste of time. It is intended that in future the PACT meetings will have a different format and will include a City Council representative at every meeting.

(ii) The NEAT team have done a wonderful job in Killay and if there are any other known areas which need clearing contact Jeff or Mary before end of August.

(iii) Cygnet Close pot holes have been filled in but this road is due to be resurfaced. And City Council are carrying out tests in Ashgrove to see if it needs to be resurfaced before its due time.

(iv) Speeding on Gower Road is being monitored.

Cllr M. Jones continued by reporting:

(i) Enforcement Team are aware that Killay Taxis are still operating.

(ii) Planning application for 391 Gower Road has been refused planning permission for extension but is aware that 393 are applying for an extension.

(iii) Has spoken to Legal Team regarding unkept parcels of land in Millwood Gardens to identify ownership.

(iv) BMX track needs updating and monies held by Community Council will be used as well as looking for grant funding.

(v) Has complained about weeds around Library fence and meeting representative on Friday regarding the piece of land alongside library.

(vi) Regarding the complaint of a large amount of black bags put out in Duvant Road - she has been informed that they have to be left in that position for collection.

(vii) Due to the City Council staff being on strike informed all residents (by leaflet) that there would be no refuse collections last week - at the last minute they decided to collect on Saturday. Received reports from residents that all bags green, brown and black were thrown into same lorry.

(viii) Has held a second meeting with youth workers and parks development officers to try to arrange activities for local youths - youth worker will be hiring a bus to look at other facilities, in particular Gorseinon who have a purpose built centre, will be holding another meeting in September along with scouts.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

(i) Letter received from One Voice Wales stating they will cease to provide a service to non members and will be charging £35 per person for training programme on new Code of Conduct. Letter received from City Council offering to train councillors if they so desired - answer sent in the affirmative.

(ii) Review of Electoral arrangements received which will take effect for elections in 2012.

(iii) Distributed books from Ombudsman entitled 'How to Complain that a Local Authority Member has broken the Code of Conduct'.

(iv) Complaints Book - indiscriminate parking in Goetre Fawr Road and abandoned van at St.Hilary Drive/Broadmead reported and matters resolved. Also builders industrial bag left top of Broadmead full of grass cuttings.

(v) Literature received: Clerk's Direct.

Clerical Expenses: £7.48

City Cllr J. Jones left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

(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.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr M.Anton said one website visitor this week from Ankara - reminded members that at next meeting photos will be taken for the website.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

Clerk said letter received stating judging will take place last two weeks of July - Cllrs Ireland & B. Jones weeded flower beds again. Cllr Jenkins mentioned the state of the sun dial - agreed to place on October agenda.

(7) (g) Footpaths

Cllr Ireland said footpaths had been walked and the steps at the big pond needs repairing - Cllr M. Jones said she has asked about clearing the small pond.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 1818.88
No. 1 Account	£ 3393.48

No. 2 Account £ 3868.60

Letter received from Barclays saying all change formalities now complete.

(9) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr Williams said committee meeting held on Monday. Sales for June £100 down on last June. Clerk distributed balance sheets for June. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Hendy that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT for £72.40 for telephone. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr B.Jones that we pay invoice to Wales Book Council for £91.89 for calendars. Clerk read out letters to and from Dawsons regarding repairs to shop front. Suggested we request a copy of the Lease.

(10) Information Point

Clerk said the new Information Point has now been ordered and nothing further to report - should take a further two weeks to arrive.

(11) Replacement of Tree at Wimmerfield Avenue.

After discussion it was agreed by a majority not to replace tree as it was felt that this could set a precedent - possibly other avenues could be explored ie: Woodland Trust etc..

(12) Request for Donation from Olchfa School

Cllrs Fletcher, Johnson and M.Jones left during discussion of this item. After discussing all options it was proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Kennedy that we donate £300 for a bench - this was agreed by a majority of 9 for 1 against.

(13) Summer Events

Songs of Praise in Killay Precinct has been arranged for 17th August at 6 pm with Salvation Army Band and German Youth Choir in attendance. The Lord Mayor will also be attending. Subject to St. Hilary's being available a Fun Day will be held on Wednesday 20th August at 2.30 p.m. Cllr Kennedy will book entertainer and bouncy castle.

(14) Any Other Business

Clerk suggested we carry out stocktaking in Information Centre on Friday 1st August at 10 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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