

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2009 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, O.Kennedy, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllr. M.Idris

(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 28th January 2009 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an amendment to Item (7) (a) (I) to read: there will be a 4.45% rise in Council Tax.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (7)(a)(ii) Chair said owner of derelict cottage on Gower Road supposed to be engaging a builder in March - if no work is carried out a demolition order will be served in April - members also asked both ward councillors to pursue the matter regarding the mess relating to land in Stephenson Road.

re: Item (7)(a)(iii) Chair reported that work will be carried out on grass verge outside betting shop next week.

re: Item (11) Chair said street lights in Fairy Grove have been attended to - apparently there was an underground fault.

re: Item (7)(b) (v) Chair said yellow builders sack outside house in Gower Road has been removed.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

No Police presence - Chair announced next PACT meeting 30th March 7 pm in St. Hilary's Church Hall. Clerk said PCSO's are hopeful of acquiring a room in Duvant School to use as their base - will save time and will not have to go back to Sketty for lunch.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Co-op informing us that the Co-op Group have formally completed the acquisition of Somerfields.

(b) Invitation received to attend a local consultation to discuss 'Future of Community Health Councils in Wales' on Friday 3rd April at Dolphin Hotel at 9 am.

(c) Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting 1st April at Cockett Police Station at 7pm.

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

Apologised for the absence of City Councillor J.Jones.

The Chair reported:

(i) Letter received from South Wales Police seeking support for some of their traffic department officers who will be hanging up their patrol car keys and breathalysers to cycle 350 miles from Swansea to Paris in aid of Ty Hapus Respite Centre on Gower Road, Killay - agreed to discuss in April. An Email received from Emma Hill who belongs to 4th Killay Guides and has been selected to represent Guiding Cymru to go to Norway in July as an assistant leader and is seeking financial help - agreed to discuss in April.

(ii) There is a water leak outside Chair's house on Gower Road which has been reported.

(iii) Double yellow lines to be painted on Ridgeway near library, Lime Grove/Broadmead has been advertised in March Leader newspaper if no objections work will commence.

(iv) Receiving Emails from Duvant Rugby Club advertising forthcoming events together with posters - members felt that they should ask if they wanted events advertised and it was up to them to distribute posters.

(v) Attended Lord Mayor's Regeneration Awards at Brangwyn Hall among the winners were children from Blaen-y-Maes who had built a remembrance garden - Penlleger Woods also had an award - it is an evening where communities who work together are rewarded for their hard work.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Invitation received to attend the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff - agreed to make enquiries.
 - (ii) A letter inviting us to join One Voice Wales for a fee of £557.00 was noted and not acted upon.
 - (i) Three shops have still not paid Christmas lights - unlikely to receive payment from Health Food Shop as it has closed.
 - (ii) Information received regarding Digital Switchover.
 - (iii) Complaints received - Verge outside Corals and rats seen in Gower Road - person felt shops should be responsible for clearing rubbish especially the Co-op.
 - (iv) Literature received: Clerk's Direct and First Newsletter published by Boundary Commission for Wales.
- Clerical Expenses: £9.10

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr Jenkins read out applications (I) 24 Pentre Banadl - no observations and (ii) 395 Gower Road at which slight concerns were raised as to whether this application will be run as a business and could create off street parking problems. Cllrs Jenkins and Kennedy then left the meeting (declared interest). Clerk read out an application for Change of Use A1 to A3 Restaurant and Take-Away in Killay precinct - explained that all applications for change of use in a designated shopping area have been objected to in the past. After discussion it was agreed that objections would be made to this application. Cllr M. Jones returned to the Chair and Cllrs Jenkins and Kennedy returned to the meeting..

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr Johnson said she would speak to Myke Anton to obtain password.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 249.82
No. 2 Account	£ 1614.24
No. 2 Account	£ 3897.81

Clerk said £6,000 had been transferred from No 2 to No1 to pay for Christmas lights and rent. £500.00 grant for Christmas lights has been received and VAT has been reclaimed for £1575.68 which should be paid into bank shortly. Precept of £8,000.00 will be forthcoming on 30th April.

(9) Ratification of Clerk's Salary.

The Clerk's rise in salary from £5,280 per annum to £5,508.00 was agreed unanimously and in accordance with the figure set in precept meeting.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr P. Williams said committee meeting held on Monday; sales still quite steady. Clerk distributed balance sheets distributed for February and said Council Tax has risen from £3730.00 per annum to £3912.00. Proposed by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Johnson that we pay invoice to S.J.Pratt in the sum of £19.00. Proposed by Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Ireland that invoice be paid to Muirfield Printers for £12.80 for tide tables.

(11) Two Vacancies North Ward - Two Vacancies West Ward - Update

Clerk said she has received a letter from Electoral Officer informing us to co-opt as soon as practicable, so will make arrangements for co-options to take place at April meeting at 7 pm. Appropriate notices have been displayed.

(12) Forum Meeting Report

Cllr M.Jones gave an insight into the meeting regarding the Equalities and Diversity Scheme - consultation having already taken place. Next meeting an Assembly member will be attending to discuss the 'Charter'.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllr Kennedy reported that 'slow' signs have been painted on the road at Coleridge Crescent.

Cllr Fletcher said how nice it was to see the daffodils in parts of the village - Chair said this is a part of City Council's rolling programme pushed forward by herself and Cllr J.Jones .

Cllr B. Jones reported incidents of dog fouling near telegraph post outside 467 Gower Road - Chair said she would report to the dog warden.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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