

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2008 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: M.Anton, S.Eyre, E.Gunn, M.Idris, E.Ireland, F.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, M.Mayes & P.Williams.

As a mark of respect the Chair called for a minutes silence owing to the sudden death of our treasurer Bernard Brazil.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllr C.Jenkins & O.Kennedy.

(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 27th February 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (7) (a iii) Chair said the traffic calming works have commenced in Lamb Lane.

re: Item (7) (b v) Chair also stated that the overhanging bushes in Goetre Fach Road and Ashgrove have been reported and 'No Parking' signs requested for railings outside Chemists. Cygnet Close resurfacing should be carried out in July if funding available.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

The next PACT meeting is on Monday 31st March at 7 pm in St. Hilary's Church Hall. Clerk said she has sent a card on behalf on the Council to Alex (PCSO) who is getting married in Nepal in April.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Financial Services City & County of Swansea stating precept of £7,333.33 will be paid every four months: 30/4/08, 29/8/08 and 31/12/08.

(b) Letter received from Boundary Commission acknowledging our letter stating our comments have been noted and will be considered when they prepare their draft proposals.

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

The Chair reported:

(i) Attended the opening of the new Leisure Centre in the presence of the Queen and Prince Phillip. Since opening very popular with large queues forming.

- (ii) Myself, Clerk and Vice Chair attended the official opening of the new Civic Centre - library excellent and first class restaurant with panoramic views over the bay.
- (iii) This afternoon attended the opening of the new Bowls Stadium in Landore.
- (iv) Celebrated St David's Day in the morning in the Information Centre - fairly busy and very pleasant.
- (v) Campaign for keeping Post Offices open ongoing.
- (vi) Complaints relating to rubbish in the area very bad at present.
- (vii) In remembrance of Bernard Brazil it was proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Gunn and agreed by a majority to donate £50 towards a bench at Langland Golf Club.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

- (i) Very impressed with Civic Centre - urged members to view this excellent facility.
 - (ii) Sent a sympathy card from Council to Bernard's wife.
 - (iii) Attended recent Forum meeting at County Hall - topic: 'Role of Community Councils in Local Governance'. Presentation made by Dave McKenna - complaints arose out of lack of communication and feedback from City & County of Swansea. At present there is no set policy between Community Councils and City Council - it was suggested there should be a liaison officer and the promotion of agreements and charters is recommended.
 - (iv) Thanks received from the father of Ross Jones who we sponsored for his selection of the Football Association of Wales Under 18's squad for the Home Internationals.
 - (v) Wrote to Parks Department SCC requesting barrier baskets and planters same as last year.
 - (vi) Unfortunately a letter received from Simon Eyre stating he will not be standing for re-election in May.
 - (vii) Have not received £500 grant for Christmas lights from City Council as they want Certificate from electrician and risk assessment.
 - (viii) Complaints Book - Nothing
 - (ix) Literature received: Draft Fire & Rescue service consultation, Local Vision from Welsh Assembly and Clerk's Direct.
- Clerical Expenses: £16.07

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr F.Jenkins read out all applications to which there were no observations apart from agreeing to look at 22 Lime Grove extension. 10 bedroom house at 341 Gower Road has been approved. The Chair returned to the meeting.
Cllrs S.Eyre and E.Gunn left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Clerk reported that old website is in the process of coming down. Cllr Anton reported new front page on website and a new question page. Also doing old images of Killay so have asked any photos to be sent. C.H. Hardware shop has complimented website.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

	Current Account	£ 2810.19
	No. 1 Account	£ 546.85

VAT has been received hence the reason the current account is slightly high as vat goes into this account. Rates have been increased from £358 per month to £373 and arrangement have been made to pay by direct debit.

(9) Community Council Elections

The Chair said all forms have been handed out and expected everyone to have completed by the weekend. Vacancies at present in North, West and South. Thanked those who will not be standing for their efforts on Council.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr Williams said no committee meeting held on Monday. The Clerk distributed balance sheets for February and said sales for this month were double to corresponding month last year. Proposed by Cllr F.Jenkins seconded by Cllr B.Jones that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT SWALEC in the sum of £77.51 for broadband. Proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment of £18.98 to Welsh Books Council for maps. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr B. Jones that invoice be paid to Stephen Pratt in the sum of £49.35 (clock, paper weights & pens). Rent is now due and will be paid this week.

(11) Requests for Donations

Received from Longfields, Citizens Advice Bureau, Alzheimers Society, Swansea Carers Centre, Welsh Kidney Foundation and Scope. The Clerk said that any monies voted upon will not be paid until April and included in new budget set aside of £500. Proposed by Cllr B. Jones seconded by Cllr F Jenkins and agreed by a majority to donate £50 to Alzheimers Society.

(12) Information Point

Chair said she would be meeting gentleman from Council tomorrow - new structure agreed upon in last meeting at cost of £2,500 and will obtain quotation for cost of erection and disposal of old notice board.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllr B. Jones said she received a leaflet regarding boys from Olchfa dowing gardening and would contact them with a view to digging flower beds. Also reported parking near junction of Woodside causing problems.

Cllr Ireland said the litter bin is now in place outside Medical Centre and asked if there was any more news regarding the verge outside betting shop.

Cllr Williams said he has previously requested double yellow lines at junction of Broadmead and Goetre Fawr Road. Chair said she would ask PCSO's to monitor this area.

Cllr Mayes said cars parking on grass verges at Landor Avenue and he had visited the new library and said it was excellent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.