

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 28th MAY 2008 at 7.30 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: A.Anton, M.Anton, J.Hendy, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, B.Jones, O.Kennedy, M.Mayes, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

City Cllr J. Jones

(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 23rd April 2008 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record; after amending Item No. 12 to read £440 per month; Item 14 to read: Cllr Idris was approached by Mrs Fuge and Item 8 (f) add: two school boys who were fund raising for expedition to Ecuador.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (14) Chair apologised that she has not made enquiries regarding replacing tree in Wimmerfield Avenue as she had been too busy with elections etc.

re: Item (14) Chair said builders spillage in Broadmead has been reported to Highways Dept.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Next PACT meeting on 30th June in St. Hilary's Church Hall at 7 pm. Concern was expressed by Mr. Briggs (Orthodontic Services) to the police regarding the amount of youths hanging around precinct car park late at night. The A.G.M. of Neighbourhood Watch will be held in the George Hall at Guildhall on 3rd June at 7 pm.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Alzheimer's Society thanking Council for £50 donation.

(7) (a) Chairman's Report

Before the Chair gave her report the Clerk congratulated her and Jeff Jones on their success in the local elections.

The Chair reported:

(i) Livingston & Co (precinct owners) held a meeting and put forward a proposal to impose a charge for parking in precinct car park and last Thursday the signs were erected - this caused a lot of unrest as the shop keepers had not been informed and there had been no consultation whatsoever; in fact the company who were erecting the signs took a lot of criticism and abuse and eventually dismantled them the same day. A meeting has been arranged with all traders to discuss this contentious issue.

(ii) The sign displaying restricted time parking outside shops on Gower Road is being replaced after being demolished a while ago.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

(i) Announced that it was the 25th Anniversary of Killay Community Council being formed and Cllr Thomas showed a copy of the minutes of the very first meeting.

(ii) Reminded new councillors to complete Register of Interests and all councillors to keep this book regularly updated and phone numbers should be included.

(iii) Attended the inauguration of the new Lord Mayor with Cllrs Ireland and B.Jones.

(iv) Letter received requesting donation from Childline - Proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr M. Mayes and agreed by a majority that we donate £50.

(v) Complaints Book - Nothing

(vi) Literature received: Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority draft Risk Reduction Plan and Clerk's Direct.

Clerical Expenses: £10.13

(7) (c) City Councillors Report

City Cllr Jeff Jones addressed the members present and thanked those who had assisted him in the recent elections and said he had attended training courses over the last two weeks. He commended the Community Council on the work it carries out and vowed to continue with the various issues outstanding in the ward i.e. verge outside betting shop and placement of double yellow lines in various places. Cllr Thomas congratulated both city councillors for their non-political input with the Community Council. Cllr Mary Jones said they were meeting with the Highways Dept on Thursday in relation to the double yellow lines. She also stated that she had received a letter from Age Concern with regard to the placement of a crossing on Gower Road near shops - this she would also discuss with Highways Dept representative. The NEAT team would be coming to Killay to carry out various jobs such as cleaning steps at St Christopher, land at rear of Village Inn etc. It was also pointed out that the trees badly needed cutting back at Hendrefoilan Lane. Attended Inauguration of Lord Mayor and Ball in the evening and Singleton Show at which the weather was really bad and had to be called off at lunch time. Next Tuesday called a meeting with Duvant councillors, police and youth workers with a view to listening to young people and find out what they really want - suggested forming a Youth Forum and ask Gowerton Community Council to talk to use about forming a Junior Council. A meeting has also been arranged with police, park rangers, Sketty and Duvant councillors regarding illegal bikers in Clyne Valley. Road signs have been damaged in Wimmerfield Drive and Goetre Fach Road.

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Clerk read out all applications to which there was discussion regarding change of use of house (next to Dentists) in Goetre Fawr Road into a hairdressers the most important issue being parking at this very busy area. Cllr Hendy also commented on the application for four flats in Goetre Fach Road - where parking could be an issue - Clerk said the structure of the house was not changing and according to the plans there seemed to be adequate parking and we cannot object on the assumption that residents may park outside - nevertheless concerns were noted. The Chair returned to the meeting.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Clerk said she has received four invoices from Tony Thomas for £121.88 in relation to the formation of the old web site. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson that this amount be paid.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

It was agreed that we enter Swansea in Bloom. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Kennedy that retrospective approval be given for purchase by the Clerk of plants and slug pellets in the sum of £19.25. Also proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr B. Jones that invoice be paid to Cllr Ireland for hanging basket for £7.99.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 145.95 o/d
No. 1 Account	£ 7880.18
No. 2 Account	£ 3849.91

Precept received 30/4/08 for £7333.33.

(9) Community Council Elections

The Clerk explained that the two vacancies were advertised yesterday and we are just within the time limit to co-opt on 25th June if no election called.

(10) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

The Clerk said no committee meeting held this month and stated whoever is appointed Chair of this committee must take on responsibility for the shifts in the Centre. After Anna finishes on Friday we are short of helpers Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. It was agreed to give Anna (German student) a leaving gift of £50. Balance sheets for April distributed showing a very poor month. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Kennedy that invoice be paid to Welsh Books Council for £121.06. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Johnson that retrospective approval be given for payment of £9.00 by the Clerk for printer cartridge in Cartridge World.

(11) Insurance 2008/09

Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr M.Mayes that we pay council insurance to Allianz Insurance for £554.27. Clerk said anyone over 75 must produce a letter from their doctor stating they are fit to carry out council duties.

(12) Information Point

Clerk explained that the cost of the chosen Information Point has risen from £2,500 to £3,135.00 and with delivery, erection, reinstating tarmac and disposing of old Notice Board the total cost will be £5815.00 + vat. No planning permission required. As only £4,000 was budgeted for this item the Clerk suggested we transfer £2,000 from No. 3 (election a/c) it was therefore proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Jenkins to transfer this amount - agreed by a majority.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllr Jenkins said a very strong letter should be written to Mike Dawson listing all the problems regarding the condition of the Information Centre. After the last elections felt students should have their own council representative - Chair said position is being reviewed.

Cllr Kennedy thanked members for cards etc after the birth of her baby daughter.

Cllr Hendy reported overhanging fir tree at Goetre Fach Road.

Clerk said she had also reported overhanging tree almost obliterating traffic lights on Gower Road/Wimmerfield Drive.

Cllr A. Anton said trees needed trimming at 39/41 Broadmead.

Cllr Mayes said the children's play area in Dunvant Park was not fenced off and was full of dog mess and the bin overflowing. Pot holes remain in Dylan Road and grass verges badly in need of cutting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.