

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2009 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, M.Idris, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, K.Johnson, S.John, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllr. B.Jones

(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 September 2009 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (7)(a) (i) Chair said emergency road repairs have been carried out in Wimmerfield Crescent.

re: Item (13) Chair said leaning tree Dunvant Park/Goetre Fach Road was on the list of winter tree cutting programme.

re: Item (5) Reported that parking on corner of Fairy Grove worse than ever - completely blocked at times - Clerk said it was reported in PACT meeting.

re: Item (9) Cllr Thomas said he realised why some staff were reluctant to have bolt fitted on inner door - resolved that a different device be sought for back door.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Clerk reported on PACT meeting held on 28th September in St Hilary's Church Hall at which Insp Chris O'Brien was present. Issues discussed were speeding along Derlwyn, Anti-social behaviour and drink and drug problems. All items brought up in Community Council were reported *i.e.* Parking on pavements and double yellow lines at Motorworld and Dunvant School. Evidence of fire lighting in Clyne Valley. Parking corner of Fairy Grove/Wimmerfield Avenue. Motorists doing U turns near Commercial. Skateboarders back in precinct car park and motorists driving over dual carriageway near Off-Licence. No fireworks will be sold by Co-op and Somerfields. P.C. Clare Parry held a surgery in Information Centre on Monday but no one attended. Next PACT meeting Monday 7th December in St. Hilary's Church Hall @ 7 pm.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Alun Cairns Am in relation to sand dredging in Gower.

(b) Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting November 3rd 7pm at Cockett Police Station.

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

The Chair reported:

(i) Attended Vale of Glamorgan Council to observe Forum meeting - very interesting to see at first hand how the Charter with the local Council works - basically the Community Council can sign up to whatever Charter suits their community. There was also a presentation from the Fire and Police Authority.

(ii) Attended Launch of the City Centre regeneration - funding available and more shops committing themselves to the city.

(iii) Attended Council Budget meeting - Assembly given very mean settlement - vital to protect frontline services.

(iv) Many Killay street lamps have been 'chopped off' - this is due to metal fatigue.

(v) Wished to make the Community Council members aware that she has had to attend a tribunal as she was reported to the Ombudsman for a breach of the Code of Conduct. The Clerk and Vice Chair voiced their full support of the Chair at this very difficult time.

(7) © City Councillor's Report

City Councillor Jeff Jones entered the meeting and reported:

- (a) The police have been notified of the indiscriminate parking on corner of Fairy Grove/Wimmerfield Avenue and parking on drop kerbs.
- (b) Bus shelter near Commercial Inn will be back in place by the end of the year.
- (c) Plans are being developed to deter motorists parking outside chemists.
- (d) Problem with smelly drains in precinct and outside Dawsons - also blocked drains outside surgery and Siloam.
- (e) The speed indicator sign has been moved to Gower Road near The Dell.
- (f) Traffic monitoring equipment in various parts of Killay including Ashgrove which monitors speed and volume of traffic.
- (g) Enforcement Order placed on owner of land at Stephenson Road has now expired therefore it is the intention of the Council to prosecute the owner to clear the site.

7 (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Received a complaint regarding the state of Woodcote playground and reported it to Cllr J.Jones who visited the area and confirmed a schedule of works is to be carried out this winter.
 - (ii) Received a complaint from Mr Rob Murphy of Lamb Lane who reported many residents in his area were complaining of a farmer in their vicinity using a boom to clear birds - Chair said this noise which sounded like a gun had been reported to environmental health who traced it to a farm in Tycoch area - it would appear noise has now ceased.
 - (iii) Letter received from Electoral Officer regarding Review of Community Wards which proposed Killay Community Council becomes two wards instead of three - agreed to support proposal.
 - (iv) Letter from Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre (based at Singleton Hospital) seeking financial support - proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed by a majority to donate £75.00.
- Clerical Expenses: £10.05

(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. Agreed that should any important applications come in before next meeting committee will meet, discuss and decide outcome. Cllr Mary Jones returned to the Chair.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr Johnson received an Email from Myke Anton stating the photos taken at Coffee Morning could not be placed on website without written permission from Chair - Chair will Email Myke to confirm ok.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

Clerk said letter received that we need to make arrangements to collect certificate - Chair will collect.

(7) (e) Footpaths

Chair said in 1992/93 Community Council and Countryside Council for Wales did a survey of every footpath in Killay and walked every path. All footpaths in south were registered but not in the north. Ramblers are attempting to register this footpath (off Hendrefoilan Lane) but farmer has ploughed up and now a big fuss has ensued. Need a letter to prove path has been used and will speak to Mrs Marlene Farley-Hills.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 836 . 83
No. 2 Account	£ 7615 . 69
No. 3 Account	£ 3898 . 85

Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Williams that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Mrs Pat Evans for £50 for carrying out internal audit.

(9) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr P. Williams reported on meeting held Monday and said sales were steady - thanked Cllr Ireland for lovely window display and Clerk for painting wall. Suggested we carry out a Christmas Fayre in precinct. Clerk distributed balance sheets for September. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr John that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Welsh Water for £56.28 (6months). Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Idris that retrospective approval be given for payment made to BT for £75.86. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Hendy that retrospective approval be given for payment made to J.Salmon Ltd for 24 calendars in the sum of £100.05. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Thomas that invoice be paid to SWALEC for £106.89. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr John that invoice be paid to Rockbottom for £400.48. 14 year old girl working some hours in shop (supervised) for Duke of Edinburgh Award and a letter received from David Culforth (Cllr Johnson declared an interest and left the meeting) asking to work in shop - will inform him to come in on a Monday afternoon after school. Cllr Jenkins she said had a lady from Mumbles Information Centre visit last week and she was very impressed with all we had to offer. Cllr Johnson returned to the meeting.

(10) Co-option of One Members North Ward and Two Members West Ward

No progress reported on any further co-options.

(11) Christmas Lights and Events

The Chair confirmed Father Christmas night will be held on 30th November; Grotto 19th December and Carol Service 13th December. Cllr Jenkins said Upper Killay Ladies Choir will come to the precinct on 30th November and sing carols prior to Father Christmas' arrival. Clerk said quotation received for £4,400 and grant has been applied for although it would appear that only £500 is being granted now. Cllr Ireland said the theme for the Christmas trees in st. Hilary's was to be religious couples. **Cllr Williams left meeting at 8.45 pm.** Chair suggested the collection made at the Carol Service was donated to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Centre.

(12) Annual Coffee Morning

Clerk distributed balance sheets showing a total of £150.00 being raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Chair thanked everyone who gave their time and donated items.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllrs Ireland said many pavements in Killay in poor state in particular outside Motorworld. Cllr Fletcher said shop in Lime Grove closing this weekend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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