

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2008 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr C.Jenkins in the Chair

Cllrs: A.Anton, M.Anton, N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, M.Idris, E.Ireland, T.Jackson, K.Johnson, B.Jones
G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllrs O. Kennedy & M.Mayes.

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

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item 7 C (1) Queries arose regarding whether taxis are still operating in Killay.

re: Item 13(May Minutes) Overhanging fir tree in Goetre Fach Road has not been attended to nor trees overhanging at 395 Gower Road..

re: Item 7(b) (v) Letter written to Environmental Department regarding derelict cottage on Gower Road.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Clerk said next PACT Meeting is on Monday 29th September at 7 p.m. in St Hilary's Church Hall.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Letter received from Olchfa School thanking Council for donating £300 for a bench - plaque will be placed on bench and when project completed will be invited to view finished area.

(b) Letter received from TV Licencing apologising that information received was incorrect and we will not require a licence but they are likely to come and check.

As Cllr M. Jones was not present agreed to defer item 7 (a) until her arrival.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

(i) Advised that new councillors and those not present at A.G.M. would serve on the following committees: Cllr T. Jackson - Information Centre; Cllr N. Fletcher - Planning; Cllr M. Idris - Swansea in Bloom.

(ii) Vice-Chair and Clerk invited to Lord Mayor's Civic Service on 19th October at 3 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church and thereafter Dylan Thomas Centre.

(iii) Complaints received regarding several overgrown hedges on Gower Road from Murco Garage to Hendrefoilan Student Village roundabout also pot-holes are reappearing in Cygnet Close.

(iv) Complaints Book - Grass verges cut three weeks ago on Broadmead leading to blocked drains overflowing in bad weather - still remain blocked and the disgusting state of the seats in precinct - several councillors volunteered to carry out painting.

(v) Literature received: Clerk's Direct and Information regarding proposed changes to Singleton Casualty Unit.

Clerical Expenses: £10.98

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr Jenkins read out all applications to which there were no observations apart from amended plans for 503 Gower Road - a copy letter of objection from Mr Edwards read out together with a letter seeking Council's support in objecting to this application - it was agreed to support Mr. Edwards' objections. A letter of objection sent in relation to Change of Use from A1 Retail to A3 Hot Food Takeaway at Units 1/2 Lime

Grove and acknowledgement received (Cllrs A. & M. Anton and E.Ireland left meeting whilst this item was referred to).

Cllr M. Jones entered the meeting at 7.45 pm and took the Chair.

(7) (a) Chair's Report

The Chair reported that:

- (i) Last Thursday invited to George Thomas House to celebrate name change to 'Action for Children'.
- (ii) On Monday invited to attend the Iftaar Festival at Sketty Park Community Centre.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr M.Anton reported that there has been 369 visitors to website including one from India and one from Kansas.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

Clerk said letter received stating we won Silver Award in Swansea in Bloom competition but the presentation ceremony is tonight so sent a letter giving apologies. Invoice received from City and County of Swansea for planters, barrier baskets etc in the sum of £998.72 + 174.78 vat = £1173.50. Proposed by Cllr C. Jenkins seconded by Cllr Johnson that we pay invoice.

(7) (g) Footpaths

Cllr Ireland said herself and Cllr B. Jones went down path to first pond where half the fence is in the pond and the pond is full of algae and the steps at the furthest pond need attending to.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Current Account	£ 1665.56
No. 1 Account	£ 7757.82
No. 2 Account	£ 3887.28

Clerk said Annual Audit completed by herself and Mrs Pat Evans (internal auditor) therefore proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr M.Anton that we pay Mrs Evans £50 for her services as previously agreed.

(9) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Clerk distributed balance sheets for August and said banked £100 more this month than previous year and sales still quite steady. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Jackson that we pay invoice to Stephen Pratt for £72.85 for brooches and pens. No reply received from Dawsons in relation to copy lease and the rent is due for 1st September - suggest seek legal advice - Chair asked committee to meet to discuss this matter.

(10) Information Point Update

Clerk said she was worried about the state of the old Information Point and agreed to have it taken away but when City Council rang with a price of £440 did not accept. Arrival of new one is imminent.

(11) Christmas Events

Chair said Christmas sleigh booked for Monday 1st December and next year booked for 30th November (have to book in advance). Christmas Grotto will be held in Library on Saturday 6th December and Carol Service on Sunday 7th December. Need to order one 20ft tree and two 8ft trees. Clerk will speak to electrician regarding lights and Chair will call a meeting to co-ordinate all events.

(12) Coffee Morning

It was resolved that the charity for the coffee morning will be for Air Ambulance or British Heart Foundation. A vote was taken with 6 votes for each charity - the Chairman gave the casting vote to British Heart Foundation. The Coffee morning will commence at 10.30 am at Siloam Chapel Hall on 4th October and the Chair asked everyone to contribute by making/buying cakes, raffle prize, tins and bric-a-brac. Clerk asked anyone with car to meet at Information Centre at 10 am to take items to Hall. Cllr Anton will produce the posters.

(13) Forum Meeting Report

Chair and Clerk both attended the Forum Meeting which was a presentation on Flu Pandemic - the Chair gave a very sobering account of the contents.

(14) Any Other Business

Cllr Johnson asked if there was a revised date regarding Code of Conduct training - Clerk replied in the negative.

Cllr Fletcher asked for an update on Chair's meeting with youths - Chair replied that meeting has not yet taken place. Cllr Fletcher also pointed out a trip hazard at the bottom of Goetre Fach Road near Threshers. Cllr Idris reported pot holes and uneven road surface on parts of Fairy Grove.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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