

## September 2006

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE

417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair.

Cllrs: B.Brazil, E.Gunn, E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, B.Jones, O.Kennedy, M.Mayes, R.Murphy,  
T.Thomas & P.Williams,

Cllr G.Clement and 19 members of the public.

#### **(1) Apologies for Absence.**

Were received from Cllrs M.Farley-Hills & F.Jenkins.

#### **(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.

**The Chair Cllr Mary Jones sought permission of the Council members to bring forward Items 9 and part of 7 (d). This was granted. The Chair explained to members of the public that this was a Community Council meeting and not a Public meeting but would allow people to speak at her discretion for a maximum of 3 minutes.**

#### **(9) Village Inn Licensing Application**

**Cllrs C.Jenkins and O.Kennedy left the meeting (and building) and took no part whatsoever in this item.** The Chair read out a statement from Mr Ken Jenkins of the Village Inn which stated that at no time had he intended to upset residents regarding this application and has since withdrawn its contents including outside entertainment. Some residents did not believe this to be true as letters had not been received. The Chair was also questioned by Mr Graham Jones (Livingston Company Director) why the local councillors or the community council had not been aware of this licence application and why had it not been discussed at the previous community council meeting. The Chair explained that by law no councillor or Community Council had to be informed. However, arrangements had been made for councillors to be informed by Email. Unfortunately due to holidays and human error the city councillors had not been informed. Mr.

Jones said surely C.Jenkins should have informed the council as she is the vice-chair and Cllr M. Jones stated that Mr K. Jenkins had mentioned it to her as he passed her in the precinct. Mrs Jenkins had been on holiday at the time. Other grievances were aired as to why the notice had appeared in the Western Mail and not the local paper ie Evening Post and the two notices that appeared in the Village Inn were not displayed correctly. Cllr G.Clement said he and Cllr M.Jones had written objecting to the late licence once it had become apparent as they both felt it could have a detrimental and intrusive effect to the quality of life of residents. The Chair stated that at no time had the Village Inn received any remuneration for electricity supplied during Summer Fun events. After much discussion it was agreed that all residents would be quite happy if the Village Inn licence was exactly the same as the Black Boy and Commercial Inn.

**(7) (d) Planning.** The Chair read out a planning application in relation to the Village Inn for the erection of steel supports for roof canopy. Mr. Graham Jones said this structure was erected on land not solely owned by the Village Inn a point reiterated by Mr & Mrs Tardioli and at a meeting Livingston (precinct company) has not supported it. Cllr M.Jones said that was a civil matter and we are only here to discuss the actual planning issue. Mr Jones said the traders were also against this application. Emma Kamio Chairman of Killay Traders Association disputed this point by stating many of the traders had signed a petition supporting the retention of the structure and read out a letter sent to the Planning Department which stated that many traders and tenants of Killay precinct support the application and as traders try to promote and move forward the businesses in the precinct. They have worked together as a team and held several successful promotion days thus enhancing the 'community spirit' It is felt that the canopy will facilitate these activities all year round. Many traders had hoped other landlords might follow suit and instigate improvements to areas of the precinct that are shabby and/or dated. It can be seen from the petition that both resident and shoppers alike have welcomed this facility. Cllr Clement said he has seen the petition and many letters of support. Cllr Thomas said on planning issues Community Councillors are treated the same as any other resident as was the case recently with one of our other councillors whose application had been objected to. The Chair brought matters to a close stating the the Community Council will decide on this issue in the meeting to follow. All members of the public left the meeting at 9.00 pm. It was decided in view of the public support not to object to this application and to make no observations whatsoever.

**Cllrs C.Jenkins and O.Kennedy re-entered the meeting.**

### **(3) Acceptance of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

### **(4) Matters Arising**

re: Item 12. The Clerk said the new notice board has now been placed outside library and looking very smart. Tony Parker would like one placed in Broadmead and C.H. Hardware has painted the old notice board outside his premises.

re: Item 15. The Chair stated the vehicle apparently from City & County of Swansea parked illegally outside Chemists has not been traced.

Re: Item 5 Cllr Mayes said the litter in Dunvant Park was a disgrace.

### **(5) Police Report**

In the absence of police presence there was no report. Chair said she would speak on this matter in her report.

### **(6) Correspondence**

(a) Next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7 pm Cockett Police Station.

(b) Letter received from Hendrefoilan Primary School explaining that they are running a 'Green Poster' competition to show all the ways to protect and improve the world. Each class will take part and they have asked if we could display the winning designs in the precinct notice board.

This was agreed and it was also suggested that an overall winner is given a prize by the Community Council together with a certificate.

**Cllr Mayes left the meeting at 9.10 pm.**

### **(7) (a) Chairman and City Councillor's Report.**

The Chair and Cllr Clement reported:

(i) All the skateboarding equipment is to be removed from Dunvant Park as it is attracting an element of youths which are destroying the lives of the residents who live nearby. Recently held a meeting with Parks Dept, Father Tim, Police, Safer Swansea Partnership and others to discuss matters relating to the park and the police are to commence P.A.C.T. meetings in our area every 4 weeks - one month will be held in Dunvant and one month in Killay. It would appear the police are now taking matters more seriously; it has also become apparent that some young staff in Supermarkets are serving under-age youths alcohol.

(ii) Has received much support and thanks from residents for the drop-kerbs scheme.

(iii) Gave details of the new Kitchen Waste Collection Scheme.

(iv) Explained in November she will have been the Chair of Community Council for 8 years and owing to pressure of City Council work could no longer carry on in this position but would stay on as councillor - will place on November Agenda - appointment of new Chair.

### **(7) (b) Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Letters seeking grants from Shelter Cymru, Urdd National Eisteddfod and Marie Curie Cancer Care were noted.
- (ii) Letter received from Mrs Shirley White of 42 Wimmerfield Drive seeking a donation to help equip the Dunvant Rugby Club Under 8's team. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins seconded by Cllr Thomas that we donate £75 was carried by a majority.
- (iii) Last meeting it was deemed that Cllr Dahan had missed 6 consecutive meeting and was no longer a councillor, the following morning handed in a letter of resignation, so not necessary to write to him - agreed to send a letter of thanks for time served on Council.
- (iv) One complaint recorded: that of workmen dumping all rubbish and builders debris in Clyne Woods whilst working on one of the million pound houses in Stephenson Road.
- (vii) Various literature received will be left in Information Centre.

Clerical Expenses: £17.58

#### **(7) (d) Planning Committee**

Cllrs M.Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item. Cllr Thomas read out all applications to which there were no observations; stated land at rear of 119 Dunvant Road has gone to appeal and trees rear of 393 Gower Road have had preservation orders placed on them.

The Chair re-entered the meeting.

#### **(8) Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported the following balances: Current Account £ 2644.86

No. 1 Account £ 5148.22

No. 2 Account £3716.06

Precept received 29/8/06.

**(10) Reports (a) Footpaths** - In the absence of Cllrs Farley-Hills and F.Jenkins the Clerk read out a report prepared by Cllr Farley-Hills which stated that paths were in a fair condition and were a pleasure to walk.

© **Swansea in Bloom** - Cllr B.Jones said herself and Cllrs Ireland and F.Jenkins attended the presentation ceremony at Brangwyn Hall, received first prize certificate, plaque and photograph. It was suggested and agreed to place plaque outside C.H.Hardware. Ten winners in Front Garden Competition had all received a certificate and £10 voucher - 3 letters of thanks received. Proposed by Cllr B.Jones seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospect approval be given for payment made by Clerk to B & Q for 10 x £10 vouchers = £100.00. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr

Gunn that £20 be paid to Cllr Thomas for certificates, envelopes, laminating etc.

### **(11) Killay Information & Tourist Centre Report.**

Cllr Williams said committee meeting held last Monday and commented that several staff are unable to do their shifts in October and suggested members form a rota after this council meeting.

Clerk distributed balance sheets for August and said table top sale in precinct had been quite successful. Proposed by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Murphy that we pay invoice from Stephen Pratt for £54.64. Proposed by Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Gunn that retrospective approval be given for payment made by the Clerk to Cartridge Worlds for £55.00. Proposed by Cllr C.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Ireland that retrospective approval be given for payment of rent to Dawsons (1/9/06 - 31/11/06) for £1625.00 Proposed by Cllr Gunn seconded by Cllr Murphy that we pay October rates to City and County of Swansea for £346.00.

### **(12) Summer Fun Days - Report**

Clerk produced balance sheets showing total costs involved for three days £648.92. Cllr M.Jones said she was surprised to learn that an outside entertainment licence had never been obtained.

### **(13) Annual Coffee Morning**

Suggested and agreed unanimously that this year all proceeds go to N.S.P.C.C. at the coffee morning to be held at St Hilary's on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11 a.m. All members were asked to contribute and gentlemen to carry items to hall by meeting at Information Centre at 10 a.m. Cllr Thomas said he would do posters and tickets.

### **(14) Replacement Carpet and Hoover - Update**

Hoover purchased by Cllr Ireland from Comet therefore proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Kennedy to repay Cllr Ireland in the sum of £39.99. Carpet for small office not yet available.

### **(15) Christmas Lights and Events**

Lights will be switched on 4<sup>th</sup> December approx 6.30 pm with the usual ride around the village with Father Christmas on his sleigh. Clerk said all lights only had to be checked and suggested the only new ones this year be a continuation in Broadmead to encompass the corner of the shops. Also agreed Christmas Grotto in precinct be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Carol Singing on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**(16) Any Other Business**

Cllr Gunn said she the pot-hole in pavement corner of Gower Road/Rowan Close had still not been repaired.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.