

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2007 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

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

One observer.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

There were none.

(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.

Cllrs B.Jones & F.Jenkins entered the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

(3) Acceptance of the Minutes

The Minutes of both Meetings held on 24th October 2007 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record with an addition being made to item 7 (d) as Cllr Johnson also left the meeting when 19 Goetre Fawr Road was discussed.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (13) Clerk said Mr J.Dawson visited the Information Centre and promised to fix door and damp near door.

re: Item (13) Clerk said new window spot lights will be in place when electrician comes to attend to Christmas lights.

re: Item (13) Chair said overgrown hedge on Gower Road has been reported again and P.C.S.O's had dealt with the cars parking on grass verge corner of Broadmead - now parking on road obscuring vision of cars - Cllr Williams suggested double yellow lines, Chair replied not in this financial year but Lime Grove and Ridgeway should be addressed soon.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

Chair said herself, Clerk, Cllr Anton and Cllr Jenkins on Monday went to a well attended PACT meeting at St Hilary's among items discussed: speed of traffic on Gower Road in particular, still youth annoyance in some areas although precinct area much improved and persistent illegal parking outside schools. Talks are ongoing as to find a room for youths to just 'hang out' - a room at Dunvant Rugby Club has been offered. Chair said she has received a request for a crossing to be placed in Cygnet Close adjacent to the lane at rear of precinct.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Notice received of meeting 'Spotlight on Police' to be held 28th January 2008 at County Hall 6.30 pm.

(b) Next Community Council Forum meeting to be held at County Hall on 15th January at 5 pm.

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

The Chair reported:

- (i) Delivered letters to all Lamb Lane residents relating to the commencement of traffic measures to be implemented shortly - reviewed after 6 months.
- (ii) Attended Recorder's Dinner last Friday at National Waterfront Museum - speaker was a solicitor from Dunvant.
- (iii) Went to Cardiff on behalf of City and County of Swansea to received Silver Award for Corporate Health Standards.

(7) (b) Clerk's Report

- (i) Letter of resignation received from Stephen Lee - agreed to write and thank him for time served.
 - (ii) Reminded members to keep Register of Interests updated.
 - (iii) Letters received seeking financial support from Urdd National Eisteddfod and Bobath Children's Chairty were noted.
 - (iv) Chairs of Committees elected: Computer/Website - Cllr M.Anton, Footpaths - Cllr E.Ireland and Planning - Cllr F.Jenkins.
 - (v) Complaints Book - Indiscriminate parking at Y Berllan/Goetre Fawr Road.
 - (v) Literature received: Fire & Rescue Risk Reduction Plan, Ambition is Critical - 'What your Councillors do', Clerk's Direct and Adjudication Panel - Annual Report.
- Clerical Expenses: £20.96

(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. The Clerk said 19 Goetre Fawr Road has submitted a new application for flats and before discussion took place Cllrs C.Jenkins and F.Jenkins left the meeting. It was thought prudent that the application relating to 19 Goetre Fawr be discussed by full council, whereupon Mrs Brown of 21 Goetre Fawr spoke in opposition to the application and detailed what a devastating effect these proposals would have on themselves. Cllr Anton also spoke of his opposition regarding traffic, wildlife etc. Cllr Gunn spoke out in favour. After adequate discussion it was voted upon the result being 8 for objecting, 1 against objecting and one abstention. The clerk also stated that the planning committee had met and objected to 341 Gower Road and 10 Clos Cynan and had received acknowledgement of the objection to flats behind Murco Garage together with a copy of the petition against this particular development. All three councillors returned to the meeting.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

Cllr Anton reported that everything was now up and running - has written to 45 traders and only 13 have responded. Mr Lyn Evans of Broadmead has translated the Welsh version of the website and we need to ask Tony Thomas to take old website down. The old PC will be moved to clerk's house after Christmas. Cllr Anton was thanked for his input into this project and also for the Christmas posters.

(8) Financial Report

The Treasurer reported the following balances: Current Account £ 362.94

No. 1 Account £ 2805.41

No. 2 Account £ 3801.09

Clerk said audit for last year completed satisfactorily and it was proposed by Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Williams that we pay audit fee to Mazars in the sum of £158.62

(9) Requests for Christmas Donations

Two letters received requesting donations one being St Hilary's Lunch Club and the other Killay Library. Before St. Hilary's was discussed Cllrs B.Jones and E.Ireland left the meeting. Proposed by Cllr C.Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Gunn and agreed by a majority that £60 be donated to St. Hilary's and the Clerk and Cllr C.Jenkins will attend their Christmas lunch. Cllr B.Jones and E.Ireland returned to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Anton and seconded by Cllr B.Jones and agreed unanimously that we donate £70 to Killay library to purchase food for a children's party on the same day we are holding our Grotto in library.

(10) Date of Precept Meeting

It was resolved that the precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

(11) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr Williams said two committee meeting held this month; items discussed included problems filling Saturday shifts and the need to replace photocopier - agreed to discuss in precept meeting. Clerk requested no more advertising accepted until after Christmas and distributed balance sheets for October. Reported nearly £300 raised at Christmas Fayre and it was hoped that we also have a successful jewellery sale in the Mansion House. Requested as many councillors attend at 10 am on 2nd January to do a stock take. Proposed by Cllr C.Jenkins seconded by Cllr Kennedy that retrospective approval be given for payment made to Williams Cash & Carry in the sum of £42.01 for extra calendars. Proposed by Cllr Anton seconded by Cllr Williams that we pay invoice to J.Kirkhouse for £11.00 for Christmas cards Clerk said there will be invoice to pay for jewellery to Stephen Pratt, Welsh Roots for honey etc and Rockbottom for Christmas items. Proposed by Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Eyre that December rates be paid to City & County of Swansea for £358.00. Agreed in last meeting to purchase 2 x £25 HMV tokens for David & Stephan who have worked every other Saturday therefore proposed by Cllr Idris seconded by Cllr B.Jones that Clerk be reimbursed in the sum of £50.

(12) Christmas Lights and Events

Clerk said all relevant bodies have been written to i.e. Police, Library, Livingston. Applied for grant for lights; haven't yet heard if we have been successful. Invoices sent to all traders, Post Office said he will pay and if all monies forthcoming will amount to £1,220. Quotation received from Phillips Electrics amounts to £3,680. Trees will be arriving Thursday 29th Nov and volunteers needed also men to put up Gazebo on Monday. All other arrangements completed for Monday 3rd. On the following weekend volunteers needed for Grotto. Songs of Praise will take place on Sunday at 5pm and thereafter we will be at Mansion House at 7 pm. On Wednesday 12th December we need volunteers to dress the tree in St. Hilary's (panto themes this year) we are doing Puss in Boots. Proposed by Cllr Eyre seconded by Cllr Johnson that we donate £50 to Hilary's towards Christmas trees. Agreed to hold our Council 'get together' after Christmas - lunch at Village Inn on Friday 28th December at 12.30 p.m.

(13) Forum Meeting Report

Clerk and Cllr C.Jenkins attended last meeting - most interesting - viewed new Contact Centre with all the latest technology also the Family History and Archives Centre - well worth a visit.

Went on to view new library downstairs and reference library upstairs also new café overlooking Swansea Bay - very spacious and will be open in March. A presentation then took place on the new Leisure Centre - part of which will be opening in new year. Has Health Spa, Water Park, network of pools including toddlers pool, surf rides and jacuzzi. Sports hall will hold 1600 people seated and separate café - all of which have a high level of disabled facilities. Gym will be the largest in UK with all the latest equipment. The whole complex will be run by 11 board members - 9 members and 2 councillors. There was also a presentation on Gower Community Councils website.

(14) Any Other Business

Cllr C.Jenkins said she had received several complaints that the Somerfield lights are out in the car park.

Cllr Gunn said the NTL cable box remains tied up near bottom of Gower Road - Clerk said new boxes have been replaced by Virgin and NTL are now obsolete.

Cllr Kennedy asked to be excused from next two meetings - our best wishes were given to her.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28 pm.