

Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt
Bishopston Community Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held

Monday, 29th October 2012. 7.00pm

Chair: Alun Edwards

Present. A. Edwards, (Chair) C. Jones. J. Lewis. I. Shemilt. J. Thomas. N. Lomas.
V. Jones. T. de Vall. S. Rewbridge. S. Webborn. Cl'r K. Marsh (arrived at 8-30pm)
N. Richards (Clerk). Members of the public in attendance.

Apologies. S. Dunce. (V Chair) P. Canning

Declarations of Interest :- . I. Shemilt. (Planning). C. Jones. (Planning). Cl'r K. Marsh. (Planning).

Presentation by Eironwy Davies, Co-ordinator for "Rural Swansea Action".

Mrs. Davies stated that Rural Swansea Action (RSA) is involved in 8, local rural wards, Bishopston, Fairwood, Gower, Penclawdd, Pennard, Mawr, Llangyfelach & Pontardulias, RSA is project funded by the Rural Development Plan is involved in working together to promote local produce as in local produce markets, area development, new product development, the natural environment, outdoor activities, tourism and sustainable rural services, Mrs. Davies explained in great detail what RSA were involved with and its involvement with rural wards. The aim is to benefit and help small businesses, The RSA advertises in the Evening post, Swansea Bay and many other local media outlets.

Agriculture has declined in the area and dairy farming and it is the aim of RSA to support local farming and businesses to promote produce in the area also local art groups have been formed and bee forum on Honey. The organisation has 319 members, membership is free and membership is open to anyone who wishes to join, Mrs. Davies left membership forms with BCC, if any Councillor or members of the public wish to join.

Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 24th September 2012, were approved.
Minutes of the RFC Meeting, held on 8th October 2012, - for information only.

The Chair, Suspended the meeting and asked the public in attendance the reason for the such a public attendance, a spokesperson stated that they were at the meeting to find out what was happening in the fields above Caswell and Long Acre where hedgerows and ancient walls had been removed with heavy equipment working in the area, and that the rumours are that an airstrip was being created. The Chair stated that as there was no item on the Agenda about this and that he was not aware of this concern until today, but some Councillors present were aware of this work being carried out; the Clerk stated that Cl'r K. Marsh had been involved in this development and had been in touch with various agency, such as C & C of Swansea, Civil Aviation Authority, Gower Society, etc. but unfortunately, Cl'r Marsh was not present at the meeting to give an update of the situation.

The Chair stated that Bishopston Community Council had no powers as a Community Council to deal with issues like this, that BCC has had no planning application or documents relating to this work, yet received from C & C of Swansea, but would bring it to attention of the necessary authorities because of public concern.

The Chair requested the Clerk to write to Director of planning at C & C of Swansea, as it has been stated that they are already involved, because of public concern. Members of public accepted the situation that BCC will find out more, members of public left the meeting. Meeting was restarted.

Cl'r K. Marsh arrived the Council meeting at 8-30pm after being held up by a C & C of Swansea meeting at County Hall, The Chair asked Cl'r Marsh what the current situation was with the fields, as there had been members of public present to find out what was happening. Cl'r Marsh stated that the current situation is that the C & C of Swansea has issued an enforcement order on Mr. C. Kiley, who is responsible for the removal of ancient walls and hedgerows; Mr. Kiley, has 28 days to reply to the enforcement order to reinstate hedgerows and walls, until that happens the hand of the authorities are tied, at present there has been no application of any description on future use of the land. Cl'r Marsh stated that various agencies are involved in this and a lot of work and enquiries have been ongoing over the last 2/3 weeks, up till now the only thing Mr. Kiley has done wrong, is to remove the walls and hedgerows, one of the hedgerows was a boundary line identifying AONB land.

Cl'r Marsh stated that if the rumour of a landing strip is correct, a pilot can land a plane, 28 days in any one year without planning permission. BCC to put as action point, so that this situation can be monitored and the latest information from Cl'r Marsh can be fed back to this Council. AP 03.10.12.

Matters Arising.

01.03.11	Candidate Site	Phase 2 & 3 should be completed in 2012. Ongoing.
06.02.11	Pwll du Lane	Cl'r K Marsh, Sign missing at Pwll du Lane and parking sign by the well. Ongoing. Clerk to write to C&C of Sw highways.
02.09.11	Anaerobic Digester Facility.	C & C of Sw. Concerns raised on transport route from M4. C & C of Sw. Enforcement Officer now involved. Ongoing.
03.09 11	Kittle Egg Farm	Still waiting environment impact assessment on the waste from chickens, ie. Ammonia. Enforcement Officer now involved. Stonegate has appointed a Consultant. Ongoing.
01.10.11	Pedestrian access from to Campion Gardens to Copley Lodge	Cl'r K Marsh, to look at Rural Development Grants, "Safe routes in the Community" scheme. Clerk written to local Organisations/Schools, Poor response received from letters. A Sub- committee to be formed if good response from letters. S Dunce to contact school Cl'r Marsh to contact Manager of Campion Gardens and the Commoners.
01.02.12	Land adjacent to the west of Copley Lodge	Mr. J. Moses, BCC solicitor, has replied that the Somerset Trust is interested in selling to BCC. Clerk to instruct BCC solicitor to offer a nominal fee. Awaiting reply.
03.02.12	Neighbourhood Watch	This item to be put in the December newsletter, poor response from last newsletter entry. Ongoing.

04.02.12	Providence lane	C. Jones stated that the lane pot holes have been leveled, Cl'r Marsh still looking into ownership but believes it is only one owner, a Mr. W. Sparks deceased and has arranged a meeting with the late Mr. Sparks solicitor.
12.02.12.	New Kitchen	New kitchen completed, Consumer box should be brought up to new regulation with a new RCD consumer box instead of old fuses. Two quotes received it was agreed to accept the quote for £347-12p
13.02.12.	Community Council Notice Boards	Notice board required in Manselfield Rd, C & C of Swansea are owners of the site selected, which is part of highway. Clerk seeking permission off highways and other departments. It was also agreed to replace the notice board at Bishopston Post Office, and fit a new notice board outside the Spar shop, permission already received.
01.05.12	Community Council Vacancy.	Letter received from a Mr. Brian Phillips, Broadmead, Bishopston for the vacancy. BCC Councillors accepted Mr. Phillips application.
01.10.12	Payphone costs. £82-00 (net) per quarter	Cl'r K. Marsh to look into whether there is a cheaper method of payphones or if you can have a phone for 999 calls only, due to poor service of some mobile phone providers at Day room/Community Centre.
02.10.12	Bus Shelter Copley Lodge	A bus shelter is being removed from Murryston Hospital and it is hoped that this can be used at Copley, Cl'r Marsh is trying to get funding to do this and requested if BCC can assist in some of the funding, this was agreed and accepted.
03.10.12	Removal of Walls and Hedgerows, in fields Caswell/Long Acre	Clerk written letter to Director of Planning of C & C of Swansea for information on this item. Feedback required from Cl'r K. Marsh and to monitor situation.

Accounts for approval.

Monthly accounts approved as scheduled.

Mr. S. Webborn raised the issue of cost of payphone £82-00 a quarter. AP 01.10.12

Correspondence.

Letter :- C & C of Swansea, Vacancy on the Community & Town Council Standards Sub-Committee. Noted.

Letter :- BBC inviting people to an evening at the Grand Theatre Swansea Nov 15th to ask questions and what you think about the BBC. Noted.

Letter :- Boundary Commission of Wales, announcing it had published on 24th October, it's 2013 review changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Noted.

e-mail :- Miss L. Seymour, removal of hedges and stonewalls in 3 fields between Murton and Caswell, entrance on Long Acre on Bridleway. Item discussed with members of public present at meeting and also with Cl'r K. Marsh.

Letter :- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Annual improvements plan 2013/14, request proposals for improvements to the draft plan. Noted.

Planning.

Planning Procedures, S. Rewbridge raised Issues about planning procedures; this issue was raised, due to a planning application in last month's meeting where there was no liaison between her and Cll'r K. Marsh on a planning application, after BCC had made its decision at its September meeting. C & C of Sw. planners had notified, Cll'r K. Marsh that they had passed incorrect information to BCC on this application. Cll'r K. Marsh apologised to S. Rewbridge.

2012/1327	Dan Yr Onen. Land adjacent to 118 Bishopston Rd. Retention and completion of detached dwelling and detached garage.	Object. Property close to 118, Bishopston Rd, the property is 3 storey and in ANOB land and is out of keeping with the area, garage is 2 storey. Inconsistent plans submitted.
2012/1331	24, Bishopston Rd. Bishopston. Replacement single storey rear ext.	No Objection.
2012/1349	47, Manselfield Rd, Murton, Side attached garage.	No Objection.
2012/1352	Land at field 8200, Bishopston. Field Shelter. (Field, north of Wellfield)	No Objection.
2012/1397	10, Long Acre Court, Bishopston. Single story rear Extension.	No Objection.

Reports

- ❖ School Representative :- Bishopston Primary School has had a Estyn inspection, where condition of toilets were heavily criticised.
- ❖ Footpaths Officer :- Bridleway No. 26, Kissing gate needs attention, (Backingstone), FP.20. sign, Knocked down, FP. 34. viewing point, needs cutting.
- ❖ Newsletter Committee :- December newsletter, to have information on 1st Responders and Defibrillators, also dumping of rubbish in Murton car park. S. Rewbridge and Cll'r K. Marsh presented new look newsletters, various options and colour schemes, S. Rewbridge to get prices of proposed new newsletter. Councillors accepted in principle new format.
- ❖ Ward member :- Bus Shelter Copley Lodge. AP 02.10.12.
- ❖ Clerk :-

Next Meeting.

Monday 26th November at 7-30pm.