

Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt

Bishopston Community Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held

Monday 28th September 2015. 7.30pm

Chair: Susan Dunce.

Present. S. Dunce. (Chair) Cll'r K. Marsh. I. Shemilt. C. Jones. J. Thomas.
B. Phillips. S. Webborn. V. Rudall. M. Crimes. T. Crimes.
N. Lomas. C. Pritchard. T. de Vall. N. Richards. (Clerk).

Apologies. A. Edwards.

Declarations of Interest :- No declaration of interest.

4 members of Public were present for an item in correspondents, the Chair brought the item forward for discussion, Clerk read out a letter from a Mr. J.C. Davies a resident of Reigit Lane also 2 pages of names, signatures and addresses of residents from Reigit Lane and Mansel Drive of the concerns ie. House fire incident in Reigit Lane, in which a property was burnt down, there were issues of inoperative Fire Hydrants and poor water pressure. Mr. & Mrs. C. Jones whose property was burnt down were present.

The Chair then suspended the meeting to hear from a spokesperson, who was Mr. C. Jones the property owner, stated that when the Fire Brigade attended his burning property to which they arrived quite quickly, they had problems with the fire hydrant outside his property and a fire hydrant outside another property in Reigit Lane where both hydrants were not operable.

4 fire engines was dispatched, fire hydrants on Manselfield Rd were used, the water pressure was inadequate at 1.5 bar where 4 bar was required a Bowser from Tumble arrived later to assist with the volume of water required by filling up from a hydrant in Bishopston. Welsh Water improved the pressure 45 minutes to 1 hour after the start of the fire. Mr. Jones stated that he believed his property could have been saved, if the water pressure was adequate in the first place.

Cll'r K. Marsh said that he had spoken to the Fire Brigade Group Manager about the incident, the officer stated that fire hydrants are inspected on a 2 year cycle and painted yellow and that silt should not be a concern as they have equipment that removes this in seconds. Councillor Marsh is to write to The Fire Brigade also Welsh Water about the incident and request answers to the problem, it was also agreed that the Clerk of the Council also to write to Fire Brigade and Welsh Water and also request a copy of maintenance records from both parties.

AP 01.09.15.

Meeting returned to Council Agenda.

Minutes.

1. Minutes of the Council meeting, 27th July 2015, was approved.
2. Minutes of RFC Meeting, 14th September 2015 (for information only).

Matters Arising.

It was agreed to have a sub-committee to look at what grants are available for replacement of "All weather cricket mat".

It was the recommendation by RFC to remove dangerous play equipment, ie. Slide and swing frame, equipment removed 28th Sept.

Queens 90TH Birthday May 2016, RFC requested a budget it could spend, this item referred back to RFC for more planning and ideas.

Matters Arising. (Action Points)

02.10.12	Change/upgrade Bus Shelter Copley Lodge.	New bus shelter erected. Ground at Bus shelter not tarmacadam. Cll'r Marsh pursuing concern with C & C of Swansea
01.11.12	Bishopston Nursery Park, Renew Equipment with the aid of grants.	Sub Committee preparing project. Grant application forms submitted 21 st September, Success of application will be known within 30 working days.
02.01.14	Flooding, Pwll Du Lane	Site visit by C & C of Swansea, end of Pwll Du lane, blocked Gully's to be dug out to form a soak away, near "Glyn Ceinnech Farm". Area near Rugby ground entrance. This work programmed in for current year, ongoing.
01.07.15	Briggs Coaches Route No. 113	Briggs Coaches investigating of extra grants available, ie. "Live Kilometre Support Grant" this is ongoing.
01.09.15	Inspection of Fire Hydrants and poor water pressure in Manselfield.	A property was burnt down due to inoperable fire hydrants in Reigit Lane and very poor water pressure. Councillor K. Marsh and Clerk of BCC to write to Fire Brigade and Welsh Water requesting answers to the concerns and records of maintenance records.

Accounts for approval.

Monthly accounts approved as scheduled.

Correspondence.

e-mail :- City & County of Swansea, Democratic Services, with the merger of Town Councils and Community Council Standards Committee, nominations required for candidates to apply to be on Committee. BCC are not putting any Councillor forward.

e- mail :- City & County of Swansea invitation to attend Gower AONB Partnership Group, meeting in Pysgah Chapel Parkmill, 5th October. Councillor K. Marsh is already attends this meeting and will represent BCC.

e- mail :- Request from One Voice Wales for BCC to join “One Voice Wales”. Mr. Paul Egan Deputy Chief Executive has offered to attend one of BCC meetings to give the benefits of becoming a member. BCC has discussed this membership in previous years and declined to join and thank Mr. Egan of his offer.

Planning.

2015/1673	20A, Manselfield Rd, Murton. Single storey Side extension and first floor side extension.	No Objection.
2015/1812	“Libra House” Caswell Bay, Caswell. Detached dwelling and conversion of existing property to form ancillary accommodation & parking.	<u>Objected</u> to this planning application on grounds that the plans are inadequate, as there is insufficient information to judge the proposed development.
2015/1816	“Westwoods” Caswell Bay, Bishopston. To fell three Sycamore trees covered by TPO No. 120.	Planning application to be referred to the decision of the City & County of Swansea, TPO Officer/Department to make expert decision on Trees referred to in this application.
2015/1843	Land at Bishop Woods, Caswell Rd, Caswell, Bishopston. Change of use of part of an existing horse grazing paddock to menage exercise area.	No Objection.
2015/1851	29, Manselfield Rd, Murton. Single storey side extension incorporating garage and utility room.	No Objection.
2015/1912	Land adjacent to, 14, Copley Close, Murton, Bishopston. Detached Dormer Bungalow (Outline).	<u>Objected</u> to this planning application, on the similar grounds as planning application 2015/0533 in March 2015. Although an outline application, no plans available to show sizes of dormer bungalow how many bedrooms/dormers, which any size would be an overdevelopment of this narrow site location. Outline plans show parking arrangements at side of property one behind the other which would be last vehicle in moving to release the first vehicle out. Entrance of new drive would be on the turning circle outside the property, concern of parking at this location. Electrical Sub Station situated in back corner of garden, what arrangements, requirements would be needed for access through property

Reports.

- School Representative :- CCTV has been installed at Primary School due to vandalism. Concern that there is still no “Lolly Pop” person at busy entrance at school times. BCC to put a notice in December newsletter.
- Footpaths Officer :- Notice of diversion of footpath 38, due to sink hole, new entrance on Old Kittle Hill, BCC has no concern, but adequate signage required of diversion of footpath 38 to new entrance.
- Newsletter Committee :- Next newsletter will be December. Volunteer required for Headland Rd & Close and Brandy Cove, newsletter deliveries.
- Ward Member :- Nothing to report.
- Clerk :- Clerk presented to the Chair, letter of notice of retirement/resignation and explained reasons to Council, Clerk stated that he would continue to be Clerk until a successor was appointed and would be willing to help the new Clerk in settling in to the running of the Council. Councilors thanked the Clerk, and appreciated the amount of work that he had done for the Council.

Next Meeting. Monday 26th October 2015 at 7-30pm.