

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Meeting Monday 26th February 1996

7.30.p.m. Marton Day Room

- Apologies for absence { Registration of Council Owned land and buildings - K. Marsh.
- Minutes / Minutes of meeting held on 29th January 1996
- Matters arising / See Action Point Sheet
- Police Matters x Letter Superintendent R.Neville - 'J' Division
- W.G.A.L.C. + Mrs C.Colderick - Community Council Hall
- R.F.C. Report ⊗ + Mr. N.Richards 2 reports 15. 1. 96
5. 2. 96
- Bishopston Primary School ⊗ + Mr. K.Hughes - Request for donation for litter bins
- Newsletter x + Mrs. C.Colderick
- Name of Clinic at Marton ✗
- Inland Revenue ✗ - Use of Day Room as Information Centre
- Swansea Standard ✗ - New Local Newspaper
- Community Watch - Mr. K.Marsh
- W.G.C.C - Tracks West Wales Cycle Network Swansea to Newport Study
- Planning - Mr. K.Marsh.
- See separate sheet.
+ Pwlldu Car Park.
- W.G.C.C. Emergency in Communities.
- Common Land use.
- Enforcement matters.
- Barland Quarry.
- Letter G.Wardell - Planning application, further dredging and sand loss.
- Footpath 14 - Mr. T.Ridd
- Holts Field
- Footpaths - Mr. B.Burn - final details of Footpath No 2 improvements
- Roads - Mr. F.T.Hughes *Disin*
- Unitary Authority - Letter Mr. Hugh Gardiner Director of Social Services
- Letter Mr. Michael P Brunt - Director of Education
- Letter J W Spence - Director of Environmental Health & Trading Stds.
- Gower A.O.N.B - Letter Steve Parry - 40th Anniversary of Gower A.O.N.B.

SO ← } To disprove
} (minutes if any)
} remaining for the
} next meeting

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Additions to the Agenda for meeting on 26.02.96

Planning Matters

See separate sheet.

Glan y Môr

Letter reminder.

A/csfor authorisation

Murton Landscape & Garden Maintenance,
S.W.E.B.

£ 337.50

£ 122.52

X Registration of Council
owned Land & Buildings

- Mr. K.Marsh.

Vandalism -Day Room

- Mr. K.Marsh.

South Gower Rugby Club

- Letter Driving conditions Pwlldu Lane

A.O.B.

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Financial Matters

- A/cs to be authorised for payment

- JCD Electrical Services Extraction Fan + Timer - Gents Toilet £34.07
- Prontaprint supplies £87.97
- W.G.A.L.C. - Subscription £240.00
- W.G.A.L.C. - Journals (6 issues) £119.25
- Gerald Davies - Maintenance Contract £ 1826.42
- CWM VAT payment on last account £3.48
- Miss J.Hutchins - materials day room £11.36

*Instpmt
14 / ?*

*Payments to Jean Hutchins &
Ray Kennedy. ?*

Bishopston Community Council
Action Sheet

Dated: 26.02.96

Action Point No.	Date	Subject / Action	Action By
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1/96/1	29.01.96	Reply to Llanrhidian Community Council - Police	Clerk
1/96/2	29.01.96	Police Joint Meeting Superintendent Leighton Jenkins	Clerk
1/96/3	29.01.96	T.G.Jones and Associates- acknowledgement of Letter	Clerk
1/96/4	29.01.96	Footpath No 2. Safety of ' Landing Stage' Letter to W.G.C.C.	Clerk

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Meeting Monday 25th March 1996

7.00p.m. Mirton Day Room

Mr. Hugh Gardiner Director of Social Services for the City and County of Swansea will attend the meeting at 7.00.p.m.

Apologies for absence

Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 26th February 1996

Matters arising See action point list

Police Matters *Vanishing Day Room*
Inspector M.Ellias will attend the next meeting of Council

Planning Matters

- Mr. K.Marsh
- See separate sheets
- Pwlldu Car Park
- W.G.C.C. Emergency in Communities
- Common Land use
- Enforcement matters
- Barland Quarry
- G.Wardell - Dredging Bristol Channel

*Ofs 15th Gower Rugby Club
City Council*

Information c.o. Mr. F.T.Hughes

Community Watch - Mr. K.Marsh

Newsletter - Mrs C.Colderick

Millennium Fund

Local Gov. Regulations- Naming of Council in Welsh

Purchase of Computer - Mr. K.Marsh

R.F.C. - Mr. N.Richards
Millenium Fund - Mr. K.Hughes

W.C.A.L.C. - Mrs C.Colderick
- Confrence

Name of Clinic at
Mirton

A.O.N.B. - Conference 40th Anniversary

C.P.R.W. - Orimulsion
- Measuring the unmeasurable

Holts Field

Roads - Mr. F.T.Hughes

Footpaths

- Mr. B.Burn
- Footpath No 2.
- Footpath No 8, Mr. F.T.Hughes organised Council litter clean up
- Marshall Enterprises - Contractor
- St Tello's Church - request for assistance in path through Church grounds.
- No 14 - Mr. T.Ridd. - NALC - X Comments on CC Reply

Electoral Office - Retirement of Mr. P.Bridgens,

A/cs to be authorised

Commercial Marquee Hire		£ 250.00
Mr. K. Maesh exps	Maintenance	£0.05
	Community Watch	24.80
	VAT	4.43
		<u>29.73</u>
		29.73
	Newsletter	76.60
	VAT	13.40
		<u>90.00</u>
		90.00
W.H. Maslin	Clerks expenses post/tel.	51.20

Requests du Grand alle

~~These documents~~

Murray's Fields etc :- No specific mention
of road to Chestnuts.

Murray's Green - Gas burner and approach
not Council Property. Basement to Waporia
measured as 90 m² actually appears
to be much greater surfaced area.
Boundary not specified i.e. stream / hedge.

Murray's Green - access to them prepared
as for Chestnuts. It appears that land
around the top side of the Garden
Boundary of the Green may be Council Property.

General. The ownership documents of
Murray's Green appear to be a victim of
the general dispute on Murray's Green.

These to be resolved before consideration
is given to Registration.

Murray's Park, Bishop's Road, not
discussed.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th March 1996.

Present: Mr. T.Ridd (Chairman), Mrs. C.Riley, Mrs. C.Colderick, Mr. D.John, Mr. N. Richards, Mr. K.Marsh, Mrs J.Thomas, Mr. B.Burn, Mr. F.T.Hughes, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mr. K.Hughes, Mrs S.Dunce.

Apologies: Mrs S.Neilson, Mr. P.Evans.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Mr. Hugh Gardiner, Director of Social Services on the City and County of Swansea to the meeting.

Mr. Gardiner set out to explain the services carried out by the Council, the difficulties, and restrictions, in the past and at the present time. The main subject was care for the elderly, and the points raised included the following:
The Elderly were the largest group and correspondingly accounted for most of the Social Services budget.

Much effort would be made to keep people in their own homes rather than take up Hospital beds. This necessitated the build up of the 'Carers' group and to offer them as much help as possible. This was a large problem as Hospital closures had not been matched with increase in 'Care in the Community'

The demographic changes i.e. the rapid increase in the Proportion of elderly people had accounted for 90% of present funding. The system was not in control, the criteria had become one of finance and not the needs of the patient.

There had been a large increase in the number of private Nursing Homes in the W.G.C.C. area such that a surplus had been created. This in turn brought about closures as people started to believe that the elderly could be cared for at home.

Community alarms are becoming increasingly used.

2 Mobile teams are available throughout the night - providing security

Attention will be paid to the 'granny' flat assistance grants, but, funds are limited. It was revealed that care in a local home (Nazareth House) cost £197 p.w. Whereas care in a Council run Home costs £323.p.w. The increase caused by the National Agreement on Wages imposed on Councils.

Mr Gardiner said his priority in the new Local Council administration was to sort out the mess that had been created over a number of years. He thanked the Council for receiving him and for the discussions. He promised to come again should the Council so wish.

The Council thanked Mr. Gardiner for his contribution and then left the meeting.

Before the commencement of the monthly meeting the Chairman informed the Members that letters had been sent to the Provost of Stirling and the Headmaster of Dunblane School expressing regret and condolences following the shooting tragedy at the School.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.02.96 were discussed.

Mr.F.T.Hughes pointed out that the reference to Major shifts in the make up of Committees in the new Authority referred to Planning only.

Mr. D.John commented that two items of costs had not been included in the minute on Finance.

These minutes were corrected and the minutes were accepted

Matters arising See Action Point list

Action Points not cleared by S.C.C. and W.G.C.C. to be reissued to the new Authority C.C.S.

It had been mooted that the litter on Footpath No 8 would be cleared by a team from the local Authority. Observations showed that the path was still in a deplorable state. Mr. F.T.Hughes would look again

Action Point 3/96/1 - Mr. F.T.Hughes

Police

There had been a Liason meeting with W.G.A.L.C. and the Police. Mrs Colderick gave a report.

- and dredging A letter from Gareth Wardell was noted
- Community Watch Mr. K.Marsh reported that lates crime figures were up in January but now appear to be decreasing
- A series of burglaries had been solved and a double offender had been arrested.
- The Police Officer responsible for Community Services is transferring to Swansea Central Police Station. This would provide continuity with the Bishopston Community Watch following the local Government reorganisation
- It was reported that P.C. John Devoran would renew his involvement in the Bishopston Community. This was welcomed and the Clerk will contact him and pass on the Members comments.
- Action point 3/96/2 The Clerk
- Bogus Callers - A brochure had been provided under a joint venture by Swalec, British Gas, and the Police indicating details of what to do should bogus callers appear. A Brochure would be delivered to each household in the Community
- Newsletter ||| The Chairman withdrew the draft issue of the latest Newsletter as it had not been approved by the Newsletter Committee. The review would now be carried out on Tuesday 2nd April commencing at 7.30.p.m.
- Millenium Mr. K.Hughes had produced a detailed and thoughtful document on the Millenium in the Bishopston Community. He considered that the document was worthy of being the basis for future discussions on whether or not the event should be acclaimed, if so by whom, where and when and what.
- The Chairman considered the enormity of the project and would set up a working party to provide the Council with informaation on the feeling of the Community and to draw together the various organisations and groups soon to suggest a programme.
- The Working Party would consist of The Chairman, Mr. N.Richards, Mr. K. Hughes, Mrs. S.Dunce and the Clerk.
- A.O.N.B. conference Mr. F.T.Hughes suggested that application to attend the Conference be left a few weeks. He may have some information for the Council.
- R.F.C. Mr. K.Marsh gave a brief report based on the minutes of the recent meeting.
- The Committee was very concerned about the amount of litter which was appearing on Mansel Green adjacent to Copley. It was suggested that an entry should be made in the Newsletter.
- There was considerable discussion on the number of requests by the Committee for funds for various projects. It was resolved that the Committee should prioritise and present a list to the Council
- In the choice of trees for planting on Mansel Green more care should be taken in future.
- Mr. F.T.Hughes then left the meeting
- More information was required on Roller Shutters
- St Tello's Church The P.C.C. had approached the Co ncil for financial assistance in a project to resurfæee the footpath which passes through the Churchyard. The Council decided that as the path traversed private land it was unable to help. The Clerk to inform the Council
- Action Point 3/96/3 - The Clerk

Planning 96/4113/S application should be considered by the Committee and not, as shown by delegated responsibility.

96/4139/S. 8. South Close, Bishopston. Erection of a garage, utility room and store.
No objection

Pwlldu car Park There was still no reply to a letter requesting information about the repositioning of the large stones in the car park.
The South Gower Rugby Club had requested a sign at Pwlldu Lane.
The search for information to be passed to the Unitary Authority as it did not appear possible to obtain information from the City Engineers.
Action Point 2/96/10 The Clerk

W.G.C.C. A round robin letter requesting information about people willing to help in emergencies had been passed to the Co-ordinators of the Community Watch scheme.
Emergency in Communities

Barland Quarry The County Council had imposed their conditions on the Owner who, as yet, had not responded. An ad Hoc meeting was scheduled in the near future.

Unitary Authority *Planning* Mr. F.T.Hughes had attended several meetings of the new authority. He forecast a Major change in the make up of important Committees was very possible. Major shifts in the make up of Committees would almost certainly affect Gower.

Roads Mr. D.John highlighted the continued troublesome area at Murton Post Office corner. This had been and was still subject to much flooding in wet weather. Mr. F.T.Hughes said he had been promised action in January of this year, obviously without result. The difficulties were due to a design fault and he would pursue an answer.
Action Point 2/96/11 . Mr. F.T.Hughes
Middlecrot Lane had been without a street sign since it was earlier broken by Council Workmen. Mr. F.T.Hughes stated that this was programmed.
Drain at Pennard Road/Malthouse had been blocked for some considerable time. Mr. F.T.Hughes would investigate
Action Point 2/96/12 Mr. F.T.Hughes

Unitary Authority Social Services Mr. Hugh Cardiner, Director, had been invited to the march meeting.

Mrs J.Thomas then left the meeting.

Footpath No 8 Mrs C.Riley reported that the litter on this path had reached ridiculous volumes. It was in need of an efficient clean up. The School should be asked for help.

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Miss J.Hutchins - Salary S/O	73.67
<i>Mr R. Kennedy</i>	
<i>hutchins - hand scope</i>	
<i>Barnden</i>	
<i>hutchins</i>	337.50
<i>SMB</i>	122 52.

Bishopston Community Council
Action Sheet

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2/96/2	26.02.96	Holts Field - Police attitude	Clerk
2/96/3	26.02.96	Primary School - Litter Bins offer	Clerk
2/96/4	26.02.96	Name of Clinic at Murton - Mr. Bellamy <i>Due Mar</i>	Clerk
2/96/5	26.02.96	Inland Revenue - Information Centre at Murton	Clerk
2/96/6	26.02.96	G.Wardell MP - Sand Dredging - support	Clerk
2/96/7	26.02/96	Millenium Fund	Mr. K.Hughes
2/96/8	26.02.96	Evening event with Contractors et al	Chairman
2/96/10	26.02.96	Pwlldu Car Park. Impetus from Chief Executive Unitary Authority	Clerk
2/96/11	26.02.96	Flooding Murton Post Office area - Correction	Mr. F.T.Hughes
2/96/12	26.02.96	Pennard Road/Malthouse - Drains blocked	Mr. F.T.Hughes

AGENDA

*Ops. Marshall Enterprises
Local Government Budgets
Request for Council hand
7.00.p.m. Murton Day Room*

Meeting Monday 29th April 1996

Inspector M.Ellias will attend the meeting of the Council

Apologies for absence

Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 25th March 1996

Matters arising See action Point list

Police matters

Planning Matters

- Mr. K.Marsh
- See separate sheet
- ~~Wildu Car Park~~
- ~~W.G.C.C. Emergency in Communities~~
- ~~Common Land Use~~
- ~~Enforcement matters~~
- ~~Barland Quarry - Mr. F.T.Hughes~~
- Swansea Local Plan (Including Waste Policies)
- Written Statemant Deposit Draft
- Deposit Draft Proposal Maps

*Pinze houses
for Sun
Dm*

Community Watch

- Mr. K.Marsh

R.F.C. Report

- Mr. N.Richards

Newsletter

*Details
Budget*

- Mrs C.Colderick Suggested 3 column format by Mr. B.Burn and improved printing with Laserjet

W.G.A.L.C.

- Mrs. C.Colderick - Conference Llandrindod Wells 21/09/96

Financial Matters

- Initial Quarterly report based on K.H. format

*Proposed Council
Waste Contract
Wheare Bins
Local Agenda*

- A/cs for payment

Garth Farm - Trees	£249.50
South Wales Photocopiers	£ 63.30
C.C. Swansea Refuse removal	£ 23.82
Open Spaces Society	£ 20.00
Miss J.Hutchins S/o.	£ 86.67
Miss J.Hutchins materials	£ 5.82
W.H.Maslin Clerks salary	£550.00

Unitary Authority

- Mr. T.Ridd
- Mr F.T.Hughes copy Report to Chief Executive - Communications with Community Councils
- copy of Report 1991 City Council Wards profile Census snapshot Mr. B.Burn

Millenium Fund

- Mr. T.Ridd - Working party

Roads

- Mr. F.T.Hughes

Footpaths

- Mr. B.Burn
- Footpath No 8 - Mr F.T.Hughes Council litter clean up
- Footpath No 14 - Mr. T.Ridd letter NACC

A.O.N.B. conference

- Mr. F.T.Hughes

~~Holts Field~~

Local Gov. Regulations

- Naming of Council in Welsh +

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 1996

Present: Mr. T.Ridd, (Chairman) Mrs. C.Riley, Mr. D.John, Mrs. C.Colderick, Mr. B.Burn
Mr. N.Richards, Mr. K.Marsh, Mr. K.Hughes, Mrs. J.Thomas, Mrs. J.Lewis

Apologies: Mr. F.T.Hughes, Mr. P.Evans, Mrs. S.Neilson, Mrs. S.Dunce

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Elias to the meeting.

Inspector Elias is the resident Inspector at the Mumbles Police Station. His area covers West Cross, Gower and Mumbles. There are Police Houses at Port Eynon, Reynoldston and Bishopston.

Inspector Elias greeted the Members and thanked them for the opportunity for discussion.

The main points of his discussion were as follows:

The Bishopston Community is not recognised as a high crime area in comparison with other Communities in the Division. Neither did it have similar problems of Juvenile crime or vandalism.

Mr. K.Marsh as Council Co-Ordinator was able to give local information to the Police Liaison Officers and they were grateful for this. Bishopston was recognised as being in the forefront of Community Watch. Mr. Marsh commented that we were constantly expanding but we still lacked Co-Ordinators in areas such as Kilfield. It was important to report anything which even hinted at being suspicious. Recently a car with two occupants was reported as being suspicious. The car as it happened was known to the Police and was on surveillance. This, however, showed that the system was working.

Like most, if not all, the Country's Police Forces lack of Policemen and Funds were a constant problem

Referring to Special Constables he said these were being used to, for example, patrol the sea front in Mumbles. They had a good psychological effect on the wrong doer.

Traffic problems and speed of vehicles were highlighted particularly in Manselfield Road, Northway and Bishopston Road.

Young Mothers were guilty of causing problems with car parking and speeding in cars.

It was noted that the School crossing lights were invariably left off when they should be used as a warning to Motorists. The HeadTeacher to be asked for an explanation.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Elias for his visit who then left the meeting.

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Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 1996 were approved

Matters arising Reference Action Point 2/96/10. Pwlldu Head. Since the original design the 'gate' between the cliff top and the car park had been altered to allow not only wheel chairs but also motor bikes. This will result in damage to the headland. The original should be replaced. The Clerk to write to the Chief Executive G.C.S. pointing out lack of response to letters and the destruction of the access gate.

Action Point 4/96/1 The Clerk

Heavy flooding was still a problem in the region of the new pumping station in Manselfield Road in spite of earlier remedial works.

Action Point 4/96/2. The Clerk

The Millenium

Mr. K.Hughes had prepared a memorandum outling the offer of a Council lead Forum to be held on 1st July at Murton to discuss all aspects of the Millenium celebrations as relevant to the Community of Bishopston. This was accepted by the Council and would be circulated to all Clubs and organisations in the Community asking for 2 representatives to attend.

Roads

Sign at Middlecroft Lane was still missing.

The Quarry car park in Bishopston had been resurfaced using the block system similar to that used to resurface the car park adjacent to the Church in Church Lane, Bishopston.

The Community Council had not been officially consulted about the resurfacing of the park and the expensive method used. While not wishing to appear negative this sort of action does not contribute to good communication and co-operation. It was also of concern that the work at the Quarry car park was carried out without planning permission and yet permission was needed to resurface the Church car park.

Action Point 4/96/6 The Clerk.

Footpaths

There had been a great improvement in the condition of Footpath No8 due to the C.C.S. clean up and the individual efforts.

There was no further news in the Footpath 14 problem.

Mr. D.John noted that a reply from the NALC to a copy of this Councils submission to the Inquiry had not been shown in Council minutes. The reply was very short and implied that as the Council had done all it could there was little the NALC could do to improve upon it.

Local Gov.
Regulations
Naming Council in
Welsh

To be discussed at a later date.

S.Gower R.F.C.

The South Gower Rugby Club had applied for an outdoor entertainment Licence for a function on the 27th July 1996. This Council would have No objection.

Holts Field

Mrs J.Lewis declared an interest and left the meeting. In the event there was nothing to report
Mrs. Lewis rejoined the meeting.

A.O.N.B.
conference

Mr. F.T.Hughes would attend the meeting on behalf of the Council

Registration
of Land

Mr. K.Marsh was concerned that, in his opinion, the reasons given by the Clerk why it was not necessary to register Council Land presented as a gift were not clear. A further meeting would be held,

Meeting closed at 10.02.p.m.

**Bishopston Community Council
Action Sheet**

Dated: 27.05.96

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2/96/11	26.02.96	Flooding, Murton Post Office Road - Correction	Mr. F. T. Hughes
2/96/1	26.02.96	Inland Revenue - Information Centre at Murton	Clerk
3/96/A1	25.03.96	AP 2395/4 - Footpath maintenance	Clerk
3/96/A2	26.06.95	Footpath No 8 Clearance account to W.G.C.C. AP 6/95/2	Clerk
3/96/A3	31.07.95	AP7 /95/8 Road Sign Murton Green Road.	Clerk
3/96/A5	27.11.95	AP11/95/4 Common Land to garden	Clerk
4/96/1	29.04.1	Gate at Pwlldu Head	Clerk
4/96/2	29.04.2	Flooding at Manselfield Farm area.	Clerk
4/96/3	29.04.96	15 Lyle Road continuation of building without planning permission.	Clerk
4/96/4	29.04.96	Local Plan Review A.O.N.B. boundary	Clerk
4/96/5	29.04.96	W.I.A.L.C. Conference	Council
4/96/6	29.04.96	Quarry car park	Clerk
* Action points cleared shown overleaf			

AGENDA

Meeting Tuesday 28th May 1996

7.00 p.m. Murton Day Room

Mr. M.Brunt Director of Education offers his apologies.

Apologies for absence

Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 1996

Matters arising See Action Point List

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Matters arising

Police Matters

- Letter S. Leighton Jenkins - Liaison

Planning matters

- Mr. K.Marsh
 - See separate sheets
 - 15 Pyle Road - Mrs Julie Thomas

Appointment of new Clerk

Community Watch

Best Kept Garden Competition

R.F.C. Report

- Mr. N.Richards for Mrs G.Colderick

Newsletter

- Mr. K.Marsh

Gower Commoners

- Fencing South side Clyne Common

Primary School Govenors

- Mr. K.Hughes

W.G.A.L.C.

- Mrs G.Colderick
 - Delegate(s) Llandrindod Conference

Roads

- Mr. F.T.Hughes
 - Letter C.C.S Verge opposite Murton Clinic
 - Letter Mrs. D.Smelling Footpath Murton P.O
 - Letter information from Mr. E.D.Hughes 1 Oldway

Footpaths

- Mr. B.Burn
 - Letter C.C.S Maintenance of Rights of Way.

A.O.N.B

- 40th Anniversary Display

Gower Forum

- Report

Millenium

Local Gov. Regulations

- Naming of Council in Welsh

Registration of Council owned Land

Unitary Authority

C.P.R%W.

- Orimulsion

Open Spaces Society

- Appeal

Minutes of meeting held on 28th May 1996

S. Dunce ?

Present : Mr. N.Richards (Chairman), Mr. D.John, Mrs C.Colderick, Mrs. C.Riley,
Mrs S.Neilson, Mr. K.Marsh, Mr. T.Ridd, Mr. F.T.Hughes, Mrs. S.Dunce.
Mrs. J.Thomas.

Apologies: Mr. K.Hughes, Mrs. J.Lewis, Mr. B.Burn

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 1996 were discussed.
Following some alterations and additions these were approved.

Matters arising See Action Point list.

Mr. T.Ridd wished to thank those ladies who had helped to make the Chairmans evening such a success. Mrs. C.Colderick, Mrs. C.Riley and Mrs. J.Thomas had prepared and served a buffet which was most appreciated by the several 'Contractor' Guests and those Councillors who had attended on 17.05.96

Mrs S.Dunce then joined the meeting.

Police Matters

Superintendent Leighton Jenkins had accepted the invitation to host a joint meeting of representatives of Gower Community Councillors. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for mid July and to notify the relevant Clerks.

Action Point 5/96/1

Mrs. C.Riley reported that intruders had gained entry to the garden of a property in Wellfield over the Nursery Park fence at Bishopston Road. There was discussion on the use of barbed wire to line the top of the fence. This was completely ruled out as it was not Council practice to use barbed wire on Council property.

Planning matters

96/6009. Junction with Northway, Church Lane, Bishopston. Erection of a wooden directional sign. Mrs. L.Twells.

No objection.

It was pointed out that there was no sign indicating Bishopston on the Northway Road coming from the Swansea direction. Mrs. C. Riley noted that this caused confusion to visitors to the area. Mr. F.T.Hughes noted this and would see that the provision of a suitable sign was ' included in the list'.

A letter had been received from a Mrs Julie Thomas setting out the applicants views on the planning application concerning a development at 15 Pyle Road, Bishopston. The letter was noted.

The S.C.L.C. had convened a meeting at which Mr. D.Wilson the Director of Planning to the C.C.S. was the guest speaker. This was well attended. Most of the procedures Mr. Wilson outlined were in place as far as Bishopston was concerned. In future Councils would receive, in addition Planning application notification and decisions of the Authority, recommendation by Planning Officers.

It was stated that, in future, copies of plans relevant to applications would be sent to the Clerks of Councils. This was considered more effective and there would be no need for Community Council Representatives to visit the C.C.S. Planning Office .

Monitoring procedures would be implemented and reports issued.

Mr. Wilson was reminded about the lack of consultation on Conservation matters and an improvement was urged

Planning Matters

Mr. Wilson stated that Community Councils would be informed of the dates and times of site meetings

Further meetings would be held in the near future to 'put some more meat on the bones of the structure'

Reference was made to work being carried out on the path which passes the entrance to St Tello's Church which is in the Bishopston Conservation Area. Ancient cobble stones had been removed from the side of the path and dumped at the bottom of the path.

Mrs. C.Colderick declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion.

The Clerk to contact Mr. M.Whiffin, Church Warden to request that the cobble stones be saved.
Action point 5/96/2 The Clerk

Similar stones may be affected by refurbishing work outside No 7 Bishopston Road which is also in the Bishopston Conservation Area.

A letter had been received from a Mrs Julie Thomas of 15 Pyle Road making reference to a planning application affecting her property. The letter was noted.

Appointment of new Clerk to the Council

Mr. T.Ridd declared an interest and left the meeting.

Following some discussion Mr. F.T.Hughes proposed that a small working party should be set up to set out the terms of reference for a new Clerk. This should consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr. F.T.Hughes, as Senior Councillor; and the Clerk. The working party's findings to be reported to the next meeting of Council. This was seconded by Mrs J.Thomas and carried on a majority vote.

Community Watch

There was little to report

Mr. K.Marsh had been appointed to the Police Crime prevention Panel.

Mr. K.Marsh and Mr. D.John had been invited to discussions on the formation of an association of Neighbourhood Watch Committees.

There was discussion on the quality and impact of the current Neighbourhood Watch Signs. He produced a copy of a sign he had obtained of similar signs used in New Zealand. Mr. Marsh would have discussions with Constable Stuart Powell with a view to recommending modifications to those used locally.

There had been a series of break-ins in Northlands Park, and Murton, including theft of two alarm systems.

The next issue of the Newsletter should again stress the necessity of securing garages and outhouses

Best Kept Garden Competition

The Clerk to make arrangements for the announcing of the Competition and the judging of the Competition by Mr. P.Jones, Mrs Alderman Susan Jones, and Mr. T.Ridd. The judging to take place between the 15th and 19th July 1996. Action Point 5/96/3

Recreational Facilities Committee Report

In the absence of the Vice Chairman of the Committee Mr. N.Richards gave a report based on the minutes of the recent Committee meeting. The Committee decided to discontinue investigation into the use of roller shutter doors for the rear entrances for the Changing Rooms. An investigation into the use of hardwood frames and fire proof doors would continue.

The May Fayre was discussed and congratulations were made to Mrs. S.Dunce for the success of the event. It was agreed that more help

R.F.C. report

and assistance should be given to Mrs. S. Dunce in future.

The Clerk reported that Mr. B. Williams had agreed to continue as a Consultant for the Fireworks Event for at least one more year.

A request had been made to erect a Marquee on the Middle Area for a private function. This was approved, subject to agreement on conditions and a Fee of £25. with addition of £10 for the use of the changing room toilets

Gower Commoners

The Gower Commoners had advised that they would fence in the South side of the road across Clyne Common. This was welcomed by the Council as this action would prevent the straying of animals on to the busy main road and would bring the land back into use for grazing. The Clerk to write to the Commoners and to enquire whether there were any similar intentions to carry out similar actions on the land to the West of the Nazareth House development. Should there not be any intention to fence the road - please advise.

The Commoners to be reminded that there is a Bridleway across the Common and various exits must be gated.

Primary School
Governors

Mr. F.T. Hughes stated that it was recognised that there was a severe lack of funding at the School. The P.T.A. had given generous financial help but this should have been made available by the County Council.

He had had a meeting with Mr. P. Brunt, Director of Education, Mr. P. Bowen and Mr. J. Rewbridge.

The School was on a split site with a disadvantage to the Primary School as far as funding was concerned. Mr. Brunt promised to give £8000 from his budget to the School.

Dredging
Bristol Channel

A dredging Company Llanelli Dredging had applied to the Welsh Office for a licence to continue dredging to the South of Gower. This will be condemned by this Council.

Action Point 5/96/4 The Clerk.

Dumaisson Evidence.

Roads

A copy of a letter sent to the C.C.S complaining about the condition of the grass verges on Mansfield Road opposite the Clinic was noted as it had not been addressed to this Council.

Several deficiencies in road maintenance were noted by Mr. F.T. Hughes These included :

- Overgrown hedges and verges 42/44 Bishopston Road
- Water running down Church Lane
- Wellfield pavement - dangerous to Pedestrians
- Pavement in Pwlldu Lane - dangerous to Pedestrians
- Brandy Cove area and Pyle Corner. Road surface in poor state.
- Action Point/5/96/5 - Mr. F.T. Hughes.

Footpaths

A letter had been received from Mr. J. Atkins Rights of Way Officer C.C.S on the subject of liaison on work to be carried out. The Clerk to invite Mr. Atkins to a meeting and indicate previous concerns when dealing with the W.G.C.C.

Mr. Atkins to be made aware the Waymarking of Footpath 14 and the security of the path.

Action Point

Millenium

A public meeting will be held on 1st July 1996. The working party will offer suggestions.

Items on Agenda not discussed

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- W.G.A.L.C. - Llandrindod Conference ?
- A.O.N.B. - 40th Anniversary Display ?
- Gower Forum - Report
- Local Gov. Regulations - Naming of Council in Welsh
- Registration of Council owned Land
- Unitary Authority
- C.P.R.W. - Orimulsion
- Open Spaces Society - Appeal

Financial Matters

A/cs approved for payment

C.C.S	Non Domestic Rate	£ 131.63
Gerald Davies	Maintenance Contract	1826.42
Murton Landscape	Nursery Park	312.50
C.C.S.	A.O.N.B. Anniversary	15.00
Commercial Marquees Hire	May Fayre	68.75
SWALEC	Charges	72.96
Chairman's Evening	Buffet & Refreshments (T.R. C.C. C.R.)	51.36
	Mr. T.Ridd, Mrs C.Colderick, Mrs C.Riley declared an interest in this charge.	
C.C.S.	Loan Repayment s/o	1250.00
Miss J.Hutchins	Salary s/o	86.67

Meeting closed at 9.35.p.m.

312.50
x
4

1250.

Annual Report.

Nursery park £1200 pa.

26.2.96. 337.50.

27.11.96. 312.50.

25.9.95. £250.00

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 24th June 1996

Present: Mr. N.Richards (Chairman), Mrs. C.Riley, Mrs. S.Nielson, Mr. D.John,
Mr. T.Ridd, Mr. B.Burn, Mr. F.T.Hughes, Mr. K.Marsh. *Celwyn Hughes*

Apologies: Mrs. J.Thomas, Mrs. J.Lewis, Mrs. G.Colderick, Mr. P.Evans.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 1996 were discussed. The Clerk to investigate an apparent anomaly in the Murton Landscape charges. This would be done by the next meeting. The minutes were approved.

Mr. M.Brunt Director of Education for the City & County of Swansea then joined the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Mr.Brunt was optimistic about Education in the area. He was confident that under the new Unitary Authority where the Education and Leisure Departments were under the 'same roof' whereas, beforehand, these had been divided between the County and City Authorities, many matters would improve.

He was most enthusiastic about the output of both the Primary and Comprehensive Schools

Mr. F.T. Hughes highlighted the distribution of funds for facilities. In Bishopston the Community Council levied a tax on the local electorate which was used to provide facilities which, in other areas of the City and County were catered for from the central Council charge. Currently Bishopston Community Council levied a tax of £22,000.00. He emphasised that all Wards in the new Authority should be treated the same.

Mrs. S.Dunce then joined the meeting.

Mr. Brunt pointed out that a key phase was to provide a thriving City Centre. This would bring together Communities and provide work opportunities.

There is evidence to support moves to change the imbalance between West and East. The dogma that the East deserves more than the West will be tackled.

Mr. F.T.Hughes pointed out that the original plans for the Comprehensive School showed a 6th form Block. What has happened?

Mr. Brunt did not support the principle of a battle for funds for Primary / Secondary Schools. New money will be needed. It is, in part, a resource issue. Present rules allow schools to accumulate balances, usually claiming good reasons. Mr. Brunt will attempt to get balances down. Schools hold more in balances than the rest of the Council put together.

~~The aim was to release funds for Tertiary colleges and Schools.~~

Post 16 curricula tempered to the former 6th forms to prepare students for University. Mr.R.Deering has done a grand job and it would appear that there is no longer a dogmatic attitude by the L.E.A.

Mr. T.Ridd queried the criteria for introducing a Community School in Bishopston.

Mr. Brunt assured the members that it was not a question of competition, the needs of other schools would have an impact. There are opportunities for common cause but alternative reasons must be heard.

The Educational environment is in the initial stages of change.

The Chairman and Members thanked Mr. Brunt for his address and discussion and he then left the meeting.

Matters arising (reconvened) See Action Point List

Helwick Bank

The Council considered correspondence and a study produced by a Consultant Company advocating the continuation of dredging at the Helwick Bank in the Bristol Channel. The Members were not convinced that the proposed operations would not affect the Gower Beaches, the A.O.N.B. and the Gower Coast. The time scale of study was far too limited. No account had been taken of change in weather patterns which should be a significant part of the equation. Global Warming will prove a factor in environmental changes. The Bishopston Community Council will object to the proposals

W.G.A.L.C.

Mrs C.Colderick to be asked to attend the National Conference.

A.O.N.B
40th Anniversary
celebrations

Mr. Steve Parry of the C.C.S. had apologised for the delay in holding the roving exhibition to celebrate the event. It was agreed to await further information.

Gower Forum

A Meeting had been deferred. New date to be advised. There would be a site visit at Fairside Farm at 13.15. hrs. on 4th July 1996- New footpath.

Local Gov.
Regulations
Name in Welsh

The naming of the Council in Welsh was discussed. The present assumption that the translation of Bishopston to Llandeilo Ferwallt was challenged. Mr. T.Ridd would ask some of his Welsh speaking contacts for their translation.

Action Point 6/96/1 - Mr. T.Ridd

Registration of
Council owned Land

A further ^{meeting} discussion to be convened to decide whether ^{the council} it is required to register land not defined on the Land Registry when the Deeds are in the possession of the Council.

Unitary
Authority

Nothing to report. Mr. T.Ridd would attend a meeting on 2nd July 1996

C.P.R.W.

The Council will support the proposal by the C.P.R.W. to oppose the introduction of an Orimulsion Plan at Pembroske. The Council Members are not convinced that the use of the plant would not have an effect on the Environment.

Open Spaces
Society

An appeal for financial support was noted.

Planning
Matters

There were no current planning applications. A letter from Mr. D.Wilson, Director of Planning on future and present procedures was noted.

Archives

Further discussion will be held at a later date on the future policy governing the Council Archives. It was mooted that all Archives should be kept locally.

Appointment
of Clerk

Mr. T.Ridd declared an interest and left the meeting. Applications for the position of Clerk to the Council will be advertised in the local Press on Fri.Sat. 27th 28th June 1996. Application to be delivered to the Clerk by 6.00.p.m. on Monday 15th July 1996. The applications received will be considered by the Councillors on Monday 15th July 1996 at 7.30.p.m. in the Murton Day Room. Mr. T.Ridd then rejoined the meeting

Financial
Matters

A meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Thursday 18th July at 7.30.p.m. in the Murton Committee Room

South Wales Photocopiers
Frontoprint
W.H.Maslin
Miss J.Hutchins

supplies £99.30
supplies £20.49
Clerks Post/tel exp. £55.65
S/O £86.67

Chairman allowance

£250.00

Millenium:

Members were reminded about the meeting of invited Representatives to initiate arrangements for a Millenium celebration. The meeting will start at 7.30.p.m. on Monday 1st July 1996 at Murton Day Room.

Newsletter

The Chairman suspended Std. Orders at 10.00p.m. expressly to discuss the July 1996 issue of the Newsletter. This was approved following amendments and additions.

Meeting closed at 10.40.p.m.

Items on the Agenda not discussed.

R.F.C. report

- Mrs. C.Colderick

Dunblane

- Purchase of Computer

- Mr. K.Marsh

Correspondence

- Mr. K.Marsh

Gower Commoners

- Fencing South side of Clyne Common

Footpaths

- Mr. B.Burn

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 1996.

Present: Mr. N.Richards (Chairman), Mrs. C.Colderick, Mrs. C.Riley, Mr. D.John, Mr. B.Burn,
Mrs. J.Lewis, Mrs. J.Thomas, Mr. K.Marsh, Mr. F.T.Hughes, Mr. K.Hughes
Mrs. S.Neilson. Mrs. S.Dunce. and Mr. G.Roberts

Apologies Nil

Casual Vacancy

Mr. P.Evans had submitted his resignation which was regrettfully accepted. The Clerk would make the necessary statutory arrangements. The Electoral Office at the County Hall would be informed.

Should an Election be demanded the Electoral Officer will inform the Council.

Should there be no demand for an Election to fill the vacancy the Council will either co-opt at the next Council meeting or delay a decision while the Casual Vacancy is advertised within the Community.

Mr. P.Evans to be thanked for his contribution during his term of Office.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 1996 were considered Following some adjustments the minutes were approved.

Matters arising

W.G.A.L.C. Seminar Mrs. J.Lewis agreed to attend

Cover Forum. The meeting at Fairside Farm was well attended. Some 60 people were present

Registration The question of costs in registering 'unregistered' Council owned land was discussed. It was agreed to defer a decision to a later date. Legal costs must be assessed.

Archives. To be placed on the Agenda at a later date.

Millenium . A meeting of invited representatives was well attended on 1st July 1996. A Steering Committee was formed to gather information to be supplied to a further representative meeting in September 1996.

Police Matters

Nil

Planning Matters

96/0395. 39 Oldway, Bishopston. Thomas Norman David. Front and rear Dormer Extension.

No objection.

96/0432. St Teilo's Church Lane, Bishopston. St Teilo's Church c/o Revd. Chris Lee.

No Objection. However, it is understood that this operation is for cosmetic benefit, not on safety grounds. Is this a satisfactory reason for lopping?.

96/0460. 15 Pyle Road, Bishopston. Single storey rear extension. Mr. J.Hulland.

No objection

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Sheet
do.*

Clerk to the
Council cont:

Mr. F.T.Hughes proposed that the Chairman, Mr. Roberts, and the Clerk should meet and prepare a draft Contract of Employment for the new Clerk. This to be presented to a special meeting of the Council on 9.09.96. ✓

R.F.C. Committee

^{reput-}
The Chairman stated that as Members were supplied with the minutes of the R.F.C. meeting, unless a specific point was raised these would be taken as read. This would be a matter of procedure from the next Council meeting onwards.

The matter of repairs to the porch at the Committee Room was referred back to the R.F.C. for clarification on quotations.

The R.F.C. to supply a priority list.

The Committee requested the sum of £50.00 to pay for alterations to the ' Ambulance ' gate at the playing fields. This was agreed.

Nursery Park safety. Three seats on swing at Bishopston Nursery Park to be replaced at cost of £330. Approval was given.

The CVW's had repaired a slatted seat on Murton Green

D. Blane
School

A letter from School inviting donations to a memorial fund was noted.

Purchase of Computer

Mr. Roberts agreed to use his own Computer. Mr. K.Hughes proposed the purchase of a printer. ~~Photocopier~~

Correspondence

Mr. K.Marsh requested that, for a trial period, copies of outgoing correspondence should be made available in a file at Council meetings.
Action Point 8/96/3. The Clerk

Footpaths

A list of Footpaths, compiled by Mr. B.Burn, requiring maintenance, had been forwarded to the Footpath Officer at C.C.S.

There was discussion about a footpath which leads around the 'Vineyard' to Pwlldu car park. Mrs O'Tell was concerned that overusage by cyclists may cause a hazard. This to be left on the table and discussed at a later date

The condition of Footpath No 9 and Footpath No 8 was again causing concern. Several attempts had been made to persuade the Education Authority to repair fences and tend to hedges had met with nil response
The Clerk to raise the problems again.

Action Point 8/96/4. The Clerk

Photocopier

It was necessary to replace the existing photocopiers. A quotation to be obtained from S.Woot for consideration. Further quotations to be obtained should this not be acceptable.

Trees

Residents on the East side of the Bishopston Nursery Park had complained on safety grounds, that tree branches were overhanging their properties. The Clerk to investigate and instruct the Contractor accordingly.

Action Point 8/96/5

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA
(as at 21.07.96)

Meeting Monday 12th August 1996

7.30 p.m. Murton Day Room

Apologies for absence.

Mr. P. Evans has resigned from the Council. This then requires the announcement of a CASUAL VACANCY according to procedures.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th June 1996.

Matters arising

Police Matters - Liaison Meeting 16.7.96.

Planning matters - Mr. K. Marsh
- See separate sheets
- Footpath 14 Communication from Welsh Office, refusal of costs application by W.G.C.C. against Bishopston C.C.
- Conversion of Common Land to garden - Letter C.C.S.

Appointment of new Clerk 20th 7.96

Items on the Agenda 24th June 1996 not discussed.

R.F.C. Report 10696 } - Mr. N. Richards (Mrs. G. Colderick)

Dunblane 8796 }

Purchase of Computer - Mr. K. Marsh

Correspondence - Mr. K. Marsh

Tower Commoners - Fencing South side of Glyne Common

Planning Area 17.7.96
Evolution Lower 2.

Footpaths - Mr. B. Burn

Financial Matters

Audit Page 29.
Munster Park caretaker
Dry Run caretaker

- Statement

Report of meeting

18.7.96 [Audit

A/cs authorised at Financial Meeting.

South Wales Photocopiers copy charge £56.28
Evening Post Clerk advert £270.72
Water Board Charges £113.22
British Gas Charges £156.61
W.H. Maslin Clerks Salary £550.00

1146.83

Newsletter

- Mr. K. Marsh - footpath 14.

Unitary Authority

- Mr. T. Ridd

Community Watch

- Mr. K. Marsh

17 Long Acre
Mr R. Small
Times

Best Kept Garden Competition - Results 1996 competition

Local Government Boundary Commission

- Review of Electoral Arrangements

Roads

- Mr. F.T. Hughes

A.O.B.

9.9.96

23.9.96

29.8.96

4.30.

Additions to the AGENDA issued on 21.07.96 for the meeting on 12.08.96

- Action Point sheet as at 21.07.96
- Planning Matters - See separate sheet
- Mr. K.Marsh
- Appointment of Clerk - Minutes of selection meeting held on 15.07.96
- Financial Matters
- Statement as at 18.07.96
 - A/cs to be authorised
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| Gerald Davies Ltd. - Maintenance | £ 1826.42 |
| Western Log Company, - Materials | 360.73 |
| Mirton Landscape . - Maintaenance | 312.50 |
| Miss J,Hutchins - Underpayment (salary) | 13.00 |
- CADW.
- St Teilo's Church.
- ~~Countrywide Strategy.~~
- Common Land.
- Bishopston Primary School.
- Strategic Development Scheme, 1997/1998
- Bishopston Nursery Park.
- Local Council Review.
- Ford at St.Teilo's Church
 - Church Hall Rebuilding Appeal
 - C.C.S
 - C.C.S. Report -Encroachment and Powers
 - Governing Body Minor Authority Representative
 - C.C.S. and Welsh Office
 - Trees letter Mrs B.C.Harris
 - July 1996 issue

Interim Audit.

Bishopston Community Council

Minutes

of the meeting of the council held on 30th September
at the Day Room, Murton Green.

Present :

Mr N Richards (Chair), Mrs C Coledrick, Mr B Burn, Mrs S Dunce, Mr D John, Mrs J Lewis,
Mrs S R Neilson, Mr T Ridd, Mrs C Riley, Mrs J Thomas.
Mr W H Maslin, Clerk and Mr G Roberts.

Apologies for absence received from C&C Councillor Mr F Hughes, Mr D John and Mr K Marsh.

Casual Vacancy :

Following the advertising of the Casual Vacancy within the community, a letter of application was received from Mr J C Dixon of 140, Murton Lane. No other application was received. Mr Dixon is already known to the council as a member of the Recreational Facilities Committee. Mr Dixon's application to join the full council was unanimously accepted by those present. He would serve as a member of the council until the next council elections. It would be necessary to remind Mr Dixon that his appointment to the full council would require him to resign from the Recreational Facilities Committee.

Action Point 9/96/0 : the Clerk ✓

Contract of Employment : New Clerk to the council :

Mr G Roberts to take up duties as Clerk to Bishopston Community Council on 1st October 1996. The proposed Contract of Employment for the new Clerk was presented and accepted by members. This contract to be accepted and signed by Mr G Roberts before the next meeting of the council.

Minutes :

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 1996 were accepted and then signed by the Chair, Mr N Richards.

Matters Arising :

1. Newsletter

The purchase of an A3 printer to facilitate the production of the council's Newsletter had been suggested. An alternative strategy of acquiring a photocopier which would take A3 as well as A4 to be explored. Estimate to be sought from present supplier South Wales Photocopiers.

Action Point 9/96/1 : the Clerk ✓

2. Insurance

Michael Harris Insurance Services of Newton Rd., Mumbles had been recommended. The outgoing Clerk has agreed terms with this organisation which results in a £100 reduction in the council's total insurance bill for the same level of cover as previously. A further reduction may be expected next year. Terms agreed, premium cheque signed.

Action Point 9/95/4 : the Clerk ✓

Footpath 14 12/95/2

Matter of the exact location of the footpath still unresolved. Mr R Burns still waiting a reply to his letter of 5th August '96 to CCS. CCS to be reminded.

Action Point 12/95/2 : the Clerk

4. Pwll Du Car Park

CCS was informed by letter on 2nd September '96 that boulders placed at the car park to restrict access had been dislodged. If no action taken in 10 days' time, CCS to be reminded of the situation.

Action Point 2/96/10 : the Clerk

5. Road sign - Murton Green Road

No response yet from CCS

Action Point 3/96/A3 : the Clerk

6. Common land to garden

Contents of the report from the South West Area Planning Sub-committee were noted. Resolved that the council would monitor carefully that the terms of the findings, in particular condition 4 were complied with.

Action Point 3/96/5 : Council members

7. Gate at Pwll Du Head

No progress to report. CCS to be reminded

Action Point 4/96/1 : the Clerk

8. Ford at St Teilo's Church

The retiring clerk reported that he had written to Paul Thomas of CCS on 13th September and was still awaiting a reply.

9. Copies of correspondence

It was agreed that in future, copies of correspondence from the Clerk written on behalf of the council should be available to members at the start of every council meeting.

Action Point 8/96/3 : the Clerk

10. Footpaths 8 and 9

The retiring clerk had written to the Director of Education at CCS in this connection but no reply has been received. A reminder to be sent.

Action Point 8/96/4 : the Clerk

11. Trees in the Nursery Park

It was agreed that a small group of councillors would meet to make a site visit with a view to agreeing what further action, if any, needs to be taken.

Action Point 8/96/5 : Chair and relevant councillors

Use of Welsh in council matters :

The Welsh name of the council - Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt - was noted.

Meeting with Unitary Authority :

Mr T Ridd spoke to his report (copy attached) of the meeting with the Principal Authority which he attended on 23rd September at County Hall.

Community Watch :

Mr K Marsh not present to report on progress.

Roads :

Mr F Hughes not present to report on developments at CCS. Mrs C Riley reported that the road sign for Middlecroft Lane which was displaced by CCS workmen some time ago has still not been replaced despite repeated written requests to the Principal Authority. It was noted that new road signs had been erected elsewhere. Further, one of the residents of Middlecroft Lane was an elderly person dependant on regular deliveries of oxygen. There have been instances of suppliers experiencing difficulty in finding the road. This work needs to be undertaken urgently. Signs required both sides of the entrance to the road. Letter to Chief Executive, CCS

Action Point 9/96/1 : the Clerk

Request for financial support - rebuilding of St Teilo's Church Hall :

Mrs C Coledrick declared an interest. After discussion it was agreed that the council's policy not to make donations to charitable causes should be upheld as in the earlier request for assistance from Murton Methodist Chapel. Refer applicants to the Millennium Commission

Action Point 9/96/2 : the Clerk

Bishopston Primary School - Minor Authority representative onto Governing Body :

In view of the urgency of the request for a nomination of a representative from the council to sit on the school's governing body, the retiring clerk had, with his agreement, put forward the name of Mr K Hughes. This had been accepted by the school. The retiring clerk's action was approved.

Strategic Development Document 97/98 :

Noted

Countryside Strategy :

The letter received in this connection to be read by the Chair, Mr N Richards and the Clerk and brought to the council for discussion at its next meeting.

Action Point 9/96/3 : Chair and the Clerk

Financial Matters :

1. Six-Month Audit

Not yet been completed. The retiring clerk said he needed more time to complete his records but expected to have done so in time for the next meeting of the Finance Committee on 15th October.

Messrs K Hughes and K Marsh joined the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

2. Accounts to be authorised

All accounts listed in the agenda were approved for payment with the amendment of the Royal Insurance figure of £1408.36 to a sum of £1308.36 payable to the new agents Michael Harris Insurance Services Ltd.

Police Matters :

Nothing to report

Planning Matters :

96/0727	19 Oldway	Addition of pitched roof to existing dormer	No objection
96/0726	21 Oldway	Addition of pitched roof to existing dormer	No objection
96/0760	116 Bishopston Road	Lopping of tree covered by TPO 352	No objection
96/0852	44 Bishopston Road	2 storey side & front extension, single storey rear extension, rebuilding of existing 2 storey wing incorporating new car port	Several reservations expressed

Action Point 9/96/10 : The Clerk ✓

96/0432 Lopping of tree at St Teilo's Church Mrs C Riley declared an interest.
Letter from Principal Planning Officer CCS noted. No further action required.

Dredging on Helwick Bank :

Letter from Welsh Office dated 18th September. Council to object to any variation to the existing contract because, inter alia,

1. the terms of the extension have not been specified and
2. the community council and other local authorities have already objected to any new contract for dredging being awarded.

It was noted that CC Councillor Richard Lewis had called meetings of representatives of some Gower community councils to act in concert on this matter. However no invitation to join this group had been extended to Bishopston - or as far as is known - Pennard and Mumbles Community Councils.

Action Point 9/96/9 : the Clerk ✓

Community Watch :

Nothing to report

Millennium Steering Group :

The next meeting of the Steering Group is on 10th October.

Recreational Facilities Committee :

The planting of an aspen tree and a yew tree would be undertaken at appropriate times by the CVWs.

Estimates had been requested for the widening of the "ambulance" gate to the playing fields.

Community Carol Singing :

An offer of the use of Murton Methodist Chapel hall for the carol singing on Wednesday 18th December in the event of inclement weather has been received. Offer gratefully accepted.

Action Point 9/96/6 : the Clerk ✓

Newsletter :

A draft Newsletter was discussed by members and a few minor alterations suggested.

Action Point 9/96/4 : the Clerk ✓

Mansfield Road Buses :

Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of South Wales Transport requesting a meeting at the Day Room with a small group of councillors to discuss improvements to the present inadequate bus service for the Mansfield Road area.

Action Point 9/96/5 : the Clerk ✓

Pollution Control :

Letter received from Home Safety Officer of CCS dated 6th September '96. Mr K Hughes to respond after Mr K Marsh has been able to enquire about the kind of presentation which local groups might find to be of interest to them.

Action Point 9/96/11 : Messrs Marsh and Hughes

BHF Gower Bike Ride :

In response to the letter dated 9th September from the Clerk to Llanrhidian Lower Community Council proposing a change of date and/or route for this event, it was agreed that this council would support the status quo pointing out that the present date enables young people to participate without compromising their GCSE and A level studies, that the ride affected any one village for no more than three hours on the day, that local pubs and shopkeepers benefited from the riders' need to buy refreshments etc. and that, in recent years, the British Heart Foundation had benefited by approximately £50,000 p.a. all of which was spent on improving local hospital amenities.

Action Point 9/96/8 : the Clerk ✓

The meeting was closed at 9.48 p.m.

Outstanding matters :

Letter dated 21st August from Murton Village Cricket Club

THE ROLE AND POTENTIAL OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS
PAUL CLAYDEN, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Introduction and background

1. In July 1992, the Welsh Office issued a consultation paper on "The Role of Community and Town Councils in Wales". The paper suggested that such councils (called in this paper "local councils") might play an enhanced role as part of the structure of local government in Wales. NALC welcomed the paper in general whilst making a number of detailed suggestions for ensuring that local councils were properly equipped to perform an enhanced role.

2. In the subsequent White Paper on the structure of Welsh local government, issued in March 1993, the Government confirmed its view that local councils could and should play an enhanced role as part of a two-tier system of local government. The proposals in the White Paper were enacted in the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, which mostly came into force on 1 April 1996.

3. The most significant provisions in the Act from the point of view of local councils are -

a. the establishment of a statutory framework for consultation, whereby the Secretary of State is empowered to direct principal authorities to consult local councils on prescribed matters.

b. amendments to the process for establishing and dissolving local councils so that, in particular, the dissolution of a local council is made subject to more effective democratic control.

4. In June 1995, the Welsh Office issued guidance to the "shadow" principal authorities on consultation with community and town councils, making it clear that the statutory power of direction would be used only if voluntary consultation did not work. Again, NALC welcomed the guidance in general but felt that they did not go far enough. Later in the year, therefore, in conjunction with the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils (WACTC), a more comprehensive Code of Practice on consultation was issued to all "shadow" authorities. NALC and WACTC have been asked by the Welsh Office to monitor the consultative process after its first year of operation.

The role of local councils

5. The role of a local council is essentially two-fold - functional and representational. The functional role is perform the statutory functions conferred by legislation. Since those functions are powers, not duties, a council is not obliged to perform a function; it is for the council to decide as a matter of policy.

6. The 1994 Act did not specify any additional functions for local councils. However, the Welsh Office is consulting about giving local councils additional powers in the field of community transport (a parallel consultation is taking place in England).

7. The 1993 White Paper suggested that there might be some delegation of service delivery by principal authorities to local councils. This can sometimes be the best way to secure the effective, efficient and economical provision of a range of local services and facilities (e.g. parking, street cleaning, litter control, maintenance of highway verges and footways, recreation provision).

8. The statutory framework for consultation in the 1994 Act provides a firm basis for an enhanced representational role for local councils. It is important that local councils respond appropriately and promptly when consulted. Councils may have to review their resources their procedures to ensure that they are able to do this.

Resources

9. Whilst the Government favours an enhanced role for local councils, it is less specific on the provision of resources to back that role. Resources are both human and material. In relation to the former, the adoption of a more active role will require a higher level of knowledge, skill and dedication on the part of councillors, clerks and other employees. This, in turn, will require more training and professional assistance for councillors and council employees. There will also be resource implications for the representative bodies of local councils at local and national level. Unlike principal authorities, local councils have almost no in-house professional or technical expertise. They thus will rely on NALC and its county associations to provide the necessary advice and support they will need.

10. Material resources are primarily financial. Local councils receive no funds from central government through the revenue support grant or the national non-domestic rate; they rely for the bulk of their income from precept moneys raised solely from council tax payers. NALC's view is that local councils should have a share of the RSG and NNDR paid to principal authorities, reflecting their enhanced role. At the same time, controls over borrowing should be relaxed to enable local councils more easily to finance capital projects.

Conclusion

11. Local councils are the only form of community government Wales (and in England). They have, collectively, an enormous potential to enhance the life of the communities they are elected to serve. In essence, they must be recognised as an essential part of the structure of local government and decisions taken about local government, at whatever level, must always take account of their role and importance.

Bishopston Community Council

Minutes

of the meeting of the council held on 28th October 1996
at the Day Room, Murton Green.

Present :

Mr B Burn, Mrs S Dunce, Mr F Hughes, Mr K Hughes, Mr D John, Mr K Marsh, Mrs S R Neilson, Mr T Ridd, Mrs C Riley, Mrs J Thomas and the clerk G Roberts.

Apologies for absence received from Mr N Richards and Mrs C Colderick, Mrs J Lewis.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, Mr T Ridd was proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted to occupy the chair for this meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th September were accepted and signed by the Chair, Mr T Ridd, after the following amendments were made :

1. substitute Mr K Hughes' name for that of Mr D John in the list of apologies for absence.
2. In the section "Financial Matters - 2 Accounts to be authorised" the words "in total" to be inserted after "were approved for payment"

New Councillor :

Mr J Dixon was welcomed as member of the council by the Chair who referred to the valued contribution Mr Dixon had already made to the work of the Recreational Facilities Committee.

Matters arising :

1. Purchase of replacement photocopiers.

Two prices had been received from South Wales Photocopiers. Both take into account a trade in price for the present photocopier : Net Cost A4 = £ 1250.00 ; A4+ A3 = £ 1596.00

Proposed by Mr F Hughes, seconded by Mr K Marsh that a small group be set up to investigate the most advantageous terms for buying or leasing a photocopier and to make recommendations to the council. Passed unanimously.

Action Point 10/96 /2 : Messrs N Richards, K Hughes, F Hughes and the clerk

2. Pwll Du Car Park and the gate at Pwll Du

Mr F Hughes undertook to contact Jonathan Mullard of the CCS to ascertain progress.

Action Points 2/96/10 and 4/96/1 : Mr F Hughes

3. Middlecroft Lane

As instructed, the clerk had written to the Chief Executive at CCS to draw her attention to the lack of progress and co-operation and to the particular circumstances why a road sign was essential for Middlecroft Lane. A sign has since been erected. Mr F Hughes reported that he understood that a second sign would be erected soon as had been requested by the council.

4. Footpath 8 & 9

Some trimming back had been undertaken to the sides of this footpath. Clerk was waiting to clarify the nature of the correspondence to date with his predecessor at present on holiday. Once this had been done the matter will be pursued further.

Action Point 10/96/ 4 : the clerk

5. Trees in the Nursery Park

A reply was awaited from Mr Wm Sked to the request for the exact instructions he was given. He is to be asked about the holes drilled into the severed branches. It was suggested that either the Council Chair or Vice Chair meets Mr Sked together with Mr Maslin and the clerk to resolve the matter of the account for £400 Mr Sked has submitted.

Proposed by Mr K Marsh, seconded by Mrs C Riley that the following be added to the Maintenance Schedule recently redrafted by Mr N Richards :-

“Instructions for any work over and above the terms of this contract to be submitted to the contractor in writing with a request for an estimate.” Motion passed unanimously.

Action Point 10/96/5 : Chair or Vice Chair, Mr Maslin & the clerk

6. Dredging on Helwick Bank

Mr F Hughes reported that CCS had now written to the Welsh Office to the effect that no extension whatsoever of the present dredging on Helwick Bank should be sanctioned. The clerk reported that he had learned that the reason why certain Gower community councils had banded together to protest against further dredging (without involving Pennard, Mumbles or Bishopston Community Councils) was that they all formed part of one City & County councillor's ward. Concern was expressed that this group should keep this council should be kept informed of developments.

Action Point 10/96/6 : the clerk

7. Mansfield Road buses

It was decided that the following group of counsellors should meet a representative of South Wales Transport to discuss an improvement to the present service :- Mr N Richards, Mrs J Lewis, Mr K Hughes, Mrs S Neilson together with the clerk. Monday 11th November at 6.30 (before the RFC meeting) was suggested. Clerk to write accordingly to South Wales Transport.

A general discussion followed regarding the arguments supporting a better service. Should market research be undertaken ?

Action Point 10/96/7 : the clerk

Correspondence

1. The introduction of the practice of copies of letters written on the council's behalf being displayed for members to read at the start of the monthly council meeting was welcomed by the Chair, Mr Ridd.
2. Chair requested that in addition to copies of correspondence received by the clerk being sent to members with the monthly agenda, a digest of their contents together with a recommendation for action should also be provided.
3. It was suggested that a list be compiled and kept by the clerk of which members were holding which documents which related to the council's responsibilities.

Action Point 10/96/8 : the clerk

4. Correspondence had been received from CCS demanding the trimming of a tree in Copley Lodge by the community council. The work demanded has been undertaken. However, it is not at all clear that the tree grows on land owned by the community council. CCS to be asked how it was decided that this work was the community council's responsibility.

Action Point 10/96/9 : the clerk

Agenda item November Meeting :

A need to establish the extent and boundaries of the land owned by Bishopston Council

Millennium

1. Council's major project

Mr K Hughes reported that the City and County of Swansea, as the local education authority, was exploring the proposal that Bishopston Comprehensive School become a community school. If this were to happen there would be improved and extended facilities provided at the school such as improved sports facilities including, possibly, a swimming pool. A decision should be made on this by the end of December. This could affect the type of project which the council might want to adopt to mark the Millennium. In the meantime, a questionnaire to gauge the views of local residents is being prepared. This will be reproduced at the comprehensive school and distributed to all local households by the council. The council will also reimburse the school for the paper it uses to produce the questionnaire.

2. Village hall improvement scheme

The criteria for lottery funding to improve village halls are still awaited.

3. Cricket Club

It was reported that, with the assistance of Ian Beynon of the Leisure Services Dept of CCS, Murton Village Cricket Club had submitted an application to Sportslot. This application had been unsuccessful. The council might wish to take up the cricket club's project as its own millennium project.

Planning

Mr K Marsh reported that notice of only one planning application in the council area had been received during the past month - the erection of a detached garage and new access at 86, Bishopston Road. There was no objection to this application.

Action Point 10/96/10 : the clerk

Mrs C Riley questioned the whereabouts of the cobble stones which had been outside St Teilo's Church since 1929 and which were taken up to facilitate the relaying of the path through the church grounds. An undertaking had been given by the church authorities that these stones would be replaced as the work was completed. Church authorities to be asked for an assurance that they will be restored.

Action Point 10/96/11 : the clerk

On a general question of the conservation status which applied to Bishopston, Mr K Marsh observed that if any trees were taken down there was a requirement that they be immediately replaced by another tree of the same species. Mr Marsh expressed concern that aspects of the area were being eroded and that it was necessary to obtain a copy of the guidelines from Nigel Worth of the Planning Department. Did the council have any legal authority to insist on conservation measures. Mr Marsh quoted four instances of the conservation of the local heritage being ignored.

Action Point 10/96/12 : the clerk

Roads

Mr F Hughes as the community's City and County councillor had recently written to residents whose properties fronted the traffic calming scheme in Bishopston Road proposed by the CCS. Mr Hughes outlined the history of the need for traffic calming in Bishopston Road which had been an issue at least as far back as 1991. Moneys had been allocated to this project which had to be spent before the end of this financial year. There had been a number of site visits by officers of the Highways Dept. of CCS and the scheme now proposed was one which satisfied legal, environmental and public transport requirements. Local residents would shortly be given an opportunity to express their views on the scheme.

Mrs C Riley informed the council that she had conducted a survey of local residents who were, with a very small number of exceptions, opposed to the proposed scheme on the grounds of safety and the inappropriateness of its location.

Mr Hughes drew the council's attention to the fact that if this scheme were to be abandoned, the money allocated will be spent elsewhere and a re-application will have to take its turn with the other 150 outstanding applications.

The Chair, Mr T Ridd suggested that the community council should register a strong protest to the Highways Dept. (with a copy to the CCS Chief Executive) that the council had not been consulted or informed about the proposed plan at a much earlier stage. He pointed out that this scheme affected everyone who lived or travelled through Bishopston. This lack of consultation flew in the face of the CCS Chief Executive's declared intention to work in partnership with local councils.

Action Point 10/96/1 : the clerk

Roads - continued

Mr Kerslake, a resident of Bishopston Road who was in attendance, was invited to address the council. He referred to the increased volume of traffic since his childhood days. He agreed that a traffic calming scheme was urgently required but felt strongly that this was the wrong scheme. He remarked that the local residents should have been consulted at an earlier stage as should the community council. He approved of the council's proposed action. Mr Kerslake was thanked for his comments.

*Agenda item at November meeting :
The level of consultation by CCS with Bishopston Community Council*

Proposed by Mr K Marsh, seconded by Mrs S Neilson that the Director of the Highways Dept. or one of his senior officers be asked to attend a special meeting of the council on Monday 4th November to discuss the proposed traffic calming scheme in Bishopston Road.
Passed unanimously.

Action Point 10/961a : Mr F Hughes

Mrs C Riley reported that the "No Parking" sign outside No. 55a Bishopston Road was down and that the footpath in its vicinity was very uneven; that she had received a complaint regarding an overhanging hedge outside 44, Bishopston Road, that Parry's Lane, Murton was badly potholed and that railings which had been replaced along Pennard Road had been left at the side of the road. Mr F Hughes offered to look into these matters.

Action Point 10/96/13 : Mr F Hughes

Mr K Marsh reported that the effectiveness of lampposts 2 to 6 in Caswell Bay Road and 62 to 69 in Northway was badly restricted by overgrown tress. CCS should be asked to deal with this matter. Mr F Hughes agreed to raise the topic with the appropriate department of CCS.

Action Point 10/96/ 14 : Mr F Hughes

Community Watch

Mr K Marsh reported that a meeting of co-ordinators was due to be held the following evening Tuesday 29th October at Murton Rovers.

Recreational Facilities Committee

1. Fireworks Display 4/11/96

Arrangements for the Fireworks Display are in the course of being finalised. It was reported that the schools had asked that children winning prizes in the competition should be awarded tickets for the display rather than vouchers. Agreed.

2. Community Carol Singing 18/12/96

The clerk was detailed to contact the Salvation Army Bandmaster in Swansea.

Action Point 10/96/ 15 : the clerk

Finance

Account received from Mr H Gooding for £86.00 for the repairs to windows and the glass in the main door to the Day Room. Payment approved.

The request from the Recreation Facilities Committee for approval to spend £300 to purchase swing seats was deferred. Concern was expressed at the uncertainty of the council's financial situation as the Audit Commission had still not completed its work. The clerk was asked to urge the commission to expedite its investigation and to obtain his predecessor's signature to the bank's transfer of authority form as soon as Mr Maslin returned from his holiday.

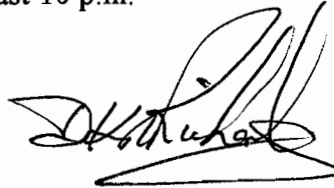
A general discussion followed in which the need to prioritise spending commitments was emphasised.

Mr K Marsh proposed, Mr J Dixon seconded that

1. the estimate totally £751.50 from Nova Homes Improvements for the repairs / re-siting of the entrance porch be accepted and
2. the estimate for £96.00 from Mr H Gooding to repair the sliding patio door / window in the Day Room be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Action Point 10/96/16 : the Clerk

The meeting closed at 10 minutes past 10 p.m.



Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt Bishopston Community Council

Minutes

of the meeting of the council held on 25th November 1996
at the Day Room, Murton Green
at 7.30 p.m.

Present :

Mr N Richards (Chair), Mr B Burns, Mrs C Colderick, Mr J Dixon, Mrs S Dunce, Mr F Hughes, Mr K Hughes, Mrs S R Jenkins, Mr D John, Mrs J Lewis, Mr K Marsh, Mr T Ridd, Mrs C Riley, Mrs J Thomas and the clerk G Roberts.

Apologies for absence : None

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 1996 were accepted and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising and Action Points :

1. Ford in Church Lane

No further progress to report.

Action Point 11/95/1 : the clerk

2. Pwll Du car park and gate.

The clerk quoted correspondence received that day from CCS suggesting as there were no further funds which could be allocated by the county to this work that the community council might itself wish to re-install the stone blocks to regulate car parking at Pwll Du. Mr John suggested the matter be deferred until January '97 when this council's financial situation would be clearer.

On the matter of the gate at Pwll Du, Mr F Hughes reported that he hoped to make progress at a meeting in the near future with Mr Jonathan Mullard of CCS.

Both items to be included in the one action point in future

Action Point 2/96/10 : the clerk and Mr F Hughes

3. Road sign for Murton Green.

Mr F Hughes reported he hoped to make progress with the relevant county department soon.

Action Point 3/96/A3 : Mr F Hughes

4. Traffic calming in Bishopston Road.

New proposals for the scheme in Bishopston Road had been received following correspondence with the Director of Highways and the Chief Executive of CCS and a meeting between councillors and an officer of the Highways Department on 4th November.

Mrs Riley had conducted another survey of local residents. The result of this second enquiry was that the majority were in favour of the revised scheme which would include a second traffic calming measure between Pyle Corner and the shops in Bishopston Road.

Mr F Hughes stressed the need to respond quickly to the new offer as the allocated funding had to be spent on work complete this financial year.

the proposals which he had made for providing a bus service for Mansfield Road. No communication had been received. It was agreed that the clerk write to Mr Heath, enclosing a copy of the minutes of that meeting. A copy of that letter and minutes to the Chief Executive of South Wales Transport.

Mr F Hughes pointed out that the questionnaire which the council had agreed to organise would need to be carefully worded. A small drafting group should be set up.

Action Point 10/96/7 : the clerk

10. Register of Documents held.

The clerk reported that he had only received details so far from one councillor - Mr Burns. Other councillors were in the course of compiling a list of documents they held.

Action Point 10/96/8 : the clerk

11. Tree trimming in Copley Lodge.

No response had been received by the clerk. The matter of the ownership of the land on which the tree in question grows to be pursued further.

Action Point 10/96/9 : the clerk

12. Cobble stones at St Teilo's Church.

Mrs Colderick declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Mr Ridd led the discussion of the response received from Mr M Whiffen to the council's enquiry regarding the whereabouts of cobble stones which had been lifted to facilitate recent work at the church. Many councillors agreed with his view that it was disturbing that the council should receive such an intemperate letter from a church authority. Exception was taken to the general tone and to specific comments within it. It was pointed out that St Teilo's Church is situated in a conservation area and that the community council, a non denominational body acting on behalf of all local residents, has a valid concern in matters affecting the community's heritage. Rain water flooding from a footpath above the church grounds referred to in the letter was the responsibility of the county council. Regarding the complaint that the community council had declined to make a financial contribution to the renovation of the church hall, this was in keeping with the Standing Orders under which the council was required to operate. It was not permitted to make donations to charities and had, in the past had to turn down requests from Murton Methodist Chapel, the scouts, guides and other worthwhile organisations.

The council still needs to know what has happened to the cobble stones.

Action Point 10/96/11 : the clerk

13. Conservation guidelines.

The council still requires details of the guidelines relating to conservation area status and an indication of what powers, if any, the community council could exercise in this context. These guidelines could be published in a forthcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Action Point 10/96/12 : the clerk

*Agenda item for December meeting :
Discussion of the heritage / conservation guidelines*

14. Road repairs.

Mr F Hughes explained the different levels of road repairing. He expected repairs to be

The council could expect to receive a new cheque to replace the missing August precept in the near future. Another precept payment will be made to the council at the end of December. The VAT claim will be calculated and submitted as soon as possible. In view of the work involved in bringing order to the council's accounts, Mr John had agreed to assist the clerk in this connection. It was suggested that councillors who had projects in mind for the year 1997/8 should submit costed recommendations via the clerk before 13th January '97, the date of the Finance Committee's meeting to finalise the next precept submission. It was further suggested that the Recreational Facilities Committee as the major spending sub committee should prepare a detailed budget for the year 1996/97.

*Agenda item for next RFC meeting :
Budget for 1997/98*

Mr F Hughes once again urged the need to prioritise projects early so that funding could be allocated appropriately.

The clerk reported that Lloyds Bank required up-dated examples of signatories' signatures. It is customary for council cheques to be signed by any 2 members. Mr Richards expressed a requirement that as far as possible the Chair ought to be one of the 2 signatories on any cheque. This was noted. Mr John suggested that in most organisations a member and an officer were acceptable as signatories and that this had practical advantages. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk should be added to the list of signatories.

Action Point 11/96/1 : Mr John and the clerk

Millennium.

The minutes of the meeting of the Millennium Committee held on 19th November '96 were accepted with the correction of the name of the Assistant Director of Education of CCS to Mr Ian Bickerton.

Following discussion regarding the organisation of the Millennium Questionnaire, Mr K Hughes explained the cause of the delay which had occurred, apologised for the difficulties which were being experienced by residents in returning their questionnaires and agreed that he would attend to the matter.

Action Point 11/96/2 : Mr K Hughes

It was expected that the council would know by February 1997 whether the comprehensive school was to become a community school with added leisure facilities. It was suggested that the council contact other South Gower community councils asking them to write to Mr Berwyn Price at CCS to support the school's case.

Action Point 11/96/3 : the clerk

Planning.

Notice of 3 planning applications had been received since the last meeting. Mr Marsh had supplied plans showing the work to which they referred.

1 Application No 96/1021 Backingstone Farm

Erection of a hay barn :

Recommendation : No objection provided some form of screening (other than conifers) be erected as the proposed development is within the AONB and would be visible across the valley.

Recreational Facilities Committee.

1. Fireworks Display 5/11/96.

Mrs Colderick wished to thank everyone who had contributed to the success of the evening. Many complimentary comments had been made by local residents and by others who had travelled to Murton for the display.

2. Community Carol singing 18/12/96.

The clerk confirmed that the local Salvation Army Band had agreed to be present at the event to lead the singing.

It was suggested that the local schools should be asked to announce the date and time of the event.

Action Point 11/96/5 : the clerk

3. Purchase of swing seats.

The recommendation that 3 swings seats be purchased for the nursery park was accepted.

Extent of the ownership of land by Bishopston Community Council.

Discussion deferred to the next meeting.

Level of consultation by City and County of Swansea.

Discussion deferred to the next meeting

Date of the next meeting,

Following discussion it was agreed that the council would meet on Monday 30th December 1996.

The meeting was closed at 10.00 p.m.



Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt Bishopston Community Council

Minutes
of the meeting of the council held on 30th December 1996
at the Day Room, Murton Green
at 7.30 p.m.

Present :

Mr N Richards (Chair), Mr B Burns, Mr J Dixon, Mrs S R Jenkins, Mr D John, Mrs J Lewis, Mr K Marsh, Mr T Ridd, Mrs C Riley and the clerk G Roberts.

Apologies for absence : Mrs C Colderick, Mr F Hughes, Mr K Hughes and Mrs J Thomas.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 1996 were accepted and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising and Action Points :

1. Ford in Church Lane

No further progress to report. Clerk to pursue and to write to CADW to seek support for the protection of the last remaining unspoilt ford on Gower. Also to write again to Nigel Worth, Conservation Officer at CCS with a copy to Mr Paul Thomas of the Planning Dept.

Action Point 11/95/1 : the clerk

2. Pwll Du car park and gate.

The clerk relayed a verbal report received from Councillor F T Hughes and circulated a hand-drawn explanation prepared by Mr Hughes showing the work which is proposed by the City & County of Swansea. This includes a new wooden gate which could be replaced with a metal one if vandalised, a continuous lower wall across the path, mounded earth behind the present boulders to ensure that they are not moved again together with other measures which in all, Mr Hughes had reported, would represent a quarter of the annual CCS budget for this type of undertaking. Work would start early spring. (Copy of the diagram is attached to these minutes.)

The Council will monitor progress.

Action Point 2/96/10 : council members

3. Traffic calming in Bishopston Road

The result of the correspondence with the Highways Dept of CCS was noted. It was agreed that it would now be necessary to monitor progress on this work.

Action Point 10/96/1 : council members

4. Purchase of photocopier

The replacement of the present photocopier had been deferred to January '97 for financial reasons. Chair, Mr Richards, suggested that the group delegated with the task of investigating tenders should meet and report back as soon as possible.

Action Point 10/96/2 : named group

14. Rationalising the council's book-keeping system.

Clerk reported that a great deal of work had been done by Mr D John in this connection and that his task would be much easier in the future thanks to Mr John's efforts.

14. 999 calls

Clerk instructed to send copy of the letter dated 29th November '96 addressed to the Chief Constable, South Wales Police Authority to Sup't L Jenkins at Swansea Central Police Station
Action Point 11/96/4 : the clerk

Correspondence.

1. Quotation for £267.31 including VAT received from Nova Home Improvements dated 8th December 1996.

After discussion the quotation, which will also include the provision of a ramp for wheelchair access at no additional cost to the council, was accepted.

2. Letter dated 25th November 1996 from Mr Mike Hawes of the Finance Dept. of CCS was noted.

The December precept cheque for £7,333.33 had been received and banked by the clerk. It had been understood that that and future precept payments would be made by direct debit. (The relevant documentation had been completed and returned by the clerk.) Clerk to check these arrangements.

3. Letter from the District Auditor dated 29th November 1996.

The clerk to enquire the cost of the public finance booklet available from the National Association of Local Councils and whether the District Auditor is able to give his final report following the audit undertaken up to September 30th 1996.

4. Letter dated 9th December 1996 from CCS relating to overseas links.

The clerk to check whether CCS European Policy Manager is aware of the strong links between Bishopston Comprehensive School and Pau.

5. Letter from Mrs Pat Ham of 99 Oldway, Murton dated 3rd December 1996.

This reports an incident involving the riding of two horses along Footpath 8 with two other horses in tow by Mrs Marilyn Comley of Idle Acres, Reigit Lane accompanied by another person. Mrs Ham referred to the council's most recent newsletter highlighting the danger to other footpath users of such a practice. The clerk was instructed to confer with the Footpaths officer regarding the legality of taking horses along footpaths and then to write appropriately to Mrs Comley with a copy to Mrs Ham.

Finance.

1. The list of approved payments and receipts since 1st October 1996 prepared by the clerk noted although it was recorded that the direct debit payments to Miss Jean Hutchings and the repayment of the loan payment (£1,250.00) should have been included.

The clerk was instructed to write to CCS Planning Dept. requesting the recognition of the two traditional road names and for the appropriate signs to be erected.

Action Point 12/96/1 : the clerk

The clerk had already relayed Mr F Hughes' report in this connection. There were no other matters outstanding. It was recalled that Mr F Hughes had offered to take up with the appropriate officers of CCS any matters relating to roads. Whilst this was appreciated, it was felt that the clerk be instructed to support Mr Hughes' efforts in future by letter thus ensuring that in addition to Mr Hughes receiving a response, the council would also hear direct from the officers concerned.

Community Watch

Mr Marsh reported an incident of itinerant gardeners charging exorbitant prices for their work and threatening householders in the Whitestone area. The clerk reported a similar additional incident also in the Whitestone area.

Recreational Facilities Committee

1. All bills had been discharged following the Fireworks Display but for that from M & M Scaffolding. Matter in hand.
2. Mr Richards congratulated the committee on a very successful Community Carol Evening on 18th December '96 and wished particularly to thank those who had been responsible for organising the excellent refreshments.
3. The approval of the purchase of 3 swings for the Nursery Park and of the estimates/accounts for repairs and maintenance to be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.
4. In order to prepare for setting the level of the 1997 /98 precept, it was agreed among those present that the date of the next meetings of the Recreational Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee be 7.30 p.m. on Monday 6th January 1997 and 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 8th January respectively.

Mr Richards gave notice that a brief meeting of the full council will be called for Monday 13th January at 7.00 p.m. to discuss the 1997 / 98 precept. It was expected that the meeting would not last more than one hour.

Ownership of land by the community council.

Discussion was deferred until the February '97 meeting.

Level of consultation by City & County of Swansea.

Mr Ridd reported briefly upon a meeting with the primary authority on 18th November '96 which he had attended on the council's behalf. Presentations had been made on the following topics :-

1. Budget planning
2. Passport to Leisure
3. Substance misuse