

REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING of the Council held in the Minor Hall on Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Peter Bowen-Simpkins (in Chair), Enid Jones, Susan Bevan, Chris Spacie, Paul Lloyd-Davies, Judith Rock and the Clerk, Mr. Howard Evans.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Adrian Hughes

1. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

There were no disclosures of personal interest from members.

2. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were circulated, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Spacie reported that the Gower Broadband organisation had received a grant from the Welsh Government. Cllr. Jones reported that the Gower Folk Festival would not now be taking place in the Village Hall.

4. PRESENTATION BY EIRONWY DAVIES, PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR FOR RURAL SWANSEA ACTION

A presentation was made by Eironwy Davies about Rural Swansea Action. The initiative offers help to small entrepreneurs in the designated rural wards of the City and County of Swansea. Councillors were asked to pass on details of small food and craft producers to Rural Swansea Action.

5. REYNOLDSTON AMBULANCE STATION

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr. Lloyd-Davies and Cllr. Hughes had met with Mr. Carl Humphreys of the City and County of Swansea. Mr. Humphreys had informed them that when the ambulance station is put up for sale it has to be offered to public bodies to purchase initially, if no public body were to purchase the ambulance station then it would be offered to the private sector. Mr. Humphreys offered the services of a planning officer to help draw up any plans that the Community Council might wish to make in the future. The Chairman concluded that at the time of the meeting there was nothing further to report.

6. BURIAL GROUND

It was reported to the Community Council that St. George's Church Committee were going to discuss the matter of a burial ground within the village as the churchyard is reaching its capacity for burials. Councillors discussed the matter and an area within the village was identified as having the potential to be purchased for use as a burial ground. Councillors would wait to receive further information from the Church Committee meeting before discussing the matter further.

7. REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Was deferred to the next meeting when Cllr. Hughes would be in attendance.

8. VILLAGE GREENS

The Clerk reported to Councillors that he had received correspondence from Mr. Edward Harris who had written on behalf of Penrice Estate with respect to a potential hazard posed by some of the Pine trees growing next to the boundary with Box Farm. In his letter Mr. Harris indicated that the responsibility for the trees lay with the Community Council and asked the Community Council to arrange to have the trees surveyed and if so required to undertake arboricultural works to ensure that they pose no danger. He went on to request a copy of the findings of the arboricultural consultant if they indicated that no danger was posed by the trees.

It was agreed that Councillor Bowen-Simpkins would speak to the Tree Protection Officer of the City and County of Swansea before a course of action was agreed by the Community Council.

It was reported that there was a tree on the Lower Green that should also be surveyed to ascertain if it posed a hazard.

Cllr. Lloyd-Davies reported that the Christmas tree on the Lower Green, part of the village's Christmas Celebrations, would be placed on the verge this year to allow electricity to be sourced from properties in that area.

9. VILLAGE MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following be included in the next edition of the Village Magazine:

- details relating to Rural Swansea Action
- the date of the next PACT meeting.

10. HIGHWAYS

During the meeting held with Mr. Carl Humphreys he stated that in principle the City and County of Swansea would accept the proposals for road names within Reynoldston as long as there had been public consultation with residents. Speed limits within the village were also discussed and suggestions made that the 30 mph limit could be extended with the 'centre' of the village having a 20 mph limit.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways department to request a covered bunker for salt to replace the open one by the Post Office which cattle have been accessing.

11. FIRS LANE

Cllr. Rock reported that Firs Lane was almost impassable and overgrown with brambles; the Council noted the observation.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

HILLEND FARM – no objections.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- City and County of Swansea – Swansea Rural Development News
- The Gower Society – Newsletter (Cllr. Jones)
- Boundary Commission for Wales – The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Revised Proposals
- Swansea Neath Port Talbot Citizens Advice Bureau – Stakeholder Meeting 07/12/12
- CPRW – 'Rural Wales' (Cllr. Jones)
- One Voice Wales – 'The Voice' (Cllrs. Lloyd-Davies and Bevan)
- Edward Harris – Trees on Lower Green
- BBC – BBC Audience Council Wales

14. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mrs. Gill Pitman – disbursements relating to Jubilee	£172.00
RVHA - hall rental for tonight's meeting	£ 10.00
SLCC – membership subscription	£ 61.00
St. George's Church – grant for 'Christmas Celebration'	£ 80.00
North Road Service Station – fuel for mower and strimmer	£215.23
Mazars – audit fee for year ended 31 st March 2012	£144.00

For Information – Direct Debit payment of £1,266.02 made to Public Works Loan Board on the 15th October 2012.

All agreed.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th January 2013.

It was also agreed by Councillors that the budget meeting for 2013/2014 would be held on the 13th December 2013 in the Upper Meeting room of the Village Hall beginning at 7.30 p.m.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that the Reynoldston Community Council website – www.reynoldston.com is up and running. Cllr. Bowen-Simpkins to upload the Minutes and Agendas for the Community Council to the website.

Cllr. Lloyd-Davies reported on a One Voice Wales meeting he had attended on the 11th October 2012. There had been short discussions about the lack of money in the City and County of Swansea leading to cuts in services and 'double taxation'. Concern had also been expressed at the meeting about the new planning application for a wind farm to be developed on Mynydd y Gwair in the ward of Mawr.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

