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AGM FOR BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 28/05/24 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS

CLERK: ANTHONY JONES

Present: L Ellis, N Matthews, C Scott, S Gates, S Dunce, B Ball, L Sudbury, N Lomas, J Jones, H Hartshorn, R Brace.

Welcome: A James.

Apologies: Cllr L Jones, I Shemilt, K Laurence

1. **To elect a Chair for the Council Year 2024/25** - L Ellis elected
2. **To elect a Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2024/25** – N Matthews elected
3. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a community Councillor** – Signed by 12/14 Councillors
(*Outstanding K Laurence and I Shemilt*)
4. **To receive declarations of potential personal and personal/prejudicial interests for 2024/25** – Received.
5. **To appoint Committees and Working Parties:**

Recreational Facilities Committee:

L Ellis, N Matthews, B Ball, C Scott, J Jones, S Dunce, R Brace, L Sudbury (Lay member – Cllr L Jones)

Finance Committee:

L Ellis, N Matthews, S Gates, N Lomas, C Scott, I Shemilt, A James

HR Committee:

L Ellis, N Matthews, H Hartshorn, S Dunce, A James, Clerk

Transport Committee:

J Jones, I Shemilt (Lay member – Cllr L Jones)

Bio-Diversity Working Party:

C Scott, S Dunce, K Lawrence, I Shemilt

Comms and Engagement:

L Ellis, S Gates, H Hartshorn, L Sudbury

Planning Committee

Planning officer : I Shemilt

Deputy: A James

Assists:

C Scott, S Dunce

6. Appointment of Representatives for schools

Bishopston Primary School: H Hartshorn

Bishopston Comprehensive School: J Jones

7. **Approval of Policies** - Following agreed to be adopted and added to website.
 - Flexible Working Policy
 - Privacy Notice - For BCC/Staff

- Privacy Notice - For Residents & Members of the General Public
- Code of Conduct
- Social Media Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Performance Policy

8. Planning:

2024/0591/FUL - 1 Northway Court - No objection.

2024/0371/FUL - Enniskerry, Reigit Lane - No objection.

2024/0674/FUL - 21 Northway - No objection.

2024/0781/FUL - 9 White Knight Gardens - No objection.

2024/0799/TCA - 32 Bishopston Road - Recommendation: Objection - from the application there does not appear to be a TPO on this. Cutting down trees because that might fall over would be a license to chop down every tree near every house. If the roots were damaged, or there was signs of it coming out of the ground it may be different - but there is not. This is also in the conservation area.

Clerk contacted Planning at Swansea LA, to seek advice on how much influence the council has on planning. Team Leader, Chris Healey advised :

All objections are taken into account. Objections received from a Community Council tend to be listed in our planning reports separately from those received from local residents, but in my view both sets of comments/objections are generally given a similar level of weight.

9. Land of Bishopston Community Council Update

No updates: Documents are still being reviewed by solicitor Edward Harris and his legal team.

10. HR Committee update

- Thanks to H Hartshorn for all work on policies.
- Policies now to be reviewed yearly for updates.
- Tool kit now in a RAG rating of complacencies – Thank you N Matthews.
- Red section work is now being actioned. HR committee will look at Amber.
- Clerk issued with Contract.

ACTION

Grounds man to be issued contract now he is happy with the job spec.

11. Boundary Commission

- Local Democracy and Boundary Commission has published their Draft Proposals Report in relation to the review of the community arrangements of the County of Swansea.
- Proposed Bishopston to 9 members.
- L Ellis replied in consultation to keep Bishopston and Murton Ward at 14 in November 2023.
- Any further comments to be sent in by Council members as the commission would welcome any comments which you may wish to make on the Draft Proposals.
- 8-week consultation period began on 16 May 2024 and closes on 10 July 2024 and any representations should be sent to the Commission.
- If Bishopston is reduced to 9, the council needs to be more proactive in seeking volunteers and committee lay members.

12. Correspondence/Clerks Report

- Thank you S Dunce for all hard work as Vice Chair during 23/24 office.
- Newsletter - Council agreed next issue to be out by October 2024.
- Tree on Murton Green - to be removed as the roots broke our drainage pipes. Tree has ash die back. Council agreed to £850 for removal.
- Fence on green to be removed - S Gates to share details with clerk.
- Centre will be used on 04/07/24 for General Elections
- Residents complained about parking in local areas during events. Remind on social media and via newsletter that blocking residents drives is not acceptable.

13. AOB

- Expression of interest to chapel - Clerk to send Rev Andy Walker
- Review of Mayday / D Day Memorial:
 - Thanks to all that helped
 - Lots enjoyed on car park and the event seemed more contained.
 - Lighting – was not factored budget.
 - Reenactment – Would support our events again.
 - Memorial service - was well received
 - Bins to added into marquee
 - More food vendors.
 - More chairs for public.
 - WI were not happy with placement and Anna trading from her Coffee van. Some members were rude to Anna and did not want her using the water supply. This behavior has been noticed over several years. S Dunce to speak to them and a letter to be send prior to next years event.
 - Brownies and guides – have the ribbons for may poll.

Meeting closed

Next AGM - 27/05/25

Next Full Council Meeting - 24/05/25