

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDEILO FERWALLT BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING



BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL - 29/07/24 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS

CLERK: ANTHONY JONES

Present:

L. Ellis, N. Matthews, S. Dunce, S. Gates, H. Hartshorn, J. Jones, I. Shemilt, C. Scott

1. Apologies

B. Ball, R. Brace, A. James, K. Laurence, N. Lomas, L. Sudbury

2. Declarations of Personnel and Prejudicial interest

None

3 . Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 24/06/24

Approved

4. Planning

The Rickfield, Brandy Cove Road

- Objection: The site is outside the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- A public sewer crosses the site from Headland Road near Headland Close, which is not indicated on the plans and could conflict with construction.
- Ensure no additional surface water runoff to adjacent property No. 17; hard landscaping near No. 17 could cause problems.
- There are no details of necessary soakaways for surface water management.
- Prevent surface water discharge onto Brandy Cove Road, which is prone to flooding.

33 Oldway

- Objection: The development contravenes planning policy as it involves garden development.
- The garden must only be used by the occupiers of 33 Oldway and not as a separate dwelling or for holiday homes/Airbnb.
- The development overlooks adjacent properties.

Active Travel Track

- No objections.

14 Gerretts Close

- No objections.

33 Bishopston Road

- Objection: Proposed detached drive with off-road parking and demolition of an extension. The new application is only slightly different from a previously refused one, and the same objections apply.

Note: A special meeting will be held in August if any controversial planning applications arise

5.Accounts for Approval June

Approved. Future accounts to factor in precepts and provide more detailed budgeting.

6. Community Bus

- Progress is going well, with new ideas and collaboration with DANSA. Providers are open to suggestions to increase usage.
- Discussions are underway about partnering with local businesses for concessionary offers and advertising events in Mumbles.
- Plans to improve the bus's appearance, possibly involving local schools in designing new artwork.
- Considering acquiring a larger bus and possibly expanding services to include an evening route.
- The Pennard service is facing low passenger numbers, and options to improve are being discussed.
- Significant passenger numbers on other routes support the financial viability of the service.
- The Council expressed appreciation for the Transport Committee's work in making the community bus service a success.

7. Site Safety

1. Issues raised include gas canisters, vandalism, and fires.
2. Regular police presence and better monitoring of CCTV were discussed.

Actions:

1. Request regular police presence.
2. Form a committee to focus on site safety and create a reporting process.

8. Update on Land Owned by Community Council

- A report on land owned by the Council is being prepared and should be available by mid-August.
- A special meeting will be scheduled before the September full Council meeting to review the report privately before making it public.
- This report is important for understanding land use and project restrictions.

Action:

Prepare for a special August/early September meeting if the report is ready.

9. Project updates

- Active Travel Track

- Surveyor meeting with Swansea LA for fee negotiations on August 7th on behalf of BCC.
- Public meeting being held at Community Centre on August 7th to review the revised plans.

- Bishopston Community Park

- Follow-up letter on the grant offer needs to be sent from Swansea LA. Cllr Lyndon to chase.

10. Approval of Policies

- Disciplinary, annual leave, paternity, and maternity policies reviewed and approved.

11. Councillor and City Council update, Cllr Lyndon Jones

- Cllr Lyndon met with concerned residents regarding recent shed fires. Cllr Lyndon is looking to create a neighborhood watch type of network for the village to help combat crime.
- Community Film Club: Volunteers sought for screenings.
- Bank Services: Barclays Bank considering a pop-up service.
- Public Transport: Monitoring Number 14 bus service reliability.
- Historical Plaque: Proposal for a Spitfire plaque discussed.
- Education Scrutiny chair re-elected, focusing on education quality improvements.

12. Correspondence/Clerks Report

All addressed during meeting.

13. AOB

Methodist Church Sale Update by Rev. Andy Walker:

- **2022 Developments:**

- After the pandemic, community activities at the Methodist Church increased, drawing interest from a local business for a long-term lease of the hall.
- In November 2022, the congregation decided to prioritize developing the hall site due to its greater potential.

- **Current Status:**

- The Chapel is being considered for either a long-term lease or sale.
- The building is structurally sound but requires a new heating system and some repairs.
- The estimated market value is around £250,000.
- Rev. Andy is interested in discussing future plans with the Council and possible collaboration with other community groups.

- **Future Vision:**

- There are plans to transform the site for community activities and create a worship space. The premises may be available for long-term care, repair lease, or outright sale.

- **Building Condition:**

- A new roof was installed in 2014, but a new heating system and some repairs are still needed.
- There is strong interest from various local groups, and community discussions about the Chapel's future are encouraged.

Action Items:

1. Subcommittee Formation:

- J. Jones to schedule a meeting to discuss potential collaborations and report back to the full Council.