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BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL - 28/10/25 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS



PRESENT: L. Ellis, N. Matthews, A. James, I. Shemilt N. Lomas, J. Jones, H. Hartshorn, S. Dunce, Cllr Lyndon Jones B Ball,

1. APOLOGIES: K. Laurence, R. Brace, B Ball,

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONNEL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- None

3. PLANNING

a) The Pines, Caswell Bay Road

- Proposal: Redevelopment of a low-rise property to a two-storey building.
- Pre-application feedback from City Council described the proposal as “intrusive, overpowering, and not in keeping with surrounding properties.”
- Council agreed to object on similar grounds, as the design remains visually intrusive and fails to address previous concerns.

b) Caswell Corner (adjacent to The Pines)

- Proposal: Incorporation of verge land into residential boundary.
- Council raised concern regarding potential highway safety and access issues.
- Decision: No objection, but a comment to be submitted requesting consultation with Highways before approval.

c) 9 Esplone

- Proposal: Side hip extension.
- Decision: No objection – minor development not overlooking neighbours.

d) 40 Pyle Road

- Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for use of one room as a clinical treatment room (two days per week).
- Decision: No objection, but condition requested that the use remain limited to two days per week.

e) Gower Coffee Cart

- Anna currently pays £200/month plus electricity for the site.
- She has now applied for a four-year planning renewal (the maximum allowed).
- Council noted the business benefits the community and provides reliable income.
- Suggested she continue to trade all year round, weather permitting, to build consistency.
- Julie raised concerns about the legal implications of a long-term lease; Council agreed to seek advice from One Voice Wales before finalising any multi-year agreement.
- Decision: No objection to the planning application, subject to legal advice and continued annual review.

f) Providence Field

- Appeal Hearing: confirmed for 19th–20th November.
- Members wishing to speak must notify the Planning Inspectorate by 5th November.
- Clerk to circulate relevant links and guidance via WhatsApp and Facebook (issues: green space, highway safety, loss of agricultural land).
- Council agreed not to live-stream the hearing due to hall bookings.

Planning concern

Craig-y-Nos School Boundary Wall: Wall has been taken down. Council to monitor for any future development. Cllr Lyndon to clarify ownership and liaise with Highways.

4. Accounts for Approval

- No discrepancies noted.
- Clarification requested regarding £9-10k spent on Green works – to confirm whether grant-funded or from reserves.
- Clerk to explore grant funding options to offset costs.
- Finance Subcommittee Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, 4th December (time tbc).

5. Project Updates

a) Active Travel Track

- No further updates.
- The Council was asked to provide solicitor details for sale of land for Active Travel Track
- Our previous solicitor has retired but now consults for Peter Lynne Partners; agreed to continue using this firm.
- Action: Clerk to confirm arrangements.
- Discussion on possible use of the car park as a contractor compound, as in previous projects, which generated income.

b) Bishopston Community Park / Murton Park

- Updated designs have been received. Swansea Council Parks Department to visit on 13th November to discuss plans going forward
- Grant application started for Council's contribution, including drainage works.
- The current playground has deteriorated significantly: fencing is rotting, and equipment has become slippery and unsafe.
 - Murton Property Services have made minor repairs but noted ongoing decline due to wet conditions.
 - Based on recent findings, members agreed to close the playground immediately on health and safety grounds.
 - Closure signs to be displayed, and a public notice issued online to reassure residents that a new park is coming soon.
 - Action: Anthony to arrange closure signage, contact Jim to tape and chain area, and post update online.

c) Copley Woods (Inclusive of Pump Track)

- No new updates
- Cllr Lyndon has been advised that Gareth Govier is having a meeting with PEDW for more advice on the sites.
- Council reiterated full support for the project once a legally compliant site is found.

6. Chapel

- Awaiting outcome of the extraordinary chapel meeting on 4th November.
- If the Community Council's bid succeeds, a full public consultation will follow.
- Proof of funds has been requested; Council plans to apply for grant support.
- Potential funding sources:
 - National Lottery Community Fund (semi-rural focus)
 - Royal Commission (church building preservation)
- Funding applications will highlight community benefit across age groups.

Action: J Jones to update Council following the chapel meeting outcome.

7. Forthcoming Events

a) Fireworks Night

- Event Date: Wednesday 05/11/25
- Preparations complete:
 - Firework company confirmed attendance after resolving prior concerns over fallout debris.
 - Display firing point moved 10m further from houses.
 - Marshalling plan circulated - requested for more volunteers to be shared to the community.
- Food Vans:
 - To move to the field if ground is dry; remain in car park otherwise.

Safety & Logistics:

- Radios and torches to be collected Wednesday.
- St John Ambulance confirmed attendance.
- No official road closure, but road safety to be monitored near Northlands Park.

Actions: Clerk to liaise with firework company and confirm ground conditions.

B) Remembrance Service

Event Date: Friday 09/11/25 at 10:45

- Attendance from Cadets and school choir confirmed.
- Tea and coffee after the service organised by S Duncce.
- Event to conclude around 1:00 PM.

C) Lantern Parade

Event Date: Friday 28/11/25 at 17:00 at school, and tree being turned on at 18:30

- All plans are in hand by the PTA.

D) Carol Service

Event Date: Wednesday 17/12/25 at 18:30

- Salvation Army have now confirmed attendance
- WI making minced pies.

8. City Council Update – Cllr Lyndon Jones

- Cllr Jones provided an update on the Active Travel Scheme, confirming it remains on schedule pending final legal formalities.
- Reported upcoming drainage works around Murton Green as part of citywide infrastructure maintenance.
- Encouraged Council to continue applying for small-scale environmental and biodiversity grants available through Swansea Council's community fund.

9. Any Other Business

Verge Parking

- Concern raised about verge parking on busy weekends.
- Signs have been ordered to deter verge parking.
- Alternatives such as collapsible posts or removable barriers were discussed.

8. AOB

JAMIE PORTER

- Contractor Jamie Porter completed drainage works; 50% payment pending December precept.
- Check if he needs other half or can he wait as agreed.
- Drainage fix proposed via speed bump near car park entrance.

Actions:

- Obtain quotes for speed bump installation.

COFFEE CART

Current vendor Anna paying £200/month + £1/day electricity, now closed for winter.

- Concerns about income loss and fairness to other businesses.
- Closed too early, when weather has been perfect and leaving residents without or traveling further afield.

Options Discussed:

- Tender for new winter vendor.
- Reassess terms.

Decision: Deferred pending review with Anna upon return to carpark.