

MEETING AGENDA



BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

02/03/26 AT 19:00

ANY COUNCILLOR OR MEMBER OF THE PRESS OR PUBLIC MAY ATTEND EITHER IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. AN INVITATION TO ATTEND REMOTELY WILL BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS SHOULD ANY MEMBER DECIDE TO ATTEND FROM ANOTHER LOCATION.

THE AGENDA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. APOLOGIES
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST
3. PLANNING
4. PROJECT UPDATES:
 - ACTIVE TRAVEL TRACK
 - BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY PARK / MURTON PARK
 - COPLEY WOODS (INCLUSIVE OF PUMP TRACK)
 - Copley Woods Trees
5. MAY DAY
6. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
7. PROVIDENCE FIELD
8. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – CLLR LYNDON JONES
9. AOB
 - Murton FC fun day request.
 - Blinds quote

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BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL - 26/01/26 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS



PRESENT: L. Ellis, N. Matthews, A. James, I. Shemilt, B. Ball, Cllr Lyndon Jones

1. APOLOGIES: K. Laurence, J. Jones, H. Hartshorn, S. Dunce, N. Lomas, R. Brace

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONNEL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes approved

4. FINANCE – PRECEPT 2026/27

- The Council considered the approved precept for the next financial year and approved a precept of £114,000.
- It was noted this is an increase of approximately £3 per household, bringing the total contribution to just over £1 per week per household, as part of Council Tax.

Vote of Thanks – Accounts Support

- Council agreed that thanks should be recorded to A. James for his assistance with the accounts, preparation of figures, and the detailed work supporting the precept calculations and presentation.

5. COMMUNITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – PLANS

- Council discussed previous draft plans (noted as small rooms upstairs) and agreed these were not suitable and would need to be redone.
- Members supported a fresh approach, informed by community need and consultation, particularly if future fundraising is required.
- Priority is currently replacing the play park so this project to be picked up when this is installed.

Actions:

- Clerk/Chair to chase Sue to locate any existing plans.
- Council to consider a small working group/subcommittee to begin scoping requirements and preparing for consultation (timing to align with other consultations/newsletter).

6. PROJECT UPDATES

Active Travel / Shared Use Path (SUP)

- Update received that PEDW approval has been secured. Swansea Council will now seek further funding and aims to proceed when permitted, noting restrictions due to nesting season (works likely from September).

Murton Green Park

- It was noted the Lottery Heritage bid was unsuccessful due to oversubscription. The Clerk has contacted SCVS for guidance on alternative funding routes and next steps. Update received that Swansea Council may take on procurement once staffing is in place, and that agreed funding must be progressed within a limited window.

Pump Track

- Update provided that Curve Studio/consultants have prepared a summary/focus report and suggested next steps. Progress has been delayed due to a bereavement affecting the key lead. It was agreed stakeholders will need to reconvene and that the process with PEDW may be lengthy.

Action: Lyndon to send a gentle reminder and circulate the Curve Studio summary once received; meeting details to be shared when confirmed.

7. May Day Planning – Availability and Support

- Council reviewed councillor availability for May Day and noted limited numbers confirmed. Members agreed additional volunteer support will be required and discussed using social media/newsletter to call for help. It was agreed that planning needs to be broken down into specific tasks before inviting wider support.

Actions:

- Include May Day as a focused agenda item at the 9th RFC meeting to identify tasks/roles.
- Following that meeting, arrange a volunteer meeting/call-out if required.

8. Welsh Government Consultation – “Section 4” Protections

- Council noted correspondence from Cllr Samantha Hughes regarding a proposed change to Section 4 protections and potential impacts on Gower (events, unregulated camping, environmental harm). Council agreed further details are needed (including consultation deadline). Members discussed responding both as a Council and individually, and the use of a template letter to support wider engagement.

Actions:

- Obtain further information (including deadline/scope) and report back.
- Consider Council response and whether to include in the newsletter once verified.

9. Councillors’ WhatsApp Group

- Council discussed reopening the councillors’ WhatsApp group. It was agreed it should be reopened strictly for Council business only and kept on-topic.
- Resolved: WhatsApp group to be reopened for Council business only.

Action:

- Clerk to reopen and issue group guidance.

10. Community Centre – Blinds and Heating

- **Members noted blinds are broken/tired and causing issues with glare and privacy. Two radiators were also reported as broken; the Clerk/Chair has contacted a plumber returning from holiday.**

Actions:

- Clerk/Chair to obtain quotes for replacement blinds and report back.
- Clerk/Chair to progress radiator repair and update council.

11. Ward Update From Cllr Lyndon Jones

- Updates provided on gritting request
- Bishopston Road resurfacing (road closure expected mid-February)
- Providence decision refusal,

- Caswell Changing Places repairs and reopening requested by Easter, speed checks, and a fallen tree below the church being addressed.
- Concerns raised regarding potholes near Miles Lane and near the bend by the Red House/ Pugh's Farm area. It was noted some may be on private land, but Lyndon will check and arrange repairs where within the adopted highway.

Action:

- **Lyndon to re-check locations and report/arrange repairs where applicable.**

12. Any Other Business

Community Centre Car Park Use / Misuse

- Council discussed ongoing issues with the car park being full despite low building usage, suggesting it is being used as a park-and-ride. Members discussed possible future measures (permits/season tickets, enforcement options) but agreed to start with clear signage.

Resolved: To install signage stating the car park is for users of the Community Council/community centre facilities only.

Actions:

- Clerk to purchase signage.
- Include a note in the newsletter that car park use is under review to protect community access.

Meeting closed

Date of Next Meeting - 30/03/26 at 19:00