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BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL - 30/06/25 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS

CLERK: ANTHONY JONES

PRESENT:

L. Ellis, A. James, B Ball, C Scott, R. Brace, I. Shemilt, J. Jones, H. Hartshorn, Cllr Lyndon Jones, S. Duncie.

1. APOLOGIES

K. Laurence, N. Lomas

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No new declarations were made beyond existing annual disclosures.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as a true and accurate record.

4. PLANNING

95 BISHOPSTON ROAD

- Proposal: Single-storey side and rear extension, porch, internal alterations, and roof lights.
- Members queried if garage demolition was included and emphasised the need for works to be carried out within normal working hours.
- Decision: No objection

1 LONGACRE

- Proposal: Additional front parking space.
- Members expressed concern over proximity to road junction.
- Decision: Defer to Highways for comment.

5. PROJECT UPDATES

ACTIVE TRAVEL TRACK

- Swansea Council submission has been made to PEDW for review; consultation closing 23 July.
- Public encouraged to resubmit comments before deadline.
- Clerk to upload Active Travel consultation notice to Facebook.
 - Council to review next steps following PEDW response.

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY PARK / MURTON PARK

WELLFIELD PARK:

- Nearly complete; one replacement piece of equipment outstanding.

MURTON PARK:

- Grant secured for replacement of ~80% of equipment; further funding required for remainder.
- Legal advice confirms replacement allowed under current site terms.
- Members discussed potential slight relocation within existing footprint to improve drainage.
- Actions: Continue obtaining quotes; explore feasibility of minor relocation.

PLAYING FIELDS -MURTON ROVERS:

- The football club requested a lease of the playing fields to enable access to grant funding for drainage and changing room improvements.
- Members agreed the club should submit a formal written proposal including costings, funding sources, and league compliance requirements.

COPLEY WOODS (INCLUSIVE OF PUMP TRACK)

- Recent Curve Studios consultation for the pump track well attended by local children.
- Members stressed the need to manage community expectations, ensure ecological protection, and involve environmental specialists.
- The pump track forms part of a wider ecological regeneration project, including biodiversity initiatives with the local school.
- Curve Studios proposed subtle, natural colour schemes.
- Next Meeting: Proposed week commencing 30 June with Commoners and Skate Park Project team.

6. FOOTPATHS

- Overgrowth along Copley Woods and Barland's Footpath to be cut back within two weeks.
- Plans for bird and bat boxes, bee drinking stations, and potential small pond under discussion.
- Gower Walking Festival (6-14 September) confirmed, featuring 37 walks including routes through Murton and Bishopston.

7. MURTON CHAPEL

- Church representatives have decided to sell the chapel outright, with no ongoing church control post-sale.
- Asking price: £250,000-£300,000.
- Proceeds will support redevelopment of the Church Hall.
- Council discussed community use options, including café space, activity hub, and shared facilities for local groups.
- No restrictive covenants known but legal confirmation required.
- Members agreed the building should ideally remain a community asset.

Action: Clerk to write to Andy Walker expressing Council's interest in exploring community ownership and J Jones to liaise with SCVS (Simon Winspear) for funding guidance

8. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – CLLR LYNDON JONES

HIGHWAYS:

- Bishopston Road resurfacing scheduled from quarry bend to Pyle Corner (£425,000).
- Dropped kerbs being installed across South Gower for accessibility improvements.
- Ongoing issues with potholes (notably Kilfield and Wellfield) — monitoring continues.

WASTE COLLECTION:

- Ongoing service reliability issues; assisted collections for elderly residents to be reviewed.

Speed and Safety Enforcement:

- Speed camera bike operating on Northway – over 100 offences in first month.
- Speed strips to be installed on Bishopston Road and Highway Road to gather further data.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

- Sinkhole Repairs: Three quotes received; Jamie Porter (£9,500) accepted (lowest). Payment by instalment agreed.
- Additional land drains to be considered to prevent recurrence.

HALL AND FACILITIES:

- Men's Shed waiting to occupy allocated room once kitchen refurbishment completed.
- Clerk and Speaker 4 to finalise outstanding items.
- Council to inspect kitchen after meeting.

CAR PARK:

- Overuse by coach parties and commuters noted, limiting hall users' access.
- Consider signage (time limits or "no coaches").
- Clerk to issue advisory on Facebook and Council website and review re-lining options.

FILMING REQUEST:

- Production company requested hall use for filming a community event scene.
- Clerk to confirm details and agree hire terms.

COFFEE CART

- Request from Anna to install two picnic benches.
- Approved in principle provided bistro chairs and tables and to be removable nightly and litter is managed.
- Happy with current terms and for Anna to continue trading in car park under current terms.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **May Day Event:**
 - Gower Bar Company's profit share (£75 or 10%) deemed inadequate given reported takings (~£1,900).
 - Council to write expressing disappointment and to require clearer terms for future events.
 - Event otherwise considered a success.

TREE WORKS:

- Tree surgeon to remove dead trees in car park and assess others for safety.
- Clerk to coordinate visit.

HERITAGE PUMP CAP:

- Members agreed pump cap to be returned and safely stored.
- Further discussion on restoration colour (black vs. original green) deferred pending historical verification.
- Clerk to arrange return and record its condition.

NEXT MEETING 28/07/25 AT 19:00