

*Minutes of Monday 27TH of November 2023*

***Present:***C Scott S Gates L Ellis S Dunce J Jones

B Ball I Shemilt H Hartshorn Cllr L Jones A Jones (Clerk)

1. ***Apologies***

K Laurence K Davies N Lomas L Sudbury N Matthews

1. ***Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest***

* S Gates – Bishopston Skatepark Project being discussed.
* Sue Dunce – Use of Commoners land.

1. ***Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 30th October 2023.***
2. **Review of Actions**
3. **Biodiversity Group -** Await outcome of survey and a group to be formed and involve the commoners and Cllr L Jones, C Scott, I Shemilt, and S Dunce expressed interest in forming group.
4. **Accounts for approval** – N Lomas / AJ to contact HMRC - On going.
5. **GLT – Notes to be collated** – N Matthews / Emails of residents’ concerns to be added to appendix – On going – N Matthews advised this will be populated and sent ASAP.
6. **Community Park** – Chase funds – L Jones
7. **Copley Woods Regeneration** - L Sudbury to present.
8. **Website -** To be proofread/ populated with information required – On going.
9. ***Planning***

* **2023/2343/FUL - 3 Broadmead** Widen vehicle access - Don’t give any details on highways being contacted. Comment: Highways to be contacted and materials to fit in with Welsh Government.
* **2023-2398-S73 - Brynllan** – Change windows. Comment: Conservation area.
* **2023-2357-FUL - 23 Bishopston Road** – Refused originally. Comment: Happy with the planners previous decision at this time. Concern about the timber cladding, does this fit with the conservation area.
* **2023-2356-FUL - 18 Oldway** – Loss of parking unclear in application. Comment: Query is there loss of parking.

Cllr L Jones advised: Pre Planning on Brandy Cove Road – The field is in ANOB and LDP – Which is contradiction. Cllr L Jones is looking into this.

1. ***Accounts For Approval***

* September and October approved.
* AJ to purchase a new hoover.
* AJ to purchase Christmas lights.

1. ***Project updates***

***Active Track***

* Swansea LA are now meeting with the commoners to bring the project forward.
* Cllr L Jones has met with Evening Post to discuss.

***Bishopston Community Park***

* Awaiting the funds from Swansea LA
* Looking to pay it direct to the supplier.
* Jackie Rees Thomas – Will contact the school. Contacting Cllr L Jones
* Subcommittee to be formed to look at how it will be spent.
* Survey to be issued to the school.

**ACTIONS**

* Arrange a meeting with the contractors for new equipment when the information is available to Cllr L Jones – On going.
* Separate meeting to be held when funds received to get the project started.
* Cllr L Jones to chase funds.
* S Gates to meet with Cllr L Jones on how this money can be spent to reflect the survey responses. (update Jackie Rees Thomas now needs to contact S Gates)

***Copley Woods Regeneration / Pump Track***

* Lots of development is needed to bring this project on. – January/ February 2024

**Health Walks**

* C Scott, S Gates and N Matthews had a meeting to discuss advertising to wider members of the community. List has been created on where to distribute.
* S Gates has created a poster to be shared.
* BCC to think of people that could benefit from a health walk and to share information.
* Ask Michelle SCVS to help promote.
* Print 50 – A4 – Via printers.

***Menshed***

* Meeting with Michelle from SCVS – who is now in process of getting the constitution and appointing a treasurer.
* Gateway to Gower will be the project name.
* Now storing tools at the centre.
* When funding becomes available will look to get public liability insurance.
* Possibly looking to run ICT classes to develop skills of elder community members.

1. **Community Bus**

* Service has now started.
* First service was full and passengers did not get
* Increase of fee from Swansea LA.
* New users from Caswell are using the bus.
* Meeting with in January 2024 with DANSA to review the service.
* J Jones has spoken to Transport for Wales to see how we could get a bigger bus and possible lease options for 2024.
* Advertising has been much better and is a credit to the bus being used.
* J Jones has been helping members of Pennard Community to use the bus. If Pennard service is not a success it will jeopardise our service.
* After our new service is established look to work in partnership with Mumbles.

**ACTION**

* Bus Time table to be shared in notice boards – AJ.

1. ***Fireworks / Remembrance Day***

* Event to be postponed to Fireworks 2024.
* Fee of £240 has been paid to store the fireworks for the year.
* Date for 2024 will be 05/11/24.

**Remembrance Day**

* Sound system failed – but overall a very successful and busy event.
* Andy Walker has agreed to go into school for 2024 event and will teach them the song.

**Christmas**

* Christmas Lights Switch on - RFC met with Ros and decided will work more in partnership for the event next year.
* School choir will not be performing at the centre due to poor field quality.
* CCTV will be fitted.

1. **Website**

* Still needs to be populated

**ACTION**

* S Gates to get login details

1. ***Vacancies***

* Formal process has now being followed.
* If 10 members of the community wish to hold an election, we will need to follow this.
* On December 5th AJ will get notification from Swansea LA if this is needed.
* We can advertise to co-opt. Lots of interest in the community to fill the post.

1. **Any other business**

* J Jones has a new role working with Cost Of Living Crisis Team.
* On Wednesday all councils will receive a survey to get a snapshot of what community councils are doing. J Jones is making a contact list of different organisations to help with grants. J Jones would like to look at extra activities to help people who are effected by the cost of living crisis and isolation.
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* Free meals to be discussed at RFC.
* AJ to pen a draft of Job deception of the clerk role as the job has involved.
* Letter to rental groups and all regular users about not storing.

1. Cllr L Jones

* Lights switch on – rolling road closure.
* S Dunce and K Lawrence helping with refreshments
* 6:30 – Lights being turn on.
* CCTV will be on the tree this year.

1. ***Correspondence/Clerks Report***

* Anna – Coffee Cart – Has applied for planning to come back in 2024. Would like to use our electric and keep overnight at her own risk. – BCC in Agreement. Fee to be adjusted.
* Please be mindful of times to be using the What’s App Group. Some messages are come passed midnight.
* Ideas of spend for the next finical year to be considered for next precept to be sent to clerk.

***MEETING CLOSED –***

***Next Meeting – 18/12/23 at 19:00***



*Anthony Jones(Clerk)*

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