

**Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt
Bishopston Community Council Meeting**



Chair: Nic Matthews

Clerk: Anthony Jones

Bishopston CC

Minutes of Monday 22nd of June 2023

Present: C Scott S Gates L Ellis S Webborn S Dunce K Laurence
S Dunce K Davies B Ball Cllr L Jones I Shemilt A Jones

Apologies: N Matthews N Lomas L Sudbury H Hartshorn J Jones

1. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest

- S Gates – Bishopston Skatepark Project being discussed.

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 22ND June 2023.

- Approved

3. Accounts For Approval

- June accounts approved.

4. Active Track

- Work has now been delayed, due to an issue not resolved with the commoners.
- Member of staff in charge for LA in is currently on leave.
- Cllr L Jones is confident it will go ahead.
- Tender needs to be altered, as some of the track has been built.
- Invoice paid for using carp park.

5. Planning

- 118 Bishopston Road – No objection – Leave to LA.
- Northway Garage Allotments – No objection – Comment to be made for safe access to the allotments?
- 14 Portway – No objections.
- Acres End/Caswell Bay Road – No objections.
- 3 Lime Kiln Lane – No objections.

6. GWYR Community Land Trust Development

- Have requested to go into the newsletter to let the community know about the project.
- Holding meetings of public consultations. Some of BCC to attend to gather more information.
- First one in Wales.
- Lots of public interest positive and negative.
- BCC Planning Officer is not sure, but they will need to get this checked, as his understanding is that South close was designed to be small access route to prevent development of the land.
- This is a possible restriction or even a covenant was put in place stop construction workers etc.
- The school is at jeopardy of not enough children in the area (Focused
- People locally will control it.
- Right of way is maintained in the proposal.
- Nobody told the current farmer who uses the field.
- Does this open for other fields to be open to housing developments?
- BCC feels that the drainage would be an issue for that area.

ACTION

- BCC members to attend consultations to gather more information on project.

7. Project Updates

Bishopston Community Park

- Survey to be in the newsletter to get it out across the wider community.
- Awaiting the funds. Cllr L Jones advised its confirmed and have been waiting for 14 months for the funds.
- A request has been raised if we could include items for Toddlers in the park.
- Jackie Rees Thomas to do a survey with the school.
- Kier is supplying the bases for the benches at a saving for the community council.

ACTIONS

- Arrange a meeting with the contractors or new equipment when has the information available Cllr LJ. – On going.
- Separate meeting to be held when funds received to get the project started.

Copley Woods Regeneration

- This will be a long-term project – When L Sudbury is available, she will talk to BCC. L Sudbury to prep for a forthcoming meeting.
- Climate for Change made a huge improvement to the area when they planted and cleared it – But now it's back to being overgrown.

Pump Track

- N Matthews advised Clerk she has creates the task/subgroup to form a fair and mixed task group to look at all the concerns and how to mitigate those if possible.
- This group will not make any formal decisions. Full council will vote and ultimately Swansea LA will decide the overall outcome.

8. Glyphosate

- Glyphosate is currently approved for use in Welsh Government, as it is elsewhere in countries in the EU.
- There have long been concerns over the potential health risks from glyphosate exposure.
- If we don't use it, what do we use to get rid of weeds? Cllr L Jones receives lots of complaints about weeds in the area.
- Swansea LA would need to stop using it, for BCC to stop usage of it?
- Wildflower patches to be possible be changed?
- It's sprayed on the curbs by the LA and residents complain as soon as weeds are popping up.
- National butterfly count 2024 - Patches to be adopted by the community to plant butterfly loving plants.

Website

- AJ to use personal bank account and provide receipts until council can be invoiced another way.
- Website bio's needed ASAP.
- Website needs to be moved forward.
- Website is a requirement that all community councils have.

9. Newsletter

- Comprehensive School has been contacted – No response back from head teacher.
- PTA have been asked via L Ellis.
- All articles to be submitted to Karen by end of June.
- L Ellis to proofread.
- AJ to design.
- To be printed and out in July 2023.

ACTIONS

- Action to further distribute survey. Via newsletter July 2023. Ask for shops to have boxes as drop off points.

10. Councillor and City Council update, Cllr Lyndon Jones

- Caswell – Issue with bus – turning around in the car park. Access to do this is poor when its busy. Highways are looking into this.
- Bishopswood fence wire was cut and used for additional parking. Resident had to put on a new lock.
- National trust meeting – Issue driving down Pwll Du. Speaking to Phill Marshal.
- 7-8 signposts being fitted into the village.
- All the potholes have been fixed in the village.
- New bins for dog waste/general waste coming to village within next 10 days. Possible moving some of the bins.
- Local business was not recycling. Cllr L Jones has supported them to do.

- Gower Common Safety Action Group – Meeting to discuss the animals being run over the common.
- 20 MPH is being enforced in Wales. Bishopston will be 20 mph everywhere, except coming around the quarry bend, which stays at 30 mph and Whitestone.
- Northway will also be 20, until you get out on the common.
- The Potholes being fixed all around village.
- Newsletter distribution list has been created with C Scott.

11. Clerk's Report

Anna / Coffee Cart –

- Would like to have cart in car park, AJ has advised no at this time.
- Using our electric and will pay or to use a generator.
- Council advised generator would need to be energy efficient or look to charge for use of electric.

Training and Development

- AJ to share list of current training and book with AJ if would like to attend any.

Non agenda items raised

- The Well – Stones need to be recemented. Cadw to be contacted.
- Would be nice to have seats and raised beds near it to make it more of feature for village.
- Dip pipe to stop the draining issue?
- Permanent drainage covers are needed.

ACTION

- Cadw to be contacted – C Scott.
- Well/Drainage to be added to the agenda.

**MEETING CLOSED –
Next Meeting – 24/07/23 at 19:00**



Anthony Jones
(Clerk)

