

MEETING AGENDA



BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

26/01/26 AT 19:00

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THE AGENDA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. APOLOGIES
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST
3. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL
4. PROJECT UPDATES:
 - ACTIVE TRAVEL TRACK
 - BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY PARK / MURTON PARK
 - COPLEY WOODS (INCLUSIVE OF PUMP TRACK)
5. MAY DAY AVAILABILITY
6. SECTION 4 - AMENDMENT.
7. DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTRE
8. USE OF WHATSAPP
9. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW BLINDS
10. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - CLLR LYNDON JONES
11. AOB

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BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY FULL COUNCIL - 01/12/25 AT 19:00

CHAIR: L ELLIS



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

1. APOLOGIES: K. Laurence

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONNEL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- None

3. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL / FINANCE

- November 2026 - Approved
- Fireworks event income - Clerk reported the fireworks event generated a surplus of approx. £650, after costs including new signs and new lights. It was noted the Council invests incrementally each year to improve event delivery.

Bank balance

The following balances were read into the record:

- Savings account: £20,701.54
- Clerk reported a meeting with A James had taken place to explore moving funds to a better savings rate to increase interest, likely in the New Year.

4. PROJECT UPDATES:

ACTIVE TRAVEL TRACK

- Clerk reported no substantive update.
- Cllr Lyndon advised that Pedw had requested responses to technical points raised by commoners (e.g., circumference/shape of bars in horse access sections). Responses were submitted in advance of the deadline (noted as 26 November). The Council is now awaiting the Inspector's report.

Community Park (Mansfield / Murton Green area) – Removal and replacement

Removal contractor invoice

- Clerk confirmed the community park had been removed. The Finance Committee had agreed £1,000 for removal. The contractor (Murton Property Services) subsequently requested £1,200, citing the job was larger than expected and tool damage during removal.

Members challenged the request and noted:

- Tool damage should be covered by contractor insurance / method of work.
- Council had already allowed contingency between an original £800 estimate and £1,000.
- Contractor may also have benefitted from scrap value.
- Decision: Council agreed to pay £1,000 only, in line with agreed quote/ceiling.
- Action: Clerk/Chair to pay £1,000 and respond to contractor that the Council will not meet additional costs.

Replacement play park funding

- Swansea Council is progressing an arrangement to fund 80% of the replacement park.

- A National Lottery Heritage Fund application has been submitted for the remaining elements, including drainage and associated requirements (consultations, Welsh translation, etc.).
- The Clerk has received follow-up queries from the fund and responded; awaiting next steps.
- Cllr Lyndon advised Swansea Council may prefer to procure/deliver directly rather than route procurement through the Community Council (potentially securing better prices). This is being explored.

Consultation on new park

- Members agreed that consultation with children/parents/residents will be required, including for lottery evidence. It was suggested to consult through:
 - Primary school council
 - Wider community consultation / leaflet drop (to include families not linked to school, grandparents, etc.)
 - Reuse/adapt previous survey questions from earlier consultations.

Concerns raised:

- Aesthetics: preference for colours that blend into green space; avoid bright primary colours.
- Material: confirmation that wood is unlikely due to durability, but colours can be muted (greens/browns).

Drainage feasibility proposal

- Cllr Lyndon advised Swansea Council is considering a feasibility study for a soakaway/drainage solution near the bottom of the green by the road to relieve road flooding and assist field drainage. No works would proceed without Council agreement.
- I Shemilt noted prior culvert works included connections that could enable positive drainage; also highlighted constraints due to sewer infrastructure near the bus shelter area.

Action: Lyndon/Chair to liaise with Swansea Council officers on feasibility scope and ensure Ian's local knowledge is included.

COPLEY WOODS / PUMP TRACK

- Clerk reported no update.
- Cllr Lyndon advised he had contacted Gareth (Swansea Council) who had intended to meet Pedw; Cllr Lyndon to chase again.

Action: Cllr Lyndon to follow up and report back next meeting.

5. CHAPEL UPDATE AND POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPANSION

- J Jones reported the Council was not selected as preferred purchaser for the chapel; the Methodist Church has not formally confirmed who was selected, though it was indicated it would not be a takeaway or shop and would benefit the community.
- J Jones proposed that, given rejection and space constraints at current premises, the Council should revisit the option to extend its existing premises upward (additional floor), potentially including:
 - Function room upstairs
 - Catering kitchen
 - Toilets (incl. disabled)
 - Lift access (and fire escape considerations)
- S Dunce indicated earlier plans existed (squaring off building; staircase; upstairs options) and would search for them.
- I Shemlit the need to confirm any legal/building restrictions on height/extension.

Actions:

- S Dunce to search for historic plans and share.
- Proposal to establish a small working group/steering group to scope an extension option (subject to Council agreement at a later meeting).

6. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – CLLR LYNDON JONES**Bus shelter vandalism (Murton Green Road)**

- Lyndon reported the glass at the bus shelter had been smashed (all panes). Replacement has been ordered but Swansea Council installs in a citywide batch; likely replacement around Easter. Broken glass will be removed.

Highways and maintenance updates

- Resurfacing completed at the side of the chapel to Longacre.
- Works at Pyle Corner to address encroaching verge onto pavement and restore legal width.
- Works on Mansfield Road, with further works planned; additional works on Brandy Cove Road.
- Northway brambles to be cut back; Providence Lane to be cleaned; Pyle Corner to be spruced.
- Bishopston Road resurfacing planned; suggestion made to schedule during half-term (around mid-February). Kerb height issue raised to prevent water entering gardens.

Daffodil planting

Daffodil bulbs arranged:

- Schools: 600 (comp), 200 (primary)
- Around village: approx 2,500 total including Copley Close and other sites.

Water quality / beach designation

Lyndon reported ongoing engagement with Welsh Government/NRW/Welsh Water regarding:

- Water quality concerns and incidents near Brandy Cove
- Rules around designation of smaller beaches (Brandy Cove and Pobbles do not currently qualify) and the intention to seek change/support.

Flooding hotspot Mansfield area

- Ian raised recurring flooding and historical gully maintenance. Lyndon advised gullies were cleaned two weeks earlier and that work is ongoing with highways; details not for public domain at present.

Action: Lyndon to continue liaison with highways; Ian to share local infrastructure constraints (proximity of water main/drain) offline to inform options.

7. CAROL SERVICE

- Clerk confirmed Carol Service scheduled 17 December and arrangements in hand.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tree works

Chair advised tree surgeon due in area this week for overhanging trees off Mansell Green.

N Lomas raised urgent tree risk at boundary of Copley Woods affecting insurance and property; additional smaller trees along path to Community Centre identified.

Actions:

- Chair to notify N Lomas when tree surgeon scheduled and request assessment of Copley Woods boundary trees.

GLT

- H H. Hartshorn queried Gower Land Trust / inquiry update; Lyndon provided update that public inquiry took place, inspector report expected before end of year.
- No further items.