

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



Chair: Nic Matthews

Clerk: Anthony Jones

Bishopston CC

Minutes of Monday 30th of January 2023

Present: N Matthews L Sudbury I Shemilt K Davies C Scott
 K Laurence S Gates Cllr L Jones A Jones

Apologies: S Webborn S Dunce B Ball N Lomas L Ellis

1. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest

- S Gates – Bishopston Skatepark Project being discussed.

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 19TH December 2022

- Approved after minor changes.

3. Planning

- Providence Lane – It's a repeat of the previous plans. Local authority to decide.
- Ridley way – Straight forward planning. No objections.
- Rugby Club – Allowing disabled access. No objections.
- Mast – Concerned they are not forthcoming in what the type of mast is. Objection until type of mast reviled.
- Caswell Road – Tree preservation orders, been refused by Swansea LA – and reiterate our disagreement.

ACTIONS

- AJ submit Planning.

4. Councillor and City Council update, Cllr Lyndon Jones

- Looking to purchase Snow drops up to 1000 for next year, could be planted in August 2024.
- Daffodils 7500 in the village.
- Cllr L Jones will fund the flowers for the bridge on Mansel Green road as standard – Community council to fund the other side.

- Number 14 bus is becoming very unreliable. Barry Gilbert is looking into this. Several buses are not turning up to several stops in the village. People will not use the service due to losing faith.
- Open reach boxes – All designs have been created. Work to start in Spring.
- 5G mast planning was not permitted.
- Mast at Rugby Club – Unsure what type of mast. No response.
- Christmas Tree lights were cut again. Brand new lights were destroyed. CCTV to be looked or protection around the tree.
- Funding for grant to fund park, benches and exercise equipment, they are unsure how they will pay the grant to community. Cllr L Jones exploring options.
- Karen has been planting on Mansfield Road and it was all cut back. Cllr L Jones did some research and was advised that Swansea Council did destroy the patch. Next year, Cllr L Jones has advised they will look at the various formulars of weed killer and they may even start to hand remove weeds.
- Work has started on the active track. A new fence was agreed, but The Commoners have advised not happy with fence placement. Concerned sheep with enter cycle track, run on road, and cause danger. Welsh Government now must make the decision.

ACTIONS

- Community Council to write a letter to complain about the poor service after meeting Cllr L Jones and Barry Gilbert have to discuss 14 service bus, if a resolution is met - No further action.

5. *Accounts For Approval*

- December accounts approved.
- Community Council happy with more detailed view of accounts.

6. *Active Track*

- Cllr Lyndon asked about funds for land sold to Swansea LA to build active track. Cllr Lyndon advised query was passed onto legal department and awaiting an update.
- Alun Griffiths have now got a short-term contract to use the car park to store their equipment.
- Total of thirteen parking spaces lost.
- Community council to get £500 a month for use of land.

7. *Project Updates*

Bishopston Community Park

- Phase 2 of BCP survey has been drafted and now needs to be finalised.
- Cllr L Jones advised Chris Dale from Swansea LA have advised Swansea do not own it.
- In 2008, it was advised, that I Shemilt, use to use the path, and it wasn't closed off then. Foot path officer will enquire who owns the path.

ACTIONS

- Survey to be finished – NM/SM/LE/LS.

- Arrange a meeting with the contractors for new equipment when has the information available Cllr LJ.
- Complete blurb for the survey – NM.
- Find out who owns the path next to Dove Court – CS.

Copley Woods Regeneration

- The council would like it to be revisited that the pump track goes across in Copley Woods.
- No further updates.
- Once information is circulated, a group could be formed, on how we can use the area.

ACTIONS

- All information provided prior about Copley Woods to be recirculated – LS.

8. Precept 2023/2024

- Precept to be submitted 31/01/23 of £80,000.
- Finance community have looked for the precept to support ongoing costs/standard practices.
- Fair salaries.
- Contractor fees.
- Decorations of centre inside and outside.
- £5000 contingency.
- Council agreed with finance committee and precept agreed.
- April 2023, fees to increase for room hire. Community Group and commercial groups to have different fees. Council want to support the community groups, but we be able to do this without making a loss. Fee has factored in utilities and cleaning costs.

ACTIONS

- AJ to submit precept.

9. Benches

Photos shared of broken benches – none had been removed.

ACTIONS

- Get quotes to have broken benches removed –AJ.

10. Trees

- AJ contacted Coeden Fach Community Tree Nursery and advised would be happy to support a tree planting event at a charge at £250. The event would need to happen before March 2023 for trees to grow successfully.
- Funding from Jubilee could support and buy more trees.
- All council agreed to £250 payment for Coeden Fach to support event.
- If unable to arrange end of March 2023 to have the event in November 2023.

ACTIONS

- Council to organise event March 2023, to plant trees within the community with the donated trees.
- Facebook post to request tree donations. To see the demand if event is needed.

11. Newsletter

- Several community groups and commercial groups have got in touch to advertise within the newsletter.
- Needs to be a good balance of news/information and not just full of adverts.
- Business/Commercial groups to be charged - Quarter of page £50. No full-page advertisements.
- All information to Karen by 10/02/23.

12. Transport

- Information requested from Briggs of usage – No response.

ACTIONS

- Transport Committee to meet to look at different opportunities for community bus which is value for money and report back to full council.

13. Website

- Website making timely progress and ready to go. Need to find out how we pay monthly costings. HH to look at payments to see if a direct debit or invoice to can be set up.
- Bio of community councillors to be sent to HH - ASAP.

14. Kings Coronation

- Lottery deadline for funding to support activities – S Gates to submit.
- 6th of May – ‘King's Coronation’ - Evening of entertainment on Murton Green. Dependant on funding could have bands and silent disco.
- 7th of May ‘The Big Lunch’ - The Great Bishopston Bake Off & The Big Lunch on the Green.
- 8th of May – ‘The Big Help Out’ - Showcase volunteer groups to see what the individual groups would like to be done. Open for further discussions.
- Commitment is needed by community council to support the events.

ACTIONS

- Submit lottery funding application – SG.

15. May Day

- Any scope to add the Farmers market to May Day?
- RFC meeting in February - S Duncie to share current plans.

16. WI-FI

- We now have Wi-Fi.

17. Correspondence

- Emergency Management Office – Have asked if able to store water tanks in carpark for emergency purposes if we ever need it. AJ have asked how big and is there a cost involved. Council agreed good idea. Await further information.
- Bishopston Skate Park Project – Looking for an update. Will attend 13/02/23 at RFC.
- Flowers on Bridge – Annually Cllr Lyndon funds one side and Community council fund the other – Council agreed to continue with this.

18. Clerk's Report

- Audit submitted – awaiting feedback.

**MEETING CLOSED –
Next Meeting – 27/02/23 at 19:00**



Anthony Jones
(Clerk)

