

Minutes of the Meeting of Council

Held at Penclawdd Community Centre

On Thursday, 8th February 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Paul Tucker (Chair) presided

Councillors: Huw Davies, John Davies, Colin Guy, James Matthews, Melissa Roberts, Andrew Williams and Adam Woolliscroft

Officers: Jeremy Parkhouse – Clerk to the Community Council

Also Present: PCSO Andrew Brown – South Wales Police, John Eynon and Catherine Rees.

114. Condolences

The Chair referred with sadness to the recent passing of Henri Bevan, nephew of Councillor Sarah Hughes. All those present stood in silence as a mark of sympathy and respect.

115. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leanne Davies and Sarah Hughes.

116. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

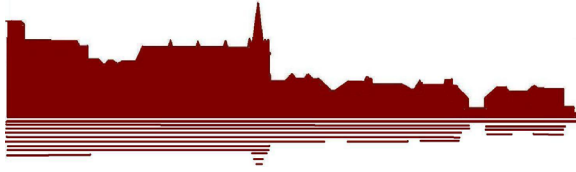
In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by Llanrhidian Higher Community Council, the following interests were declared.

Councillors Huw Davies, Paul Tucker, Andrew Williams, Adam Woolliscroft and the Clerk declared personal interests in Minute No. 121 c – Correspondence.

Councillor Andrew Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No.119 – Public Question Time in relation to Planning Application No.2023/2264 and left the meeting prior to discussion on the item.

117. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th January 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.



118. Chairs Announcements

The Chair made the following announcements: -

- Parc Dan Y Graig – Penclawdd AFC were decorating the old changing rooms and it was noted that the shower area had not been completed. The Clerk added that the contractor had advised that respotex was the best option to finish the shower area rather than tiles. **Resolved** to obtain prices for respotex to complete the shower area.
- Graig Y Coed Woodland Project – the Chair had visited the Project and was very impressed with the work completed.

119. Public Question Time

- Planning Application No. 2023/2264 – Construction of 11 affordable dwellings at land off Blue Anchor Road, Penclawdd – John Eynon and Catherine Rees attended the meeting to seek the support of the Community Council in opposing the application on the grounds that it is a green field site, the proposal is inappropriate for the site, the site is not in the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the application was vague in terms of ownership and maintenance of the play area.

The meeting also commented upon the reference to affordable and not social housing which was misleading. In addition, it was noted that there were very few transport links available from the site. In addition, reference was made to the current regular sewerage problems encountered in the vicinity of the site by Welsh Water, the serious flooding issues being encountered along Hendy Road, the lack of pavements to allow a safe pedestrian route along Hendy Road, congestion issues in the area and the lack of safety at the proposed entrance to the site.

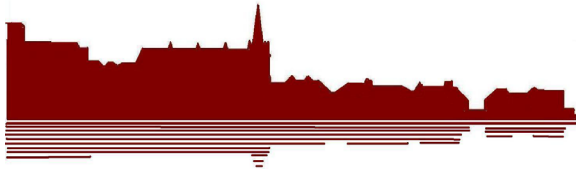
Resolved that the Community Council supports the residents' objections to the application and the Clerk informs Swansea Council of the Council's objections.

120. Police Report on Local Matters

PCSO Andrew Brown updated the meeting on local issues that had occurred recently. The meeting discussed the issues outlined in the report and reference was made to Operation SNAP, where drivers with dashcams could send details of dangerous driving into the Police, who would act upon the evidence.

Issues at the Foreshore Car Park were also highlighted, and the Clerk referred to correspondence received from a resident in relation to her parking her mobile home within the car park. The Council had sympathy with the reasons provided but it was noted that it had a duty to the community as a whole. A number of complaints had also been received in relation to the Foreshore Car Park.

The Clerk also made reference to a quotation received in respect of legal advice.



The Chair thanked PCSO Andrew Brown for providing his report

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the report be noted.
- 2) The Clerk seeks an alternative quotation for legal advice.

121. Reports of the Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: -

a) Accounts for Payment

The accounts for payment were provided at Appendix A of the report and at the Amended Appendix A which had also been circulated.

The following were highlighted: -

Additional Invoices for Payment

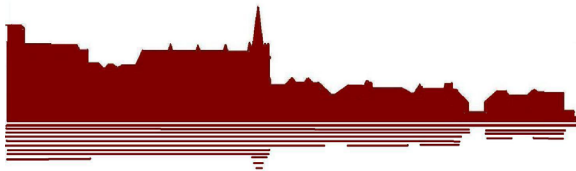
- £409.06 – RAWELEC Ltd – Electrical work at the Bowls and Graig Y Coed Pavilions.

Quotations

- a) Hanging Baskets 2024 – The Chair had gone around the basket locations with a Swansea Council Officer to reduce costs.
- b) Support Package for defibrillators at 7 sites and quotation for a new unit to be placed at the roundabout on Station Road, Llanmorlais.
- c) Extending the stone area at the entrance to Parc Dan Y Graig.
- d) Noticeboard at Foreshore Car Park – Councillor Adam Woolliscroft requested that the Clerk obtains prices for a new noticeboard / move the current noticeboard from the Memorial Gardens to the Foreshore Car Parks.
- e) Soft works areas of Penclawdd Playground for the Playground Project. Options of using turf or grass seed were presented.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The payments / additional payments / amendments be approved.
- 2) The accounts paid since 18th January 2024 meeting be noted and agreed.
- 3) The income / additional income be noted.
- 4) The bank reconciliation, bank transfers and bank account balances be noted and agreed.
- 5) The CCLA investment income be noted.
- 6) Quotation a) provided by Swansea Council for £6,572.00 including VAT, be approved.



- 7) Quotation b) provided by Life Support and training for £1,320.00 (support package) and £1,625.00 (new defibrillator unit), be approved.
- 8) The Clerk requests that Heartbeat Trust moves the defibrillator on Penclawdd Community Centre to a location near the main entrance.
- 9) Quotation c) provided by Jonathan Davis be noted and placed on hold.
- 10) The Clerk obtains relevant prices for Quotation d).
- 11) Quotation e) provided by Jonathan Davis for the soft areas of the playground to be landscaped and turfed for £7,946.40, be approved.

b) Budget Monitoring 2023/24 and 2024/25 Budget

The Clerk presented 'for information' the up-to-date budget spend for 2023-24 and the agreed 2024/25 budget at Appendix B. He also referred to the overall budget spend in respect of Penclawdd Playground, and it was noted that the Council would spend approximately £18,017 on the project and would be reclaiming the VAT from the overall spend of £166,521.00.

c) Correspondence

The correspondence reported by the Clerk was provided at Appendix C of the report. All correspondence was noted, and actions / comments were made in respect of the following: -

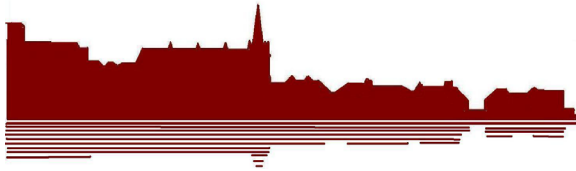
	Details	Action / Comments
	Additional Correspondence	
5.	Llanmorlais Hall Committee – Permission to use Llanmorlais Recreation Ground for Llanmorlais Carnival and request for Community Council to provide an advert for the programme.	Both requests approved.
7.	Penclawdd RFC – Request to install a portacabin style café / shelter at Graig Y Coed.	Request approved in principle.
8.	Llanmorlais Hall Committee – Permission to paint parking lines on the car park for Hall users.	Approved.

Resolved that:

- 1) All correspondence be noted.
- 2) The actions outlined in the list of correspondence be completed.

d) Work Plan 2023/24

The Clerk reported the up-to-date Work Programme 2023-24 'for information'.



e) Community Council Action Tracker

The Community Council Action Tracker was provided 'for information'. All completed actions would be deleted. The following were discussed: -

- Access road to Llanmorlais Hall in front of Tirzah Chapel, Llanmorlais – The Clerk stated that he would ask the family of a resident to see if they were aware who owned the access. Councillor Melissa Roberts stated that National Grid had cut some of the foliage away from the streetlight, but some remained which blocked the light on the access to Llanmorlais Hall. The Clerk would investigate further.
- Parking on grass at Station – Councillor Andrew Williams had spoken to the Manager at CK's who requested that the Community Council email CK's Head Office regarding the parking on the grassed area.

122. Committee Reports

The Clerk stated that meetings would be scheduled as follows: -

- Personnel Committee at 6.30 p.m. and Finance Committee at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 29th February 2024 at Penclawdd Community Centre.

123. Council Property / Community Projects / Burial Grounds

The Clerk presented a report regarding Community Council property, community projects and burial grounds. The following were discussed: -

- Penclawdd Playground – Councillor Adam Woolliscroft provided a verbal progress update report on the Playground Project. The timetable had been agreed with Jonathan Davis and Dragon Play and work would start on Monday, 19th February 2024. Dragon would also arrange for appropriate signage to be placed on the fencing whilst the work was ongoing.

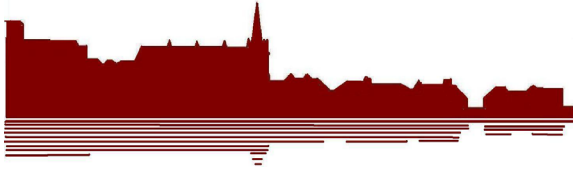
Councillor Andrew Williams confirmed that some of the equipment from Penclawdd would be moved to Crofty Playground, once National Grid had moved the lamppost situated within Crofty Playground.

- Schools Pollution Tests – Councillor Melissa Roberts highlighted that schools would be involved in pollution tests with Swansea University to sample how much pollution was in the air within the vicinity of schools.

124. Swansea Council Matters

a) Report of the Penclawdd Ward Member

Councillor Andrew Williams (AW) provided a written report regarding the issues he had been involved with during the previous months. The following were also discussed:



- Ivy growing over seawall at Ship Bank – Councillor Andrew Williams would investigate.
- CWOTS Team – They had completed a full litter pick, including clearing the polystyrene which had fallen off a lorry and littered a large part of Penclawdd. They had also cleared the foliage that had enclosed the cycle track at the top end of Gowerton Road, opposite Dan Y Lan Farm.
- Welsh Water drainage issues opposite Llynfa Road – Tonia Antoniazzi M.P. would be meeting with Welsh Water representatives shortly to discuss the problems.
- Poor road surfaces – the poor road surfaces from Llanmorlais to Llanrhidian, Henty Road, Gowerton Road and Station Terrace, were discussed.

b) Planning

The application for an extension to Swn Y Gan Nursing Home, Penclawdd was noted.

c) Footpaths

Footpath Repair – Councillor James Matthews thanked Councillor Andrew Williams for organising the footpath repair at the top of Trinity Lane, Penclawdd.

125. Outside Bodies

Gower AONB Advisory Group – The Chair reported the presentation received in respect of changing AONB's in Wales to National Landscape areas.

The meeting ended at 8.52 pm

Chair