

Cyngor Cymuned Liandeilo Ferwallt
Bishopston community council
Full Council



CHAIR : Lynne Ellis

CLERK: Anthony Jones

Minutes of Monday 30TH of October 2023

Present: N Matthews C Scott S Gates L Ellis S Dunce
S Dunce K Davies B Ball I Shemilt L Sudbury
H Hartshorn N Lomas Cllr L Jones A Jones (Clerk)

1. Apologies

K Laurence J Jones

2. Appointment of new Chair. Only Lynne Ellis expressed an interest to fill the post. All members of the council were in favour of Lynne Ellis.

3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest

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

4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 25th September 2023.

5. Review of Actions

- A. **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. K Laurence to be asked
- B. **Accounts for approval** – N Lomas / AJ to contact HMRC- Outstanding
- C. **GLT – Notes to be collated** – N Matthews / Emails of residents' concerns to be added to appendix.
- D. **Community Park** – Chase funds – Still awaiting.
- E. **Copley Woods Regeneration** - L Sudbury to present.
- F. **Pump track** – Information to be formalised and shared – Actioned.
- G. **Website** - To be proofread/ populated with information required – On going.

6. Planning

- 90a Bishopston Road – Approved by Swansea LA.
- 6 Esplone - No concerns.
- Aches End/Caswell Bay Rd - No concerns.
- Green Ache – Concerned its going to be tuned into rental – Condition from planning,

6. Accounts For Approval

- Rolling to October

7. Community Bus

- Pennard and Bishopston Community Council have now linked to run a 4 day service.
- Caswell residents have had the first Cymru service stopped.
- Bishopston bus will now be able to make a stop in Caswell

- Service to start 15th of November – Not able to start charging until the route is registered on the 28/11/23.
- BCC use to get £1.59 from Swansea LA for bus pass users. Cllr L Jones has been able to get us £3.32 per bus pass.
- The new bus is smaller than Briggs Bus.
- Ticket Machine on the bus.
- No bus pass, you will have to pay.
- New timetable to be shared with the community in local businesses.
- DANSA will review with BCC every 3 months.
- Lots of interest asking when the service is coming back.
- Thank you to Transport Committee and Swansea LA – Barrie Gilbert.

8. Project updates

Active Track

- Welsh government have turned down the current plans. Cllr L Jones to speak to the leader of Swansea LA
- This has delayed the path being built for the Remembrance service.
- BCC is very disappointed with the current outcome.

Bishopston Community Park

- Awaiting the funds from Swansea LA- Looking to pay it direct to the supplier.
- Jackie Rees Thomas – Will contact the school.
- Benches have started being fitted.
- Subcommittee to be formed to look at how it will be spent.
- Survey to be issued to the school.
- Thank you for S Gates summarising the survey results.
- A local resident has advised the green gym equipment cannot go on Murton Green due to the newly found covenant.
- Clarity is needed on what the covenant effects.
- Review the covenant?
- We need to look at fully and in depth, and how it will affect things that are currently here.

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.

Copley Woods Regeneration / Pump Track

- Pump track can't go ahead on 3 sites of Murton Green.
- We have consulted various guidance and documentation in relation to the proposal for the pump track to be situated on Murton Green. The covenant dated 1938 which stipulates the types of activities which may take place upon the land. The activities are restricted to games and community events. We have been through all of the documentation, consultations, and planning applications & responses in depth, and we remain committed to looking at alternative locations for this project to be situated.
- Objectives as the Community Council is to enhance the local area and encourage outdoor facilities and recreational opportunities, safe places to meet and chat and fun things for all.
- Idea of Copley Woods Generation was to use a piece of the village that isn't really well used.
- Bishopston Skatepark Project have done a lot of work to help develop the land.

- Several reasons came back from planning why the pump track couldn't go in over in Copley.
- One of the main reasons was because there was a recreational facility on Murton Green.
- Previously Bishopston Skate Park Project had a Commoners/BCC letter of support for pump track to be in Copley woods.
- The vision presented all those years ago was a pump track facility of sorts incorporated into a much wider nature reserve.
- Boardwalks, paths, places where you can walk, pushchairs, wheelchairs and bikes, moveable structures, bird watching, Chess games.
- Hope that the Primary school to get involved and for the comprehensive to get involved as part of their National Baccalaureate.
- Promoting to limit the damage as much as possible, trying to keep it as natural as possible.
- Do we go back to the planning department with the covenant? See if Copley is an option for the pump track now?
- Cllr L Jones advised he could speak to them for advice or could get the application called in so it would not be decided by officers, but actually decided by councillors in council and then you can put a different argument.
- We have to go through the code and the covenant and take all the advice and work out what we can and what we can't do. As it doesn't just apply to the pump track. It applies to every single thing that we want to do as a Community Council.
- List of documents to go on website.
- Mansel Green Woodland Survey– Prepared by Climate and Community – August 2018
- Report for Swansea Council from Climate and Community - January 2020
- Initial Proposal – Copley Woods – Lucie Sudbury 24.02.2020 (Murton community project)
- Copley Regeneration Project – Outline 05.08.2020
- Official Copies and Plans – Copley Common
- Meeting of Copley Regeneration Project - 05.08.2020
- Letter of Support – Bishopston Community Council 27.08.2020
- Letter/email of support – Peter Lanfeart, Commoners association 09.09.2020 (fwd.: Pump Track)
- Copley Regeneration Project update 30.10.23
- As a community council we are very much committed to moving these projects forward in a positive and harmonious way.
- A subcommittee has been formed –Let AJ/ L Sudbury know if you want to be part of this to steer the project further.

Health walks

- Been an outstanding success – Thanks to C Scott, S Gates, and N Matthews for the incredible work they have been doing.
- Seren, LAC is now aware of them, and supporting.

Menshed

- Looking to hold an event midweek and after grub club.

ACTION

Menshed group to book with AJ to use centre.

9. Pavement Parking Issue

- Issue all around the village.
- Cllr L Jones advised to ring 101 for an obstruction.
- Parking on pavements is not against the law- Legislation has not gone through.
- Cllr L Jones enquired of to have areas of village installed with yellow lines.

- Cllr L Jones advised he consulted Swansea LA. The cost would be approximately £2000.
- This issue to be raised with the finance committee. BCC to look at other areas around the village.
- No enforcement from Swansea LA.
- Swansea LA have now started driving passed the Co-op to look at yellow lines.

10. Fireworks - Saturday 4th at 6:15PM

- Event to be postponed due to waterlogged/flooded green.

12. Remembrance Day

- RFC planning and making good progress.
- Local resident Graham Jones – Advised not able to be part of the service but will be giving the crosses of the fallen to the community council.
- Tea and Coffee to be provided by BCC.
- School is unable to support the event.
- Cllr L Jones to speak to head teacher to see what can be done.

13. Website

- Website still needs to be populated and is going to take time.
- S Gates / N Matthews happy to help proofread the website – Need login details.
- Need to add policies, Minutes of meetings, Governance.
- Facebook – Set up an automated response.

14. Newsletter

- Well done to all the team
- Feedback – heavy to deliver.
- Recyclable paper?
- Twice a year?
- Too costly?
- Business opening times? Christmas collections?
- Good to get the information. Comments from community that they didn't know the information.
- Look to make the Newsletter easier to read for people with additional needs. B Ball to share information.

15. Correspondence/Clerks Report

- Ash dieback trees- Quotes received to remove.
- South Gower Rugby Club want new no parking sign/Advertise.
- Fly tipping still an issue
- Sandie Rogers – Advised can help with grants, invite to RFC.

**MEETING CLOSED –
Next Meeting – 27/11/23 at 19:00**



Anthony Jones(Clerk)



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