

Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt
Bishopston Community Council Meeting



Chair: Nic Matthews

Clerk: Anthony Jones

Bishopston CC

Minutes of Monday 25TH of September 2023

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

1. **Apologies** S Webborn K Laurence H Hartshorn N Lomas J Jones

2. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest**

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

3. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 24th July 2023.**

4. **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.
- 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 in October full council meeting, if a premeeting can take place prior to October meeting.
- F. **Pump track** – Information to be formalised and shared – N Matthews advised will be shared to BCC today and will request feedback and will disseminate to community.
- G. **2024 Events** - 1940's event – J Jones has all the information but too early to book. S Dunce has booked Marquee. S Dunce contacted Phill Barrow to see if he can bring vintage cars. L Ellis advises Swansea Concert Orchestra booked to do 1940's event. 2024 events to be developed via RFC.
- H. **Website Action/Website Agenda Item** - H and S Hartshorn have set up the website. Login details were provided to AJ clerk few hours prior to meeting. AJ was able to set up the funding and put the website live.

ACTIONS

- Outstanding Bio's

- Website to be populated with information required.

5. Planning

- 90 Manselfield Road- No objection - To mirror 2018/0180/TP0.
- 71 Bishopston Road – No objection as have changed planning application.
- 1 Hilland Drive – No objection
- 116 Bishopston Road - No objection. Ask if approved tree surgeon.

6. Accounts For Approval

- July/ August accounts approved.

7. GWYR Land Trust

- No progress with project – will be discussed again if any major developments or the project is subject to planning review.

8. Community Bus

- Over the summer, Briggs stopped as a company – So new company was to be found. DANSA was sourced. Was due to start, but then the driver did not start her new role.
- Service now delayed – awaiting a driver.
- Lots of work has been done to get drivers to apply.
- Thank you to Transport Committee for the hard work on this project.

ACTION

J Jones to write update for this in newsletter

9. Project updates

Active Track

- Section 38 has been requested.
- LA project manager for Active Track has been on sick leave and is now on holiday.
- Update will be received first week of October.
- Cllr L Jones advised 2500 have signed to say they want it. Project will go ahead ASAP.

Bishopston Community Park

- Awaiting the funds from Swansea LA.
- The Survey is now completed. 87 responses received.
- Survey in favour of Basketball / Football, Green Gym, and Parkour.

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

- 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.

ACTION

L Sudbury to present in October full council meeting, if a premeeting can take place prior to October meeting.

Pump Track

After the May meeting a subgroup was formed – which met on 14/07/23. The group tasked themselves with 5 tasks.

1. Review all correspondents that have been sent to the clerk on prior occasions during Council meetings was included.
2. Identify themes and considerations.
3. Review any feedback that was provided by community groups.
4. Review details from the pre planning notes from the meeting with Swansea City Council
5. Review legal guidance and documentation.

Everything that would have come in between when this issue was first raised up until April this year, that group then met after the July meeting to identify the themes and consideration that came out of that evidence.

Information has now been identified and has been put together. N Matthews invites all members of the council at the closed section to review and give feedback.

N Matthews collated everything that comes under those 5 items. We also use the information to identify any further information that would be required. At this time, to assist the Community Council to take next steps and signposting to appropriate sources of information and guidance, or anybody else that sees fit.

Now this information is to be shared with the community council at a closed section of the meeting.

S Gates and S Dunce will leave the meeting prior to this due to conflict of interests.

We will then communicate to everybody in the community, and we will use official Council communication channels to provide that information. Documents to be possibly shared via the website.

Correspondents relevant to agenda item: Skate Park project. - Asking for a formal update letter of what is happening so they can share it to their social media.

Health walks

- Two walks have been conducted.
- West cross inn to Croseo Lounge
- The short walks, which are flat with regular benches are being well received.
- Covered by BCC public liability insurance – as BCC events.

Menshed

- Formally to say thanks for all the hard work that has been done on these already.
- First meeting to find a core group of interested people.
- Looking to forming a steering group and will move forward.
- Sent to Michelle who has experience in setting up groups.
- Matt White attending to support and guide on how to set up.
- Constitution and status to be set up.
- First session went well.

- Is the methodist hall the appropriate venue?
- Do we link in with Down to earth and see what space they have?
- Providence? Floor is fixed and open for business.
- Group – will look to decide what area – exploring venues?
- Could use shipping container?
- Review of the spaces in the community council? Free up one room for men's shed?
- Jim to be involved if this was to be explored.
- Council agreed for Menshed meetings to commence in community centre.

ACTION

Menshed group to book with AJ to use centre.

10. 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.
- Junction on Mansfield road – parking on road to go into chemist – Dangerous and a car was crashed into recently.

ACTION

Cllr L Jones to enquire of can installed with yellow lines.

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

- Volunteers needed to help support event. S Gates to create a What's app group. J Jones / L Sudbury to pandemic volunteers and see if they happy to still volunteer.
- M Ellis has requested walkie talkies. Cost maybe required.
- Cash only
- Prices to remain the same as last year but add a family ticket for £15.

12. Remembrance Day

- RFC planning and making good progress.

13. Newsletter

- Articles to K Laurence by 28/09/23

14. Councilor and City Council update, Cllr Lyndon Jones

- School and PTA lantern parade 01/12/23 – Event planning has commenced.
- Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales is undertaking a Section 26 Review of Community Boundaries within the City & County of Swansea Area. By 2026 – BCC will only have 9 members if this was to go ahead. AJ to send information on consultation period.
- Community orchard – trees are ordered.

15. Correspondence/Clerks Report

- Anna / Coffee Cart now applying for planning – Gave 10% from summer trading £605.70.
- Grass to be collected – Residents are complaining its being left. Council to retender in March 24 and add collection to price.
- Ash dieback trees- Quotes received to remove. AJ to contact Commoners to see if able to support.
- Bus stop on common – overgrown. S Dunce advised to speak to Commoners.

16. Committee Vacancy

N Matthews has stepped down as chair and is considering if she will be leaving council completely due to new demands in her professional career.

Non-Agenda item

- Funding for drainage– being sent in 25/09/23.
- Application we will comply with the SUDS legalisation.

**MEETING CLOSED –
Next Meeting – 30/10/23 at 19:00**



Anthony Jones
(Clerk)

