

**DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 7th Nov 2024 AT 7.05 PM**

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Steve Sheriff SS, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Cai Carter CC, Clerk, Community and Grants Officer

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mark Parkinson Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Will Smith and Cllr Elsbeth Rodaway due to other commitments

Apologies for Lateness: Cllrs Cai Carter and Cari Jones

Declarations of interest: None

All votes will be named votes

Questions from the Public relating to items on this agenda (limited to 10 minutes)

1. To receive an update on the Garden Project

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the groundworks at the Garden, which were expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Cllr Rachel Carter then went on to give a report regarding the interview process which had taken place to recruit a Garden Co-ordinator, a role funded by the Heritage Fund Grant. A recommendation had been proposed at the recent Finance Employment and Policy meeting which would be taken to Full Council.

Cllr Rodaway thanked the Clerk and Cllr Rachel Carter for their efforts.

2. To receive an update on the current youth engagement sessions

The Clerk gave a brief update regarding the Swansea MAD sessions being run on a Tuesday at the hall.

Cllr Cai Carter Joined the meeting at 7.10pm

The Clerk was asked to speak to MAD about revisiting the advertising at the Comp as the Cllrs had not seem much advertising recently concerning the sessions, facebook advertising was also suggested to get local parent attention.

3. To receive an update regarding the Golf Club and discuss next steps

Cllr Rachel Carter gave an update regarding her recent tour of the Golf Club grounds where she had been able to ask lots of questions and was fairly satisfied by the answers she had received. The "Golf Club" were keen to have some signage situated on the land at the top of Linkside Rd explaining the location of paths etc. they would be happy to install any signage we could provide regarding Adders to the areas above Pobbles, we are be able to produce these as we have a resource as short discussion took place regarding this.

The "Golf Club" have produced maintenance updates which have been posted to Facebook so the community is aware when spraying and fertilising is taking place, which was good.

Cllr Jones Joined the meeting at 7.25pm

4. To discuss the possible installation of swift boxes in the Community

Cllr Rachel Carter revisited this subject which she had introduced last year and explained that the best places for installation of swift boxes was 4.8m high facing north to north east. She explained that Nesting areas were diminishing and that more nesting boxes were needed. She said that she would do some more research into sourcing such boxes investigate a way to have them installed.

5. To discuss parking issues on Common Land and agree action.

A discussion regarding the parking on Common Land at the top of Sandy Lane look place, some Councillor saw it as a problem some did not, so it was agreed to ask the Community's opinion at the next Surgery session on the 7th December.

6. To discuss and complete the initial draft Environment and Youth Budgets for 2025-26

The Environment budget was discussed line by line and the figures entered onto the Budget spreadsheet.

The initial draft budget was proposed by SS seconded by CJ and agreed by all with one abstention CC was had left the room.

The Youth budget was then discussed line by line and the figures entered onto the Budget spreadsheet.

The Clerk was asked to speak to MAD about visiting one of their sessions to speak about the Community Council to the young people.

Cllr Cai Carter left the meeting at 8.27pm

The initial draft budget was proposed by SER seconded by CJ and agreed by all

Meeting closed at 8.30pm