

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th July 2022 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM**

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (S.1 (7) filming and recording of meetings by the press and the public is not permitted.

All votes will be named votes

Present: Cllr Jean Marnell (Chair)JM, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Darren Hickery DH, Cllr Lynda James LJ, Cllr Steve Sheriff SS, Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Hannah Henwood HH, Cllr Rhian Hill RH

Apologies:

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.

Cllr Rachel Carter due to family commitments

Apologies for lateness: Cllr Darren Hickery due to emergency work commitments

It was proposed to accept the above councillors' apologies

Proposed by SER seconded by WS agreed by all

Absent: Cathy Carr

Declarations of Interest: SER declared an interest at point 3

Questions from the Public Limited to 10 mins: none

1. To Appoint a Vice Chair

Cllr Cari Jones put herself forward as Vice Chair

Proposed by CJ seconded by LJ agreed by all

2. To receive update regarding Community Garden and funding bid

The Clerk read out the report supplied by the Admin Assistant who was preparing the bid.

Various meetings have been attended in relation to funding and creating the growing garden. Quotes and lists of tools and materials are being created in preparation for writing the funding bid. There is a site survey in place in order to measure any differences in biodiversity before and after the creation of the garden.

Next week brings a visit to a community garden with Cllr Carter, Pontypridd have been successful in securing a grant from the National Lottery Heritage fund. This is in order to see what they have created and get practical ideas and funding pros and cons.

Horticultural experts in the community have been approached for advice and guidance on any recommended seed saving, so that this can be done before the garden is strimmed and cut back during late Summer/early Autumn.

We could do a social media call for volunteers and skilled community members who would like to be involved in the community garden, as occasional help or as a key part of the working group. It has also been suggested that Tyfu Pennard has it's own fb page, to help the community take ownership of the project and invest their time and energy.

3. To discuss and agree participatory budget plan for 2022-2023 for recommendation to Full Council.

The Committee gave Cllr Rodaway permission to explain what participatory budgeting was and how the VocalEyes platform can help with this. She also explained for the benefit of new councillors how it had been used in the past to install the water fountain at Pennard Stores, purchase the litter picking equipment and the fence for the community garden and to pay for the feasibility study for the Community Hub.

Cllr Hannah Henwood left the meeting at 8.10pm

This was discussed further and it was proposed that a community engagement event be arranged for 17th and 24th of Sept in the Hall and Beaufort respectively to relaunch the scheme and to inform the community of its existence.

The Clerk was asked to check availability and to advertise both events.

Proposed by WS seconded by SS agreed by all with one abstention SER.

4. To agree commitment to replace the youth club

The replacement of the youth club was discussed and it was agreed that we should replace it.

Proposed by WS seconded by LJ agreed by all

5. To discuss and agree plan of action for new youth club

Further to the above discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Youth Cymru regarding youth workers and to put out an advert in the Community advertising the 2 vacancies for youth workers, it was also suggested that we also place the advert in the newsletter.

Proposed by SS seconded by CJ agreed by all

6. To consider provision for older youth in the Community.

The Clerk was asked to speak to the previous youth workers for information regarding the older age groups, and to also speak to the muddy mail room who had previously offered to hold evening game sessions.

Cllr Darren Hickery joined the meeting at 8.45pm

7. To discuss and agree formation of a Communication Working Group.

This was discussed the current membership consists of Cllr Atkins and Cllr Rodaway, the following members agreed to join: Cllr Hill, Cllr Sheriff and Cllr Marnell, Cllr Penny had also expressed an interest.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Cllr Atkins to agree a meeting date.

8. To agree to re-engage of the Climate Emergency Steering Group to refresh the community climate emergency plan.

This was discussed and agreed Cllr Cari Jones said she was keen to be involved.

Proposed by LJ seconded by SER agreed by all

9. To discuss and agree actions following the hall carbon footprint reduction report.

It was agreed that this should be taken to the Hall Committee for discussion by the Hall renovation working party.

10. Report from Cllr Cari Jones regarding Transport Solution for Communities event.

Cllr Jones had attended the event along with Cllr James, she reported that she felt the electric bike scheme may be a benefit to the community and that there was funding available, she is also involved with Wheel Rights and Sustrans who are meeting later this month, she will keep us updated.

Cllr James had attended the session on Community Buses and had put in an expression of interest for funding regarding a community bus which would link the villages to the Bishopston to Mumbles bus. Cllr James said she had also been looking at e bikes and during a conversation with the manager of the Beaufort found out that she had been looking at funding for e bike and e car charging points at the pub.

11. To agree action on Community transport scheme pilot.

This was deferred to a later meeting

The meeting closed at 9.15pm