

**FINAL MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Mark Parkinson MP, Cllr Leanne Richards LR, Cllr Christos Georgakis CG, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Grants & Community Officer, Clerk, Cllr Clive Scott from Bishopston CC and 2 members of the Public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Elsbeth Rodaway due to previous commitments.

**Absent:** Cllr Steve Sheriff

**Declarations of interest Cllr Cari Jones declared an interest at point 1**

**All votes will be named votes**

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

The Clerk read out the questions raised by members of the public

1. To meet with Footpaths Officer (Bishopston) to discuss Walkers are Welcome and footpaths in Pennard, agreeing any action if required.

The Clerk explained the request regarding the request to change styles to gates and the conversation she had had with the land owner. They had subsequently contacted Swansea's Footpath Officer to have 4 styles on their land changed to kissing gates.

2. To discuss and agree the purchase of a tree and where it should be planted to commemorate the Community Council anniversary.

**A member of the Public joined the meeting at 7.13pm**

Cllr Carter suggested that the tree be a native broadleaf variety and suggestion was made that the bank just inside the main gate of the park would be a good spot for it to be planted. It was agreed that the exact type of tree would be looked at by the Cllr Carter and the Clerk.

**Proposed by CJ seconded by WS agreed by all**

**Cllr Scott left the meeting at 7.17 due to technical issues**

3. To discuss the agree a plan to deal with the invasive bamboo at the park in line with our biodiversity plan.

The Clerk explained that the solution used at the moment was to stamp on it as the ground maintenance team had problems strimming it. Cllr Carter suggested we continue with this as it was the easiest effective solution.

4. To discuss the problems occurring at the Castle and other Golf Club owned areas and agree a way forward.

The Clerk read out the questions she had put to the Golf Club and the answers she had received. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that perhaps inviting a representative to a committee meeting was not the path to take and a more informal meeting may be more beneficial to all.

5. To discuss the problems faced at Kittle Green and agree a response.

The National Trust manager for the area had been invited to the meeting but there had been no response it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Parkinson would formulate a letter to the National Trusts detailing the concerns and problems.

6. To discuss Swansea Council's spaying regime and agree a way forward.

The Clerk read out the emails sent and received by the Ilston Councillor regarding spraying in their part of the Ward This was discussed further, Cllr Parkinson suggested obtaining a copy of the Spraying Contract minus any financial data, Cllr Jones suggested obtaining some clarity on Ilston stance on spraying

7. Discuss next steps for bee friendly status – set up a working group

Cllr Carter explained the background to the application and asked for volunteers for the Working Group – Cllrs Carter Susan Rodaway, Parkinson, Jones and both members of the public present put themselves forward.

8. To discuss funding bid for summer playscheme provision and agree to fund the scheme should the bid be unsuccessful.

The Community/Grants officer explained the problems she was having finding staff for the summer session. But would be starting to look at the autumn and spring holidays, It was agreed that we have to get the message out through the newsletters, to the Community that the play session would be happening during these holiday giving the younger members something to look forward to.

As one of the members of the Public had missed her chance at the beginning of the meeting to ask any questions it was agreed to take them at this point

She asked if there was any plans to conduct an ecological survey off the local area, she explained that it had been a long time since she had seen any larks in the area but knew that there were sites where meadow pipits nested.

This fell in line with the discussions we were hoping to have with the Golf Club and may be something they would be interested in working with us on.

The other member of the public suggested expanding this project to include all major land owners on the AONB.

It was agreed to take this to the next Full Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm