

**FINAL MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 5th Mar 2025 AT 7.04 PM**

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Clerk, Noel Clark, & 4 members of the Public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mark Parkinson, Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Leanne Richards, Cllr Christos Georgakis, Cllr Cai Carter and Cllr Richard Beynon.

Absent: Cllr Steve Sheriff

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 discuss the impact of the inclusion of a part of Pennard Burrows into the Candidate site register for Swansea Council's Local Development Plan 2025-2030 and to agree any action

The discussion was lengthy but low key and based on the impact the loss of this area of the Burrows could have on the biodiversity of the area. Cllr Carter reiterated that the Candidate site information was in its early stages and there would more evidence needed before it would be considered. However, it would be useful to gather evidence of leisure use as well as environment and ecological information on the area as a whole.

2) To discuss and agree action - Facilitating a bioblitz type activity during April to August on Pennard burrows.

Cllr Carter introduced the idea of conducting a series of bioblitz type events on Pennard Burrows, in particular the area behind Linkside Dr. This would provide information into the flora and fauna present, and as the Golf Club by their own admission do not "manage" the area it could be in good condition.

It was suggested that these events should be included in the next newsletter and on social media. Further discussions took place regarding various surveys and citizen science schemes.

It was proposed to look to start these events around Easter on weekends and also in May half term.

Proposed by SER seconded by CJ agreed by all with 1 abstention SS

3) To receive an update on the Community garden and the Volunteer sessions.

Cllr Carter reported that there had been 4 successful volunteer sessions held at the Garden so far, and that South Gower rugby club had been approached to help move the boat and soil. So far, the volunteers have been mainly female, and Cllr Carter suggested that it would be great to see some of the men from the community getting involved. Cllr Carter also informed the committee that a young man doing his Duke of Edinburgh Gold award was going to be using the garden for his volunteering skills which was great. Everyone was encouraged to spread the word to any young people

studying for a DOE Award, Welsh Bacc, completing UCAS applications etc... of the opportunities available.

4) To discuss and agree action on Pennard CC having representation on the AONB/Natural Landscapes Committee.

This was discussed and it was suggested that as Cllr James is a member she could include feedback from any of these meetings as part of her report.

The Clerk was asked to suggest this to Cllr James and to ask the AONB team how PCC could provide a representative on the committee.

Proposed by CJ seconded by SER agreed by all

5) To receive an update on liaison with Pennard Golf Club, and an update on the Adder signage on Pennard burrows in conjunction with the Golf club.

This meeting had not happened yet

6) To discuss the suggested improvements to Pennard Burial Ground and Kittle planters and agree action.

Cllr Carter had prepared a report which had been sent round prior to the meeting, it suggested making some mowing changes in the burial ground to allow growth of native wildflowers as well as enhancing the rose garden with some native rose species.

The Kittle planters will also have a make over removing the Cordyline and re-plant with native plants from the suggested list.

Cllr Rodaway suggested putting some info into the newsletter especially where the Burial Ground was concerned perhaps mention that we are working with "Caring for Gods acre".

The improvements were proposed by SER seconded by CJ agreed by all

7) To receive update on Youth Provision.

Cllr Carter gave a report on the sessions which are not drawing huge numbers but are proving popular with the few young people who have become regulars. She has asked Swansea MAD to be more proactive with their publicity perhaps using "reels" to show what they have been doing. They have now sent the timetable of session themes which Cllr Carter has been sharing on Facebook to inform parents in the community regarding the upcoming sessions.

During a recent meeting we suggested they help us make some art for the Garden and during Food Waste Week visit the garden for a session on composting.

8) To receive update from Accessibility Working Group

Cllr Jones gave a brief update on what the Accessibility Working Group were trying to do and a call for members was put out to those present

9) To receive update form AONB Manager.

The Clerk read the update she had received from the AONB manager last month.

10) To agree to a meeting with Environmental stakeholders regarding the coastal path and environmental erosion.

It was suggested that we hold another meeting involving the NT, AONB, Golf Club and the Commoners Association to discuss the paths and the environmental erosion and what updates or changes there had been. Cllr Rodaway explained that there was a plan and the will to do something but they need funding.

11) To agree the purchase of boulder for verges and grassed areas at the top of Heatherslade.

SER declared personal interest on this point.

Cllr Rodaway suggested that some trees could also be used but in order to do this we would need a utilities plan as there were lots of cable and pipes laid in the area. This item was moved to the next FC meeting.

12) To discuss issues regarding dangerous driving through both villages and obtaining data from the speed indication devices.

The issues were discussed, and various suggestions made such as solid central lines in various places, further consultation regarding a raised pillow at the crossings and getting Swansea's road safety team to assess the locations. It was raised that the data from the Speed Activated Devices in both Southgate and Kittle would be useful. It was agreed that the first step was to write to the County Councillor regarding the situation and ask them to request the data.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm