DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 21st Oct 2026 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Jon Dickson JD, Cllr Lynda James LJ, Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Richard Beynon RB, Clerk. And 1 co-opted member of the Public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Susan Rodaway, Cllr Cari Jones,
Apologies for lateness: Cllr Richard Beynon
Absent: Cllr Adam Obrien, Cllr Rebecca Donachie

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. **Section 6 Duty**
   a. To discuss and agree any actions related to the Council's Section 6 duty.
   Nothing to discuss
   b. To receive an update on the Biodiversity Action Plan.
   No Update

2. **Environment**
   a. **To receive update on inquiries into the recent shooting incidents on Pennard burrows.**
   The Clerk gave a brief update, and the action proposed at the Full Council Meeting.

   b. **To discuss safety concerns raised regarding South Wales Transport school transport.**
   Cllr Carter passed on the concerns raised by a Community Member, the matter was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr James would write to Swansea Council's school transport team on our behalf.

   c. **To discuss the suggestion of installing a Pump Track or similar facilities at Pennard park and agree forward plan and actions**
   The matter was discussed and several areas in the park were proposed, it was agreed that a Working Group be recommended to Full Council to discuss ideas which would be brought back to the Committee.
   Proposed REC seconded by WS agreed by all

   d. **To discuss options for biodiversity enhancements at the playing field.**
   The subject of planting trees in various points around the park was discussed, Cllr Carter agreed to look at what species would be most appropriate.

   e. **To receive an update from Pennard golf club on their habitat management plans.,**
   Cllr Dickson explained that the Ecologist's visit had been postponed until the new year.

   f. **To receive an update on the LDP candidate site process.**
   Cllr Carter reported that a residents had contacted her who has been in touch with the LDP team at Swansea Council for an update, they are currently working through the evidence, and if everything goes to plan, they will give a presentation to a meeting of Swansea Council in the last quarter of this year giving an update on the candidate sites

they recommend. This would then go out for consultation, which is likely to be in the new year

g. **To receive update on the missing boulder at Sandy lane/Linkside road.**
The Clerk explained that the boulder was not missing only moved and would be put back in due course.

h. **To receive an update on the Tyfu Pennard community garden.**
Cllr Carter gave a brief update, explaining that the adopt a plot scheme had gone very well and that plot renewals were due in January.

i. **To receive an update on the Gower National Lansdcapes draft management plan**
Cllr Carter explained she had responded on behalf of Gower community/town councils, highlighting needs for landowner support, community council consultation, and road safety.,

3. **Pennard Youth provision.**
   a. **To receive an update on Youth club activities.**
   The Clerk read out the email received from Swansea MAD and explained the full report was available on the shared drive. Attendance had been very good with the young people tacking part an a variety of activities.

   b. **To discuss and agree purchase of equipment for Youth activities from the list suggested by the group leaders.**
   Cllr Carter had received a list of items which the young people had asked for, mainly balls and a new pool table a couple of examples were shown and a discussion around this took place. Cllr Smith suggested discussing the pool table with Cllr O'Brien as they had previously agreed that they would buy this between them.

   c. **To receive update on the future of Youth club provision and agree future plans.**
   The Clerk gave a brief update from the recent report from Swansea MAD and also reported her conversation with Circus Eruption who also provide sessions which may be something to think about for the future.
   A discussion ensued over the provision and if there was an alternative solution. It was agreed that the model we are using is working and that perhaps a way to reduce costs would be to arrange a bigger block of sessions rather than term by term. The Clerk was asked to investigate and bring the matter back to a future meeting.

4. **Community**
   a. **To receive report from the recent Road safety consultation working group.**
   Cllr Carter presented the report from the recent working group meeting which had been well attended The survey had shown that 78% of respondents are concerned about traffic speed, and 66% feel children are unsafe walking or crossing roads in the village.

   The Working group suggested that the priorities should be :

   - **Traffic Calming**:
     Install speed cushions/bumps on the main roads through Kittle, Pennard, and Southgate, specifically focusing on 20mph zones and the area outside the primary school.
   - **Speed Limit Changes**:
     Reduce the 40mph limit to 30mph from the edge of Kittle toward Pennard/Southgate to prevent "run-up" speeding.
   - **Infrastructure:**
     - Install a safety barrier at the exit of the footpath opposite the school to prevent children from stepping directly into traffic.

    - Implement a solid white line and "Stop" sign at the junction of Vennaway Lane to replace the current "Give Way" markings.
    - Explore the feasibility of a mini roundabout at Belvedere Close to manage turning traffic.

- **Equipment Upgrades**:
  Replace existing speed indication devices with newer models that operate 24 hours a day and provide extractable data and are positioned correctly.

Cllr James reported that she had made some enquiries to Swansea Councils Highways Team which she would report back to the next working group meeting on the 9th of November

5. **Training**
    a. **To receive an update on training for Environment committee members**
       To date only one member of the Committee had attended both biodiversity modules.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm