

**DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 10th Mar 2026 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Lynda James LJ, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Jon Dickson JD, Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Richard Beynon RB, Clerk.

Apologies for absence:, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER

Apologies for lateness: Cllr Richard Beynon

Declarations of interest: Cllr Carter declared an interest at point 4c

All votes will be named votes

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

1. Biodiversity Action Plans

a. To discuss actions for inclusion on the Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028.

Cllr Carter reported that she was working on the draft BAP and would present it to full council when complete, some of the actions included were the Community Garden, Burial Ground Project and the Kittle Planters.

b. To discuss and agree action on Adder signs for Pennard burrows.

The Adder signs were discussed, Cllr Carter suggested we get them printed onto Aluminium Dybond which would be fairly hard wearing. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Golf Club Manager to check they were still happy to put them up and how many they would need.

The purchase was proposed by WS seconded by CJ agreed by all

c. To receive an update on the management of Tyfu Pennard project.

Cllr Carter reported that the response to “adopt a plot” at the garden had proved very popular and several plots had been adopted. One of the conditions of adopting a plot was that they had to volunteer in the garden generally and any produce grown would be for their own use or shared with other community members.

d. To receive an update on the Fresh creative project at the Community hall.

Cllr Carter gave an update regarding her recent meeting with Fresh Creative who were going to organise 2 workshops during April 1 for the youth club members and 1 for the community looking at various spray-painting techniques and ideas for the Hall Mural. The actual painting of the pine end of the hall will take place towards the end of April over a 5 hour session where the two groups can put into practice everything they have learnt. The Mural was part of the Community Garden Grant.

Cllr Carter thanked Cllr Jones for her sterling effort sending members of the Community who were visiting the Market over to the Garden, this will hopefully boost the volunteer numbers.

Cllr Richard Beynon joined the meeting at 7.57pm

e. Discuss and agree action on Kittle planters project.

Cllr Carter explained that due to a miss communication the Business owner had been told by Swansea Council that the planter was her to do with what she wished so she emptied it and replanted. Given that the three planters are part of the Landscape Grant Project we will have to replace the plants in line with the planting plan we had in place. A discussion look place on whether we should use the original planting scheme or to change it more to one which has grasses around the edge with something tall and colourful in the middle which would be more of a match to what the business owner had put in there.

This was agreed and proposed by WS seconded by CJ agreed by all

Cllr Carter went on to explain that signage was being produces informing everyone who was responsible for the planting and a QR code which would lead to information on each specimen.

f. Discus and agree action on arranging Bioblitz events for Spring Summer.

The two session which had run last year had been a huge success and further session would be planned for this year. It was suggested that at least two 1hr sessions would be organised by the Clerk who would also liaise with the walk leaders.

Proposed by RC seconded by CJ agreed by all

g. Discuss how this committee can help ensure that Biodiversity is considered at every Council meeting according to the Council's statutory duty under Section 6 of The Environment Act 2016.

This was discussed and it was agreed to put it on the next Full Council Agenda.

h. To agree a date for the Stakeholder meeting

A suitable date for the postponed Stakeholder meeting was discussed and the 27th of April at 11.00 was suggested. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the current and potential threats to the condition of our local designated sites in Pennard in particular Pennard burrows SAC, Pennard valley SSSI and Gower Ash Woods SAC the invitees are to include: Ilston CC, The Gower Society, Gower Commoners, Pennard Golf Club, National Landscapes, Local Police, Three Cliffs Campsite, NRW, LNP, Countryside Access and other influential people and bodies.

It was suggested that the meeting be hybrid so the Parish hall or the Golf Club would be contacted to see if they were available on the 27th.

2. Pennard Youth provision.

a. To receive an update on Youth club activities.

The Clerk explained that the an update had been given at the Feb Full Council Meeting and approval had been given to run the sessions until the end of March.

b. To discuss potential investment in equipment for Youth activities.

Cllr Carter made some suggestion for equipment which included movable panel for the hall to segment areas, some soft balls, a pool table and also a bike rack.

Cllr James suggested the idea of fitting a bike rack to the Hall should be taken to the next Hall Committee Meeting.

3. Accessibility

a. To discuss and agree the purchase of a beach wheelchair to aid accessibility to Council facilities.

The Clerk introduced this item as she had been asked about it by a couple of Community Member who had had issued accessing areas such as the garden and burial ground in standard chairs. The matter was discussed, and several concerns were raised around storage maintenance and access controls.

Cllr Jones proposed we do a bit more research, perhaps speaking to Surfability and bring it back to a future meeting. Seconded by WS agreed by all

b. To discuss and agree additional high legged planting troughs for community garden

This suggestion had come from a users of the Garden, it was suggested that ideas or designs should be brought to the next Environment Meeting.

4. Community

a. To agree action arising from the results of the Road safety consultation.

Speed had been the main concern raised by the community, Cllr Carter asked when the last speed survey had been done, Cllr James did not have the date but said she could request a new one, we would have to wait our turn so it may not be immediate. New speed boards which gather data would also be useful. Cllr Carter asked the Clerk to produce some infographics from the consultation for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Proposed by RC seconded by CJ agreed by all

b. To discuss and agree action on the parking issues on Linkside drive

Cllr Carter explained the problems and showed some photographs of the damage being caused, this had also been something brought up during the road safety consultation. A discussion took place. The Clerk had spoken to the Golf Club and the Chair of the Commoners association who were eager to help. Cllr Dickson explained he had some very big rocks. It was agreed that we would work with the Golf Club to find a suitable solution.

Proposed by RC seconded by JD agreed by all with 1 abstention WS due to lost connection.

c. To receive an update on training for Environment committee members

Cllr Carter expressed an interest at this point

Clerk reported that Cllr Jones had done the first module and was down to attend the second module. No one else had been booked on. Cllr Jones asked if there was anything more as she was keen to find out as much as possible. Cllr Carter explained that there was regularly information coming out from her team which the Clerk would be passing round, and if anyone had any questions she was always happy to answer them.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm