

**FINAL MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 29th June 2026 AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), , Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Jon Dickson JD, Cllr Will Smith WS, Cllr Richard Beynon RB, Clerk. Cllr Adam Obrien and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence:, Cllr Susan Rodaway, Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Rebecca Donachie

Declarations of interest: Cllr Carter declared an interest at point 6.

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 actions in relation to the Council's Section 6 duty

There was nothing to discuss

2. Biodiversity Action Plan

a) To review and agree the final draft of the Action Plan

Cllr Carter introduced the action plan which had been started but still required some work. After a short discussion it was agreed to form a working group to complete and enhance the plan ready for publication.

Proposed by REC seconded by JD agreed by all

3. Environment

a) To receive an update on Article 4 review.

The Clerk gave a brief update on the Article 4 review and the correspondence she had entered into with both Swansea Council and the Gower MSs, She also presented to members the most recent email from Cllr Hughes from Llanrhidian Lower Community Council, which she would be bringing to the next full council meeting, this had also been sent round to all Councillors previously.

b) To discuss and agree action regarding digging and earth moving by members of the public and young people on Pennard burrows.

Cllr Carter had been approached by several members of the community regarding recent digging which had taken place on the burrows she showed some photos showing holes trenches and mounds which had been dug to facilitate a bike or scooter obstacle course. A discussion took place around this and whether or not the Golf Club was aware of the damage. Cllr Jones suggested engaging with the young people to see if there was anything we could do in the area to help ease their boredom, Cllr Beynon suggested an article be put in the next newsletter informing readers of how important and special the Burrows are, both archeologically and biologically.

One of the members of the public present raised the point that the diggings formed a very small area and that the young people had made some very good jumps, members should not be surprised that the local youngster amuse themselves in such ways as there is very little around for the older youth to do.

Cllr O'Brien asked that what level of sand removal had been granted to the Golf Club, as the "sand pit" had grown considerably over the years? Cllr Dickson said he would find out.

Cllr Carter asked that the issue of a pump track be put on a future Environment agenda for discussion.

c) To receive an update from Pennard golf club on their habitat management plans

Cllr Dickson explained that the Golf Club had nominated him to represent them at future Stakeholder engagement meetings. He went on to report that the Golf Club were having a GEO accreditation survey report conducted by the Royal and Ancient's Chief Ecologist. Depending on the results the Golf Club would be considering whether or not to take up the accreditation, which would be the start of a habitat management journey for them.

Cllr Jones asked if the survey would only cover the Golf Course or the whole Golf Club property, Cllr Dickson thought it would be the later but would clarify. Cllr Beynon asked if there would be a break in the grass treatments before the survey Cllr Dickson explained that the only treatment used was liquid seaweed and this was solely on the course no other areas.

A discussion regarding SINC status and the promotion of SINC's to SSSI status then took place with Cllr Carter explaining about the 30 by 30 targets.

4. Pennard Youth provision.

a) To receive an update on Youth club activities.

The Clerk gave a brief update explaining the level of attendance and activities to date, she explained that they were currently in the 2nd segment of activities for the year and that Boardability had been booked to run sessions over the summer.

b) To discuss and agree purchase of equipment for Youth activities.

Cllr Carter listed a few items which the Youth Club had asked for, these included a folding pool table, a badminton net and some soft balls for use outside. The Clerk mentioned the problems there had been in the past with balls loosening ceiling tiles inside the hall.

Cllr O'Brien suggested asking local businesses for sponsorship to buy equipment, everyone thought this was a good idea and Cllr Carter said she would ask for some more ideas, formulate a shopping list before revisiting the sponsorship idea.

c) To discuss and agree action on the future of Youth club provision.

It was proposed that this point was adjourned to the end of the meeting whilst the Clerk found some information.

Proposed by REC seconded by JD agreed by all

5. Community

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

Cllr Carter reported the Road safety consultation results point by point after a short discussion it was proposed that a working group be formed to look at these points and do bring back action suggestions to the Committee.

Proposed by REC seconded by CJ agreed by all

b) To discuss and agree action on the parking issues on Linkside drive T junction

It was proposed that this also be covered by the working group

Proposed by REC seconded by JD agreed by all

c) Discuss suggested improvements to the entrance to Southgate at start of 20mph zone to help reduce speed, increase aesthetics, and improve safety of school pupils, pedestrians and other road users.

This matter was briefly discussed, and a few improvements were suggested. It was agreed that this would also be covered by the working group

6. Training

a) To receive an update on training for Environment committee members

The Clerk gave an update on how many members had attended any of the biodiversity modules. Cllr Carter who had declared an interest, briefed the members on what other Environmental training was available.

4. Pennard Youth provision.

Adjourned from earlier.

a) To discuss and agree action on the future of Youth club provision.

The Clerk reported that the spend on the Tuesday youth club so far this financial year had been £1605. The current session would cost £1873 with a further £2500 for the Summer boardability sessions making a total spend to the end of summer of £5978, the budget amount was set at £10,000 for the year so this only leaves £4022 to cover the remaining 25 weeks (7, 7, 7, 4). At a rate of £267.50 per week this will leave a shortfall of £2666, which could be funded by grants, virement or from the general reserve.

A discussion ensued and everyone agreed that the youth provision was needed and well supported so needed to continue.

The Clerk was asked to look at alternative ways of running the group and what funding options were available.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm