**DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**HELD ON THE 2nd APR 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

**Present:** Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Lynda James LJ, Cllr Richard Beynon RB, Clerk, Noel Clark NC (CMP), Community and Grants Office & 1 member of the Public

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mark Parkinson, Cllr Will Smith, Cllr Steve Sheriff, Cllr Leanne Richards, Cllr Christos Georgakis, Cllr Cai Carter

**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 receive an update on the bioblitz activity during April to August on Pennard burrows.**

Cllr Carter reported that although there was nothing confirmed at the moment it was hoped to hold an amphibian and reptile walk during the Easter holidays and possibly a floral species identification session on the 4th May using phone apps.

1. **To receive an update on the Community Garden and the Volunteer sessions.**

Cllr Carter reported that progress in the Garden was going well the volunteer pool attending the sessions had gone up by two one of them a young person from the youth engagement sessions which was good news. The pond had been built and the first plants had gone in. She also reported that she had been very busy seeding the verges and communal areas with native wild flower seeds and a family fun day was being planned for the Easter break.

1. **To receive an update on the Swift Project**

Cllr Carter explained that there were many properties in the area which were north east facing which would be perfect for Swift boxes, Swansea Council would be able to provide the boxes all we would need to do is employ some one who could fit them

1. **To receive an update to the improvements to Pennard Burial Ground and Kittle planters.**

Cllr Carter and the Clerk had met with the ground maintenance manager and discussed areas in the burial ground to be left uncut for the growing season. Cllr Carter had agreed to mark out the areas to be left. We are still planning the planting required for the planters

1. **To discuss and agree the way forward regarding Youth Provision.**

The sessions and proposal were discussed Cllr Carter had been at a session this week where there were 12 attendees. A proposal had been received from MAD including some concession with the costs. MAD were also looking at Grant funding to help run our future sessions. The Clerk was asked to investigate other providers for the future and to speak to the organisers about the refreshment costs.

It was agreed to fund 12 more MAD sessions until the summer

**Proposed by REC seconded by SER agreed by all**

1. **To receive update regarding obtaining data from the speed indication devices.**

Cllr James reported that it was not possible to obtain data from our devices but it was possible to get the Road Safety team out to do an assessment of the main Pennard Road.

1. **To receive Newsletter update**

The Clerk gave an update, there were still spaces needing filled which meant it was not yet ready for printing.

A couple of Councillors asked for access to Canva and it was suggested the Clerk look into the cost of upgrading our access and bring the details to a future full council meeting.

1. **To discuss and formulate comments to the LDP 2 Preferred Strategy document which are particularly related to biodiversity and the environment.**

The LDP2 preferred Strategy document was examined and the environmental aspects discussed and comments formulated ready for inclusion with the other points onto the portal.

**The meeting closed at 8.33pm**