

**FINAL MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 AT 7.08PM**

**Present:** Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Elsbeth Rodaway ER, Cllr Will Smith WS, Grants & Community Officer, Clerk and an interested member of the public observing.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Leanne Richards due to family issues Cllr Christos Georgakis due to illness Cllr Darran Hickery due to work commitments and Cllr Steve Sheriff due to other commitments.

Apologies were also received from the Commoners Association the Golf Club, the Pathways officer for Bishopston and environment member for Ilston CC who had been invited to the meeting

**Declarations of interest** Cllr Rachel Carter declared an interest at point Georgakis declared an interest at point 10.

Cllr Will Smith joined the meeting at 7.12pm

**All votes will be named votes**

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

An email had been received from a member of the Community showing pictures and details of the ongoing erosion in the valley and by the Pill.  
This was discussed and noted.

**1. To receive an update on the termination of Glyphosate spraying for 2024 and beyond.**

No Update as the Cllr from Ilston was not present

**2. To receive an update on the communication with the Golf club regarding their Habitat management plans**

No update, it was agreed to continue to invite the Golf Club Manager to future meetings.

**3. To receive and discuss the Youth Leaders proposals and the findings of the Youth Working Group.**

An update was given and the youth leader's proposals were discussed, it was pointed out that some matters required an "In Camera" session at the end of the meeting.

**4. To agree funding for a youth engagement event in March.**

The engagement suggestions were discussed and a Hall session to kick things off was thought to be the best option, the Clerk and Chair would be able to agree funding for this.

**5. To discuss the Rural Access Plan produced by Swansea Council and formulate a response.**

The document which had previously been sent round was discussed. The Clerk was asked to share the link on Social Media for the whole community to comment.

Cllr Susan Rodaway mentioned that the cliff paths were getting very treacherous due to them being used as bridal ways. They were also several pinch points with could become an issue later in the year. The Clerk was asked to invite the NT Warden to the next environment meeting.

**6. To receive an update on the application of funding for the Community Garden.**

Cllr Carter explained we should know by the end of the month whether or not we have been successful.

**7. To discuss the environmental calendar for 2024 and spreading awareness within the community as per the Council's Section 6 duty.**

The environmental calendar was discussed and actions suggested such as having a "Citizen Science" page on the web site which will have information regarding all the various nationwide surveys that take place throughout the year such as bird watch uk etc. The Clerk was asked to set up such a page and to write to the OVW Local Places for Nature Officer for information.

**8. Discuss next steps for bee friendly status – set up a working group**

This was briefly discussed it was agreed that the Community Garden working group would look into it

**9. To discuss the patch of land between Linkside Drive and Pennard Drive and agree a way forward.**

The patch of land was discussed, it is believed that this is part of the estate of the late Robin Stewart Lowe, any thoughts of management would need to be with the consent of his family. Cllr Smith said he would contact them and pass any details to the Clerk. The surrounding neighbours would also need to be consulted before anything was done.

**10. Discuss attendance at the upcoming One Voice Wales forum meetings on sustainable cleaning products (February) and Bee friendly status (March).**

The Clerk explained that these meeting were part of Pethau Bychain which was a membership led forum, anyone who wished to join should contact her for a form and she would arrange membership.

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Proposed by REC seconded by SER agreed by all**

**The member of the public left the meeting**

The discussion regarding the role of the youth worker and the engagement sessions continued and it was decided that the Clerk would discuss the formation of a Facebook page, Market attendance and a session at the hall to kick off the youth engagement in the community. There will also be a reporting slot added to the Full Council agenda to receive regular updates.

**Meeting Closed at 8,50pm**