

FINAL MINUTES OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 6th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter RC (Chair), Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Leanne Richards LR, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Elsbeth Rodaway ER, Cllr Lynda James LJ, Cllr Christos Georgakis CG, Cllr Will Smith, Grants and Community Officer, Clerk. 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Hickery and Sheriff due to work and previous commitments

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rachel Carter declared an interest at point 2

Questions from the Public (limited to 10 minutes)

A question was raised about the scope of the Committee and did it only look at Community Council owned land. Cllr Carter explained that the Committee was keen to discuss wider issues on behalf of the Community and that we cover both Social and Physical Environment matters as well as our general Biodiversity remit, in line with our Section 6 responsibilities.

1. To discuss results of the community engagement survey on Bee friendly status/Glyphosate spraying and agree next steps required.

Cllr Carter reported that the recent survey had received a very good response with some 138 responses being received. Out of the 138 responses only 1 had disagreed with the suggestion to stop spraying glyphosate. As a result of the support evidenced, it was proposed that the next step would be to request that the County Councillor ask Swansea Council to stop glyphosate spraying in the ward. It was agreed that this request would have to be taken as a recommendation to Full Council and as Pennard Ward also includes Ilston Community Council their opinion would also have to be sought.

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

The Grants and Community Officer reported that a Project Enquiry Form (PEF) for £33,000 had been submitted to the National Lottery Places For Nature Fund, she explained that this is the initial application and if successful we would need to strengthen our case with letters of support as we are weak on the Urban deprivation and diversity front, support organisations were suggested. Cllr James asked what was included in the £33k and was advised that much of the bid covered ground works, storage and a poly tunnel as well as some funding for someone to co-ordinate. Cllr Carter suggested that to strengthen the application the application could focus on making the garden unique in that it could provide a safe space for vulnerable children and adults.

3. To discuss other funding options for the community garden.

Cllr Carter and the Grants and community officer both explained that the Rural anchor fund required detailed information that was not available, and that the deadline had passed so no application had been made. It was also mentioned that there is a current application to the same bid ongoing for the food festival.

Nothing was discussed here as no bid had been made to the rural anchor fund.

4. To discuss the idea of installing Swift boxes in the community.

Cllr Carter suggested encouraging the community to install swift boxes especially as much of the housing stock face the right direction and have eaves of the required height of 4m.

Cllr Carter suggested the Council could look to support the buying and installing of boxes as part of its section 6 duties.

Cllr Jones suggested we include an article in the next newsletter.

- 5. To discuss the role of the Golf club around environment and biodiversity issues**
It was agreed that it would be good to work with the Golf club and be more aware of their plans around environment and biodiversity, they had been invited to submit an article for the Newsletter but had declined and it was suggested inviting them to a future Environment meeting.
- 6. To discuss the idea of providing defibrillator training to wider range of people in the community in particular young adults and older children.**
Having attended the defibrillator session last week Cllr Carter suggested this be provided to the wider community in particular the younger residents and suggested this be something to be included in future youth activities. Advertising the location of each defibrillator was also discussed.
- 7. To receive an update on the Youth Club and other youth activities**
The Clerk reported that interviews would be taking place next week.
- 8. To receive an update regarding the Newsletter**
The newsletter has been sent round previously and a brief discussion around the content took place.
- 9. To receive an update regarding the Newsletter distribution**
The Clerk presented the Address list and it was agreed that the format adopted last time would again be followed.
- 10. To agree draft Environment Budget for 2024/25**
The budget was discussed and the figures entered onto the spreadsheet.
- 11. To agree draft Youth Budget for 2023/25**
The budget was discussed and the figures entered onto the spreadsheet.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm