

**DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 23rd July 2025 AT 7.10 PM**

Present: Cllr Rachel Carter REC (Chair), Cllr Susan Rodaway SER,
Cllr Richard Beynon RB, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Clerk

Apologies for absence: Cllr Will Smith, Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Steven Rodaway,
Cllr Rebecca Donnachie, Cllr Cai Carter,
Noel Clark NC (CMofP)

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 discuss and agree action on having a community consultation on road safety concerns

This was discussed and agreed that a road safety consultation would be drafted using MS Forms.

2) To agree to arrange a meeting with local business owners to discuss issues raised by Community Members.

The various issues around parking and planning permissions raised previously have not been fully resolved, so a meeting with one of the businesses concerned was suggested. This could be arranged via zoom to discuss the problems raised, it was also suggested that it could be a good opportunity to invite them to join the PEFTA scheme.

Proposed by REC seconded by RB agreed by all.

3) To discuss and agree action regarding any 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

A lengthy discussion took place around the various problems and threats to the sites around the area including general dumping, garden escapes and the lack of land management as well as cases of gorilla gardening on the protected shingle banks. It was suggested that a meeting of local stakeholders be called in September 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.

Proposed by REC seconded by SER agreed by all.

4) To discuss and agree action regarding the National Trust Ragwort management plans on Pennard cliffs.

Cllr Carter explained that she had contacted the National Trust in connection with their social media posts regarding the Ragwort removal plans and had suggested a meeting to discuss future plans, she was still waiting to arrange a date.

It was proposed that members of this committee meet with the National Trust Manager for Gower.

Cllr Cari Joines joined the meeting at 8.20pm

Proposed by REC seconded by RB agreed by all with 1 abstention CJ.

5) To receive update on Bioblitz Events and note future dates.

Cllr Carter reported that the 2nd event which was a Butterfly Walk had been a great success with around 15 adults and children attending, there had been lots of positive feedback. There is the possibility of another event, but it hasn't been able to be arranged in time. More events like this are planned next year with plenty of notice.

6) To receive update on biodiversity issues related to land management of Pennard park.

The floral diversity on the hedge banks and verges at the Park have been low this year. To improve this for next year the contractor needs to carry out cut and collect in September and ensure all cuttings are removed.

7) To receive update on National landscapes funded projects - Kittle planters and Pennard burial ground.

The Planters in Kittle had been emptied and replanted over one very hot weekend watering cans were being supplied to the shops to aid in their care and signage would be going up in due course to identify the project and the species contained in the planters.

There had been a little confusion over what areas were to be left uncut in the Burial Ground, but the plan was still to plant up the rose garden bed when the time and weather was right. Cllr Carter would be looking for volunteers to help with this task.

8) To receive update regarding summer youth activities.

The Clerk gave an update on the summer activities being organised by Swansea MAD and Boardability CIC. Cllr Carter has met with the Youth leaders to discuss possible nature related activities, and the youth club have been using the community garden for activities.

9) To discuss Summer Vacation Teens Film Making Activity and agree actions

This activity was discussed but it was felt to be a bit beyond our budget given that there may not be enough interest in the local area to make it viable. It was suggested that perhaps a joint activity with Bishopston CC may be better and this would be explored for the future. A shorter course or taster day was also suggested.

- 10) To discuss the way forward for the Wellness Walk and agree actions.**
This has been discussed previously and various options suggested, as these had been unsuccessful it was agreed that the Community Council would take on the Wellness Walks as had happened at Bishopston.
Proposed by CJ seconded by SER agreed by all
- 11) To receive feedback on the meeting with our MP regarding local erosion.**
Cllr Jones gave a report on her meeting with the local MP who is keen to also speak to the MS regarding erosion. A general discussion regarding erosion and general accessibility took place it was agreed that this would be included in the stakeholder meeting discussed earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm