

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2022 VIA ZOOM AT 7.12 PM**

**Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (S.1 (7) filming and recording of meetings by the press and the public is not permitted.**

**All votes will be named votes**

**Present:** Cllr Jean Marnell (Chair)JM, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Steve Sheriff SS, Cllr Cari Jones CJ, Cllr Rachel Carter REC, Clerk

**Apologies:**

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.

**Apologies were received from:** Cllr Darran Hickery and Cllr Karen Penny due to personal commitments.

It was proposed that the apologies be accepted.

**Proposed by SER seconded by CJ agreed by all**

Absent: Cllr Lynda James, Cllr Will Smith

**Declarations of Interest: None**

**Questions from the Public (limited to 10 minutes)**

**1. Update on Community Bus Trial**

The Bus trial is going very well and has been well used and received by the community. There is a public meeting organised by the organisers for the 13<sup>th</sup> to gauge feeling and discuss the way forward. It was suggested that we speak to Mumbles Community Council to see if they would be interested in sharing the scheme as it would enable their community direct access to Pennard twice a week.

**Cllr Rachel Carter joined the meeting at 7.25**

**2. Update regarding Climate Emergency Steering Group.**

The Clerk had contacted the old steering group to see who was still interested and had only had 3 replies, Cllr Rodaway suggested we put our another advert calling for support to revise the Climate Emergency Plan.

**3. To discuss and agree Christmas plans for recommendation to Full Council**

This Christmas parade and lighting arrangements was discussed at length, it was agreed that the reindeer and tree lights would be put up on Pennard Road outside Squiggles on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and that Santa would tour Pennard and Southgate on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, Councillors would be asked to volunteer to walk behind the "sleigh" handing out sweets to those who come out to welcome Santa. Kittle have a Christmas Committee who traditionally organise the Kittle event. There dates would be recommended to the next Full Council Meeting in November.

**4. To agree plan for finalising content and publication of new website.**

The website was discussed and the Clerk was asked to send the content link to Councillors and ask them to help with the content as it needed to be completed by the end of November.

**5. To discuss and agree to accessibility plan**

Cllr Jones introduced the Council to the “seearoundbritain” app which was discussed. She agreed to invite Councillors to join a working group and would provide some dates to the Clerk to facilitate this.

**6. To receive Green Path update**

The Clerk reported that she had still not had a reply from the Highways Dept despite calling and emailing. It was suggested that a call to the Climate Dept may be useful or an email to the Cabinet Member for Rural Economy.

**7. To agree draft newsletter for recommendation to Full Council**

Progress on the news letter has been made but it still needs refining and some of the detail needs to be updated.

**Cllr Steve Sheriff left the meeting at 9.00pm**

It was agreed to defer recommendation until after this was done. Cllr Marnell and Cllr Rodaway are going to meet to discuss the use of CANVA for the final production as it had some very good newsletter templates.

**Deferred**

**8. To discuss and agree the biodiversity plan for 2022/23 for recommendation to Full Council**

**JM proposed suspension of Standing Orders 3y in order to finish the meeting seconded by SEC agreed by all**

The Plan was discussed and Cllr Carter made some very valid points concerning the use of glyphosate and wild area management. It was agreed to revisit the plan after the Biodiversity Conference on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October ready for presentation to the November/December full council meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.40pm**