

**Killay Community Council November 2024 - Reports previously circulated**

**Appendix 1**

**KCC Chair’s Report - Cllr J Robinson**

Since the last meeting we have held a very successful Halloween event and congratulations are due to everyone involved. The equipment purchased worked well but I would hope we can add to it each year. It is now stored in plastic containers in the Scout and Guide HQ.

I have been very involved with the “Discover Killay” community market and will have some bags to show you Wednesday. It is disappointing that it has been cancelled but we have permission to carry the funding forward to next year and more details will be available shortly.

I would also like to thank Nigel for his help in fixing the bunting and hope that he will also help me to take it down. It has worked well and looks good.

I have added an item to the financial part of the next meeting. This refers to a letter from Lloyds Bank informing us that they will be adding on charges to the account which amounts to £4.25 per month (£51 per year). This has been discussed by the finance committee and our recommendation to council is that we accept this charge, mainly because of the difficulty of arranging a new account with another bank, which may well apply charges in the future anyway.

It has been pointed out that some items, that we don’t get time to discuss at a full council meeting, keep getting added to the end of the following agenda and can stay there for many months. It has also been pointed out that the standing orders allows us to do several things in such cases. We can decide to discuss at a future meeting, we can leave it to a committee to report back to a future meeting or we can bring the item to the start of the following meeting to ensure it is given due consideration.

It is my intention, going forward, to make sure that the appropriate course of action is taken on a case-by-case basis, and ask councillors to be patient and to see if this makes a difference.

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**APPENDIX 2**

**City Cllr Mary Jones September 2024**

Although Jeff and I have been very busy some of our work is unable to be shared.

Dunvant Rd

The legal notice for the closure of Dunvant Rd is due to expire soon. They have applied for a renewal and once the council receive a programme of works, we will let you know and also publish it on Facebook.

Electric Vehicle Charging points

We are chasing council officers for a date when these will become operational.

Along with Louise we are contributing to schemes in our ward one of which is upgrading the pump track off Woodcote to include Skateboarding.

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## **APPENDIX 3**

### **City Cllr. Louise Gibbard**

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Reports of anti-social behaviour in Dunvant Park and surrounding streets. Have reported these to Police inspector and PCSOs who are doing patrols after school when they are able.
- It is imperative that residents report anti-social behaviour and vandalism themselves (it can't be second hand) to South Wales Police in order for them to respond appropriately and have records to necessitate deployment of resources.
- Contact details:
  - o via online reporting system: Report antisocial behaviour | South Wales Police (south-wales.police.uk)
  - o Online: [www.south-wales.police.uk](http://www.south-wales.police.uk)
  - o Email: [swp101@south-wales.police.uk](mailto:swp101@south-wales.police.uk)
  - o Call: 101 (free)
- If KCC could reinforce this message that would be helpful
- (NB- the email address was in the recent South Wales Listens bulletin on the issue from the police, However, when I last tried to email something, I was told it is not in use any more)

#### **Casework**

- As always, I have responded to a number of residents throughout the month regarding individual personal circumstances e.g. a Killay family who wanted support to transfer their child's school, advice regarding planning applications, referral to LAC regarding support while partner receiving palliative care, missed bin collections

#### **Christmas Support**

- All councillors have the opportunity to apply for supermarket vouchers for individuals and families in need of extra help this Christmas. They must be already working with a Council department (e.g. School, Local Area Coordinator, Housing, Social Services etc) who support the application. I have contacted our schools and LAC to help identify suitable people. If you know of others please let me know by the end of this week, but please don't advertise publicly.

#### **Clyne Valley Pump Track**

- Thanks to a new community investment scheme, Cllrs Jeff and Mary Jones and I, with input from Cllr Paxton Hood-Williams in Fairwood Ward are able to contribute from our community budgets towards the resurfacing of the Clyne Valley Pumptrack off Woodcote.
- The track will be resurfaced as the current gravel surface regularly wears away and can be tricky to manoeuvre and slightly widened to better accommodate BMX, scooters and skateboarders.
- This is part of the City-wide 'masterplan' for access to wheeled sports with larger facilities planned in key locations across Swansea and smaller community facilities in between.

#### **Community Afternoon Tea**

- All welcome at Dunvant Social Centre 3-5pm on Sunday 8th December to share a hot drink, a bite to eat and a chat and come together as a community to celebrate the season.

Confirmed groups attending include Clyne Valley Community Project, Sarah Davies Local Area Coordinator, Duvant Horticultural Society, Duvant Male Choir, Duvant Social Dancing, Duvant WI, Ebeneser chapel, Forget me not clubs, Friends of Duvant park, Nant Cillan project, St martin's Duvant. Thank you to Sarah Gee for doing a table for KCC! There will also be carols from the members of Community Lives Consortium

### **Duvant Road Sinkhole**

- Latest update from Coal Authority Project Manager is that work is due to start in January and the contractor has provided a programme indicating that the work will take approximately 16 weeks. This is dependent upon everything running smoothly.

### **Litter Picking**

- I've been approached by a pupil at Olchfa School who lives in Killay to verify his volunteering hours for his Welsh Baccalaureate which has opted to do through litter picking. I did some with him last week in Duvant Meadow and on Garrod Avenue, if there are any areas you can recommend in Killay let me know!

### **Refuse and Recycling**

- Hopefully councillors are aware of the upcoming changes to refuse and recycling
- Garden waste White bags

These collections are being stood down from next week (Monday 2nd Dec) until 28<sup>th</sup> February. This is because collections of garden waste are much reduced at this time, while black bag waste and other recycling is increased so this will enable extra resource to be deployed to help with that. Moreover the department are introducing changes to the collection weeks which will inevitably take some time to bed in with residents and might need some extra crews to support clear up of incorrect bags etc. Collection of garden waste is not a statutory service and many other local authorities have started to charge for this, so at least the suspension allows the service to continue for free for cost of the year. Recycling centres remain open and garden waste can be taken there during the period, I appreciate that's not ideal for all.

- Changes to Green / Pink weeks

o This also starts next week. It is because Swansea residents are doing so well with their recycling that the department have to reconfigure how they collect black bags. Council also has new vehicles in so it is a good time to make changes to the collection round so For Killay and Duvant East on Thursday 5th December NO CHANGE YET - put out pink bag (plastics) black bag(s) and food bin as usual, Thursday 12th December is NEW GREEN WEEK- put out green bags (glass cans and paper), black bags and food bin and then Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December NEW PINK WEEK - put out pink bag (plastics) and food bin.

### **Ty Cilâ**

- Have arranged again for Father Christmas to visit Ty Cila on 10th December

### **Winter of Wellbeing**

- Pending confirmation from the Tackling Poverty Department, I have worked with Friends of Duvant Park and Duvant Social Centre to put on events with 'Winter of Wellbeing' funding

including Wellbeing walks in the park, weekly 'Thursday social' (hot drinks and snacks, chair exercise, board games, papers, quizzes) etc. All welcome! Dates to be confirmed.

**Local Activities attended (in Killay or open to Killay residents):**

- Councillor Surgery Dunvant Social Centre Saturday 2nd November 10-11am
- Dunvant Primary School Governing Body 19th November

Upcoming Activities (in Killay or open to Killay Residents):

- Community Cinema & Chat at Dunvant Social Centre Friday 29th

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**APPENDIX 4**

**Facebook figures- Cllr Mary Idris**

KCC Facebook performance report for past 28 days - 30 Oct to 26 Nov. 2024

Followers. 1.8 k +  
Reach. 3216  
Engagements. 3.5 k (+204% on previous 28 days).  
Views. 60.7k (+ 103% on previous 28 days)

Our Audience:-

Top Countries:

UK. 1.8k  
Australia. 06  
NZ. 04  
Canada. 03

Other Countries:

Philippines, Greece, Italy, Myanmar, USA, Netherlands

Gender:-

Women 74.1% Men 25.1%

Top Contents:

Santa parade route. ( 25 Nov) 4.7K  
Santa Grotto advert. (22 Nov) 3.8 K  
Santa parade route. (15 Nov) 3.3 K  
Santa Grotto advert. (21 Nov) 2.2 K  
Santa Grotto advert. (23 Nov) 1.8 K  
Postbox topper. (22 Nov) 722  
PRoW cleared path. ( 25 Nov) 466

All data is provided by Facebook . There's more data available, but I thought above of interest this month. Obviously our Christmas events generated the most interest. Well done to all. If anyone wants more information. Please let me know. Cllr M Idris

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## **Appendix 5**

### **Gardening (JE; PW; DM; MJ) Cllr J Evans**

As you will appreciate there is not a lot of gardening taking place at the moment.

The two beds nearest the Co-op have been cleared of plants they are now waiting for the bulbs to come through in the Spring.

The bed by the post box has still not been cleared as the plants are still flowering also the wet weather has not helped – we had hoped to clear this bed before Swansea Council stop collecting garden waste.

**Cllr J Evans**

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## **Appendix 6**

### **Public Rights of Way (RB; BR;SG;NF)**

#### **Adoption of Footpaths Pilot Scheme**

RB contacted Chris Dale, (Manager Swansea Council Countryside Access team) concerning the Footpath Adoption Pilot Scheme with Bishopston and Murton Community Council. It is still in the trial stages, but he will feed back to us when it is completed.

Chris Dale's reply:

*At the moment the scheme guidance looks like this:*

- 1. You are volunteers, so don't take on more than you can manage – both parties (volunteers and Council) must ensure that they have realistic expectations. It is better to do a smaller job well than a larger job not so well. Even having people to check a path, or paths regularly and reporting any issues to us will help us greatly. Anything more than this is a bonus!*
- 2. This can work on an individual basis or with groups*
- 3. One path or a number of paths could be adopted by an individual or group. It's best to start small to see what volunteers can cope with and expand from there if desired.*
- 4. The paths that any one individual or group 'adopts' can be anywhere in Swansea, you don't have to limit yourselves to paths in your local community.*
- 5. As you are volunteers this will need to be a flexible scheme. If you feel that you can do more or need to take on less work, then it's just a case of letting us know – see point 6 below.*
- 6. It is important to keep open lines of communication. The Team have divided up Swansea into 3 areas: west, middle and east/north, with an Officer responsible for the paths in each area. Volunteers will need to keep us informed of what they are doing and when, and any changes to their arrangement with us – see point 5 above – as well as contacting us to arrange for tools to be loaned out, etc. The Council will need to keep volunteers informed about any works or issues on the paths they are adopting.*
- 7. To begin with the issues that volunteers can help us with are:*

1. *Monitoring and reporting*
2. *Waymarking*
3. *Keeping paths clear*

*In future this could be expanded to gates/stiles or other issues should people wish to get involved, but for now we'll keep to these 3 issues.*

8. *You are insured if you are maintaining public footpaths and we are aware of where and when you are doing this.*
9. *Tools and training will be provided. This can be anything from 10 minutes showing volunteers how to waymark to loaning out brush cutters and hedge trimmers.*
10. *Unless consent is provided by a volunteer to allow circulation of addresses, all addresses will be confidential.*

*You don't have to adopt a path in order to report any issues you find on the paths to us.*