

Killay Community Council Councillor Reports – 28th January 2026

Appendix 1: City Councillors M Jones & J Jones (Jan 2026)

Old Carriage Drive

Jeff and I were very pleased with the decision to stop the tarmac of Old Carriage Drive for an Active travel route.

What was very disappointing was that the Leader Cllr Rob Stewart used a Cabinet meeting about the Budget to announce this about turn in Leaders Announcements and only people in that meeting would have been aware. There was no report and no vote. We were totally unaware that this was going to be announced and considering the amount of work we had put into this with local residents we feel it was very undemocratic.

Jeff and I have been down there and given our thoughts to the Countryside officer about how it can be improved without losing its character.

Killay Flood Alleviation scheme.

This is out for Consultation until 1st February and it is online and in Killay library if people wish to comment.

This is much needed as Jeff has been working with council officers and consultants for many years.

There will be disruption but ultimately it will make Killay more resilient.

CWOT

Some of the areas that the team have cleared are the lanes between Fairy Grove and Wimmerfield Crescent and the lower end of Duvant road in Killay.

Duvant Park

Even though it is in Duvant many Killay residents use it. Jeff, Mary and Louise have part funded some equipment which is a shelter, climbing frame, Boules court and the resurfacing of the uneven area near the play area. We understand that all the work will be carried out in the near future.

Duvant Road

We have reminded the Highways Safety officer of the fact that he said that they would carry out a speed survey around this time after the traffic flows had settled down following its reopening.

We will update you in due course.

Appendix 2: City Councillor L Gibbard (Mar 2025)

A4118 (Gower Rd) Killay Square Flood Alleviation scheme

Visit: <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/killayfloodingssurvey?lang=en>

In partnership with Transport for Wales and Welsh Government, Swansea Council Highways are holding a public consultation on proposals to reduce the flood risk in the Killay Square area.

Budget 2026/27

Your views are important and will be considered during the council's budget discussions in February and March 2026. [Please complete the budget survey online here.](#)

Casework

As usual I have dealt with a range of individual issues raised by residents including planning queries, noise complaint, neighbour dispute, parking, road safety, request for social care, dog fouling and other issues. I am contactable via phone, email, Facebook and in person at my monthly surgery, various events I attend throughout the ward and by appointment.

Clyne Valley Main Spine Shared-Use Path/ NCN 4 Closure

Work is progressing on the widening and resurfacing of the Clyne Valley Main Spine shared-use path/ NCN4. 4 weeks of path closure have been advertised, but is anticipated that once the initial tree clearance has been completed the contractor will open the path when it is safe to do so. Evidently, closing the path is an inconvenience to the public, but it is necessary for the safety of the public and construction workers. Please note the trees to be removed have all been assessed by the county and independent Arboriculturist. All the trees removed have been assessed as smaller trees with a limited life expectancy, of low, or poor quality, or a hazard. Trees of value have been considered in the design to ensure these works do not remove them.

Dunvant Road Sinkhole Closure

I asked Tonia Antoniazzi MP to contact the relevant Minister on my behalf regarding the closure of Dunvant Road and the sinkhole repair and received the below reply.



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Energy Security
& Net Zero

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www.gov.uk

Our ref: MCB2025/16458
Your ref: TA35861

12 December 2025

Dear Tonia,

Thank you for your email of 21 November on behalf of your constituent, Louise Gibbard of [REDACTED] regarding mining works in Dunvant. I apologise for the delay in response.

I recognise that the complex works to remediate mining subsidence at Dunvant Road in Swansea have impacted the community and know that everyone involved is grateful for the understanding of residents during the works. I know from the Mining Remediation Authority (MRA) that this project has been difficult and taken longer than normal. The main cause was complex ground conditions which made finding a long-term solution challenging. This was exacerbated by the many underground services in this area, some of which were unrecorded and caused additional delays to the remediation work.

I understand that the initial ground collapse was reported in March 2023 which affected the footpath and part of Dunvant Road itself. The MRA put a partial road closure in place to ensure public safety while they investigated further. The investigations showed that the void was significant, and the nature of the ground meant that a much wider area would require treatment to ensure that the repair was safe for the long term. In consultation with Swansea Council the MRA introduced a full road closure in December 2023 to protect the community. I know that this is always a step of last resort and is only taken where there is a clear public safety need and in consultation with the relevant highway authority.

The remediation solution required development with a range of specialist experts and contractors and consideration of a wide range of underground services and utilities - each needing engagement with the relevant utility company to isolate and/or divert. Final work began in February 2025 and took longer than originally planned because of additional ground challenges identified as the work was in progress - requiring further design changes. This is unusual but not unknown when managing sites of such complexity and to ensure public safety in the long term. I know that the road was reopened as soon as possible on the 14 November 2025.

I am informed that the final forecast costs are £1.1 million which is not unusual for an incident of this complexity. From my work with the MRA and the range of incidents that they deal with (approximately 1000 per year) I know the value of changing their focus to mitigate related to the liabilities of our mining history. From my oversight of their work, I am confident that they work effectively and empathetically and deliver value for money. I also know that they seek to take learning from every issue and from customer and community feedback and I have asked them specifically to ensure that any learning from this incident is used to inform improvements or to reduce timescales wherever possible in future work.

I can see that the MRA have written to you proactively during the works to keep you updated about the progress and their engagement with local residents which included a dedicated website and specific liaison with Hendrefolian Primary School.

I know that they are always very happy to attend MP and/or constituency meetings if you have any concerns and I would encourage you to reach out to their CEO, Lisa Pinney MBE, if you or your residents have concerns or would like further information about their work. Lisa can be contacted on 01623637432 or lisa.pinney@miningremediation.gov.uk.

Best wishes,

MICHAEL SHANKS MP
Minister of State for Energy

Garden Waste Collections

Reminder that white garden waste bag collection will re-start in February.

Old Carriage Drive

As has been widely reported, I'm very pleased to confirm at the last Cabinet, the Leader Cllr. Rob Stewart and Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure Cllr. Andrew Stevens announced the intention to create a new fund for improvements to bridleways and coastal paths. In the end, there is enough money in the Countryside Access team maintenance budget to fund smaller surface and drainage improvements to the "Old Carriage Drive" bridlepath from Killay to Derwen Fawr which will support its use for active travel for a greater number of people but in a more sympathetic way than the previously developed "tarmac" plan.

I have shared feedback with the team on suggested improvements regarding the surfacing, drainage issues and the gate amongst other things. New plans are being drawn up and I have been assured by the Cabinet Member that they will be shared with KCC as soon as possible.

I have agreed to help to fund the interpretation panels as that is not covered by the new funding stream but I felt was important to keep to help shine a light on the rich history of the area. These have been developed by the Gower Natural Landscape/ Nature Recovery team in conjunction with Clyne Valley Community Project to match the others in the Country Park.

Surgery

My next surgery is Saturday 7th February 10-11am at Duvant Social Centre

Upcoming Events in Ward

- Weekly 'Thursday Social' in Duvant Social Centre 2-4pm including fortnightly gentle movement/ stretching with Julie Copp Yoga & Pilates
- Cinema & Chat at Duvant Social Centre "The Last Showgirl" Friday 30th Jan 1pm Duvant Social Centre
- Kids Club Sunday 26th October 3pm
- Saving Swansea's Swifts Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales Swansea group St Hilary's Church Hall, Tuesday, Feb 10 from 7:30-9 pm

Appendix 3: Publicity Cllr S Gee. (Jan 26)

Social Media

In the 28 days to Jan 23rd KCC had 34,601 views (the number of times our content was played or displayed) with 2,861 (reactions, comments, shares and clicks on our posts). In the last 90 days our posts had 147,863 views,

Total followers have increased by 1% to 2,122. 74% are women.

Details of key posts and number of views by followers and non-followers:

- Photos of Killay in the recent snow – 8,224 views
- Update on Old Carriage Drive – Swansea Council decision not to tarmac the bridleway/revised plans – 5,743 views (and similar views for the post detailing KCC's written representations to the City Council on this issue)
- Bruce Bagley and Mari Lwyd newspaper photograph – 2,485 views
- Killay Square flood alleviation consultation – 2,331 views (NB reposted on 26/1 as a reminder)
- Swansea Regional Strategic Development plan consultation – 413 views
- St Dwynwen Day post - 285 views

We have also posted the locations of defibrillators; information on blood donation clinics in Killay; Christmas/New Year refuse collection changes; and other public information as well as photos and updates on all of our Christmas events which had excellent engagement.

The Killay Business Directory remains 'pinned' to the top of the page for reference.

Future

A 'What does Killay Community Council do for me' series of posts is planned for social media. It was intended that these would include information on vacancies for councillor and youth representative positions. Prior to launching this series it is suggested that KCC decide if we wish to continue to advertise and accept applications for new community councillors.

A new page on the website detailing community resources has still to be produced – this will detail the main local organisations offering social, leisure and learning opportunities and support.

Appendix 4: Public Rights of Way Cllr R Barrar (Jan 26)

Adroddiad Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus (Ionawr 2026)

The Old Carriage Drive (KI108)

Swansea Council has modified its plans for the historic Old Carriage Drive (KI108). The original proposal as part of its Active Travel scheme funded by the Welsh Government included tarmac the surface. Responding to fierce opposition from residents, community groups, Killay Community Council and City Councillors, the carriageway will be restored to its original condition with a fresh surface dressing and enhanced drainage, in keeping with the route's unique character and harmony with the Country Park.

These works would also include clearing out adjacent drainage ditches and improving connections to adjoining routes, making the Bridleway more enjoyable and accessible for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders alike.

Killay Community Council has called on Swansea Council to directly include them as consultees in any future proposals for infrastructure works in Killay.

Walking Map

The map for walkers funded by Killay community council and designed by Swansea Council's design team was ready for distribution before Christmas. However, there were some errors that the Countryside Access department will rectify. We hope that the maps will be ready for distribution soon.

Appendix 5: List of Banking Transactions by Date Clerk (Sue Bagley)

Date:	Type	Payee	Payment for	Budget	Amount
November					
27.11.25	FPO	Killay Scouts	Storage	Storage	£90.00
27.11.25	FPO	Life Support	Defibrillators	Defibrillators	£945.00
27.11.25	FPO	Loughor T Band	Christmas Band	Christmas	£100.00
27.11.25	FPO	N Fletcher	F Christmas Gift	Christmas	£24.00
27.11.25	FPO	Parish of Killay	Hire of Hall	Halloween	£87.50
27.11.25	FPO	S Bagley	Salary	Clerk Salary	£567.59
27.11.25	FPO	S Bagley	Salary Arrear	Clerk Salary	£106.90
27.11.25	FPO	S Bagley	Expenses	Clerk Expenses	£30.80
27.11.25	FPO	S Bagley	Gift for Elves	Christmas	£20.00
December					
02.12.25	FPO	N Fletcher	Hygiene Course	Training	£13.19
05.12.25	BGC	CCS	50% cost of Defib	Defibrillators	£450.00
08.12.25	DD	YU Energy	Electricity	Electricity	£36.45
19.12.25	PAY	Lloyds Bank	Service charge	Bank Charges	£4.25
29.12.25	FPO	CCS	Christmas Sleigh	Christmas	£420.00
29.12.25	FPO	S Bagley	Salary	Clerk Salary	£567.00
29.12.25	FPO	CCS	Daffodil Bulbs	Gardening	£112.50
31.12.25	BGC	CCS	Precept	Precept	£9,333.33
January					
08.01.26	DD	YU Energy	Electricity	Electricity	£106.80
19.01.26	PAY	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge	Bank Charges	£4.25
22.01.26	FPO	Phillips Service	Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights	£5,799.67
22.01.26	FPO	HMRC	Clerk Tax	Clerk Tax	£310.42
26.1.26		Balance	£17,436.90		
Payments to be authorised					
		CCS	Walking Map	Publicity	£398.59
		J Robinson	Website domain	Publicity	£18.17
		S Bagley	Clerk's expenses December		£28.40
		S Bagley	Clerk's expenses January		£31.40

Appendix 6: Planning Report Cllr J Fitton (February 2025)

Note that the report runs from the Monday after the preceding KCC meeting to the Friday before the current monthly KCC meeting to ensure that information is as current as possible. The Planning Committee monitors applications on a weekly basis in the intervening period.

Applications

- 2025/2534/FUL 362 – 64 Gower Road SA2 7A2 - Garage storage yard and alterations to former garage building – being considered.

The applicant has taken pre-application advice from the Council in August 2022 and will limit the opening hours to 8am to 8pm daily to minimise any nuisance caused. The number of units is 10 x 20 foot plus 5 x 10-foot storage containers. Space may potentially be limited for cars to manoeuvre if more than 2 cars are on site at any one time. This detail would be for the applicant and Planning officer to consider" – See map on last page.

2. 2025/2527/FUL – 39 Woodcote SA2 7A – single storey side extension – being considered
3. 2025/2519/FUL11 Clos Cynon SA2 7DL -single storey extension - being considered
4. 2025/2496/FUL – 16 Dylan Road SA2 7BN -Front raise path/access ramp with perimeter walking and railing, solar panels, fenestration alterations – being considered
5. 2025/2597/PRE – 400 Gower Road SA2 7AH – revised first floor layout to previously approved application in 2024 – being considered
6. 2025/2644/FUL – 1 Heasland Place SA2 7EQ -demolition of existing garage and construction of a two-storey side extension, incorporating a garage and single storey rear extension – being considered
7. 2025/2162/TPO – 3 Clos Islwyn SA2 7ET – to lop and crown lift 1 oak tree
8. 2025/2116/LBC – 337 Gower Road SA2 7AE – re-roofing of plain tiled roofs to main house and detached coach house (application for listed building consent) – being considered
9. 2025/2587/FUL 538 Gower Road SA2 7DS – inclusion of forecourt into domestic curtilage, front boundary wall and construction of a single-story side extension - being considered
10. 2026/0083/NMA – 4 Millwood Gardens SA2 7BE – non-material amendment to planning permission granted Dec 11th to increase the size of rear back balcony
11. 2026/0046/FUL – Clyne Cwm Gwyn Riding Centre SA2 7B – demolition of 2 stable blocks with replacement barn and stables and addition external cladding and hay store – being considered (drainage, sewer, biodiversity, foul drainage)

Decisions

1. 2025/2162 3 Clos Islwyn – to lop and crown lift 1 oak tree TPO 254 – approved
2. 2025/2187/FUL – 54 Goetre Fawr Road SA2 7QU – retention of rear detached outbuildings - approved – issue date 11/12/25
3. 2025/2259/TPO – 60 Coleridge Crescent. SA2 7ER – to lop 4 oak trees and one Hazel covered by TPO no 254 - approved
4. 2025/2162/TPO – 3 Clos Islwyn SA2 7ET – to lop and crown lift 1 oak tree – approved
5. 2025/2046/FUL – 34 Coleridge Crescent - re single story front extension – approved
6. 2025/23787/FUL – Hendrefoilan Primary School SA2 7LF – 1.8 m fence, green palisade, internal fence – approved
7. 2025/2339/FUL – 55 Broadmead SA2 7ES – single story side extension – refused (excessive width, in appropriate roof design, fails to harmonize with other dwellings)
8. 2025/2597/PRE 400 Gower Road SA2 7AH – revised floor layout – refused due to contrived design and excessive mass
9. 2025/2496/FUL – 16 Dylan Road SA2 7BN -Front raise path/access ramp with perimeter walking and railing, solar panels, fenestration alterations – approved
10. 2025/2170/ELD – 41 Goetre Fawr Road SA7QS – use of residential garage as art room, replacement of garage door with patio doors (app for a certificate of existing development decision – the application is lawful. It doesn't constitute development)
11. 2025/2527/FUL – 39 Woodcote SA2 7A – single storey side extension – approved
12. 2025/2519/FUL11 Clos Cynon SA2 7DL -single storey extension - approved

Items for discussion

Item 1 for information only: map attached for reference.

Any interested person can also look at the Planning applications and make representations themselves using this portal <https://property.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/weeklyListResults.do?action=firstPage>.

Plan of proposed storage behind the Armine Garage

