



KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(CYNGOR CYMUNED CILÂ)

MONTHLY MINUTES

Wednesday 25th August 2021

7.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Nigel Fletcher (Chair)	Councillor Jim Robinson (Vice Chair)	Councillor Edmund Sides
Councillor Jan Evans	Councillor Sue John	Councillor Rhiannon Barrar
Councillor Dawn Morse	Councillor Peta Walsh	Councillor Bill John
Councillor Joanne Fitton	Councillor Mary Idris	Clerk to the Council Sue Bagley

Mr Paul Bowes - Cavanagh joined the meeting as an observer, he was welcomed by the Chair.

Killay Community Council meetings are held via Zoom until further notice in compliance with Corona virus legislation set by the Welsh Government.

1.a Apologies

None

1.b Absent

CLlr Lowrie Orchard

2. Declaration of Interests

In accordance with the provision of the Code of Conduct, Council members must declare a Personal and/or Prejudicial interest at the commencement of such matter being discussed, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members disclosing an interest must enter the Agenda number of the item, together with their interest, onto the relevant form supplied by the Clerk during each meeting. (During remote meetings, interest is disclosed verbally and recorded by the Clerk).

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3a. Minutes from meeting held on Wednesday 28th July 2021:

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by the 5 Councillors present. Due to the meeting falling below quorum at 7:30pm the meeting was closed with unfinished business

Actions from meeting held on Wednesday 28th July 2021:

- **Page 2 Item (c) Consultation on the Community Council Clerk Qualifications.**
CLlr Fletcher outlined a proposal by the Welsh Government which may require Community Council Clerks to hold a formal qualification (Certificate in Local Council Administration) in order to be termed an "Eligible Community Council."
CLlr Fletcher explained that an "Eligible Community Council" would have a General Power of Competence to act in the same way as an individual can act, i.e. run a commercial business, invest money on the stock market, build a sports centre etc. However, an Eligible Community Council cannot organize functions already provided by a higher authority, such as Education and Waste collections controlled by City Council.

<p>If the proposal is passed and the Clerk obtained the qualification, KCC would be classed as an Eligible Community Council. Cllr Fletcher suggested that having the qualification would have no bearing on the current activities carried out by KCC.</p> <p>3b. Minutes from meeting held on Wednesday 4th August 2021: An extra-ordinary meeting was held to complete business that could not be conducted on the 28th July 2021 due to the attendance falling below quorate. With one minor adjustment the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Actions from meeting held on Wednesday 4th August 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 2 Item 5 - Public Rights of Way (RB) Clearing of bracken in Killay North has been postponed until the Spring. • Page 4 item 8b - Merging of Community Council Wards of Killay North & South. This item was passed to City Councillors Mary & Jeff Jones Cllr Fletcher explained that no action will be taken at the present time. The Local Democracy & Boundary Commission (LDBC) has advised that no Community Council boundary reviews are to take place until the new City Ward Boundaries are in place, May 2022. Swansea Council are to undertake a Community review sometime in the future for the whole of the City Council area. 	
<p>4. Correspondence received (SB)</p>	
<p>One Voice Wales has questioned if KCC wish to position a Beacon to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee next year. Unfortunately, KCC do not own any property or land and as such will be unable to do this.</p>	
<p>5. Reports</p>	
<p>(a) Chairperson's Report (NF) No urgent matters to report.</p> <p>(b) City Councillor’s Reports (JJ/MJ) No report received.</p> <p>(c) Clerk’s report (SB) No urgent matters to report.</p> <p>(d) Social Media Marking (JR) and Facebook (BJ) No urgent matters to report for Social Media Marketing. Facebook: Figures for July are as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reached 3,636 ▪ Engagements 833 ▪ New page likes 7 ▪ Grand total likes 1,205 ▪ Followers 1,351 <p>(e) Gardening (JE) The Acer trees in the precinct front flower bed have been cut back to allow the begonias to flourish. Cllr Fitton suggested that Wildflowers could be planted at the side of Killay Library. The Clerk will</p>	<p>N Fletcher/S</p>

contact Paul Griffiths for his advice.

Bagley

(f) Public Rights of Way (RB)

- Cllr Barrar reported that footpath KI114 is blocked off. This has been reported to the Countryside Access team and a reply has been received confirming awareness of the problem. This blockage has not been cleared after the footpath was officially adopted. The Countryside Access team will discuss this further with the landowner.
- Cllr Barrar suggested that a general report of the Public Rights of Way be added to the KCC Website.
Cllr Barrar agreed to discuss this further with Cllr Robinson and Cllr Fitton.
- Cllr Robinson reported that a resident had reported via the website of an overgrown footpath leading from Heol Glasnant to Duvant Road. Cllr Fletcher reported it to Swansea City Council on 20th August. The footpath is to be checked and reported back to the September meeting.

Cllr Barrar

Cllr Fletcher

DATE:	NUMBER:	TYPE:	REPORT:
18.08.21	New footpath north of Hendrefoilan Road: KI114		The entrance to this footpath (adjacent to (KI113) opposite Lledglawdd Farm) is blocked. This will be reported to the Council Public Rights of Way team. (See above)
27.07.21	KI105 (Woodcote)	Bridleway	This bridleway was difficult to find and was shown to me by a local man. Quite overgrown to start with but then opened out. Quite muddy in places.
27.07.21	KI107 (Woodcote)	Bridleway	This bridleway was difficult to find. There is a sign-post, but it is hidden by foliage and needs renewing. The footpath was shown to me by a local man who happened to be passing, he said that after some work in the area by the council the footpath was moved slightly to the right. Originally it was amongst the trees at the edge of the playing field.
27.07.21	KI106 (Woodcote)	Footpath	Tarmac Surface
26.07.21	KI108	Bridleway	Public consultation notice by Swansea Council – Opinions sought on Council’s intentions to put chippings on areas that are notably wet and muddy after wet weather.
26.07.21	KI103	Footpath	Mostly clear and dry but significant areas difficult to walk through due to bracken and brambles. Could trampling bracken be a job for a community work party?

7. Planning Report (ES)

<p>Validated Applications for period 26 July to 22 August 2021</p> <p>2021/1996/TPO; [26-Jul-21] 2 Clos Islwyn Killay Swansea SA2 7ET; To lop one Hazel tree covered by TPO 254 KCC comment:</p>	
<p>2021/1886/PND; [27-Jul-21] Hendrefoilan Student Village Sketty Swansea SA2 7PG Demolition of existing Student Accommodation (Flats 68-77, Flats 80-135, Bar, Launderette, Convenience Store, Flat 39/Reception/Welfare Wardens) (Application for Prior Notification of Demolition) KCC comment: Seeking approval to demolish the empty student accommodation in the western part of the Student Village.</p> <p>2021/1230/FUL; [28-Jul-21] 14 Heol Glasnant Killay Swansea SA2 7BX Front hard standing with associated retaining walls to provide off road parking, new front access steps, front and rear patios KCC comment:</p> <p>2021/2063/TPO; [03-Aug-21] 8 Clos Islwyn Killay Swansea SA2 7ET To lop one Oak tree covered by TPO No.254 KCC comment:</p> <p>2021/2095/FUL; [06-Aug-21] 16 Broad Acre Killay Swansea SA2 7RU Increase in roof height of existing garage and replace the garage door with patio doors. KCC comment:</p> <p>2021/2081/PRE; [06-Aug-21] 4 St Christopher Drive Killay Swansea SA2 7AR PRE-APP Replacement rear balcony. KCC comment:</p> <p>2021/2129/S73; [12-Aug-21] Hendrefoilan Student Village Access Road from Gower Road Via Ffordd Yr Olchfa Sketty Swansea SA2 7PG Demolition of the existing student accommodation and other University buildings and comprehensive residential re-development of the site, with access road infrastructure, public open space, woodland planting and associated works (outline with all matters reserved) - Section 73 application / variation of Condition 3 to extend timescale for submission of reserved matters of Planning Permission 2014/1192 granted 6th January 2016 - Variation of condition 1 of permission 2018/2600/S73 granted under Section 73 on 9th May 2019 to allow for a change to the Design and Access Statement and Indicative Framework Plan to include additional housing development within the woodland pocket and in the northern part of the site. KCC comment: This proposal includes some significant changes to the original development. In particular, the developer has requested reclassification of some ancient woodland in the central part so that it can be developed. I think that KCC should consider objecting to this aspect of the development as it would remove some existing woodland and also with a potential green corridor through to Hendrefoilan Wood.</p> <p>2021/1899/FUL; [17-Aug-21] 39 Ridgeway Killay Swansea SA2 7AT Single storey rear extension, rear decked area and front porch KCC comment:</p> <p>2021/2161/NMA; [17-Aug-21] 341 Gower Road Killay Swansea SA2 7AE Non-Material amendment to Planning Permission 2018/2623/FUL granted 8th March 2019 to increase the height of the two properties and install three roof lights to each dwelling. KCC comment:</p>	

Decisions for period 26 July to 22 August 2021

2021/1895/PRE: 44 Goetre Fawr Road Killay Swansea SA2 7QU (Pre-application)

Single storey rear extension, loft conversion with front rear and side dormers

Mixed: Scale of extension would be acceptable but recommended that the front dormers should be replaced with roof lights so as to adhere to planning guidelines. (on 16-Aug-21)

2021/1540/PLD: 30 Landor Avenue Killay Swansea SA2 7BP

Single storey rear extension and removal of side door, new rear hard surface and access steps to the rear garden (application for a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development)

The proposed development is lawful (on 17-Aug-21)

2021/1552/FUL: 5 Kennington Close Killay Swansea SA2 7EF

Extension to rear dormer, front roof light, single storey rear extension, front porch and removal of one window from the side elevation.

Approved by CCS (on 03-Aug-21)

(Prior to the following report Councillor Fitton stated that she is employed by Natural Resources Wales).

The full Planning report by Cllr E Sides on Hendrefoilan Student Village was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The following notes have been put together by Cllr E Sides for the purpose of the minutes.

Planning application 2021/2129/S73 with respect to Hendrefoilan Student Village was discussed in detail. Key issues related to the application were summarised in a presentation given by Cllr Sides. It was noted that the application provides an alternative plan for completing phases 2 and 3 of the development which has planning permission for up to 300 dwellings total. Phase 1, comprising 40 dwellings, has already been completed.

It was noted that one of the key changes proposed in the new application is the reclassification of an area of ancient woodland so that it can be developed for housing. Although there appear to be good grounds for this justifying that this area of woodland does not meet the requirements of "ancient woodland", it was noted that it would be removing an area of woodland which is included in the local development plan and forms a partial 'green corridor' linking the woodland along Olchfa Stream with the rectangular area of woodland (Hendrefoilan Wood) which borders the Student Village to the West.

The Council members present unanimously rejected the idea that the area of woodland should be built on and agreed that an objection to this proposal should be submitted on behalf of Killay Community Council.

<p>It was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Sides would submit a written objection to the planning application on behalf of Killay Community Council.</p> <p>During discussions it was suggested that, in addition to the points indicated in Cllr Sides' presentation, the following additional points should also be noted when the objection is submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Local Ecology department to comment on the proposed removal of the woodland area • Ask the Planning Department to consider whether there are any implications for the developer's Section 106 planning obligations • In its role as the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Approving Body (SAB), the council should be asked to comment on the drainage implications of the removal of woodland and additional development along the main topographic low running through the site. This may increase the risk that a blocked culvert during heavy rain could causes localised flooding. • Note: In email correspondence prior to the meeting Cllr Mary Jones indicated that she could not comment on the application as she is chair of Swansea Council's planning scrutiny committee and Cllr Jeff Jones would also be unable to comment on the matter] 	<p>Cllr E. Sides</p>
<p>8. Financial Report (SB/NF)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Clerk reported that the electricity supplier (Good Energy) has overcharged due to a combination of computer problems and an estimated meter reading. An actual meter has been submitted which should result in the account being in credit. ▪ Banking transactions conducted during July circulated previously, were accepted, and agreed by Council and signed by Cllr N Fletcher. ▪ Cllr S John confirmed the monthly bank statement has been checked and verified and all items have approved by Council. <p>The Clerk requested approval for the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ J Robinson £14.39 Zoom Payment ▪ S Bagley £ 26.60 Clerk Expenses ▪ J Robinson £300.00 being payment in cash to Guilty Pleasure (Band for Band Night). <p>These payments were proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr B John.</p>	
<p>9. Requests for Donations</p>	
<p>No requests for donations received.</p>	
<p>10. Future Events</p>	
<p><u>Band Night 28th August 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All details have been finalised, signage has been prepared by Cllr N Fletcher, and a risk assessment has been completed. ▪ Thanks to Tom Fitton for producing posters. <p><u>Halloween</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Clerk reported that she has contacted Steve Jeacock, Library manager who informed her that it is not possible to hold Halloween at the library this year due to restrictions in place by Swansea Council Library Service. ▪ Cllr Fitton suggested that we hold a Fancy Dress/pumpkin competition on line, similar to last year. Cllr Fitton will check out last year's photographs. <p><u>Christmas events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be discussed at the next meeting. ▪ No decision has been forthcoming from Swansea Council regarding the Sleigh/Land Train. 	

11. Amendment to Standing Orders - Paragraph 1a	
<p>In compliance with the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Standing Orders will be amended to include the clause;</p> <p>“All Community Council meetings need to be arranged to allow (but not require) participants (including Councillors and members of the public) to be in multiple locations.”</p> <p>Cllr Robinson asked for a show of hands to gauge whether KCC should return to Siloam for our monthly meetings. Whilst some Councillors would consider meeting in person, it was agreed that, due to Covid-19 cases rising in Swansea, Council business still being completed via virtual meetings and no tangible advantage to meeting in person could be identified, it was agreed to continue with Zoom meetings. It was also noted that to hold hybrid meetings there would be both room hire and zoom charges.</p>	
12. Items for inclusion on agenda for next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas events ▪ Flowers at the side of the library. (JF) ▪ Defibrillator at the Black Boy (JF) 	
No further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm	