



KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CYNGOR CYMUNED CILÂ)

MONTHLY MINUTES Wednesday 27th September 7.15pm via Zoom

Attendance: (Due to the forecasted storm it was requested that all Councillors attend remotely)		
Councillor Nigel Fletcher (Chair)	Councillor Dawn Morse	Councillor Tom Fitton
Councillor Sue John	Councillor Sara Gee	Councillor Beth Rowe
Councillor Jim Robinson	Councillor Peta Walsh	Councillor Riannon Barrar
Councillor Jan Evans	Councillor Linda Aubrey	Councillor Joanne Fitton
City Councillor Louise Gibbard	City Councillor Mary Jones	
Clerk to the Council Sue Bagley	Harry Cole Youth Representative	Maria Jeffries Youth Representative
Apologies		
Cllr Tyrone Lewis	Cllr Bill John	Cllr Mary Idris
2. Declaration of Interests		<i>To be actioned by</i>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(During remote meetings, interest is disclosed verbally and recorded by the Clerk).</p> <p>Cllr S John expressed a personal interest in the decision on the venue of the Christmas Carol service at Siloam chapel.</p>		
3. Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 23rd August 2023		<i>To be actioned by</i>
Minutes of the meeting, circulated previously, were accepted by full Council as being a true and accurate record.		
4. Matters arising from meeting held on 23rd August 2023		<i>To be actioned by</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Page 5 item 9 (KCC 40th Anniversary) As previously agreed, Cllr Fletcher has reviewed the County archives for old KCC material. Relevant information has been circulated to all Councill members. It was suggested that all surviving Community Councillors from 1983 could be invited to a tea party in May 2024.Page 5 item 14 (JR Library Seed Swop) Cllr Robinson advised that he has been unable to discuss the Seed Swop with the manager of the library to date. Library staff do not foresee the suggestion being a problem but the manager will need to be consulted first. Matter ongoing.Page 5 item 15 (SB Floral Display) The Clerk will contact the Parks department to enquire if the 2024 floral displays can be supplied with native pollinators. Matter ongoing.		<p>Cllr Robinson</p> <p>Mrs S Bagley</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 item 16 (Rotunda at Precinct) Cllr Fletcher confirmed that fluorescent paper has been purchased to highlight notices on the Rotunda. Comments were made that this does make the notices more eye-catching. 	
5. Correspondence received (SB)	<i>To be actioned by</i>
Any urgent correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting and items are on the agenda.	
6. Reports	<i>To be actioned by</i>
<p>The following reports were made by relevant members:</p> <p>a) Chair’s report (NF) Nothing urgent to report.</p> <p>b) City Councilors’ Report (LG, JJ, MJ)</p> <p>City Councillor L Gibbard: The following written report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting:</p> <p>On-Street EV Charging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding has been received to proceed with the installation of on-street Electric Vehicle charging units at strategic sites across Swansea. • Killay has been identified as an important site due to its location en-route to Gower and into Swansea, with no private provision in the area. • The team are confident that previous issues regarding connecting the electricity supply will not be an issue this time. • The preferred location is two car park bays outside the shops in the precinct, not outside any residential properties and access to facilities while cars are charging. They are looking into the potential to create further parking spaces to compensate for the loss of the 2 bays, but this is not guaranteed. • The team will look at the feasibility of using bays across the road but there are potential obstacles with these. • A new ‘TRO’ (traffic regulation order) would be issued to change the time limits on parking in these bays and restrict them to actively charging electric vehicles only. • I have had a lot of enquiries about introducing EV charging points in the local area and they might also have the impact of increasing footfall to local businesses while people are charging. I’m told they would expect to see people doing a 1-2hr charge to ‘top up’ or residents might use them for longer overnight. • Will continue to update KCC and residents as plans progress. <p>Woodcote playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was contacted by a local mum as her daughter had got covered in something black after playing in Woodcote playground over the summer with something transferring off the flooring. The Parks officers have investigated, and the flooring company has agreed to come back and re-seal the flooring. The playground will have to be closed for 24hrs for it to set, don’t have a date for this as it is weather dependent. <p>Cleansing Ward Operative Team (CWOT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another great job on several sites across Duvant and Killay, including the corner of Stephenson Rd/ Gower Rd. • Please let me know if there are any areas, you’d like them to tackle next month. 	

Summer Events

- An excellent range of summer events were held across Swansea and in the ward funded by the Swansea Council COAST grants (shared prosperity fund) and others.
- Big thank you to all volunteers who supported, particularly KCC volunteers who lent a hand in the park.

Library

- There may be temporary changes to some library opening hours to cover long-term staff sickness and vacancies across the library service, with staff needing to work 'peripatetically' around Swansea.

I don't believe Killay Library is affected at this time but will keep everyone updated.

Dunvant Rd and surrounding areas

- Concerns expressed about drivers still entering the area around the road closure, especially around school drop off/ pick up times, speeding and inconsiderate parking in Bron Y Bryn.
- Asked Highways officers and PCSOs to look at this.

20mph Road Signage

- Without opening the debate on this topic as it does provoke strong sentiments on all sides (!) In practical terms, there are a few examples of road signs which have not been sprayed out or changed yet. I'm sending these in as I see them, but residents can also email traffic@swansea.gov.uk with the details.

Council highways and contractors have had a huge job and work is ongoing to make everything clear as it beds in.

Highways Small Resurfacing Scheme (Formerly PATCH)

- Council Highways Small Resurfacing team will be in Dunvant and Killay for 9 days from Tuesday 3rd October (dates may change).
- I've put forward the following Killay roads to be looked at (subject to prioritisation)
 - Dylan Road
 - Broadmead
 - Ridgeway

Happy to put forward any other suggestions.

City Councillor M Jones and City Councillor J Jones: The following report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting:

Hendrefoilan House

- There are a number of concerns with work being carried out at Hendrefoilan House, shared below is the email from officers:
"Planning Enforcement and Pollution Control officers are currently liaising with the owners to try to remedy the situation and the harm that it is causing but that, currently, that is not going to result in an immediate halt to any works down there – this would only happen if, after a visit from the Planning Enforcement Officer the Department decided it was expedient to issue a Stop Notice on them".
- Cllr Jones explained this matter further and will report back with any further information.

Dunvant Road

- There have been a number of problems with Coal Authority contractors moving the road closed signs to access the site and just leaving them in a heap and also we asked for an update on the situation. You can see below the email we received:
"Officers have emailed the Coal Authority to ask them to instruct their staff to reinstate any signs they might have moved in the future". In regard to timescales, following the last email I sent to the Coal Authority, I received the following *"I have a meeting on Thursday morning with our engineers to try and provide you with some of the answers that you require. I'm not going to be able to provide you with all the answers that you require at this stage as the work is still ongoing"*

St Modwen Hendrefoilan Park

- St Modwen report. "It is with regret that we had to close off all the access through the site. I know the local community had used the access on a regular basis but we have come to a point in the build process whereby the health and safety risk to the general public is too great with open trenches, live services, heavy plant movements and the up and coming demolition works.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide a fixed date at this time but I will keep you informed should anything change."

Defibrillator

- After trying for a while Pobl have finally agreed that Jeff and Mary could put a defibrillator in St Nicholas Court. We are hoping it can be placed near the noticeboard in the middle of the compound. We have arranged with Dave Nicholas (Life Support and Training to provide us with it.)

Vehicle Charging points

- We recently had a meeting to discuss putting charging points in Killay. Jeff had originally had a meeting with officers to discuss this issue but the charging points were not introduced because of the problem with utilities. This problem has now been overcome and it is intended to install the units at the top end of the parking bays near the chemist although other areas are going to be looked at.

Small Resurfacing Team (SRT)(formally PATCH).

- The SRT team are due in Dunvant and Killay shortly. If you are aware of any areas in Killay that need a patch please let us know.
- Councillor S John advised that several residents have reported the unsightly building work that has been halted on the development on the junction of Gower Road and Stephenson Road. City Councillor M Jones confirmed that there is a planning issue and Enforcement Officers are investigating.

(c) Clerk's Report (SB)

All relevant items have been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

(d) Social Media & Marketing (BJ, TF, MI, BR, JR)

- Crime figures circulated by Cllr B John prior to the meeting.
- The following Facebook figures for September were circulated previously:
 - Total followers 1,740 compared with 1,735 in August
 - Number of Page Likes 1,400, compared with 1,400 in August.
 - Post Reach 3,757 compared with 3,900 in August
 - Post engagements 1,795 compared with 857 in August
 - New Likes 6 compared with 2 in August
 - New Followers 9 compared with 9 in August

Cllr Robinson reported that a new website provider was required by the end of November.

- i) Update on Pop-Up Banner
Cllr Fletcher thanked Cllr T Fitton for all his persistence in trying to create a new pop-up banner displaying photographs of the area and KCC activities. Due to delays obtaining quality photographs, it was agreed to take the opportunity of obtaining good quality images at the forthcoming Halloween and Christmas events in 2023.

CC M Jones left the meeting at 19.39pm

(e) Gardening Committee (JE, SJ, PW, DM)

- Cllr Evans confirmed that the daffodil bulbs have been purchased at a cost of £180. It is proposed to plant them on the north side of Gower Road between Olchfa Lane and Stephenson Road. This is providing that City Councillors have no plans to plant there and that

Cllr Robinson

Christmas /
Halloween
events

<p>the Parks Department will be able to plant in this area. The Clerk will inform the Parks Department.</p> <p>(f) Public Rights of Way (RB, BR, SG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no report from the Public Rights of Way committee. Cllr Barrar reported that she is due to go walking in the next few days. 	Clerk									
<p>7. Planning (JF, SG, MI, LA)</p>	To be actioned by									
<p>The following planning report for September was circulated to all members prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated Plans: 2023/1676/PND Hendrefoilan Student Village Access Road from Gower Road Via Ffordd Yr Olchfa, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 7PG Demolition of existing student accommodation (Flats 136-233, Emily Phipps Building, Plant Rooms x 2, Substations x 2 & Pumping Stations x2) (Application for Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition) 2023/1927/FUL 323 Gower Road, Killay, Swansea, SA2 7AE Detached garage/workshop. Small scale redevelopment for the neighbours to comment on. Decided Plans: None 										
<p>8. Financial Report (SB / NF)</p>	To be actioned by									
<p>Statement of Accounts: The September statement of accounts, circulated previously, was accepted and agreed by Council.</p> <p>Approval of Clerk’s telephone expenses for August: £29.40 Cllr S John confirmed that the monthly bank statement has been checked and verified.</p> <p>Payments: The Clerk requested approval for the following payments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="134 1234 1257 1384"> <tr> <td>Sue Bagley</td> <td>£9.99</td> <td>Purchase of coloured paper for Rotunda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCS</td> <td>£4,240</td> <td>Payment to CCS for Village floral decoration – already authorised.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>All payments were proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr L Aubrey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Fletcher advised Councillors that, at the August band night, approximately 50% of the festoon light bulbs above the main Gower Road Co-Op shop were not working which is a disproportionate number. It was suggested that they may have been disturbed during the removal and replacement of the fascia boards earlier this year. The Clerk wrote to the Co-Op shop manager asking if they would consider making a contribution towards the replacement costs. The Co-op subsequently donated £300 from their Community Funding which is much appreciated. The Clerk agreed to write a letter of thanks for the donation. Cllr Fletcher informed members that the electrical socket above the Pettifor Trust, which KCC paid to have installed, some years ago, has not been refitted following the refurbishment of the precinct canopies. Phillips Electrical have quoted £200 to replace the socket as a standalone job and Livingstone’s have, if required, agreed to cover this cost. Phillips Electrical will be asked to re-instate the socket when they install the Christmas lighting, which will be completed at a reduced cost. 	Sue Bagley	£9.99	Purchase of coloured paper for Rotunda	CCS	£4,240	Payment to CCS for Village floral decoration – already authorised.				Mrs S Bagley
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<p>Cllr Fletcher confirmed that he had attended this meeting with Cllr Robinson and shared the key matters discussed:</p> <p>The Commission are looking at three things as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation, abolition or merging of Communities and/or Community Wards. • The name of the Community and if there are wards within the Community, what their names would be. • Where changes are made to the boundaries, or the boundary wards, the number of Councillors representing the community would need to be set. <p>The policy on the number of Councillors per Town & Community Council was set by City Council. Based on this policy, given the current boundaries of Killay Community Council the number of Councillors would reduce from 15 to 11.</p> <p>An 8-week consultation period by the LDBC will be looking for submissions from Town and Community Councillors, City Councillors, any interested parties and members of the public. The closing date is 19 November 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher suggested that it may be necessary to hold a special meeting to discuss this further, and/or to hold a public meeting to gauge opinions of the general public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 8-week consultation period will run up to 19 November. The LDBC will then draft a proposal to be published at the end of spring 2024. • Following this, there will then be another 8-week consultation period with their proposals. • In 2024 the LDBC will present their proposal to the Welsh Government giving 6 weeks to approve it. Final approval would be expected early 2025. • All Town and Community Councils form part of this review. • Cllr Robinson stated that any changes arising from the review will take effect at the Local Elections in May 2027. • Cllr Fletcher suggested that members independently submit their own personal view and ideas to the LDBC via email by 19th November 2023 to consultations@boundaries.wales <p>Any questions prior to the October meeting please send to Cllr N Fletcher.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p>
<p>13. Items for future meeting (s)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 monthly review of KCC accounts – April to September 2023. • Kids Cancer Charity – deferred to February 2024. • £250 donation to Dunvant School - deferred. 	
<p>14. Any other business</p>	
<p>There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting closed at 9.02pm.</p>	