

KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 24TH APRIL 2024 – REPORTS

City Councillors Jeff & Mary Jones report

Vape shop Killay

We had received numerous complaints about the vape shop in the old Arnold's hairdressers concerning items they were selling. Last Thursday the vape shop was visited by Trading Standards, immigration and the police. Issues were identified and dealt with onsite. The shop was closed at the end of the visit due to issues identified on site. The shop can reopen and continue to trade but will be monitored for any further legal breaches.

Horses

We were alerted about a Facebook post of concern over the welfare of the horses down in the fields near Clyne Vallet cottages especially as one horse had foaled overnight in atrocious weather. Jeff arranged for Trading Standards to attend and they are monitoring the situation.

CWOT

The team are in Dunvant and Killay and we have asked them to finish the work in Ffordd Dryden and Lamb Lane and then a resident requested that Wimmerfield Crescent and Wimmerfield Avenue be tidied up. We have also asked that they start work on a footpath on Ffordd Taliesin clearing brambles and tidying it up.

Hendrefoilan House

The Placemaking Team in the planning department are working with the owners to try and obtain grants to help with the restoration of the building. There is an ongoing issue with the sawmills that are onsite but these are two separate issues.

St Modwen

After being approached by Mary St Modwen kindly donated £250 to Dunvant Social Centre to enable them to carry on with their monthly Film and Chat sessions.

Ridgeway

Following complaints from residents about the state of the bus stop on Ridgeway. We used some of our Community budget to have a concrete base put down.

Defibrillator

After seeking approval from Pobl Group we have used our Community Budget to have a defibrillator installed at St Nicholas Court .

Road markings

After reporting the bad state of the road markings on Goetre Fach Rd and Gower Rd we are pleased that they have now been repainted

especially the disabled bays. Disabled visitors to Siloam are now able to park safely and legally as previously they had problems.

City Cllr M Jones added to her report.

There is a delay until June with the electric charging points to be sited outside the Co-op store on Gower Road all three City Councillors agree that these points should be sited at a different location but so far there is no change.

Cllr Fletcher remarked that whilst the Co-op is undertaking its maintenance work, the majority of parking spaces will be taken up by contractors vehicles, can the work for the charging units can be delayed until this work is completed.

City Councillor Louise Gibbard report

Dunvant RFC Junior Rugby Festival

Dunvant RFC junior rugby festival is to take place weekend of 4-5 May. As you will recall there was some disruption to residents on and around Broadmead last year due to inconsiderate parking. I have arranged for Council parking enforcement to attend and asked them to focus on before the start of the event and during the 'switch over' in the middle of the day before the morning and afternoon sessions when more people will be trying to park. They can only enforce double yellow lines, dropped kerbs etc but hopefully their presence will be a deterrent to some of the parking too close to junctions, overhanging drives. I have also requested police support but they are very stretched for resources. Dunvant RFC will letter drop local residents and say they will deploy extra volunteer marshals to help direct traffic and instruct people where they can/can't park. They say there are more teams visiting from outside of Swansea and therefore coming on coaches this year so hopefully fewer cars. Coaches have been instructed to drop off only on Dunvant Rd near The Dunvant and park elsewhere.

Hendrefoilan Park- St Modwen

There has been some complaints about tree cutting on/around Dunvant Rd with some residents wanting further tree cutting and others requesting no more takes place. I have referred the issue to planning officers and they will liaise with St Modwen.

I have given my clarification on the footpath separately.

Street Signs

Highways are working their way through installation of next batch of replacement street signs I have reported in over the past year/18 months. Including in Killay:

☒ Coleridge Crescent

☒ Olchfa Lane

☒ Wimmerfield Drive

☒ Rowan Close

☒ And one on Clos Islwyn to right a previous anomaly in which it isn't clear which road a house belongs to (requested by residents)

Any others please let me know to add to list. Note there is a small budget o may not be able to be done for some months.

Active Travel Improvements

In last month's report I shared details of planned improvements to the Clyne Valley shared use path, mainly between Duvant and Gowerton including South of the old Killay station where the old bridge at the end of Clyne Valley Road exists. Works will be undertaken to re-establish the former railway drainage ditch at the foot of the cutting slope and ensure water remains in this ditch rather than be directed towards the main path which has resulted in erosion starting to occur. This should be starting shortly.

Defibrillator Training

Reminder, I have organised another annual training session with St Johns Cymru and Heartbeat Trust UK, to be held on Monday 29th January in St Hilary's (bottom hall). Sessions are at 6pm and 7.30pm and last an hour with time at the end for 'hands on' practice with the machines and dummies. Please contact me to book- 6pm is full but 2 places left on 7.30pm

Twmpath

Reminder, I am helping to organise a community Twmpath at Duvant Social Centre on Saturday April 27th to raise money for the centre and Nant Cillan Project. Suitable for everyone, should be great fun! £5 a ticket, contact me or the committee to book.

CWOT

Cleansing Ward Operative Team are in the ward this week, please let me know any issues you think they should tackle. Litter picking, cutting back, cleaning signs/ street furniture etc. We have them in Duvant and Killay 6 days every month. I have sent in a number of including clearing on some pavements around Broadmead.

Local Development Plan

KCC especially Planning committee might be interested to contribute to the new LDP

Note from Planning:

Swansea Local Development Plan 2023 – 2038 (LDP2)

I am writing to update you on the latest stage of the Swansea Local Development Plan 2023 – 2038. This new plan will provide a planning blueprint that replaces the existing Swansea Local Development Plan 2010-2025 and so is referred to as 'LDP2'.

We have reached an important early 'key stage' in the preparation of LDP2 and want to engage with our stakeholders on the aspects that will inform the future strategy for the plan.

This stage of LDP2 is about identifying the issues, opportunities and challenges facing Swansea, and defining a vision and overarching objectives that will address these and set the strategic agenda for the new development plan. At this stage we also need to identify the level of housing and jobs growth that LDP2 must provide for and consider how best to accommodate this growth spatially within the County.

Your views on these key elements can help us reach a consensus on these important underlying elements that will provide the building blocks of LDP2. This will inform the production of a draft 'Preferred Strategy' for wider public consultation later in 2024.

I would invite you to visit our exciting virtual exhibition room where you can view the consultation material in the comfort of your own home. You can also view the consultation documents on our planning webpages, where you can also find out further information about this key stage of the process.

As well as visiting our 'virtual room', drop-in sessions will be held in Swansea Central Library (Discovery Room) on May 7th and May 21st 2024 from 9:30am to 6:30pm, where officers will be available to discuss the consultation material. Please note the consultation will run until 11:59pm on 31st May 2024.

If you have a query about any aspect of LDP2, please contact us on ldp@swansea.gov.uk.

Friends of Dunvant Park

Friends of Dunvant Park celebrated its 10th birthday at its AGM on Monday 15th April. Thank you to KCC's Sarah Gee for joining us as our new Treasurer, and to Rhiannon Barrar for staying on as Vice Chair and of course Jo Fitton as Chair.

Mowing of the football pitch has started today and installation of the new posts, funded by Shared Prosperity Fund grant.

Cwtch Mawr

The Cabinet visited Cwtch Mawr multibank this week. It is a partnership between Swansea Council and Faith in Families, working with Amazon at the moment (with potentially other businesses joining in the future e.g. Ikea). Surplus and returned (but new) stock is donated to the hub and organisations can refer into it for essential items for individuals and families e.g. bedding, kitchen items, shoes, coats, cleaning products. KCC might wish to register as a partner to help support people in the community who are struggling?

Co-Op

I was unable to make the meeting with Dan, manager at the Gower Road co-op regarding the remodelling of the store but I am meeting him next week. Happy to follow up with him on any questions or comments KCC might have.

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

☑ Weekly “Thursday Social” at Dunvant Social Centre- all welcome, free. Hot drinks and biscuits/ toast/ crumpets etc and some weeks sessions including Energy Awareness, Scams Awareness, PCSOs, Chair exercises etc.

☑ Dunvant Social Centre Cinema & Chat ‘La La Land’

☑ Councillor Surgery

Upcoming

☑ Weekly “Thursday Social” at Dunvant Social Centre- all welcome, free. Hot drinks and biscuits/ toast/ crumpets etc and some weeks sessions including Fire Service, Energy Awareness, Scams Awareness, PCSOs, Chair exercises etc. This week a free Tai Chi session- seated or standing.

☑ Friday 26 April Community Cinema & Chat Dunvant Social Centre “The Great Escaper”

☑ Twmpath 27th April

☑ Defibrillator Training 29th April

☑ Saturday 4th May Councillor Surgery Killay Library 10-11am

☑ Sunday 5th May Kids Club at Dunvant Social Centre with “Puss in Boots the Last Wish” movie

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**Equalities & Action Plan – Cllr Sarah Gee
Minutes of meeting March 2024 –**

Equalities Action Group

Cllr Gee presented the draft KCC Equalities Plan for discussion. A final version of the action plan has been circulated with the minutes - this reflects discussion in the meeting confirming actions; action owners and target dates. Key points from the discussion:

- *The Community Contacts list will be updated periodically by the Social Media/Communications Group.*
- *A World Culture Event planning group was formed - to include Cllrs Linda Aubrey, Mary Idris, Mary Jones, and Dawn Morse (absent cllrs may wish to join the group). It was confirmed that budget provision has been made for an event for this financial year. Note - Following the meeting, Local Area Coordinator Sarah Davies, who was observing the meeting, offered support in facilitating this event.*
- *Following discussion, KCC confirmed that there was a collective councillor commitment to undertaking equalities training - it was noted that this would support and underpin KCC in fulfilling our equalities duties as a public body. Cllr Mary Jones noted that both school governors and city councillors undertake equalities training facilitated by the city and county council and she suggested that all community councillors should too. Cllr Jones will investigate the provision of such training.*
- *It was noted that the Equalities action plan (and others e.g.: Training Plan; Biodiversity Plan) will need to be monitored and reviewed periodically to ensure that actions are completed and plans are updated appropriately. Policy reviews (including the Equalities and Safeguarding policies) should be diarised annually.*
- *It was noted again that KCC need to schedule pop up events for this Summer to continue to raise public awareness about the work of the community council.*

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Equalities and Inclusion Action Plan

ACTION	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
Conduct an outreach programme, reflecting our duty to represent the interests of all parts of the community equally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Make contact with local umbrella organisations and groups representing different parts of our community and hold an engagement event. b) Collate a short report with findings from the above and any recommendations for KCC/others - building 	Equalities group	22 nd February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complete; separate meeting additionally held with Sketty Mosque b) Complete c) Complete

<p>these into this action plan as appropriate</p> <p>c) Share the report and action plan with attendees from the events, together with a contact list of attendees.</p>			
<p>Support the development of a local directory on KCC's website to include information on local activities and organisations and community venues.</p>	<p>Cllr Robinson with Local Area Coordinator and City Cllr Gibbard</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	
<p>Host an annual local networking meeting for community organisations, covering Killay and surrounding areas (to include neighbouring community councils) - per the event held in February 2024.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Event Group</p>	<p>Jan 2025 March 2025</p>	<p>Plan/invitations out Event</p>
<p>Develop (and periodically update) a community contacts list.</p>	<p>Cllr Gee and thereafter Social Media & Communications Group to update</p>	<p>Ongoing - review March annually</p>	
<p>Circulate information on events to relevant community organisations so that they can advise Killay residents in their membership and let them know that they are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>Ongoing - for each event</p>	
<p>Circulate details of community councillor and youth representative vacancies to relevant local community organisations, so that individuals from all sections of the community are aware of the opportunity to stand for election/co-option (subject to eligibility)</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>As vacancies are approved</p>	

<p>Promote and respect the Welsh language, as a Welsh Community Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Add bilingual headings on our website b) Translate posters for events into Welsh c) Introduce Welsh introductions/greetings in formal meetings 	<p>Cllr Barrar and Cllr Robinson</p>	<p>TBC Ongoing Ongoing</p>	
<p>Basic equality and inclusion training to be provided to community councillors - ideally via a dedicated, interactive evening session, perhaps up to 2 hours duration.</p>	<p>Cllr Mary Jones to investigate City Council training</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>	
<p>Produce a community profile for Killay and update this every three years</p> <p>- reports can now be produced from the Census 2021 data: Build a custom area profile - Census 2021, ONS</p> <p>- Latest Ward profiles produced by the City and County of Swansea (2023): Ward profiles - Swansea</p>	<p>Cllr Gee</p>		<p>Complete</p>
<p>That KCC explores delivery of an annual world culture event in partnership with Sketty Mosque and other relevant local groups, to promote understanding and awareness, and provide opportunities for residents to share their cultural heritage with one another.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group - Cllrs L Aubrey, M Idris, M Jones; D Morse</p>		<p>NB Budget provision made for 2024/25.</p>

Cllr Linda Aubrey – Crime figures for February.		Dunvant	Fairwood	Killay North	Killay South	
Anti social behaviour		2			1	
Burglary				1		
Criminal damage arson		1			1	
drugs						
Other theft		1				
Public order					.	
shoplifting					4	
Vehicle crime					1	
Violence and sexual offenses		4		1	1	