

Killay Community Council Councillor Reports – 26th March 2025

Appendix 1: City Councillors M Jones & J Jones (Mar 2025)

EVC's

We are still waiting for the bays to be marked out and the signage installed. All the electrical works have now been completed.

Dunvant Road Sink Hole

There have been some issues concerning waste not being collected from some of the properties near the sink hole, but it has been sorted out. There have been instances of driveways being blocked with materials and this is being sorted out with the Mining Remediation Authority. The council has also asked for an updated scheme of works as there have been some slight delays with materials being delivered.

CWOT

All our work has been in Dunvant this time but if anyone knows of any work that needs to be done in Killay please let us know

One Killay (Diversity event)

Jeff and I are donating money from our Community Fund to help with the costs for the event. We are waiting until the new financial year to organise it.

Critical Bleed Kits

The Critical Bleed kits have been installed in the 2 defibrillators which are jointly owned by KCC, Jeff and myself. They are outside Killay Pet Shop Broadmead and the Texaco garage corner of Wimmerfield Drive and Gower Road. Jeff and I have also paid from our Community budget to have another one installed in the defibrillator on Ffordd Taliesin. The new signage to follow.

After the previous meeting I spoke to someone at Heartbeat Trust regarding the kit that had appeared in one of our defibrillators and asked why it had been installed they thought it had been a good location even though they hadn't sought our permission. On instructions from KCC I asked them to remove it and they apologised and told me that they would install it in their defibrillator in Dunvant Rugby Club

Hendrefoilan House

Nigel asked if I could give an update on Hendrefoilan House. I have asked for the information prior to the previous meeting but unfortunately, I still haven't received it. The officer concerned only works part time and has to deal with their enforcement work and has also been on leave.

I have asked the Head of Planning control if they could update me, but I haven't had any update. As soon as I receive anything I will email it out

Digital Connectivity and Information event

Please see below information regarding a Digital Connectivity and Information event being held on April 1st. If possible, please could you share the below information with any individuals or organisations that you think would benefit from attending.

Do you or someone you know need advice on how to get online?

Do you want to improve your digital skills?

Are you worried about online safety?

Do you work or volunteer with an organisation tackling digital exclusion?

Come along to our free drop-in Digital Connectivity and Information event in the city centre on Tuesday April 1st.

Running between 10am and 12 noon at the St David's Collaboration Station (former Cranes music store) in the old St David's Shopping Centre it includes:

- Information stands
- Presentations in relation to 'Online Scams' and BT's new home phone service, 'Digital Voice'
- Q&A sessions with various organisations working to promote Digital Inclusion

For more information email: broadband@swansea.gov.uk

Appendix 2: City Councillor L Gibbard (Mar 2025)

Casework

- As always, I have responded to a number of residents throughout the month regarding individual personal circumstances including trees overhanging onto property, housing queries, refuse, traffic around schools

CJ's Snack Shop

- Have received complaints that the now closed CJ Snack Shop has the light up signage on 24/7. Am trying to get this turned off!

Clyne Valley Path

- Further to previous notices, in order to complete improvements to the Clyne Valley Path, the path will need to be closed between 25th and 27th March to carry out resurfacing works.
- The path will be closed between the Railway Inn to the ponds between 9am-3.30pm on those 3 days.
- Signage is in place to warn users to of the closures. Once complete, the new widened surface will provide a significant improvement for the users of this well-used route.
- I also met this month with Prof. Matt Howell, a sociology lecturer at Swansea University who lives in the ward and is applying for funding to conduct research on use of the path- who does and doesn't use it and why, what issues occur with shared use etc.

Councillor Surgery

- I am away the first weekend in April, so there will be no Councillor surgery in Killay Library this month. Apologies, I am as always available to meet residents outside of this time and contactable by phone/ email/ Facebook or grab me in the street or at an event!

CWOT & Litter Picking

- A new team have taken over litter picking for roads without pavements, they had to be trained and appropriate risk assessments in place so there has been some delay getting around to doing roads I've requested e.g. Hendrefoilan Road (lane) but they are working through them.
- CWOT did a fantastic job in Dunvant Park around the MUGA and around junction of Clyne Valley/ Gower Rd cleaning the signs, safety bollards, moss etc. I've submitted some further Dunvant jobs this month, as always please let me know any that need doing (litter picking, cutting back, cleaning etc)

Daffodils & Wildflowers

- The new daffodil bulbs I had planted in the autumn are looking lovely in the sunshine now, Killay sites are Gower Rd outside the Black Boy and Goetre Fawr Rd outside the Surgery.
- Wildflowers are on order for the usual locations

Defibrillator, CPR and Critical Bleed Training

- This took place on Monday 24th March, two well attended sessions with St John Ambulance Cymru and Heartbeat Trust UK.

Dunvant Park

- Cllrs Jeff Jones, Mary Jones and I have been approached by Killay AFC regarding using the football pitch in Dunvant Park. It would be good to see improvements made to the playing surface and facilities, but I am adamant that community use should be maintained. Sports Development, Community Development and Parks officers are going to liaise to have a site meeting with the football team and Friends of Dunvant Park to explore further. No date arranged as yet.

Grass Fires

- There have been a number of grass fires over recent weeks on Fairwood Common, and also on the hill between Killay/ Hendrefoilan and Dunvant/ Waunarlyydd.
- Mid and West Wales Fire Service shared the following message which is useful for people to know: "Our Control Centre is currently receiving a high number of calls relating to grass fires, if your life or property are in immediate danger from a wildfire, please call 999 right away. For updates on ongoing incidents, check our social media channels to see if our crews are already responding to the fire. By doing this, you help us avoid overwhelming our control room operators with repeat calls, allowing them to manage resources effectively and assist those in urgent need. Thank you for your support!"

International Women's Day

- Community Councillors may be interested in the motion I put forward to full council for International Women's Day; "International Women's Day 2025 "Accelerating Action on Violence Against Women and Girls" I wrote and proposed the motion, which was seconded by my colleague Cllr Alyson Anthony. Many members spoke passionately in support, sharing their own experiences. It was passed unanimously.
- I was honoured to have been invited to the unveiling of the Purple Plaque for Killay (/Sketty) born Amy Dillwyn on the wall of the 'Green Room' in the park which bears her name next to the Arena. I have been liaising with Purple Plaques in my role as Council Champion for Women, this is a national scheme to honour Welsh women and redress the balance whereby women are underrepresented in many other blue plaque schemes, monuments, statues and street names (<https://purpleplaques.wales/>). The location was chosen as it is on the route Amy would have taken en route to her office in Cambria Place.
- I also spent the evening attending the Technocamps International Women's Day Gala which was a fantastic inspirational event celebrating women in STEM and their work to encourage more girls to study these subjects and work in the sector. Based in Swansea University, Technocamps go into local schools and hold competitions, workshops and teacher training events. More info <https://www.technocamps.com/en/>

Thursday Social

- The 'Swansea Spaces' grant for the Thursday Social at Dunvant Social Centre runs out end of March, but I have agreed to fund a further month from my Community Budget as it's popular. Last of the fortnightly sessions of chair yoga/ tai chi/ stretching with instructor Julie Copp is this Thursday. Last week we had a great session from Age Cymru on digital devices, and we had a go with Virtual Reality Headsets! All welcome, free, every Thursday 2-4pm

VE Day

- If KCC are not organising a VE Day event this year due to the market, world culture event etc I have discussed with Dunvant Social Centre holding an event there. Just a simple 'street party' style in the hall, bring a plate, teas & coffees served, children's activities, VE Day quiz, music etc. Happy to involve KCC as it will be open to both Dunvant and Killay residents of course, but don't want to clash with anything you have planned.

Yr Storfa Visit

- Cabinet had the opportunity to visit the former BHS building on Oxford Street which is being transformed into Yr Storfa, which will house the Library, West Glamorgan Archive Service, and Swansea Council customer services (currently in the Civic Centre), as well as other local organisations and council departments. It's been a hugely complicated project but is making good progress now and is a vital part of Council strategy to improve footfall in the City Centre and support businesses.

Woodcote Pump Track

- As previously reported, funds have been made available for community projects and myself and Cllrs Jeff and Mary Jones and Cllr Paxton Hood-Williams were successful in achieving funding towards refurbishment of

the pump track at Woodcote. The package has been out to tender which closed on 13th Feb but unfortunately no firms applied so it will have to go back out again.

Twmpath

- I'd be grateful if KCC could share details of the Twmpath I'm organising with Dunvant Social Centre April 12th 6-9pm, tickets £5, Bring your Own drinks, raffle. Families welcome (free for under 14s). Booking essential please contact me (Poster attached). All proceeds towards the Centre and Nant Cillan Project.

Other local Activities attended (in Killay or open to Killay residents):

- Weekly 'Thursday Social' at Dunvant Social Centre
- Dunvant Social Centre Kids Club – activities and The Incredibles on the big screen, Sunday 23rd Feb
- Councillor Surgery Dunvant Social Centre Saturday 1 March 10-11am
- 12th March Local Policing Sector meeting with Inspector Lynne Bowen and local councillors
- Friends of Dunvant Park volunteer morning Saturday 15th March
- Wellbeing Walk in the Park with Friends of Dunvant Park Friday 21 March
- Discover Killay Market Saturday 22 March

Other upcoming Activities (in Killay or open to Killay Residents):

- Weekly 'Thursday Social' at Dunvant Social Centre
- Kids Club at Dunvant Social Centre Sunday 30th March 3-5pm "Inside Out"
- Community Cinema & Chat at Dunvant Social Centre Friday 28th March (The Critic)

Appendix 3: Social Media and Marketing Cllr Mary Idris. (Mar 2025)

KCC Facebook performance report for the previous 28 days

24th February - 23rd March 2025

Followers:1965 (+2.2% on previous 28 days).

Engagements: 13.9k (+1254% on prev. 28 days).

Views:103,860 (+303.9% on prev. 28 days).

Interactions: 2060 (+329% on prev 28 days).

Our Audience

UK 98.7%

Australia 0.3%

Canada 0.2%

NZ 0.2%

Rest of the world 0.6%

Gender: Women 73%. Men 27%

Examples of top contents. There were so many views in the past 28 days so this report will focus on the over 1000 view mark:

Views:

2468, Best dressed Window.1.3.25

2234, 'We are absolutely thrilled...' 22.3.25

1931, Olchfa band. 22.3 25

1780, Reel of Market. 22 3.25

1691, Blue Sky thinking. 26.3.25

1442, Killay businesses. 27.3.25

1421, 'Diolch yn fawr...' 7.3.25

1389, Cllr L Aubrey Box Topper. 22.3.25

1379, Scam warning. 13.3.25

1103, Photos of 'Discover Killay'. 21.3.25

All data is provided by Face book.

Appendix 4: Social Media and Marketing Cllr B Rowe. (Mar 25)

Acceptance of Welsh Logo – As you are aware I've designed a new Welsh logo, I have been using this on media but I'm not sure if we need to officially Accept it as a Welsh logo .

Unofficial WhatsApp group - I have tried to make everyone aware of a WhatsApp group I have set up to try and include those not on social media . It will have general info and posts on socials. Anyone is welcome whether they are on or off social media.

Anything of greater importance will be circulated to all Cllrs as I did on 22nd when we were tagged on a group "Dunvant & Killay" regarding a business / council notice.

Jim and Mary were informed immediately followed by a WhatsApp message to all.

Market - Huge positive response regarding market on socials with LOTS of people asking it to be regular.

Currently one negative response regarding lack of advertising – lack of Facebook advertising and lack of posters – I feel we must have advertised well as the turnout was huge .

Council tax - One comment noted on socials asking who KCC were after receiving council tax bill - Jim personally responded inviting them to chat at market and we immediately made sure our meeting information was on our socials allowing people to attend if they wish.

PROW

Cllr Barrar mentioned in prow WhatsApp chat that PROW reports had not been put on social media.

I have said I will make sure these now get posted and designed a flyer for our February report which is now on our Facebook.

If anybody has anything relevant to Killay KCC or Killay related they wish me to post please email me or WhatsApp me with info as I sometimes miss the KCC messages in the larger group. Photos are great e.g. post box topper

Appendix 5: Public Rights of Way Cllr N Fletcher (Mar 2025)

A walk from Hendrefoilan Road up KI113, across KI114, onwards to KI116 to SK107.

Continuing down KI117 to KI104 and then back along Hendrefoilan Road to KI115.

Taking an unmarked unofficial path down through the woods to Hendrefoilan Road near the Miners Library and up through KI102 to Hendrefoilan school.



1. Signage at bottom of KI113 off Hendrefoilan Road



2. Fallen tree across KI113 (reported on-line to PROW problems 6/3/25)



3. Kissing gate from KI113 to KI114.

There is no signage to inform walkers where this footpath would lead (which is Pastoral Way, Tycoch)



4. Kissing gate and normal gate between the fields across the ridge on KI114



5. Bracken on KI114 – This may have naturally died back over winter, but also appears that it may have been trampled – which is a method to control its growth.



6. Evidence of bonfire and litter on KI116



7. General photos of horses in the fields above KI116 on the ridge



8. Signage on Pastoral Way, Sketty to SK107

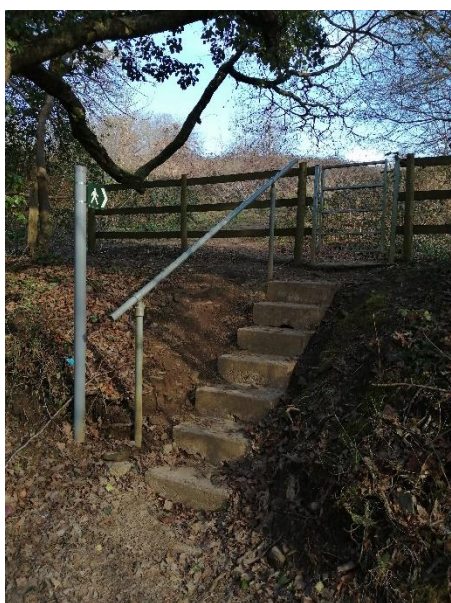


9. Area near the water tower, Tycoch where SK107 meets to top of KI117.

There is no signage to inform walkers that KI117 leads down to Hendrefoilan Road



10. Signage on Hendrefoilan Road at bottom of KI117



11. Signage at top and bottom of KI104. KI104 comes out at entrance to Hendrefoilan House.



12. Litter on Hendrefoilan Road.

It is noted in the latest issue of the Liberal Democrats Focus newsletter (Issue 50) that arrangements are in hand to litter pick and road sweep Hendrefoilan Road.



13. Signage at bottom and top of KI115



14. Unofficial, but well trod path from a position west of the junction of KI115 and KI116, which leads back through the woods to Hendrefoilan Road. Evidence of anti-social behaviour on the northern side of Hendrefoilan Road, near the Miners library.



15. KI102 from Hendrefoilan Road and crossing through Byron Way



16. KI102 comes out on Coleridge Crescent.

There is no signage to show that KI102 goes uphill to come out on Ffordd Taliesin.



17. General view of the area above Hendrefoilan Road from Ffordd Taliesin.



18. KI102 – off Ffordd Taliesin

Both sections of KI102 that come out on Byron Way and alongside Hendrefoilan school were checked and no problems found.

Appendix 6: List of Banking Transactions by Date Clerk (Sue Bagley)

Date	Type	Payee	Payment for	Budget	Amount
27.02.25	FPO	S Bagley	Salary	Clerk Salary	£549.94
27.02.25	FPO	S Bagley	Expenses	Clerk Expenses	£31.80
03.03.25	FPO	Ceridwen Theatre	Market	Discover Killay	£660.00
03.03.25	FPO	Rhiannan Barrar	Bunting	St David's Day Event	£30.15
03.03.25	FPO	Urban Foundry	Market	Discover Killay	£2,646.00
06.03.25	FPO	Siloam Chapel	Hall Hire	Training Day	£50.00
10.3.25	DD	YU Energy	Electricity	Electricity	£7.27
17.03.25	FPO	Red Shiny Apples	Training	Training Day	£401.10
18.03.25	Pay	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Service Charge	Service Charge	£4.25
24.03.2025		Balance	£5,002.21		

Appendix 7: Planning Report Cllr J Fitton (February 2025)

Items for discussion

Nothing of note was brought forward by the Planning Committee.

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>.

Appendix 8: Crime Figures for Killay

At the January meeting it was proposed that the Crime figures should be presented with a comparable period to put the numbers in context.

For information, the table below shows the combined reported crime statistics for Dunvant, Fairwood, Killay North & Killay South in 2024*.

The table compares January-December 2022, 2023 and 2024

The total number of crimes recorded in 2024 is 47 less than 2023.

	Jan-Dec 2022	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Difference 2024 v 2023
Violence & sexual offences	111	125	120	-5
Shop lifting	23	60	40	-20
Public order	33	40	38	-2
Anti-social behaviour – ASB	40	46	24	-22
Other theft	17	15	22	+7
Vehicle crime	18	5	14	+9
Criminal damage & arson	23	24	13	-11
Other 7 categories of crime	21	20	17	-3
Total	286	335	288	-47

Dunvant	112	116	79	-37
Fairwood	74	69	77	+8
Killay North	30	36	38	+2
Killay South	70	114	94	-20
Total	286	335	288	-47

*Source: www.police.uk

The largest differences between 2024 and 2023 were a decrease in reported ASB from 46 to 24 (-22) and Shop-lifting crimes from 60 to 40 (-20)

All 40 shop lifting crimes occurred in Killay South.

Note: As discussed at PACT meetings (pre-Covid 2020), the figures document every crime reported immediately it has been taken as a 111 or 999 call.

If a PC/PCSO investigates and decides that no crime has actually been committed, it is administratively difficult to have the crime de-listed.