

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENNARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 8.17pm VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllr Susan Rodaway SER (Chair), Cllr Rachel Carter REC, Cllr Sally Rogers SR, Cllr Keith Atkins KA, Cllr Jean Marnell JM, Cllr Arthur Rogers AR. Cllr Lynda James LJ, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllr Angela M Brunt, Cllr Emma Roberts.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Rodaway and A Rogers declared an interest in point 7

**Questions from the Public (limited to 10 minutes)**

**1. To Appoint a Vice Chair**

Cllr Rachel Carter agreed to take up the Vice Chair role.

**Proposed by REC seconded by AR agreed by all**

**2. Update on Application to RDP for funding for Community Garden**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the RDP application which had been sent in to the LEADER team and explained the next stage was a presentation meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

**3. To Discuss and agree application to Pennant Homes for Site Clearance and initial works for Community Garden**

Cllr Rodaway gave a brief outline of the scheme and it was agreed that we would apply for assistance to clear the Community Garden.

**Proposed by REC seconded by AR agreed by all.**

**4. To Discuss and agree recommendation to Full Council to change Council website URL to pennardcc.gov.uk**

An amendment to this motion was proposed to replace pennardcc.gov.uk with pennard.gov.uk

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**The amendment was proposed by AR seconded by SER agreed by all with 1 abstention LJ.**

The proposal to change the Council website URL to pennard.gov.uk was discussed and proposed it be recommended to Full Council the Clerk was asked to investigate costs.

**Proposed by KA seconded by REC agreed by all with 1 abstention LJ**

**5. To Discuss and agree recommendation to Full Council to provide Councillors and staff with.gov.uk email addresses**

This was discussed and due to the number of emails received was welcomed by all committee members.

**Proposed by REC seconded by JM agreed by all**

**6. To discuss and agree recommendations from the Website Working Group for new Council website needs and to agree to get 3 quotes.**

Cllr Rodaway shared the proposed website wire frame diagram compiled by the Web Site Working Group.

Cllr James asked that it be sent round to everyone for comment once it had been typed up.

**Proposed by KA seconded by AR agreed by all**

**7. To discuss and agree a set timescale for upload of ideas for voting for the Participatory budgets for Youth and Environmental Projects, along with a set voting period and evaluation period to be communicated to residents**

Cllr Rodaway explained the rationale behind the idea of setting a timed consultation period regarding the ideas currently on the platform and Cllr A Rogers asked if the committee for their views. The discussion was handed over to Cllr Carter to lead.

Cllr James agreed that this would need to be well advertised and setting a deadline may encourage more people to take part. It was also agreed that the ideas which had been implemented should also be published more widely. Committee members were asked to give the matter some thought for a future meeting.

**8. To discuss and review wildflower hedgerows in the Playing field and Burial Ground following the distribution of wildflower meadow hay and yellow rattle seeds and discuss planting plans for the coming months.**

The Clerk shared some photos she had taken recently of the Field and Burial Ground verges. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Field should not be cut yet but advice would be sought as to the best time to do this. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether we would be able to obtain wildflower hay from the National Trust this year.

**9. Climate Emergency Plan**

**a. To agree to re-visit funding options for improvement to energy efficiency of Community Hall**

It was agreed to pursue this and revisit at a later meeting. The Clerk or Admin Assistant will seek out potential funds and schemes available.

**b. To discuss options researched to move Council to more ethical banking solutions.**

Cllr A Rogers had made several enquiries and reported that currently, the options for moving the Council current account were very limited due to the structure of a Community Council and the fact it is not registered as a business at Companies House. However, it is possible to move the savings accounts to Nationwide which is a more ethical banking institution than the Council's current bank. It was agreed to take this proposal to the next Full Council Meeting.

#### **10. Update on Community Hub feasibility plan - phase 2**

The Clerk and Cllr James had started to look at the tender documentation but it still needed some work as it is not complete. It was suggested that the Community Hub Working Group be reinstated for help drawing up the documents and moving the project on. This will be taken to Full Council for agreement.

Meeting Closed at 9.24pm