

Port Eynon Community Council

Notes of a Regular Council Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025 at The Old Pharmacy, Scurlage.

Present Councillors: Robert Fisher, Sheila Fisher, Martin Cox, Gareth Jones

Apologies: Gareth Jones, Barry Stubbings - Clerk;

In Attendance Mrs Judy Chappell of Ty Gwyr, Monksland Road, Scurlage

1. Declarations of Interest - None

2. Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 24th October 2025 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr. Martin Coc, seconded by Cllr. Sheila Fisher, agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising There were none other than what would be considered via the Agenda items.

4. Ongoing Matters in Consideration

- Traffic Speed at Scurlage and Port Eynon Hill – No further developments. Clerk to provide information and costing for gateway signage to Scurlage village.
- Port Eynon Village Green – Application for transfer of ownership from City Council (made in May 2022). Clerk advised that the officer dealing with this in the City Council was no longer an employee and attempts to resurrect the matter by telephone and e-mail had been unsuccessful. He had written on 14th Feb. to C&CS Corporate Property. Clerk to write to Richard Lewis to request assistance in resolving this issue.
- Scurlage Village Green. Council noted that there were a further number of the timber posts at the edge of the green to be replaced.
- Flooding and Drainage – Noted that C&CS had been carrying out a survey of the drainage ditches and some clearance of vegetation.
- Footpaths at Salisbury Close, Scurlage - require attention. Clerk to write to Sketty Housing Association

5. Finance

Clerk advised the committee that as he was unwell the accounts had not been prepared for the meeting, but would be available as soon as is possible.

Planning

Clerk advised that there had been the following new applications:-

Retention and completion of replacement dwelling approved under application 2018/2646/FUL (as amended by non-material amendments 2019/1263/NMA & 2023/0431/NMA) including removal of conditions 4,5 and 6 and variation of conditions 3, 7, 8, 9 & 10 of planning permission 2018/2646/FUL, to allow details to be agreed after development commences.

Decisions

Clerk conveyed the following decisions reached by City Council:

2025/1981/TEM | Use of land for the siting of 5 touring caravans from Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is the earlier) to 31st October 2026 (inclusive) and Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is the earlier) to 31st October 2027 (inclusive) | Field 4641 Moor Corner Farm Port Eynon Swansea SA3 1NJ **APPROVE**

2025/1881/ELD | Two bedroom cottage used as a self contained residential dwelling house (Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness) | Milan Cottage Overton Lane Port Eynon Swansea SA3 1NR. **NOT LAWFULL, EXISTING**

2025/1719/FUL | Creation of wildlife pond | The Lanches Llandewi Reynoldston Swansea SA3 1AU. **APPROVE**

6 **Highways, Footpaths & Drainage**

No new items were raised.

7 **Correspondence**

Clerk advised that he had nothing to report.

8 **Communications, Notice Boards, Etc**

Clerk had nothing to report.

However, Mrs Judy Chappell informed the committee that she had updated the community council minutes on the website. Mrs Judy Chappell also mentioned that she would also put them out on a 'Whats App' message to the local groups.

9 Defibrillators

Cllr Robert Fisher confirmed that he had been in contact with the contractor who has now installed a new defibrillator cabinet in Scurlage on the left-hand side of the village shop., and reused the old defibrillator from the outside of the Pharmacy. The old defibrillator cabinet on the toilet block had now been replaced with a new cabinet. The cabinet on the wall to the Port Eynon Village-hall had been replaced, with the old one, which had been fitted with a new door retained for use elsewhere.

10 Village Halls

Port Eynon Hall - Cllr. S. Fisher advised of matters considered at the recent meetings of the Port Eynon Village Hall Committee, but which did not impact on Port Eynon Community Council.

Llandewi Hall - The clerk had advised the committee that Boer Wilson, solicitors, had offered to take on the legal pursuit of the Land Registry Title on behalf of the Llanddewi Hall management Committee. This, Barry advised, would be CIRCA £1,000.00. It was agreed by those present that the community council would spend that sum of money.

11 Knelston School

The school had asked the Community Council if they could have a contribution towards the purchase of some special 'Safe Guarding Software'.. It was agreed by those present that this specialist software should be provided by the education department of the City Council and not paid for by the Community Council.

12 Village Greens

Scurlage: – As it had been agreed, the community council purchased a Christmas tree for Scurlage and Councillor Robert Fisher would arranged for its installation.

Port Eynon: - The community Council purchased a Christmas tree for Port Eynon.

13 Knelston Burial Ground.

Clerk advised that there were no matters for consideration of the Council, however, Councillor Gareth Jones was to review the condition of the existing hedge and advise on any works necessary to maintain the boundary.

14 Any Other Business –

It had been brought to attention of councillors R. Fisher and Mrs S. Fisher that there was no cash point facility anywhere close enough to most of the villages of South and West Gower for the local residents and the general-public who had no transport to be able to withdraw cash. The nearest cash point was now in Penclawdd or Killay, both being more than 10 miles from Scurlage. This is considered as unacceptable to the local residents, together with the many thousands of tourists who visit this part of Gower every year.

The Port Eynon residents appreciated the purchase of the wooden painted soldier which was placed adjacent to the memorial in Port Eynon.

The timber path from Port Eynon to Horton was now in a very poor condition, and although City Councillor Mr Richard Lewis has listed this as a priority to be replaced or repaired this year, it has not yet been repaired or replaced. In addition, the dangerously exposed wire fencing, from a much earlier attempt to stop the erosion of the sand dunes, had also been mentioned by Cllr Richard Lewis as a priority item to be tackled this year, but had yet to be dealt with.

Once again, the condition of the frontage to Port Eynon beach adjacent to the disabled car-parking and seating areas and the frontage to the beach generally was in a poor state, especially considering this was apparently a 'Blue Flag' status beach.

The previously mentioned 'Gateway Sign' into Scurlage was raised again, with an emphasis on moving this proposal forward with the addition of some planting beds.

The possibility of there being hanging flower baskets in Scurlage was raised, and the clerk would be asked to see if this is something the City Council could provide.

There had been a **community workshop** held in partnership with the **Emergency Planning Team from the City and County of Swansea** in attendance in Rhossili Village Hall, to help to **create their own local emergency plan**. Both Sheila and I attended and found it most useful, which would be developed further by Rhossili Community Council and forwarded to us for the development of our Emergency Plan. One idea that came up during the meeting was to identify all the properties in the local area placed on a map, with both post codes and possibly referencing 'WhatThreeWords', which would be available to locals, tourists and delivery people alike.

It had been brought to the attention of Councillor R. Fisher once again, of the problems created by the Motor Cross events at Margam Corner Farm, with the creation of noise and pollution. R. Fisher had also looked into this and together with information given to him, a would prepare a submission to be brought to the community council for submission to the National Resources Wales. It was stated that the City Council were apparently not concerned with the control of these regular events.

Next meeting – Monday 19th January 2025 at The Old Pharmacy.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair thanked all in attendance and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Barry Stubbings (Clerk)

Robert Fisher (Chair)

Notes of an urgent meeting of Port Eynon Community Council held on 5th January 2026

Present: Councillors Robert Fisher. Sheila Fisher, Marton Cox. Gareth Jones and Dawn Roberts

In attendance Barry Stubbings (clerk) and Judy Chapell (Web site administrator and Clerk to Rhossilli Community Council)

Purpose: An urgent meeting was convened to review the Proposal made at a public meeting in December 2025 to implement a High Ropes Activity Centre in Port Eynon.

Cllr Robert Fisher took the chair and introduced the topic for discussion as an open public presentation made in December at the Port Eynon Village Hall, by Ms. Ceri Butcher, the activities co-ordinator for Borva House, Swansea City Council. The presentation was attended by Cllrs Robert Fisher, Sheila Fisher, Dawn Waterman and Judy Chapell all in a personal capacity. All had clearly come away from the presentation as being not in favour of such a development.

The development proposal was to erect on the area of the overflow car park a number of towers of up to 30 m. height and with ropeways strung between them. The installation would be surrounded by 2 metre high chain link security fencing and would occupy the whole of the overflow car park area.

Clerk reminded the Council that Ms Butcher, an employee of Swansea City Council had made a preliminary presentation to the Community Council three or four months previously following which the Council had made a clear response that such a proposal would not be welcomed by the Council or the local community. A written response had been made to Ms. Butcher.

Aspects of the proposal were discussed including the assertion made by Ms. Butcher at the public meeting that grant funding application to the City Council had been successful and that outline discussions with related Departments of the City Council including Planning had been undertaken and received favourable responses. Cllr Fisher pointed out that no preliminary planning application had been recorded in the City Council Planning Portal.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the impact on the Community, the lack of local need, the suggested pricing structure of £20 to use the facility, the loss of parking space in summer months vs increase in demand, etc., etc. Also the apparent misuse of grant funding. The Clerk pointed out that Ms. Butcher had been instrumental in recently creating a similar facility at Stouthall Manor which he understood had ceased to generate footfall and had been shut down prematurely.

It was agreed to prepare detailed representations to the relevant parties including the following; setting out the objections understood to be representative of the community and particularly of the Community Council:

Member of Parliament, Ms Tonia Antoniazza
Welsh Assembly Member – Ms Rebecca Evans
City and County of Swansea - Planning Department
City Councillor – Mr. Richard Lewis
The Gower Society – Chair and secretary
Gower Area of Natural Beauty – co-ordinator
The Gower Forum – co-ordinator

The meeting then recapped on routine matters concerning the Community Council, including a successful approach to South Gower sports Club to use the Club facilities for future meetings.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m. and it was agreed for the Council to meet again on 16th February 2026 at the South Gower Sports Club premises.