

PORT EYNON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 26th May 2025 at The Old Pharmacy, Scurlage

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Present: Cllr. R. Fisher, Cllr. S. Fisher; Cllr. G. Jones.

In attendance: Mr. B. Stubbings (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Martin Cox, Cllr. Gareth Evans

Chair person: Cllr. R. Fisher took the Chair.

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the AGM held on 4th June 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting and no comments had been received. Cllr. S. Fisher proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, the proposal was seconded by Cllr. G. Jones and agreed by all. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

3. Election of Chairperson.

Cllr. G. Jones proposed that Cllr. Robert Fisher be re-elected as Chairperson for the forthcoming year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. S. Fisher. There being no other proposals, the meeting duly re-elected Cllr. R. Fisher by unanimity. Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr. R. Fisher for his tireless work in chairing the Council during the past year.

4. Election of Vice Chairperson.

The post was left in abeyance.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr. R. Fisher presented a report of activities during the past year:

Following what has been a further busy year I am able to report that the Community Council met regularly throughout the year and conducted their responsibilities as Community Councillors.

The Council is still not at full strength and we continue to look for persons to join the Council particularly from the communities of Knelston and Port Eynon.

The Knelston Church Burial ground continues to be assisted with donations from the community council and is well maintained. Donations have been made to St David's Church and St. Cattwg's Church to assist in the cost of maintaining their churchyards.

Each year we organise in conjunction with Swansea City Council, to have some flower beds seeded with natural wild-flowers, and the City Council have recently treated the areas and seeded the ground.

The community council continues to liaise with Knelston Primary School to provide support in purchasing items that will assist the children's development.

The Community Council continued with a programme of maintenance and updating of the present network of four public access defibrillators. There are plans to relocate the present unit in Scurlage from the Medical Centre to the Village Shop.

As a Community Council we represent the views of the community on planning matters, providing comment to the City Council on all new planning applications and apparent abuse of planning permissions. We do however, sometimes wonder if our views are taken into account when planning decisions are reached.

We continue to ask the City council to look into many matters on a regular basis and the following are some examples:

- Vehicle speeding through the villages. The City Council have responded to our request and have carried out traffic speed surveys in Knelston and Scurlage which confirm that vehicles were on occasions exceeding the prescribed speed limit. Mobile Speed camera units have periodically been sited at Knelston with considerable success. We continue to press for similar action at Scurlage but unfortunately to no avail.
- Unauthorised and random road-side signage.
- Drainage issues in Scurlage.
- The state of the roads and the number of pot holes.
- The dire state of Port Eynon Beach, and the sea frontage.

The Council continues to support the Port Eynon Village Hall on various matter. It also continued our dialogue with the trustees of Llandewi village Hall to either bring the hall back into regular usage or to re-deploy the asset for the further benefit of the community.

Cllr. G. Jones proposed that the Chairman's report be accepted with thanks to Cllr. R. Fisher. This proposition was seconded by Cllr. S. Fisher and accepted by all.

6. Financial Report:

Clerk advised that the year-end bank balances were as follows:

Current Account	£7,135.89
Savings Account	£5,394.83
Knelston Burial Ground Account	£435.00

Income and expenditure accounts were tabled and approved by all present.

The Clerk provided a brief review of expenditure throughout the year noting that overall expenditure on the current account at £6,920.

Clerk presented a budget for the forthcoming year of £8,500 based on the past year expenditure, and need for further expenditure to expand the network defibrillators.

After discussion it was agreed that the precept application for 2025 should be increased at £8,500 per annum. It was agreed to increase the donation for each of the churchyards at Llandewi and Port Eynon to £400

Cllr. S. Fisher proposed that the proposed budget for 2024-2025 be accepted and that the precept application be £8,500. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. G. Jones and approved unanimously.

Council agreed that Mr Stephen Heard should again be requested to act as Internal Auditor.

7. Code of Conduct & Standing Orders

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to be made to the 'Code of Conduct' or to the 'Standing Orders'.

8 Register of Members Interests

All Councillors confirmed that they had no real or material interests in the usual business of the Community Council.

9 Committees

- It was unanimously agreed, in the absence of any counter proposals, that Cllr. S. Fisher would continue as representative at the Port Eynon Village Hall Management Committee.
- It was unanimously agreed, in the absence of any counter proposals, that Cllr. S. Fisher should continue to liaise with Knelston School.
- It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. R. Fisher should represent the Council on the Management Trust for Knelston Chapel Burial Ground, noting that the Clerk also was in attendance to this Trust.

10 Resignations

The Chair person noted that during the year he had received resignations from Cllrs Charlotte Ellis and Bryn Davies and there was an urgent need to secure the participation of residents in the business of the Council.

11 Date of Next Meeting – was provisionally set as Monday 18th May 2026, venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 7:00 pm.

B. J. Stubbings, (Clerk)

R. Fisher Chairperson