



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Gower AONB Partnership Annual Meeting**

Reynoldston Village Hall - Church Meadow, Reynoldston,
Gower, Swansea, SA3 1AA

Monday, 24 June 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor P Lloyd (Chair) Presided

Councillors

M C Child
L James

J P Curtice
A H Stevens

P R Hood-Williams

Also Present:

R Button
G Howe
B Parry
R Vine
J McGregor
A R Jones
J Probert
M Dobbins
H Jones
M Jones
G Evans
A Berry
E Harris

S Crocker
M Lewis
D P Tucker
J Doyle
I Button
J Chambers
M Ap Gwent
S Samuel
J France
R Fisher
R Evans
P Thornton
R Harris

S Heard
H Osborn
D Vine
A Glass
P Jenkins
H Roberts
G Ap Gwent
L Roblin
R Kirby
S Fisher
S Berry
P Lanfear

Officer(s)

Tom Evans
Chris Lindley
Paul Meller
Jeremy Parkhouse
Mike Scott

Principal Planning Officer (Policy)
Gower AONB Team Leader
Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Gower AONB Officer

Apologies for Absence

S Hill, K E Marsh

1 Welcome and Introductions.

The Chair welcomed all present to Reynoldston Village Hall and commenced proceedings.

2 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

3 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group Meeting held on 25 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

None.

5 Terms of Reference. (For Information)

The Terms of Reference were reported 'for information'.

6 Presentation - The Work and Roles of the Gower AONB Partnership & Gower AONB Team.

Mike Scott, Gower AONB Officer provided a presentation on the work of the Gower AONB Partnership. He outlined the Gower AONB designation, the role of the Gower AONB Partnership and the work of the AONB Team within the City and County of Swansea.

7 Presentations: -

- Gower Commoners

Peter Lanfear, Gower Commoners provided a presentation on the work of the Gower Commoners. He highlighted speeding traffic on the commons, loss of livestock due to traffic accidents and the loss of habitat on the commons due to the significant reduction in livestock grazing the commons.

- Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Hamish Osborn, NRW provided a presentation on the role and work of NRW. He outlined the role of the organisation within the Gower AONB, including examples of work on Gower; the work of NRW with regards to forestry management and water quality; designated sites; protected landscape management work; water vole and eel projects; and the next NRW grant funding round in Autumn 2019.

- Gower Society

Guto Ap Gwent, Chair of the Gower Society provided a presentation on the work of the Society. He highlighted the history of the Society and the significant role the Society had on Gower, including its objectives. He made reference to the

planning work undertaken by the Society, its role in respect of tourism and the grants and financial support the Society had awarded during the previous year.

- Swansea Council, Strategic Planning Team

Tom Evans, Strategic Planning Team Leader provided a presentation on how the Local Development Plan recently agreed by Swansea Council affected Gower AONB and its communities.

8 Annual Review of Gower AONB Action Plan.

Chris Lindley, Gower AONB Team Leader provided a presentation which gave an annual review of the Gower AONB Action Plan. He commented that the Plan was due to end in 2021-22, sets out the framework for the Action Plan. He provided updates regarding the Local Development Plan, Gower Landscape Partnership, the Gower Dark Sky application, Mewslade wall project, the Gower Hedgerow Hub and outlined the proposed actions for 2019-20.

9 To Elect Ten Steering Group Members from Nominations Received.

The Chair explained that 12 nominations had been received for 10 membership vacancies on the Partnership Steering Group. Therefore, an election was required.

Voting papers were circulated to all present. 42 voting papers were cast.

Resolved that the following be elected to the Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group for a period of two years, in accordance with the Terms of Reference: -

Roger Button
James Chambers
John France
Steve Heard
Sue Hill
Gordon Howe
Philip Jenkins
Barbara Parry
Paul Thornton
Paul Tucker

The elected members would join the following on the Steering Group: -

Councillor Paul Lloyd (Chair)
Councillor Jan Curtice
Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams
Councillor Lynda James
Councillor Andrew Stevens
Hamish Osborn – Natural Resources Wales

10 To Elect the Vice Chair of the Steering Group for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year.

Resolved that Stephen Heard be elected as Vice-Chair of the Steering Group for the 2019/20 Municipal year.

11 To Appoint the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Grants Panel.

Resolved that the following be appointed to the Sustainable Development Fund Grants Panel: -

Councillor Paul Lloyd (Chair)
Councillor Mark Child
Councillor Lynda James
Councillor Andrew Stevens
David Cole
Keith Marsh
James Chambers
John France

12 To Appoint the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Grants Appeals Panel.

Resolved that: -

1) the following be appointed to the Sustainable Development Fund Appeals Panel:

Stephen Heard (Chair)
Barbara Parry

2) the remaining membership be confirmed at the next scheduled Steering Group meeting.

13 Public Question Time.

Rob Vine, Reynoldston Village Hall asked a question regarding the continued parking and overnight camping / parking problems at the top of Cefn Bryn.

The meeting discussed the topic at length, including the effect of the overnight parking / camping and general parking upon the landscape, the village of Reynoldston and the possible options available. It was added that due to the land being privately owned, the best option to alleviate the problems was partnership working.

It was commented that the area was under the control of Llanrhidian Lower Community Council. However, a joint letter from both Llanrhidian Lower and Reynoldston Community Councils would highlight the issues further.

Furthermore, the meeting was urged to report any issues of concern to South Wales Police on their 101 number.

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Resolved that the subject be discussed at the next scheduled Steering Group meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.07 pm

Chair