

# PENDINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF (VIRTUAL) MEETING

9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

**Present:** Councillor J. Lipman (Chair);

**Councillors:** P. Bowring, E. Mills, J. Owen (Acting Clerk), P. T. Owen and D. Thomas.

**Virtual Meeting: 7:00pm – 21:37pm**

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Mills (Acting Responsible Financial Officer) and County Councillor J. Tremlett.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

There were no members of the public present in the virtual meeting. However, the Clerk had received queries for the Council to consider which was considered under agenda item 9.

## 4. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> November 2020

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

## 5. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – J TREMLETT

County Councillor J. Tremlett had tendered her apologies, therefore no report was presented.

## 6. COUNCIL FINANCES

The Council, supported by a slide presentation, considered a breakdown of income, account balance up to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the expenditure for December for approval.

### November Income:

Source	Description	Amount (£)
IWC Media	Filming	450.00
Welsh Government	Loss of Income Grant	8,015.00
Parking – PCC	Pay and Display – PCC Carpark	597.95
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>9,026.95</b>

## Motorhome Finances:

Description	Amount (£)
Lottery Grant	28,134.00

It was reported that the VAT claim had been submitted.

The Account Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 was provided as follows:-

Current Account	£14,117.20
Reserve Account (1)	£6,341.45
Reserve Account (2)	558.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£21,231.59</b>

The following expenditure for payment reported for approval:

Payee	Reason	Amount (£)
Nexbyte	Web hosting fee	240.00
P. Brace- General Builder	Bus shelter repairs	1,890.00
Councillor J. Owen	Remuneration payment <i>In accordance with IRPW</i>	150.00
Councillor D. Thomas	Remuneration payment <i>In accordance with IRPW</i>	150.00
Councillor P. Owen Repayment (Charlies Store)	Xmas lights	27.98
Acting Clerk	Office Costs	10.00
Microsoft O365 Subscription	September October November	22.08 11.28 22.08
Councillor P. Owen Repayment (Amazon)	4 x Padlocks for the new barriers	52.00
A. Battisson	New barriers for the beach access	175.00
FSR Electrical	3 x New commando plugs for Xmas lights 1 x new MCB for Christmas lights	45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,735.92</b>

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

**6.1 the Council Finances up to 30th November 2020 be noted.**

**6.2 the expenditure for payment as listed above be approved.**

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered planning application PL0828. No comments were raised.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Planning Application PL/0828 be noted.

## 8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

### a) Village Christmas Trees and Lights

It was reported that the Christmas trees had been put in place and the decorative Christmas lights had been placed on the lamp posts throughout the village.

It was reported that new brackets which hold the Christmas lights had been secured to the lamp posts to hold the Christmas lights. These brackets would also serve to hold plant boxes in the summer.

The Council expressed their sincere thanks to Rob Jones, FSR Electrical Carmarthen and Three Lords Garage for providing their services free of charge.

A new set of Christmas lights for each of the trees had to be purchased to replace the old/broken sets.

### b) Bench located on the Community area on the hill

It was reported that the bench located in the community area on the hill was in need of repair. The bench consisted of robust concrete legs/sides and therefore only required new slats for the seating segment. Following discussion, the Council was minded repair the bench using a longer lasting sustainable material.

**It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to acquire a quote to repair the bench using a sustainable material.**

### c) Children's Play area – Top of Pendine hill

Since the Council's last meeting where it was resolved to close the children's play area located at the top of the hill following concerns in relation to the safety and condition of the apparatus [minute 10 refers], the Acting Clerk had received an Annual Inspection report of the play area which was undertaken in March 2020. Upon receipt, the report was circulated to all Council Members.

The Annual Inspection Report, which was carried out by an independent company highlighted a number of high risk factors. In light of the details within the report, the Council agreed that it was essential to address all the risk areas identified within the report. Whilst the Council was committed in making the play area safe, concerns were raised in relation to the potential costs and if the Council had the necessary funds available.

It was suggested that the Council seek funding from the local Parc Cynog Community Fund to aid with the costs particularly as the play area served the local community and the Councils budget may not be able to cover the full cost.

The Acting Clerk was in the process of obtaining a quote which would address the risks identified within the report and would also inform the fund application form. Upon receipt, the quote would be circulated to all members for consideration.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to apply for funding from Parc Cynog Community Fund to be submitted before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

d) Dog Fouling

Councillors raised that there had been a sudden increase in dog fouling on the beach and surrounding areas. It was noted that this was the low season and concern was raised regarding the future high season with the increase in visitors predicted to arrive following the opening of the new development.

It was stressed that this matter needed to be managed with the possibility of increased enforcement personnel from CCC patrolling the area. The Dog Management Working Group would include this within their considerations.

e) West Wales Walking for Wellbeing

It was reported that walks within Pendine were being organised as part of West Wales Walking for Wellbeing. Evidence suggests that walks help lead a healthier life, help people stay active and meet up socially. Whilst there are a variety of locations to attend, there will be at least one walk a month organised in the Pendine area, led by a team of friendly, trained volunteers. More information can be obtained on the Council website or by contacting Councillor E. Mills.

The Council felt that particularly during these difficult times it was important to inform the public of local activities that benefit the well-being of those in our community.

## 9. PENDINE DEVELOPMENTS

### a) Pendine Community Council Car Park

In response to a query received from a member of public regarding future carparking plans for residents, the Council noted that as resolved at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 residents to allow residents to park in the Pendine Community Council carpark free of charge subject to registering with the Clerk subject to proof of residence.

Council members revisited these current arrangements. Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed that residents be provided to park in the Community Council carpark free of charge for the first two hours, after the initial 2-hours normal charges would apply. This was duly seconded. Residents of Pendine wishing to take advantage of the free carparking would be required to register with the Clerk providing proof of residency in Pendine.

Furthermore, in relation to the Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) carpark, it was noted that Pendine Community Council would liaise with CCC to endeavour to pursue a reciprocal arrangement for residents in Pendine in the future.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to permit residents of Pendine to park free of charge for the first 2 hours within the Community Council owned carpark.**

## **b) Attractor project**

In response to a query received from a member of public regarding a public consultation on the future working arrangements with Carmarthenshire County Council. With regard to the new development, three Members of Council have taken part in initial discussions regarding a possible joint management agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council modelled to explore the possibility of managing the wider development on an integrated basis. The Council would like any arrangement to benefit the community of Pendine by generating additional revenue.

With regard to a public consultation, Council Members felt strongly that it was important that residents and visitors to Pendine were kept informed of any possible arrangements with CCC and would provide an opportunity for members of the public to have their say. Furthermore, it was stressed that no arrangements had been agreed at this point and initial discussions was currently ongoing.

## **c) Motorhome Project**

It was reported that there had been a delay in the progress of the motorhome site due to the contractor awaiting services from the Water and Electricity companies. It was likely that this matter would impact on the completion date taking it to end of January / February.

# **10. BEACH MATTERS**

## **a) Barrier and Key Holders**

It was reported that the padlocks had arrived and were in situ at the base of the new bollards. The new barrier had now been assembled, however the installation would not be able to be scheduled until the distribution of the new keys had taken place. Council Members took the opportunity to review the current authorised key holders. A lengthy discussion pursued which included a debate regarding authorised key holders and how to retain close management of key holders in respect of vehicular access to the beach.

It was suggested it would be prudent for the Council to revise the Councils Rules and Guidelines for Vehicles on Pendine Beach to include Terms for key holders. In support of the suggestion, it proposed that the Council provide a key to each of the following authorised key holders and that Clubs can apply for one key at a charge of £100. This was seconded.

### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**

**10a.1 to revise the Councils Rules and Guidelines for Vehicles on the Beach update charges and include Terms for authorised Key holders;**

**10a.2 that the following key holders be authorised:-**

- **Emergency Services;**
- **PCC staff;**
- **Netsmen;**
- **Clubs and Groups at a charge of £100 per key.**

## **b) Slipway chains**

As raised at the previous meeting [minute 14 refers], the Council acknowledged that the chains edging the slipways were in a state of disrepair. Various types of materials and associated costings were presented. Following consideration of the costings and options, it was agreed that chains, as proven in the past, were the most robust, durable and cost-effective material that would be capable of withstanding tough weather and tidal conditions. It was therefore proposed to invest in new chains up to the cost of £300 to replace the required shackles in readiness for the new season. This was seconded.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to invest in new Chains and shackles up to the cost of £300 and replace in readiness for the new season.**

## **11. REPORTS ON GROUPS AND MEETINGS**

### **a) Website Working Group**

The website group will consider developing a section for local advertisements and also develop online forms at their next meeting.

### **b) Dog Management Working Group**

The Group were pleased to report that responses to e-mails sent to local stakeholders had been received and that they were currently being considered.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Meeting Closed at 9:37pm