

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.00pm, at the Coffee Shop, Ashwell Garage, Pendine.

Present: Councillors:

M. Potter, P. Owen, D. Thomas, P. Bowring, J. Owen

Clerk Chris Delaney

1 Apologies – A. Leefe, County Councillor J. Tremlett

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

No declarations of personal interest were raised. The clerk handed out Register of Interest forms, which most members completed. These would be collated onto the web site as a Register of Interests.

3 **Chairman's invitation to the public to address the meeting**

Members of the public were present. The Chair was thanked for his attendance at the Remembrance service. A question was asked about the Chain of Office and whether it should be worn at meetings. The clerk explained that it was worn on appropriate occasions, but Chairs were not obliged to wear it at council meetings and it had not been seen worn at meetings since he started in 2008. In response to a question the clerk explained that the recycling containers had been removed to accommodate the work on the car park. Only the glass recycling bins would be relocated asap on the Seaside Car Park as residents could recycle other materials through the blue bag collection. The clerk would look into repairs to the bus shelter at the top of the village.

4 **Approval of the Minutes**

a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

24/07/19

5d) Community Matters

The clerk confirmed that he had been in discussion with the graffiti artist, and weather permitting the painting would be done in September.

The clerk updated members regarding the sand trap following a response from CCC. It was important to keep the trap, which was filled with a special aggregate. Yellow lines and signs were in place to deter parking.

11/09/2019

7d) he clerk confirmed that the Christmas trees had been ordered

Report of the County Councillor J. Tremlett

5. Cllr. Tremlett had apologised.

6. **Accounts for payment and note of income received**

1389	British Legion Poppy Appeal Wreath	£	18.50
1390	Firework Display Balance	£	1200.00
1391	CJD Office Salary September	£	236.79
1392	CJD Office Costs September	£	20.00
1393	Parking salary September	£	245.66
1394	HMRC September	£	120.80
1396	Gower Christmas Trees	£	422.40

Total £ **2264.15**

Income

Parking Income £ 1300.85

Total Income £ **1300.85**

Current balances at 31/10/2019

Current Acc. £ **11037.91**

Reserve Acc £ **11198.13**

Reserve Acc 2 £ **557.39**

Total £ **22793.43**

Members agreed that the balance in Reserve Account 2 should be transferred to Reserve Account 1 and that Reserve Account 2 should be re-named Motor Home Project Account. The clerk was asked to arrange this as soon as possible. It was also agreed that additional signatures were required and the council should progress towards internet banking.

7 Policy Issues

a) Planning

W/39693 Nieuport House. Utility extension. Members had no issues with the amendments.

b) Pendine Developments

The clerk updated members on the development. The car park should be completed and re-opened by Easter 2020. The hostel and museum would be completed by the end of the summer/early autumn but would not open until Easter 2021.

The clerk informed members that he had gone out to tender to 6 quantity surveyors to manage the Motor Home Project, following advice from CCC and two had returned quotes and the remainder had declined to quote as they had no capacity. Members considered both quotes and associated considerations and agreed

to accept the quote from Harries Planning Design Management of Eglwswrw, Pembrokeshire. Their quote was £6000 plus VAT. The clerk was asked to contact him. The clerk further reported that he would be meeting the grant assessor later in the month to progress the project.

c) Beach Matters

Members were updated on the Dredgers events and events for 2020. These included the return of the sand sculpture event. The clerk would provide a calendar of agreed events for 2020, for the benefit of members.

The bollards on the slip continued to cause problems and following further discussions, it was agreed that the clerk would price an appropriate set for the next meeting.

d) Community Matters

The clerk informed members that the county council had fitted connectors on 4 lights on the light standards going up the hill and at the top of the hill. Unfortunately, the majority of lights were on wooden poles used for electricity and the main provider would not allow Christmas lights on the poles. It was agreed to use the additional light standards with connectors along the lower main road for this year and review for next.

The clerk informed members that he had received one application to be a Youth Representative. The application was read out to members who agreed to invite the applicant to join them at the December meeting.

The Chair and clerk reported on a meeting in St. Clears to discuss the possibility of a new rail stop. Currently there were 4 locations on a Welsh Government shortlist for a rail stop including St. Clears. The location finally agreed by Welsh Government would go forward to UK Government for consideration.

e) Website Development Update

Members were updated on the outline design and the reasoning behind the need for an additional website by Councillor Thomas. Members were still unclear about the need for two websites. While accepting that the current site needed a make over or refreshing, it was still unclear whether there was a need for the financial implications of two sites. Members had no issue with the architecture of the new site, but the question of content remained unresolved. After a brief discussion the Chair closed the debate and suggested that unless the design of the proposed site was fully

shown to members, the project should be curtailed and the council should try and reclaim the finances already expended.

8 **For Information**

a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There was nothing further to report.

b) Clerk's Report

The clerk informed members that he had attended meetings organised by CCC to introduce two new economic strategies, "Moving Rural Carmarthenshire Forward" and the Ten Towns initiative. If successful these were important for the economic development of the area.

Members agreed to donate £1000 (?) to the RNLI, who provide the seasonal lifeguards without charging. Members also agreed to donate £150 to the Chair of CCC's appeal and sponsored event for the county's 3 food banks. Members agreed to donate £150 but it would be ring fenced for the Carmarthen bank.

c) Other Matters

There were none.

9. **Exclusion of Public**

a) Staffing Matters

The meeting concluded and action on this matter was postponed until the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.00