

Minutes and notes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Thursday 9th October 2019 at 7.00pm, at the Coffee Shop, Ashwell Garage, Pendine.

Present: Councillor P. Owen, Councillor J. Owen
County Councillor J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

1. **Apologies** Cllrs. M. Potter (family matters) P. Bowring (business commitments), D. Thomas (no reason given) and Councillor Leefe (ill-health).

The members present recognised that, given the absence of those councillors mentioned in **Minute 1** above, the numbers in attendance did not constitute a quorum.

However, given that there were 16 members of the public present, the Clerk explained to the public present that as the meeting was not quorate, the meeting could not continue as a Council meeting. However, after emphasising that no substantive decisions could be made the Clerk invited the public to address what was deemed as a Community meeting whereby, the Clerk and those Members present offered to answer any questions and note concerns the public may have.

- The public present raised strong concerns that so few members were present and requested to know the reason why. The Clerk explained the reasons he had been given for the absences and apologised on behalf of the Council. Following further questioning by the public, the Clerk explained the attendance rules and requirements for attendance by Councillors at meetings specified in the Act.
- The representative of the British Legion informed those present that the Remembrance Service would take place on Sunday 10th November and he would liaise with the Chair with regard to the laying of a wreath on behalf of the Pendine Community Council.
- In response to a query raised in relation to the date of the fireworks' display, the Clerk confirmed that the arrangements had been made for Wednesday, 6th November 2019. Furthermore, the Clerk confirmed that 2 x Christmas trees had been ordered to be placed at the top and bottom of the hill.
- Members of the public expressed strong concern in relation to the lack of recycling provision during the development project and asked for an update. The Clerk confirmed that a new permanent home for the recycling bins had been discussed with Carmarthen County Council where it had been decided that they would not be returning to main Council car park following the completion of its upgrade.

Following a discussion with the members of the public present, who agreed that essentially as Carmarthenshire County Council collected everything except glass, the only recycling bins required were for glass. The Clerk informed the public that members of Pendine Community Council were keen to get some bins back as a temporary measure prior to a new permanent location being agreed. A temporary location near the new container was being discussed. It was agreed that this was a good idea and should be implemented as soon as possible.

- Following requests from the public and as the next scheduled meeting was in November, the Clerk agreed to post draft minutes, subject to be confirmed at the next meeting, would be made available for viewing in the notice boards and on the Council's website (www.pendinesands.org.uk).
- Questions were raised about the necessity and costs of the new web site, stating that the present web site provided all the information required to know about the work, decisions and finances of the Council. Further concerns were raised with regard to the Council's decision to spend a significant amount of public money on an additional website with no sight of a business plan. The Clerk stated that unfortunately he was unable to provide an update and encouraged members of the public to attend the next meeting in November where it was hoped that those Councillors leading on new Web site project would be present to explain the rationale and purpose of an additional website for the area and provide an update on its progress.

Members present thanked the owners of the Coffee Shop and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

Close of meeting 8:20pm