

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Tuesday 09th April 2019 at 7.00pm, at the Coffee Shop, Ashwell Garage, Pendine.

Present: Cllrs. P. Owen, D. Thomas, P. Bowring (7.45), C. Thomas-Iles, A. Leefe

C. Cllr. J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

Members of the public were present.

It was noted that when the builders constructed their site security fence around the new development site, several public waste bins were left inside. This would be brought to the attention of CCC.

1 Apologies – Cllr. M. Potter

2 Disclosures of personal interest

a. None

3 Minutes

a) The minutes from the meeting held on 12th January 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

b) Matters Arising

12/03/2019

Public

There were still no signs locating the public toilets and it was agreed that CCC would again be asked again to speed up their installation.

6c) Other matters

1. Members were informed that the deposit to secure the firework display was 20% of the cost and therefore an additional £150 was required.

Members agreed to pay the additional element of the deposit

2. The clerk had investigated the purchase of a 2 minute beach clean board. This would cost £340 and members agreed to purchase one. It was noted that CCC had provided one for the main slip and its

“guardians” were the staff of Chaz and Ollie’s. The clerk was asked to contact CCC regarding a second board prior to making the purchase.

Members thanked the owners of the Pit Stop for their assistance in keeping Pendine clear of dog mess by providing dog bags.

c) County Councillors Report

4 Cllr. Tremlett outlined recent issues at Morfa Bychan and asked members to encourage residents to report illegal camping to the police. There were concerns that the gate was often left open by maintenance staff working at the pumping station.

Accounts for payment and note of income received

1320	CJD Salary March	£	234.27
1321	CJD Office Costs March	£	20.00

1322	WFR Salary March	£	275.45
1323	HMRC	£	127.40
1324	WFR Petty Cash	£	140.00
1325	Three Lords Vehicle maintenance	£	71.04
Total		£	868.16
Income			
	Parking Income	£	1200.00
	Events/fees	£	4608.80
Total Income		£	5728.80

Current balances at 31/03/2019

Current Acc.	£	8836.48
Reserve Acc	£	11,114.92
Reserve Acc 2	£	556.74
Total	£	20,530.02

5 Policy Issues

a) Planning

The clerk informed members that planning permission had been granted for the building name sign on the Parry Thomas building.

b) Pendine Developments

Members were updated on the regeneration project. There were still some safety concerns around the access to the site, but improvements were being made. Unfortunately planning permission for the motor-home site had still not been given. CCC had developed various flood prevention schemes and National Resources Wales were still evaluating them.

c) Beach Matters

Members discussed purchasing a container, which would be located on the concrete car park and be used for storage of signs, cones and other equipment. In addition, it would provide shelter and a rest facility for staff. The small shed currently used would be removed. A budget of around £2000 was agreed and the Chair would make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

The clerk had obtained a cost for a solar powered parking meter of £2000 and members accepted the price. The clerk was asked to purchase the machine.

The clerk presented a briefing paper regarding a set of rules and regulations allowing dogs on the beach. These would be displayed on large signs adjacent to the slips. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that further discussion was required on the text for the sign, in order to ensure that the beach remained clean, safe and accessible. This matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Members felt that banning dogs completely from the exclusion zone between the two slips was difficult to manage and would not meet the needs of dog walkers wishing to walk the length of the beach. Instead it was agreed that the exclusion of dogs would be rescinded, but all dogs entering or staying in the defined area must be on a lead.

Cllr. P. Bowring joined the meeting at this point. He then very forcefully and unpleasantly expressed his views to Cllr. J. Tremlett that the toilet facilities by the cliff should not be open for 24 hours, as they would be vandalised. He was particularly derogatory about the county council and aggressively made his views known to Cllr. J. Tremlett. At this point Cllr. D. Thomas linked the potential for vandalism in the community to visitors from the south Wales area and made a very derogatory comment about people from the valleys. This was in contravention of the Code of Conduct.

The clerk then started to outline developments with the event programme. At this point Cllr. P. Bowring exercised his right to request that the following be recorded within the minutes. Reference was made to e-mails and information received by the clerk relating to future beach events. Cllr. P. Bowring stated that he had recently rendered a number of requests to the clerk stipulating that he forwarded all e-mails to him, particularly e-mails and information in relation to the events on the beach immediately upon receipt. Cllr. P. Bowring expressed strong disappointment to the council that despite a number of demands his request had not been executed.

Cllr. P. Bowring took the opportunity to place additional pressure on the clerk by reporting to the council that should the clerk continue to not react to his specific request, it was likely that a disciplinary would ensue.

The clerk explained to council members his role as clerk to Pendine Community Council and the role of members. He advised members to observe the Code of Conduct. Furthermore, while the clerk acknowledged Cllr. P. Bowring's requests all incoming e-

mails relating to the beach and the Council were managed and dealt with in accordance with the role of Clerk and he provided reassurance that necessary and appropriate information was forwarded to all members in a timely manner.

The Chair agreed, emphasising the importance of council members exhibiting respectful behaviour towards staff and other members of the council so as to benefit the people Pendine.

The clerk stated that as a consequence of the comments raised, together with the continuous receipt of distasteful e-mails he had received from both Cllrs. P. Bowring and D. Thomas, he was not prepared to continue tolerating the scale of the unpleasantness demeanour directed towards him and therefore regrettably announced that he would be resigning as clerk from Pendine Community Council later this year. Following which, the Chair reported that he was also minded to resign. Cllr. D. Thomas subsequently jumped to his feet, repeatedly expressing "Finally! We have Pendine back" whilst exhibiting unsympathetic behaviour before reverting to sit with the members of the public that were present.

Following which, Cllr. D. Thomas was reminded that the meeting was still in procession and should he wish to continue to be included as a member of the meeting, it would be necessary for him to join other members present. Cllr. D. Thomas duly returned.

Members agreed that when events were scheduled the top car park should be closed off for the use of the event organisers. The price of a lockable gate would be investigated for the next meeting.

Members also considered a request from a charity to stage a sand sculpture event on the beach in the summer for children. The group had experience of staging this type of events at other locations across Wales. A small grant would be required and they would raise additional funds from other sources. Members agreed subject to more financial information to take this forward.

d) Community Matters

The clerk reported that he had received an e mail from the CCC officer responsible concerning the spider swing equipment in the play area. They had recently commissioned the annual inspection and there appeared to be rot in one of the legs. Members agreed that the item should be examined and appropriate action taken. The full report was awaited.

e) Web Site Development

Members again discussed a potential new web site which would market events at Pendine, particularly those on the beach. A firm quote was still awaited.

6 For Information

a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The clerk reported that he had received from CCC the formal notice of the closure of Tremoilet School.

He informed members that he had followed up BBC reports of a league of storm outfall wastes from sewage treatment plants in Wales, he had written to NRW expressing concerns about misinformation relating to Pendine's system. They had responded confirming that the storm waste did not feed on to the beach, but that the treatment works was deep in the sand dunes. Any storm outflow went into a soakaway, especially designed for that purpose. Bathing water at Pendine was continually tested and met the highest standards required for its status as a key European bathing water.

b) Clerk's Report

The clerk had nothing further to report.

c) Other Matters

There were none

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm