

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at the Museum of Speed Pendine.

Present: Cllrs. P. Owen, M. Potter, A. Leefe, P. Bowring & D. Thomas

Clerk Chris Delaney

The Chair invited members of the public present to speak. The council was complemented on the Christmas tree and decorations.

1 **Apologies** – C.Cllr. J Tremlett

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

- a. There were none.

3 **Minutes**

- a) Approval of minutes of last meeting dated 14th November 2017
The Chair highlighted a number of amendments required prior to approval. It was agreed that the clerk would make the amendments and the minutes would be circulated by e mail for final approval and signed by the Chair at the January meeting.
This would allow the minutes to go on line and into the notice boards.

- b) Matters Arising
10/10/2017

Public

The clerk confirmed that he had written to the National Trust and hoped to arrange a meeting with the responsible officer in late January. The meeting would be held in the museum and members would be invited.

14/11/2018

The Clerk stated that with regard to future events, it had been difficult to obtain information on annual events that would normally take place in Pendine including the Hunt and Daffodil cycle event. To ensure that Pendine Community Council (PCC) were aware of arrangements, the Clerk had written to the event organisers of the Hunt and Daffodil cycle events seeking further information.

In order to support and assist in the promotion of future events, it was suggested that a calendar of events be created. In addition, it was suggested that the PCC obtain appropriate signage to raise awareness of events.

4 **Accounts for payment and note of income received**

1184	CJD Salary November	£ 225.68
1185	CJD Office Costs November	£ 20.00
1186	WFR beach warden salary November	£ 129.60
1187	HMRC	£ 88.40

1188	Defence Infrastructure	£ 20.00
1189	CJD for Road Tax (Land Rover)	£ 167.75
1190	Wales Audit Office	£ 198.00
1191	Robert Morgan (tree)	£ 192.00
1192	Rob Jones - grass/knot weed	£ 3195.00
1193	Three Lords (repayment for materials)	£ 24.16
1194	Marshalls locks	£ 121.20

Total **£ 4381.79**

Income

Fees £ 1453.00

Total Income **£ 1453.00**

Current balances at 30/11/2017

Current Acc. **£ 12310.13**
Reserve Acc **£ 10939.47**
Reserve Acc 2 **£ 555.99**

Total **£ 23805.59**

Members asked the clerk to provide additional financial details to members each month. It was further agreed that Cllrs. Owen, Bowring and Potter would become signatories to the bank accounts.

5 Policy Issues

a) Planning

It was agreed that Cllrs. Owen and Thomas would attend a free planning training seminar provide by Planning Aid Wales in Llanelli on the 18th January 2018.

W/36505 - Crofter's Rest. This was a proposal to provide a first floor extension, garage extension and conservatory to the existing building. Members had no issues with this proposed development.

b) Pendine Developments

The clerk informed members that he had received an update from CCC regarding the major development and a meeting with the responsible officer would be held in the week before Christmas or early in January.

c) Beach Management Issues

The clerk informed members that he had applied for the Seaside Award for 2018 as previously agreed. The Beach Management Working Group would need to meet early in 2018 to look at beach management issues in light of the application criteria. The Clerk stated that it would be prudent to consider developing a code of conduct for beach users to include the use of drones, dog owner responsibilities and water craft.

The Chair reported on issues with the beach access bollards. These had been repaired and new locks installed. Special caps had been fitted over the locks to try and prevent salt water ingress and the associated damage caused.

d) Community Matters

The clerk was asked to contact the MOD regarding the deteriorating rusty gate by the car park.

At the request of members, the Clerk stated that he had researched into the provision of a car park pre-payment machine and obtained a few quotes from the web. It was considered that the payment meter and signage needed to be in place before Easter 2018 in order to capitalise on the takings. A concern was raised that the number of people paying to utilise the top car park might not recover the initial costs of the payment machine. Members acknowledged that whilst this was a risk, the money collected from events over the year and holiday makers should pay for the machine in the first year and that the machine would be an asset in years to come. Members agreed to aim to have purchased a car parking pre-payment machine by the end of February 2018.

e) Co-option of two new members

The clerk informed members that no requests for an election had been requested by the electorate and he had therefore posted the co-option notices on line and in the notice boards. The closing date for applications was Friday 22nd December.

6 For Information

a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The Chair updated members on a recent meeting organised by One Voice Wales to consider the current review of community councils in Wales. 45 community councillors from the area attended the meeting in St. Clears. The review body was set up by Welsh Government to look at a range of options for reforming community councils. These options including amalgamating groups of councils to form stronger and more

resilient organisations capable of delivering efficient and valued local services.

The Chair informed members that on Monday 11th December he had attended a meeting run by One Voice Wales for Town/Community Councils. The aim of the meeting was to seek Town/Community Councils views on improving links between Carmarthenshire County Council with regard to decision making processes. The Chair provided members with an update from the meeting and stated that he would share the results of the draft proposals as soon as he received them.

It was commented that Pendine CC were unique and fortunate to have a beautiful beach as an asset which managed more effectively could enable the community of Pendine become 'a more sustainable community'. In light of this, it was asked if Pendine would (MIGHT) benefit from initiating a charitable association. Following a discussion, Members agreed that a charitable association would (COULD) provide a platform to manage charitable funds raised and beach profits ensuring that the funds benefited community of Pendine
WHY WOULD YOU TRANSFER A COMMUNITY ASSET TO A THIRD PARTY OUTSIDE OF THE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS?

b) Clerk's Report

The clerk had nothing further to add at this point. The Chair asked the clerk to produce a report on the Gordy Hall Wood and any associated costs incurred in recent years.

c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Tremlett had apologised

d) Other Matters

1. There were none.

In order to manage assets, the Clerk was requested to seek the current market value of the woods at Gordy Hall along with the PCC expenditure relating to the asset over the last 3 years. THIS IS COVERED IN b ABOVE?

The meeting closed at 8.55pm