

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Museum of Speed Pendine.**

Present: Cllrs. P. Bowring, P. Owen, M. Potter, A. Leefe  
C. Cllr J. Tremlett  
Clerk Chris Delaney

Three members of the public were present. Issues raised included the need for planters in the village and for better maintenance of areas, particularly around the car park owned by Carmarthenshire CC. Members felt that this was an excellent idea and agreed that this was an issue for discussion at a meeting closer to budget time.

1 **Apologies** – Cllr. J Thornton,

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

a. There were none.

The clerk informed members that as well as being sent copies of the Code of Conduct, it was on the Ombudsman's web site and Pendine's web site.

Training was available and there would be further discussion on the Code when the full council was in place. In the meantime he would send members a form to complete so that the register of interests could go on line.

3 **Minutes**

a) Approval of minutes of last meeting

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on 14/02/2017 as a true record. This was a matter of procedure as there had been no formal meeting since the February meeting to approve the minutes.

b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

1162	CJD Salary August	£ 225.48
1163	CJD Office Costs August	£ 20.00
1164	WFR beach warden salary August	£ 1092.22
1165	CS parking Att. Salary August	£ 710.70
1166	MR parking Att. Salary August	£ 457.68
1167	JR parking Att. Salary August	£ 117.05
1168	HMRC	£ 762.52
1169	vehicle diesel	£ 75.00

**Total**

**£ 3460.65**

**Income**

Franchise

£ 2800.00

Fees	£	977.25
Precept	£	2470.01
Parking	£	3964.80
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£10,212.06</b>

**Current balances at 31/08/2017**

<b>Current Acc.</b>	<b>£ 13276.83</b>
<b>Reserve Acc</b>	<b>£ 10908.90</b>
<b>Reserve Acc 2</b>	<b>£ 555.96</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 24741.69</b>

**5 Policy Issues**

**a) Planning**

There were no planning matters.

**b) Pending Developments**

The clerk had been informed by Carmarthenshire CC that they were involved in final discussions with Welsh Government regarding funding for the proposed new developments on the museum and car park sites. Officers were expecting a positive announcement at the end of September.

**c) Beach Management Issues**

The clerk updated members on the beach operation, which had been successful but not without incident. The key issue had been the number of dogs on the beach and linked verbal and written complaints. People were letting their dogs off the lead and not monitoring them. This had led to fights with other dogs, arguments with other dog owners as a result and arguments with other beach users as dogs had urinated on tents, windbreaks, kites, sandcastles and picnics. Dogs had frightened both adults and children and there were reports of dogs eating picnics. In addition some dog owners were not picking up faeces after their dogs and were infringing the dog free zone.

The beach wardens had tried to deal with the issues but other than asking for cooperation they can do little as they have no powers of enforcement. The beach, as a space used by the public, and the car parks and promenade are covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This order allows authorised officers of Carmarthenshire CC to force, through fines and threats of prosecution, owners to clean up after their dogs and direct people

to put their dogs on leads. The enforcement team regularly visit and have been asked to visit more often. The clerk reported that he had asked CCC to provide statistics regarding officer visits and imposed fines and this would be provided. Both he and the beach wardens were collecting written, verbal and photographic evidence in order to develop a case for tighter controls on the beach.

Members agreed that this issue would be looked at in detail over the winter period and they would work with the community and CCC to develop solutions to meet the needs of all users. As well as local dog owners, the council were keen that responsible visitors would bring their pets with them to Pendine. More and more visitors were bringing their pets on holiday and the beach was a place where they could be exercised. This was a developing trend and visitors were important for the local economy. Banning dogs from the beach was not an option, but effectively managing them was.

**d) Community Matters**

The clerk informed members that he had received e mails about the traffic order introduced to prevent unauthorised vehicle accessing Morfa Bychan. This had been brought in by CCC Highways following pressure from a number of organisations and agencies to find a solution to the “raves” and illegal camping in the area and the resulting litter and human excrement left behind. The e mails were against the order and it was understood that some local people were also against it. Other solutions had been tried and had been unsuccessful. Members felt that the pilot scheme should run its course and be reviewed, the beach was still accessible on foot and there were other places where dogs could be exercised.

**e) Financial Report**

The clerk presented the external auditor’s report on the 2016/17 accounts as well as background information. The auditor had issued a qualified report as the accounts had not been approved by the council. The council did not have a quorum at the time and so could not formally approve the accounts. The chair had seen them and prior to being submitted to the government’s auditors they had been internally audited. They were financially correct but the appropriate procedure for signing them off could not be followed.

The accounts for 2017/18 were healthy and a full 6 month budget monitoring report would be presented to council in October.

**f) Cooption to council**

The clerk informed members that two people had put their names forward for co-option to the council by the closing date. As there were two vacancies members felt that the timescale should be extended until the 9<sup>th</sup> October to encourage more people to apply.

**6 For Information**

**a) Reports on Groups and Meetings**

There had been no meetings.

**b) Clerk's Report**

The clerk informed members that the chair would be attending a consultation event with the National Grid relating to changes to the supply network in the area. In addition the chair would be attending a presentation by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales regarding a review of electoral arrangements in the county.

**c) County Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Tremlett agreed to contact the appropriate officers to deal with some of the issues raised during the meeting.

**d) Other Matters**

1. No other matters were raised
- The meeting closed at 8.55pm