

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at the Springwell, Pendine.

Present: Chair P. Bowering, Cllrs. J Thornton, P. Bowering, D. Thomas, M. Potter, A. Leefe
C. Cllr J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

The meeting was scheduled to take place in the School Camp but at the last minute it was unavailable and the meeting and those present transferred to the Springwell. Cllr Bowering was thanked by the Chair and members for allowing the meeting to take place on his premises.

1 Apologies – Cllr. D. Allen,

2 Disclosures of personal interest

a. Public

Three members of the public were present. Concern was expressed about the proposed closure of the Post Office in Pendine. Members agreed that this was unfortunate and regrettable but it was a franchise business and no other businesses in the community were interested in taking over the franchise.

b. There were no disclosures of personal interest.

3 Minutes

a) Approval of minutes of last meeting

Members approved the minutes of the meetings held on 13/12/2016 as a true record.

Matters Arising

13/12/2017

6b) The clerk reported that Cllr. Thomas had secured the agreement of Parc Dean to fund the Blue Flag Award application. However as the process was underway he had been informed by the awards organisers that it was now too late to apply. The clerk informed members that he was seeking advice regarding the question of VAT.

4 Accounts for payment and note of income received

1095	CJD Salary December	£ 223.80
1096	CJD Office Costs December	£ 20.00
1097	HMRC December	£ 56.00
1098	Defence Estates	£ 20.00
1099	Three Lords	£ 93.86
1100	Wales Audit Office	£ 186.75

Total **£ 600.41**

Income

Precept **£ 2671.83**

Total Income **£2671.83**

Current balances at 30/12/2016

Current Acc.	£ 4084.25
Reserve Acc	£15828.04
Reserve Acc 2	£ 555.91
Total	£20468.20

5 Policy Issues

a) Planning

There were no planning applications.

b) Pending Developments

The clerk had been informed by CCC that there was interest in the top floor of the Parry Thomas Building and it appeared that all 5 units will be let by the beginning of the season.

c) Budget Monitoring

The clerk updated members on the current budget situation. At the end of December expenditure was £16887. Projected expenditure for the next 4 months was £5106 giving an expected expenditure of £21993. Income was £25808. Only minor income was expected during the remaining 4 months of the year. There would clearly be an excess of income over expenditure in the year and reserves would increase by around £5000.

d) 2017-18 Budget and Precept

Members considered and agreed the budget.

Expenditure Heading	Budget
Admin	6500
Street Lights	2500
Grass Cutting	2400
Grants	
Chair's Allowance	500
Christmas	200
Misc	500
VAT	500
Total	13,600
Income	
Interest	5
Misc	500

Booklets	250
VAT	600
Total	1355
Net Budget	12245
Precept	7410.02

The tax base figure supplied by CCC for 2017/18 was £157.66. Members agreed, by a majority decision, to reduce the Band D figure from £50 to £47 in line with the aims in the Business Plan. This would generate a precept of £7410.02.

The beach and parking operation is self funding. It generates sufficient income to feed into reserves and cover the budget shortfall.

e) Beach Management (Wardens and charges)

Members discussed the creation of two part time Beach Warden posts by merging the roles of the Beach Warden and Parking Supervisor posts as envisaged in the clerk's options paper. It was agreed that Option 3 was the most suitable model. Members felt that the posts should operate throughout the year, but agreed that a notional time of 4 hours a week was all that was required for the 6 months covering the autumn and winter period. Members further agreed that the posts would be graded at Local Government grade 10, which pays £8.09 an hour from 1/4/2017.

Members discussed amendments to the scale of charges. It was agreed that the following charges would come into force in April 2017.

- Short duration community event. No charge
- Community Event (minor). No Charge
- Community Event (major). No charge
- Other public events not for profit/charity (minor). £ 30
- Other public events not for profit/charity (major). £ 60
- Private events/commercial/filming/photography (minor). £ 30-75
- Private events/commercial/filming/photography (major). Sliding scale £ 250-£1500
- Regular users and franchise fees by prior arrangement

It was further agreed that competitors or parking fees for competitors should be introduced and for new events/films an

additional £500 T&C deposit should be introduced. This would be refundable providing all the T&Cs were met by those taking part.

Cllr. Leefe left the meeting at this stage at 20.15.

f) Grass Cutting Contract

Members reviewed the tender document for 2017 and it was agreed that the removal and instatement of the stop logs on the small slip near the Beach Hotel should be added to the contract.

g) Community Matters

Members felt that a skate park could be developed in the community. It was agreed that this would be examined at a future meeting.

6 For Information

a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There had been no meetings.

b) Clerk's Report

The clerk had met a contractor regarding Knotweed in two locations. For one the estimate for treatment was £500 and for the other £80. Both were accepted by the council. The clerk informed members that he had received notice of the elections for county and community councils to be held on 4th May 2017. As formal notices were distributed these would be placed in the notice boards and on line

c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Tremlett had nothing further to raise.

d) Other Matters

1. No other matters were raised

The meeting closed at 8.55pm