

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at the Springwell Inn, Pendine.

Present: Chair P. Bowering, Cllrs. J Thornton, M. King. P. Bowering, G. Aitken

Clerk Chris Delaney

1 **Apologies** – Cllr, D. Allen, CCllr. Jane Tremlett

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

a. Public

Members of the public were present and raised a number of issues. They were particularly concerned about dog fouling on the beach and the need for additional signage to encourage owners to collect dog waste. The Chair informed them that the CCC enforcement officers regularly visited the beach at weekends and fined or prosecuted irresponsible owners. It was suggested that additional bollards be put in place to prevent ATV and quads from accessing the beach without permission.

The clerk agreed to pass on to CCC an issue with blocked drains at the junction of Pendine Hill and the road to Amroth.

b. There were no disclosures of personal interest.

3 a) **Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 11/02/15**

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) **Matters Arising**

11/2/15

4) Members were informed that the increase in the costs of footway lighting was due to the 22 new lights along the promenade. There are two elements to the cost, the electricity used and a maintenance charge which covers the replacement costs of new lamps and the units themselves. Following discussion, members agreed to keep the new lights on the contract with CCC.

6d) Members were informed by the clerk that he had written to the children of Llanmiloe School explaining that their grant request would be considered in the new financial year.

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

Payments

883	CJD Salary February	£	221.65
884	CJD Office February	£	20.00
885	JAG Salary February	£	564.73
886	HMRC February	£	159.78
Total			£ 966.16

Current balances at 27th February 2015

Current	£	699.32
Reserve	£	8229.78
Gratuity	£	555.49
Total funds	£	9484.59

5. Policy issues

a) Planning

W/31646 New Building by Museum of Speed removal of planning conditions. The conditions relate to waste management on site and reports have been submitted showing that the soil will be re-used on site. Members had no issues.

b) Pendine Developments

The clerk informed members that he had contacted the architect regarding a survey of the site to determine by how much the levels needed to be raised to meet the recommendations of the Flood Assessment Report. The FAR would need to be considered by the planners and there was therefore no point in submitting an application without implementing the recommendations. Members agreed not to progress this project for the moment. It was suggested and agreed that the concrete car park would be used this season as an overnight motor home site without any facilities. This would be a pilot to gauge the market.

Members were updated with current progress on the proposed new building adjacent to the museum. CCC was still hoping for a start in the short term.

c) Christmas 2015

The Chair informed members that he was still waiting for a quote for wiring up the socket by the Christmas tree. The clerk had approached a specialist lighting company and they had provided reasonable quotes for Christmas tree lights and lights that could be used in the summer. The clerk had approached several community councils in seaside locations for advice and it was recommended that he approach the manager of the Blackpool lights for further advice. The clerk was asked to find out when the next round of grants were available from Parc Cynog, which might be a source of grant aid for lights.

d) Events

Members discussed at length problems associated with the recent visit of the hunt. It was agreed that if the hunt used the beach in future it should be classified as a large event with associated charges and terms and conditions. It was also agreed that they would not be allowed any vehicles on the beach and that following recent e mails they should apologise to both the council and clerk. It was agreed that additional bollards would be installed.

The chair informed members that there had been a successful and informative

meeting with the organiser of the motorcycle event to be held over the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend. The police had also been present. The council were assured that there would be no more than 50 competitors per day spread over two courses. A charge for the event was agreed.

The clerk informed members that he had been contacted by Don Wales, the grandson of Malcolm Campbell, regarding an event on the beach featuring Babs and Campbell's first Pendine Blue Bird.

Members discussed the question of the car boot sale and decided that there would not be provision for a car boot in 2015.

e) Reforming Local Government

The clerk outlined Welsh Government proposals contained in a new white paper entitled Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People. This was now the subject of a public consultation exercise until 28th April. The white paper, in addition to the changes proposed for county councils, was now examining the role of community councils in delivering a broader range of local services. As very few community councils are large enough or have the capacity to undertake a more challenging role, WG is proposing to amalgamate where appropriate, groups of councils to make "competent" community councils. One of the competency test envisaged is a budget of over £200,000. On this basis Pendine would need to be amalgamated with another five nearby community councils, including probably Whitland and St. Clears, to form a "competent" council. Members expressed concerns and agreed to study the proposals for further discussion at the next meeting.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

Nothing further to report.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Darbyshire, who had sold his business and moved from the area. The clerk was asked to write to him thanking him for his work and contribution to the council over his term of office. Notices of a vacancy were now available and would be placed in the notice boards.

The clerk had been in discussions with CCC regarding the issue of dead animals washed up on the beach. He reported that CCC would no longer undertake this work without payment.

The clerk further reported that he had been included in correspondence between CCC and Simon Hart MP regarding road traffic signage to Pendine. CCC considers that the B4134 between Red Roses and Pendine is not a desirable route for visitors because it is windy and narrow in places. This means that Pendine as a village and Pendine Sands as a tourist attraction cannot be sign posted from the A477 at Red Roses. Members appreciated this issue, but pointed out that Satellite Navigation Systems send visitors from

both east and west directions that way to Pendine rather than through Laugharne. Members also noted that as vehicles from the west approached the roundabout at the junction of the A40 and A477 to the west of St. Clears, there was no signage to Laugharne or Pendine, only St. Clears. Both communities were then signed at the traffic lights in St. Clears. The clerk was asked to write to CCC regarding this issue.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Tremlett had apologised.

(d) Other Matters

It was reported to council that the friends and family of the late Michelle Gardiner wished to establish a small memorial garden on the council's land off Pendine Hill. Members agreed in principle to the idea and asked for more details from those involved.

It was also reported that Brenda John, who had served the council as a beach parking assistant for 28 years had recently passed away. The clerk was asked to write to the family offering the council's condolences.

7 The meeting closed at 9.00 pm