

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at the Lady Stepney Centre/School Camp, Pendine.

Present: Chair P. Bowering, Cllrs. J Thornton, D. Allen, P. Darbyshire, M. King. P. Bowering,

Cllr. Jane Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

1 Apologies – Cllr G. Aitken,

2 Disclosures of personal interest

a. Public

Members of the public were present as observers.

b. There were no disclosures of personal interest.

3 a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 14/01/15

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) Matters Arising

10/12/14

2a The clerk reported that he had made contact with the Three Counties Bloodhound Hunt, who had agreed to improved communication with the council and would ensure that no mess was left after future events.

6b The benches had arrived and were with a contractor. Members agreed an estimate for installing them and transferring the plaques from the present benches.

4 Accounts for payment and note of income received

The clerk informed members that a national pay settlement had been reached and as a result a one off small payment had been awarded with a percentage increase on the main salary bands. These had been applied to all employees currently on pay role under their terms and conditions.

Payments

875	CJD Salary January	£	236.29
876	CJD Office January	£	20.00
877	JAG Salary January	£	608.38
879	HMRC January	£	192.99
880	One Voice Wales	£	46.00
881	CCC Lighting	£	2673.36

882	Defence Estates	£	96.00
Total		£	3873.02

Current balances at 30th January 2014

Current	£	5678.74
Reserve	£	8219.52
Gratuity	£	555.47
Total funds	£	14453.73

Members were concerned about this increase in the costs of footway lighting and the clerk was asked contact CCC and report back.

5. Policy issues

a) Planning

There were no planning matters.

b) RV Site on Parry Thomas Hall

Cllr. Thornton declared an interest in respect of his relationship with the architect commissioned to design the project. Cllr. Thornton remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion.

The clerk informed members that he had commissioned Sarnau Design to design the project and submit in for planning permission. As a result of studying the Flood Assessment Report the architect wanted to commission a topographical survey at a cost of £500 to ascertain accurate levels in order to determine the volume of fill required to raise the level of the site. Members were keen to progress the project without the necessity of this expenditure and the requirement to raise levels. The clerk was asked to contact the architect regarding these matters.

c) Fees & Charges

The clerk outlined the current scale of charges within the Event Management Policy. It was agreed that these remain unchanged other than the scale for major events. It was agreed that this should be a sliding scale from £150 to £600 depending on the circumstances of each event or activity. It was agreed that in addition to this standard fee, there should be an additional charge per competitor of £3 levied on the event organiser. This would reflect the cost of beach parking given that competitors were not currently being charged for beach access.

Members agreed that they would increase the charge for parking from £3 to £5 in line with the charge proposed by the county council for the main car park. In addition there would be no concessions.

d) Christmas 2015

The Chair informed members that he was still waiting for a quote for wiring up the socket by the Christmas tree. He clerk had approached a specialist

lighting company and would have further details by the next meeting regarding lighting suitable for a location like Pendine.

e) Events 2015

The clerk updated members on the current event calendar.

f) Grass Cutting Tender

Four tenders had been received ranging from £1820 to £2380. Opinion was divided and a majority of members agreed to accept a tender of £2300 from R. Jones, Llanmiloe.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The chair informed members that he had met with the Parking Supervisor and Beach Warden to discuss the operation of car parking and events in 2015.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on correspondence from CCC regarding compliance with the Code of Conduct and further training. The clerk confirmed that the council were already following the uniform protocol recommended by CCC. Members were informed that CCC was undertaking a review of its Third Sector Funding.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Tremlett emphasised the significance of the Third Sector Review in the light of funding reductions and reported on developments at Tremolet and Laugharne schools. There had been a recent reorganisation of departments in CCC following personnel changes

(d) Other Matters

The clerk had received a letter just prior to the meeting from Llanmiloe School Council regarding a grant to help with transport for swimming lessons in Carmarthen. Members agreed that this could not to be considered until the new financial year and the clerk was asked to write to the school council with this information.

7 The meeting closed at 9.00 pm