

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at the Museum of Speed, Pendine.

Present: Chair P. Bowering, Cllrs. J Thornton, G. Aitken, D. Allen, P. Darbyshire, M. King. P. Bowering, (From agenda item 5b)
Cllr, C. Cllr Jane Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

1 Apologies – None

2 Disclosures of personal interest

a. Public

Members of the public were present. Mr Anthony Roberts outlined arrangements for the Dredgers motorcycle event in November and provided feedback on the October event. There had been an issue with a spectator/interloper at the event. This person had suddenly taken his car down the beach and was driving in a very unsafe manner. The organisers had remonstrated with him and he had abused them verbally. This was confirmed by the Beach Warden in his report. The organisers apologised for the behaviour of this individual and informed the council that they had written to him barring him from future events. The clerk was asked to also write to the person concerned endorsing this decision.

b. There were no disclosures.

c. Mrs Margaret King made her Statutory Declaration and joined the council.

3 a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 08/10/14

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) Matters Arising

10/09/14

5g) Members agreed that with sponsorship from PCC, CCC and Park Dean the event had been spectacular and impressive. All those involved were thanked for their efforts.

08/10/14

6d)

The clerk informed members that the large sandbags had been bought by PCC and were now in place. He was asked to write to CCC regarding damage to the sea wall and cracks that had appeared. The VHRA DVD of their 2014 event on the sands had been purchased.

4 Accounts for payment and note of income received

Payments

852	CJD Salary October	£	218.44
853	CJD Office October	£	20.00
854	JAG Salary October	£	563.70
855	HMRC October	£	158.17
856	Poppy Appeal	£	25.00

857	Tâf Building Supply	£	122.40
858	VHRA	£	20.00
859	R. Thomas	£	360.00
Total		£	1487.71

Income

Fees	£	2971.40
Misc	£	450.00

Total	£	3421.40
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Current balances at 1st November 2014

Current	£	3872.99
Reserve	£	8188.70
Gratuity	£	555.41
Total funds	£	12617.10

5. Policy issues

(a) Planning

Members were informed that the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan has been accepted by Welsh Government. It is anticipated that the county council will formally adopt the plan in December and it will become the Development Plan for the county. It will replace the current Carmarthenshire Unitary Development Plan.

W/30935 Plot 10cean View

Removal of conditions 2, 3 & 4 granted on 27/10/14

W/31012 New Building with retail units, public toilets and function room adjacent to the Museum of Speed granted 06/11/14

W/31050 3 detached houses on land adjacent to Gower View. A letter of objection to the scheme had been received by the clerk and members looked in detail at the objection and the proposals. While members were sympathetic with the comments expressed, they could find no grounds to object to the scheme.

b) Pendine Developments

Members were informed that the proposed new building adjacent to the Museum of Speed would now go ahead. The county council had written regarding spoil from the site and whether this material could be put on the Parry Thomas site. As part of the proposed development of the site into an

overnight stop for motor homes, CCC officers had commissioned a Flood Consequence Assessment Report. This had indicated a potential future need to raise the levels over the site.

While members were supportive of the council they had a number of concerns about this proposal. These included the possible height of the deposit and the nature and volume of the material to be deposited. The clerk was asked to write to CCC for clarification.

Clr. Bowring joined the meeting at this point. Members were keen that the proposed motor home facility on the site was developed for the 2015 season. They were informed that CCC was still looking for potential grants to develop the site and the clerk would contact the officers concerned to ascertain progress.

c) Events

The Chair informed members that he had been in contact with the organiser of the major motorcycle event in 2013, who wanted to return in 2015. It was possible that the event would involve both bikes and cars. Members agreed a provisional booking for the weekend 22nd & 23rd May 2015 with an additional day either side for setting up and clearing away.

d) Community Grants

Tremoilet PTFA had written regarding a grant from the council towards the purchase of new IT equipment they wished to buy for the school. The total cost was estimated at £6500. Members agreed to give a grant of £500 to the PTFA towards developing their project.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The Chair reported that he had attended Remembrance services on behalf of the council, including laying a wreath at the new memorial, supported by members of the Pendine Branch of the British Legion. It was noted that the Legion had recently been to the Welsh Memorial in Flanders and laid a wreath on behalf of the community. CCC had organised a meeting in Whitland to mark the end of the current round of RDP grant aided projects and to announce that there would be a new programme starting in 2015. At the moment the actual details of the new round were not finalised.

(b) Clerk's Report

It was agreed that the Chair would attend a meeting in Carmarthen organised by Carmarthen Town Council which was designed to explain the role of the new Swansea Bay City Region Initiative. Members were informed that the Christmas street lights were in a poor state and could not be used this year. It was agreed that there would be a tree and the Chair would make the necessary arrangements. It was also agreed that members would discuss purchasing new lights at a future meeting in 2015.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Council Tremlett outlined the dire budget issues facing the county council. There would be consultation with communities to ascertain where people felt cuts could be made. She had also attended the RDP meeting and hoped that the new programme could help in the possible conversion of the current public toilets into a community meeting space, as had happened in Llanddawror.

(d) Other Matters

A number of matters were raised including the new charges CCC was proposing for parking spaces for those with disabilities. Parking charges would be discussed in the new year and this issue would be part of the discussion. Cllr. Tremlett was asked to look into the possibility of the museum staying open until the end of October. Members noted that the burger van had returned during the firework display. There was no provision for waste and public bins were being used. It was felt that following all the recent investment and improvements to the promenade this was a retrograde step.

7 The meeting closed at 8.45 pm