

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 08th January 2014 at The Springwell Inn, Pendine.

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

Clerk Chris Delaney

1 **Apologies** –Cllr. S. Morris, P. Darbyshire, G. Aitken & C.Cllr J. Tremlett

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

a. Public

The Chair welcomed everyone and apologised for the delay in starting. The meeting had to be moved, because the Outdoors Centre had not been opened as expected. He thanked Cllr. Bowering for making the Springwell available for the meeting. Several members of the public were present.

The Beach Warden's report had been circulated and there were no significant issues to report.

b. No disclosures.

3 **a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 11/12/13**

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

Payments

730	CJD salary December	£	166.73
731	Office Costs December	£	20.00
732	JAG Salary December	£	516.70
733	HMRC	£	41.60
734	Eisteddfod donation	£	200.00
735	RNLI	£	500.00
736	JAG Tax rebate	£	121.40

Total £ **1566.43**

Income £ **2893.00**

Current balances at 31st December 2013

Current	£	5384.02
Reserve	£	15085.16
Gratuity	£	551.90

Total funds £ **21021.08**

5. **Policy issues**

(a) Planning

No planning applications had been received.

b) Pendine Developments

The clerk updated members on the proposed new building incorporating a community/function hall, public toilets and retail units. The Regeneration Working Group would be holding its first meeting on Monday 13th January. The clerk would raise the issue of a grant for an “aire” or overnight motor-home site at the meeting.

c) Budget and Precept 2014/15

Current budget

The clerk introduced the budget exercise for 2014/15 with a review of the current budget. He provided figures indicating that the budget was on target to generate a small surplus. Beach parking had generated an income of £13,020 against an expenditure of £6038.

Draft Main Core Budget 2014/2015

Expenditure Heading	Budget
Admin	5000
Street Lights	1600
Grass cutting	2300
Grants	500
Chair's allowance	500
Christmas	750
Vat	580
Total	11,230
Income	
Interest	20
Misc	500
VAT	580
Total	1100
Net Budget	10130
Precept	8821

Background

The tax base figure provided by CCC for 2014/15 was £162.55, an increase

from the previous year. Members agreed to maintain the current band D cost to householders at £54.27. It had remained at this figure since 2011/12. This would generate a precept of £8821.59. This represented a small shortfall between income and expenditure within the core budget. To meet the budget for 2014/15 the precept would have needed to be £10,130 and the band D figure, £62.32

Members agreed that the beach and parking operational budget should be self funding but income is very weather dependent. In a good year it should generate sufficient income to feed in the reserves and cover any budget shortfall.

d) War Memorial

Members agreed that the council would commission a memorial and the chair would make further enquiries. In particular he would obtain comparative costs for either a slate or granite memorial. Members also discussed replacing or repairing the commemorative stone plaque to Lady Meriel Stepney on the sea wall. A local resident had written to the chair and had provided a copy of the wording on the stone. Cllr. Thornton agreed to obtain a cost for the work involved.

e) Storm Boards

The clerk informed members that the county council and NRW had replaced the storm boards or logs on several occasions during the recent storms, which had destroyed the original set and then displaced the new set. Members were pleased with the support that the community had received from both organisations. Members were also informed that the original set of logs had been purchased by the community council and that they were usually put in place by members of the council. More recently the Beach Warden had undertaken this role. The storm had totally destroyed the new beach notice board. It was agreed to replace this one and the old ones by the play-area and the Beach Hotel.

f) Grass Cutting Tender 2014

No changes were proposed to the grass cutting specification and the clerk was asked to obtain tenders for the work.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The Chair reported on a meeting he and the clerk had attended regarding the Rural Clusters Tourism Project. Pendine would be a venue for the World Alternative Games in 2014. On the 9th August Pendine, with the support of the games organisers, would organise and host a series of quirky “speed” events. Members of the community and visitors would be encouraged to take part. It was agreed that the programme of events for 2014 would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chair had also attended the inaugural meeting of the Joint Forum involving Carmarthenshire CC and community councils in the county. CCC

was facing expenditure cuts of around £35 million. The possibility of transferring assets and services to community councils had been raised.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk informed members of recent correspondence which were noted. The clerk had received a request from a local company Seaside Essentials Ltd to rent kayaks to visitors. Members agreed to a franchise of £500 for the season. The clerk was asked to contact the company.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Jane Tremlett had apologised and was not at the meeting.

(d) Other Matters

The clerk was asked to update members on progress with the web site at the next meeting.

7 The meeting closed at 8.45 pm