

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 13th January 2013 at The Museum of Speed, Pendine.

Present: Cllrs. P. Bowring, D. Allen, G. Aitken

C.Cllr. J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

Cllr. Bowring took the Chair

1 **Apologies** – S. Morris, P. Bowering

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

- a. None
- b. Public

Representatives of Dyfed Powys Police were present and the recent theft from the school was discussed. Two members of the public were present who updated the council on developments regarding the Vodaphone Rural Coverage Project, which was now proceeding. They also expressed some views regarding a planning application, which was already an agenda item.

The Beach Warden was not present but had reported to the clerk that there were no significant issues.

3 **a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 09/01/13**

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) **Matters Arising**

12/12/12

5b) The clerk informed members that the new contractors did not require the Parry Thomas Hall site as a compound. He had written to the former contractors requesting the removal of their storage sheds and had also invoiced them up to the end of the week.

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

Payments

622	CJD salary January	£	165.06
623	Office Costs January	£	20.00
624	JAG Salary January	£	481.03
625	HMRC	£	161.20
626	Lewis & Lewis	£	296.00
627	Carm CC lights	£	1771.81
628	JAG expenses	£	6.99
	Total	£	2902.09

The accounts were approved for payment

Income		
Parry Thomas		£ 960.00
Total		£ 960.00

Current balances at 31st January 2013

Current	£	7280.85
Reserve	£	9949.88
Gratuity	£	547.28
Total funds	£	17778.01

5. Policy issues

(a) Planning

W/27522 One storey extension to Driftwood was approved by CCC on 31/01/2013

New applications

W/27619 Plot one Ocean View, new 2 storey dwelling. Members had no issues with this application

Cllr. Bowring declared an interest and took no part in the following discussion.

W/27620 The cafe (formerly Gilberts) change of use from activity centre with cafe to cafe. Members had no particular issues but the clerk was asked to write to CCC regarding the concerns expressed earlier by the member of the public.

Cllr. Bowring returned to the chair.

b) Pendine Public Toilets

The clerk reported that he had attended a meeting with other community councils to discuss a joint approach to fighting the closure proposal. It had been decided that the group would write to local MPs and AMs whose constituencies were affected and the press campaign would continue. The clerk had already circulated to members a further letter from CCC offering to install pay mechanisms and a staged three year revenue support programme. Pendine CC would be expected to contribute 25% of costs in year one and 75% in year three. In year 4 the council would take over 100% of the cost. This was regarded by members as an unsatisfactory and impossible situation, as the council could not increase the precept by similar staged amounts to meet the financial implications.

A further meeting with other affected councils was scheduled for the 15/01/13 and it was agreed that Cllr. Allen would attend and report back. The clerk would not respond to CCC until after the outcomes of this meeting were known.

c) Pendine Developments

The Chair informed members that he had written to CCC for an update on the developments. Phase 1 was now finished apart from some minor snagging issues. The contractor started on site on the 14/01/13 and was expected to complete in 14 weeks. The main slip was now closed and the clerk had arranged for the bollard on the small slip to be maintained in order to provide beach access for the duration of the work. CCC expected the main slip to be open for the Easter weekend. Members asked the clerk to write to CCC asking what contingencies were in place to ensure beach access if the work did not go to plan. He was also asked to write and suggest the contractor put up a sign indicating that the main slip was closed and where the alternative beach access was.

d) Event Management

The clerk updated members on potential events for 2013, which were looking promising and exciting. The clerk outlined a request from a specialist food vendor to operate his stall during the proposed motorcycle event in June. Members confirmed that there were sufficient food and beverage retailers in Pendine to meet demand and in addition it was the council's objective to sustain local businesses through its event strategy. The council therefore declined the request. The clerk was asked to liaise with the organiser following the event in order to evaluate feedback in relation to this approach.

e) Grass cutting Tenders

The clerk informed members that they had received two tenders for grass cutting in 2013. Both were from contractors who had previously worked satisfactorily for the council and met the specification. Members agreed to award the contract to the lowest tender.

f) Co-option of new councillors

The clerk informed members that he had received no applications to date and asked members to again actively search in the community for potential new members.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There had been no other meetings to report

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on correspondence. CCC had provided an estimate of the cost of footway lighting during 2013/14 of £1903. Following correspondence from the school the council agreed to donate £100 towards fundraising for new IT equipment. CCC had written regarding guidance on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. Cllr. Aitken agreed to lead on

this issue. Other correspondence included a conference in the National Botanic Gardens on 23rd April on Burial Grounds, CCC's waste tyre amnesty and information from the health authority.

The clerk reported that he had been approached by a representative of the Probation Service regarding individuals on Community Service Orders being involved in beach cleaning. Members agreed that this was a good idea and the clerk was asked to make arrangements.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Jane Tremlett noted that flooding had again been an issue in the community and she was still making the case in CCC for toilets in Pendine to remain open.

(d) Other Matters

1. The web site was discussed and the clerk reported that there was WG funding available through CCC and he was actively looking into this.
2. Cllr Bowring asked that using the Parry Thomas site for seasonal camping and this year's firework display be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7 The meeting closed at 8.30 pm