

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 9th January 2013 at The Museum of Speed, Pendine.

Present: Cllrs. S. Morris, P. Bowring P. Bowering, D. Allen, G. Aitken

C.Cllr. J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

Cllr. Bowering took the Chair

1 Apologies – None

2 Disclosures of personal interest

- a. None
- b. Public

The new reporter from the Carmarthen Journal, Lee MacGregor, was present and introduced himself.

Concern was expressed regarding the difficulty in getting to the museum for the meeting at this time of the year. The area around was very dark and the building cold. The chair explained that there were a variety of problems with finding a suitable location in Pendine but agreed to look into the matter again.

c. Warden's Report

The Beach Warden was not present but there were no significant issues to report.

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

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

b) Matters Arising

10/10/12

5(d) Event Management

The Chair reported that he had purchased new sets of Christmas lights and the tree had now been removed and recycled. The tree had been kindly supplied by the land owner and members agreed to purchase and plant a number of seedlings to replace those used at this and other Christmases.

5(e) Co-option of Councillors

The clerk reported that there had been no request for an election following the posting of statutory notices, so the council was free to co-opt again. The clerk would post notices of co-option.

14/11/12

6b) Clerk's report

The clerk reported that he had written to CCC regarding the sea defences and the small slip access to the beach. The officer concerned confirmed that CCC was responsible for maintenance of the sea defences. The officer had inspected the slipway and did not feel that there was an issue with public safety.

12/12/12

5b) The next phase of the development was scheduled to commence on the 14th January and the current contractors anticipated leaving site before the end of the week commencing the 21st January. The clerk was in negotiation with the new contractors regarding the rental of the Parry Thomas Hall site as

a compound.

6b) The clerk confirmed that he had written to solicitors of an injured visitor confirming that PCC were not responsible for the sea defences.

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

Payments			
618	CJD salary December	£	165.06
619	Office Costs December	£	20.00
620	JAG Salary December	£	481.23
621	HMRC	£	161.00
Total			£ 827.29

The accounts were approved for payment

Income			
Precept			
		£	2744.00
Total			£ 2744.00

Current balances at 31th December 2012

Current	£	7167.10
Reserve	£	9939.88
Gratuity	£	547.28
Total funds	£	17654.26

5. **Policy issues**

(a) Planning

W/27450 Proposed conservatory, Sunray Pendine. Approved 02/01/13.

W/27379 Proposed changing room extension, Pendine Holiday Camp.

Approved 20/12/13.

W/27522 Two storey extension to Driftwood. Members had no issues

b) Pendine Public Toilets

The clerk reported that he had attended a meeting with the Director of Technical Services of CCC to discuss the issue of the toilet closure and read out a letter he had sent to the Director following the meeting. The Director had been informed that PCC could not afford to operate the toilets and would not be taking them over on the 1/4/13. He had outlined the case for CCC continuing to operate the toilets and had asked that the decision to close would not be implemented until further discussions had taken place. The Director had also been asked to look at the option of fitting coin pay mechanisms to the toilets. The clerk informed members that other community councils with a large visitor base had similar concerns and a meeting had been called to discuss a joint approach to fighting this proposal.

c) Beach management

The Chair informed members that he had heard from Defence Estates that QinetiQ were now looking to use building B12 again and PCC would have to withdraw from the area.

d) Event Management

The clerk and Chair updated members on potential events for 2013, which were looking promising and exciting

e) Budget and Precept 2013/14

The clerk presented management accounts for 2012/13 and projected year-end figures as background information to the discussions. Members agreed the following budget for 2013/2014

Draft Main Core Budget 2013/2014

Expenditure Heading	Budget
Admin	4600
Street Lights	1600
Grass cutting	2300
Grants	500
Chair's allowance	500
Christmas	750
Vat	580
Total	10,830
Income	
Interest	20
Misc	500
VAT	580
Total	1100
Net Budget	9730
Precept	8679

The tax base figure provided by CCC for 2013/14 was £159.93, an increase from the previous year. Members agreed to maintain the current band D cost to householders at £54.27. This would generate a precept of £8679.

- f) **Grass Cutting Tender**
Members agreed minor amendments to the current grass cutting specification. The clerk would place the notice of tender in the council's notice boards and tenders would be returned by the 1st February 2013.

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 minor correspondence. The County Council would be providing Code of Conduct training in February and members were invited to attend. The clerk would e mail around the details.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Jane Tremlett had nothing further to add other than confirming that there was still ongoing dialogue within CCC regarding the proposed closure of public toilets.

(d) Other Matters

1. There were no other matters.

7 The meeting closed at 8.05 pm