

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 10th February 2012 at The Museum of Speed, Pendine.

Present: Cllrs. S. Morris, D. Allen (19:45), P. Bowring, P. Bowering

C.Cllr. J. Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

- 1 **Apologies** – The clerk informed members that he had received apologies from Cllr. T. McDermott, who had also tendered his resignation due to his inability to attend meetings because of the nature of his current employment. Members reluctantly accepted his resignation and given that elections were due in May it was decided not to fill the vacancy.

- 2 **Disclosures of personal interest**
 - a. None

 - b. Public
Several members of the public were present. They commented that the motorcross event had been well organised and successful despite the atrocious weather. The chair commented that there had been minor issues, which would be sorted before the next scheduled event, but agreed that the event was successful. There was a suggestion from the public that before any proposals for the Parry Thomas site were developed, there should be public consultation.

 - c. Beach Wardens Report
The Beach Warden was not present, but the chair noted that there had been no significant issues since the last meeting.

- 3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 11/01/12
The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

- (b) Matters Arising

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The clerk informed members that the new banking arrangements were still not in place.

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5(b) Queen's Jubilee Celebrations The clerk informed members that he had been told that Eglwys Cummin Community Council would not be organising a beacon, but there were moves by individuals to organise one on Marros Mountain. No further information was available. The chair agreed to approach QinetiC regarding a beacon.
5(c) It was agreed that Cllr. Bowring would further investigate the question of developing the Parry Thomas site as a touring site.

4 Accounts for payment and note of income received

Payments			
522	CJD salary January	£	159.21
523	Office Costs January	£	20.00
524	JAG salary January	£	481.03
525	HMRC	£	161.46
Total		£	821.70

The accounts were approved for payment

Income

The last part of the precept had been received £ 2833.33

Current balances at 31st January 2012

Current	£	14,450.27
Reserve	£	5,593.72
Gratuity	£	542.44
Total funds	£	20,586.43

5. Policy issues

(a) Planning

W/25943 Swimming Pool building and changing rooms extension & cellar cold store extension Pendine Sands Holiday Park

Members had no issues with this application.

b) Tenders and Franchises

This item was taken at the end of the meeting without the presence of the public for confidentiality reasons.

The contract for grass cutting, which now included the church and an additional monthly cut of the play area was awarded to R. Jones Landscaping, Woodend, Pendine for £2300.

Members raised a number of issues with the Ice Cream and Crazy Golf franchises and following discussions the clerk was asked to raise these with the contractors.

c) Pendine Developments – Update

The chair and clerk confirmed that funding was now in place for phase 2 of the promenade stage and CCC wished to commence that phase in the

autumn. Phase 1 was scheduled to commence by the end of February.

d) Beach management

Cllr. Allen apologised and joined the meeting.

The chair informed members that there had been a further change in personnel at MOD estates and he had been in contact with the new manager in order to set up a meeting to discuss the beach contract and Building B12.

e) Event Management

Members had met with the Events Manager and he would receive a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement before the next meeting. The clerk was asked to put the role of the Events Manager on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The chair reported on the successful Motorcross event and the minor issues that had arisen. There were new regulations in place for these sort of events and these would be adopted at future events. He also reported that he was in discussions with a group who wished to attempt the lawn mower record on the beach this year.

The clerk reported that Pendine was a designated European Bathing Water and the legislation required bathing water controllers, PCC in this case, to erect signs at the main entry points to the beach. These were of a standard format and content, although site specific. Welsh Government was providing a grant and the signs would be in place by Easter.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

The chair had met with CCC's tourism officer and there were positive indications that "Brown" tourism signs for Pendine would be put in place on the dual carriageway at St. Clears and also at Red Roses. When it was completed there would be signs on the new by-pass.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on routine correspondence and circulars including a major consultation exercise by the Hywel Dda Health Board, RWE npower renewables regarding feedback and further consultation on the Atlantic Array Offshore Wind Farm and Carmarthenshire CC regarding their revised Customer Complaints and Compliments Procedure.

The Minister of Local Government and Communities had written regarding a proposal to move the date of local government elections from May 2016 to May 2017. Members had no issues with this proposal.

The clerk reported that he had received telephone calls regarding the increase in noise levels from trials on the Pendine range from neighbouring council areas. He had also received complaints that the beach had been closed for a number of weekends and Qinetiq had plans for further weekend testing.

Members agreed that while the testing and trials at Pendine were a matter of national security and there were benefits for the local economy, the noise levels and beach closure were a concern. The clerk was asked to liaise with other affected community councils in order that a letter of concern could be sent to QinetiQ regarding these issues.

The clerk showed members a batch of letters he had received from children at Tremoilet School. These related to their concerns over the state and the safety of the path to school. Members agreed that this was an issue of great concern to them. The chair and Cllr. Tremlett reported that there had been meetings with CCC officers and the police regarding a safe route to school. The clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the footpath and to again contact CCC regarding this substantive issue.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Tremlett had already reported on a number of issues and had nothing further to report.

(d) Other Matters

There were no other matters to report

7 The meeting closed at 8:45 pm