

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pendine Community Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at The Museum of Speed, Pendine.

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

C.Cllr. J. Tremlett
Clerk Chris Delaney

1 **Apologies** – Cllr. T. McDermott,

2 **Disclosures of personal interest**

a. None

b. Public

Several members of the public were present. The chair was asked for clarification on issues from the previous meeting. These were answered by the chair and clerk.

Mr A Roberts was present from Dredgers –Laugharne Motorcross Club, www.dlmx.co.uk, It was agreed that the event would go ahead on the 4th February. It was noted that there might be some filming further along the beach that weekend and that Morfa Bay was organising a land yachting activity.

c. Beach Wardens Report

Members received the Beach Warden's report

3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 14/12/11
The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record.

(b) Matters Arising

08/06/11

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

14/12/11

5(b) Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. Members confirmed that the lettering on the mugs would be in blue. 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 Qinetiq regarding a beacon.

5(c) The clerk informed members that he had discussed a planning application for change of use to a caravan site for the Parry Thomas Hall site with an architect. Change of use would be required and even a basic site for 5 caravans would require infrastructure and a moderate capital investment. It was agreed that Cllr. Bowring would investigate the matter further.

5(f) The clerk had discussed the cost of including the church graveyard in the grass cutting contract with the current contractor. He confirmed that it would increase the tender by around £110 per annum for strimming and blowing the cuttings away during the season. Members agreed to amend the tender for 2012/13 to include the churchyard.

4 Accounts for payment and note of income received

Payments			
517	CJD salary December	£	159.21
518	Office Costs December	£	20.00
519	JAG salary December	£	481.23
520	HMRC	£	161.26
521	RNLI Donation	£	400.00
Total		£	1221.70

The accounts were approved for payment

Income

The last part of the precept had been received £ 2833.33

Current balances at 30th December 2011

Current	£	15,323.19
Reserve	£	5,583.72
Gratuity	£	542.44
Total funds	£	21,449.35

b) The auditors had signed and returned the annual return, which was approved and accepted by the council.

5. Policy issues

(a) Planning

W/25809 Demolition of sub-standard toilet block and construction of new replacement block, Morfa Bay. Granted 03/01/2012

W/25552 Various work MOD Pendine. Granted 19/12/2011

W/25932 Two storey extension to Sunray Pendine. Members had no issues with this application.

b) Budget and Precept

The clerk presented members with management accounts for the current financial year which indicated the likely year end out turn. This projected a slight excess of expenditure over income. However taking into consideration the additional community grants agreed in the year the

accounts were in credit and the beach management/beach parking element was showing a small excess of income over expenditure. It was agreed to set the precept against the core budget costs given the unpredictability of the beach operation. These as in previous years would be closely monitored to ensure that losses were incurred.

The tax base figure supplied by CCC was £151.69, a decrease on the previous year. Members agreed to maintain the D band figure at £54.27, which reduces the precept to £8232 a fall of £268 on the previous year's precept of £8500.

c) Pendine Developments – Update

Concerns were again raised regarding the ditches dug as part of the Gateway Scheme. These had filled with water and it was felt that they were a potential hazard. The Chair agreed to bring this matter to the attention of officers of CCC.

The promenade scheme was progressing well and a public meeting held on 10/1/12 had been well attended. The chair had arranged meetings with residents directly affected by the scheme to facilitate progress. The promenade scheme was divided into three sections. Funding of £250,000 for section 1 from the point to the Beach Hotel was secured. Members were delighted to hear that funding of for section 2 from the Beach Hotel to Barnacles had now been secured by CCC. Members expressed their thanks to officers of CCC for securing this funding.

Funding for the section 3 up to the MOD fence was currently dependant on slippage on other RDP funded projects in Wales. CCC would know by April if these funds were available.

d) Beach management

Members agreed to commence beach parking at Easter. It was agreed that given the costs of hiring a mini-mobile, the clerk would examine the option of purchasing a suitable robust shed for the beach attendants. The chair informed members that there had been a further change in personnel at MOD estates and he was arranging a meeting with the new manager to discuss the beach contract and Building B12.

e) Event Management

Members expressed concern that it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with the Events Manager. The chair would contact him immediately prior to the next council meeting in February. Members felt that it was very important that this meeting took place and the Memorandum of Agreement was in place for 2012/13.

6 For information

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There was nothing further to report

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on routine correspondence and circulars. Members agreed to advertise tenders and franchises in time for the next meeting.

(c) County Councillor's Report

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

(d) Other Matters

Cllr. Allen reported that he had inspected the play area on a number of occasions and there were no matters to report

7 The meeting closed at 9.00 pm