

**PENDINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF (VIRTUAL) MEETING
14TH OCTOBER 2020**

Present: Councillor J. Lipman (Chair);

Councillors: P. Bowring, J. Owen (Acting Clerk), P. T. Owen, S. Mills (Acting Responsible Finance Officer) and D. Thomas.

Virtual Meeting: 7:00pm – 20:30pm

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Councillor P. Owen and Councillor J. Owen	10 – Beach Matters [Pendine Community Council – Beach Vehicle]	Owner of Three Lords Garage, Pendine

3. CHAIRMAN’S INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

There were no members present in the virtual meeting.
There were no matters received from the public for Council consideration.

4. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 9th September 2020 be accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – J TREMLETT

- County Councillor Jane Tremlett provided an update on the continuing issues in relation to the inappropriate use of the area at Morfa Bychan. It was reported that the National Trust had been significantly impacted upon by the pandemic with many staff being furloughed. The National Trust had responded to the Cllr Tremlett’s query about the possibility of installing surveillance cameras in the area. Unfortunately, due to the current financial situation and potential operational difficulties the National Trust were unable to pursue. However, the National Trust confirmed that they would make regular visits to the area and continue to monitor the situation. Following complaints of vehicles parking overnight, the National Trust had placed notices on the vehicles which had been ignored.

In light of this information, Council members expressed growing concerns about future of the area. It was acknowledged that the area had historic importance and hoped that in a solution could be found in the near future.

Councillor Tremlett agreed that she would continue to liaise with Carmarthenshire County Council Officers, the local MP and other interested parties on this matter.

- It was reported to Councillor Tremlett that a drain located on the highway located near to the entrance of the main carpark continued to be a problem with rainwater along with toilet effluent discharging from the drain onto the highway. It was reported that this was a public hazard and required immediate attention. Councillor Tremlett would report the problem to the Local Authority Highways department.

6. COUNCIL FINANCES

The Council, supported by a slide presentation, considered a breakdown of expenditure and income during September 2020.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Reason	Amount (£)
Clerk (former)	Salary – Sept	376.08
Clerk (former)	Office Costs	20.00
Staff	Beach Parking staff	207.88
		259.68
		477.17
Pendine AFC	Donation (agreed Sept meeting)	250.00
Colourfast Graphics	New carpark sign (Charges)	175.00
Harries	Motorhome QS	2400.00
HMRC	Tax – Council staff	165.00
Nexbyte	Council Website	840.00
TOTAL		5170.81

The Account Balance as at 28th September 2020 was provided as follows:-

Current Account	£19,499.31
Reserve Account (1)	£558.08
Reserve Account (2)	£6,321.35
TOTAL	26,378.74

The Council, following legal advice provided by One Voice Wales, approved the gratuity calculation payment of £2644.20, as obligated in accordance with the provisions set out within the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 (SI1680) to be made to the former Clerk.

It was raised that it would be beneficial to purchase a laptop so that the Clerk could utilise for Council business. Following a brief discussion, the Chair stated that in order to save costs, he would be happy to gift a laptop that he no longer uses to the Council. The Council accepted the generous gift.

The RFO announced that he had received notification that following an application, the Council would receive a Loss of Income Grant of £8015.00.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-

- 6.1 The calculated gratuity payment to the former Clerk be approved and paid;**
- 6.2 The gift of a laptop to the Council be accepted;**
- 6.3 The Council Finances for September 2020 be noted.**

7. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications/matters to discuss.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Bus Shelter – Top of Pendine
The Council noted that the commissioned repair work on the bus shelter at the top of the hill was near completion.
- Local Places for Nature project
It was reported that on the 6th October 2020, a wildlife garden was installed on the Council owned land on Pendine Hill. Following a successful application earlier this year, the Local Places for Nature project had provided a number of tools and garden items to promote wildlife in the area. The installation was undertaken by Council members and community volunteers supported by Mr Dan Snaith of Keep Wales Tidy. It was hoped that this area would be maintained by willing community volunteers.
- Request for donation – Llanmiloe School PTFA
The Council considered an e-mail from the Treasurer of Llanmiloe School PTFA requesting financial support of up to £750 required to replace the children's play park at Llanmiloe School. Following a discussion, Council members expressed that whilst they would be happy to support the local school, it was highlighted that other funding streams were available which may be able to assist. On this basis, Council members were minded in the first instance to encourage the PTFA to apply for a grant from the local Parc Cynog Community Fund, prior to the funds closing date at end of December 2020.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council would consider the request following the outcome of the Llanmiloe School PTFA's application to Parc Cynog Community Fund early 2021.

9. PENDINE DEVELOPMENTS

The Chair reported that since the last meeting held on 9th September 2020, the Beach Warden had withdrawn his resignation and following discussion was happy to assist the Council in developing a revised job description/specification for the role of Beach Warden.

- Motorhome Project

The construction of the project was progressing well and was on schedule to be completed the second week of December. The RFO, supported by a slide presentation, shared explorative finance projections in relation to the potential revenue income from the site. Following a discussion, the Council agreed that the applied charges would reflect an upmarket site, further research would be undertaken based on a Low, Medium and High season.

- Pendine Attractor Project – Steering Group meeting

The Chair updated the Council with the highlights of the Pendine Attractor Project Steering Group virtual meeting which was held on 13th October 2020. In essence, the Attractor Project was progressing well, despite the delays caused by Covid-19. The County Council car park was opened earlier this year and was now fully functional. However, access via the carpark to the beach would not be opened until the development progressed further into 2021. In terms of the future management of the Pendine Community Council's carpark and beach access, this continued to be a matter for the Council to determine with Carmarthenshire County Council.

10. BEACH MATTERS

- Pendine Community Council – Beach Vehicle

[Note: At this point, Councillor P. Owen and J. Owen declared an interest]

Councillor Owen on behalf of Three Lords Garage, provided an update on the situation of the Beach Vehicle. It was reported that due to the current Covid-19 situation he has experienced significant difficulties in obtaining the necessary unit either direct from Nissan and other suppliers. However, one company that may be able to provide a reconditioned unit was being pursued, but unfortunately due to the number of staff being on furlough it was not likely to be progressed until early 2021. Councillor Owen confirmed that he would seek to obtain a quote for the necessary unit for the Council to consider.

- Filming

The Council noted that a booking had been secured for filming in October 2020. Furthermore, as part of the negotiated fee, the production company would provide promotional material for the Council to utilise on its website.

11. BABS TRUST

The Council, as one of the three Trustees of BABS had been contacted by Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales (ACNMW) regarding a loan request from Carmarthen County Museum to display BABS, the V12 Aero engine, corroded body panels and various other parts in the new Museum of Land Speed at Pendine.

Council Members acknowledged that BABS would greatly enhance the visitor experience and ensure that this historic event would be suitably recognised, not only when BABS is on display but also through the display of the original car parts, which were currently in a store at the National Museum of Wales. It was highlighted that whilst the Trustees would be required to formulate and approve loan conditions, the (ACNMW) had offered to lead on the loan administration utilising the Museum's standard loan agreement but ensuring that specific loan conditions, as agreed by the Trustees and set out in the Trust Deed, would be in place.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to confirm that Pendine Community Council agrees in principle for the Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales to draw up the loan agreement, subject to the approval of the BABS Trustees.

12. REPORTS ON GROUPS AND MEETINGS

a) Website Working Group

Group Members were pleased to report that the website was launched on 1st October as planned. It was highlighted that whilst all the legal documentation and information was available, there were elements of the site that required further development.

The Group expressed their gratitude to Nexbyte for the hard work developing the site.

In addition, a new generic e-mail account for the Clerk had been created Clerk@pendinecommunitycouncil.co.uk.

b) Dog Management Working Group

Councillor Mills stated that he was currently developing a project scope and would share it to Council Members upon completion.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business raised.