



**Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st January 2026 7.00pm
Llanmiloe Resource Centre**

1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</p> <p>Present: Andrew Shaw; Steve Rundle; Barry O’Connor; Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies: Hayley Thomas.</p> <p>No members of the public present.</p>																	
2	<p>Declarations of Personal Interest:</p> <p>None.</p>	All																
3	<p>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the council meeting held on 26th November 2025 were reviewed and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	All																
4	<p>Planning:</p> <p>None.</p>																	
5	<p>Council Finance:</p> <p>The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement, covering expenditure for December and January, as the December meeting was not quorate. All payments listed for approval were reviewed and unanimously agreed, totalling £4,533.36.</p> <p>Approval was also given in principle for the purchase of village planters at a cost of £1,800.00, subject to the community planting group successfully securing grant funding to purchase the plants to be placed around the village.</p> <p>All bank statements and bank reconciliations were reviewed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate representation.</p> <p>Payments to be Approved 21st January 2026</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Scottish Power</td> <td>Unmetered Supplies festive lighting - MPAN now Disconnected</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Carmarthenshire County Council</td> <td>Lighting Upgrade</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£771.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Defense Infrastructure Organisation</td> <td>Water Charges Lay water pipe Pendine</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payee	Description	Amount	1	Scottish Power	Unmetered Supplies festive lighting - MPAN now Disconnected	19.78	2	Carmarthenshire County Council	Lighting Upgrade	£771.46	3	Defense Infrastructure Organisation	Water Charges Lay water pipe Pendine	£20.00	Clerk
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	4	HMRC VAT	QE December 2025	£1,177.1 2	
	5	Amazon	Hose for Header tank Motorhome Park	£20.00	
	6	Starlink	Internet subscription for Public Wifi	£75.00	
	7	Phillips and Edwards	Motorhome park Electrical Certification	£180.00	
	8	Blaenwaun garage	Beach Truck service	£470.00	
	9	Woven Wood	6 x Planters for Pendine Village.	£1,800.0 0	
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6	Precept:				All
	<p>The precept for the 2026/27 financial year, totalling £8,217.90 and set at £45.00 per Band D property, was agreed as being in line with the Council's budgetary requirements. The precept was signed by the Chair and the Clerk and will be submitted to the Unitary Authority in advance of the deadline.</p> <p>The Council reaffirmed its objective to keep the precept static, ensuring that any additional funding requirements are met through proactive income generation, thereby reducing financial pressure on residents.</p>				
7	Budget 26/27:				All
	<p>The Clerk presented an overview of the proposed 2026/27 budget, which has been prepared on a prudent and realistic basis, reflecting actual income and expenditure trends and known operational changes.</p> <p>The budget prioritises financial stability, cashflow management, and transparency. A key change for the year is the leasing of the Motorhome Park, which removes operational risk and income volatility and provides a fixed annual income.</p> <p>Total projected income for 2026/27 is £80,242.86, with beach-related income remaining the Council's largest and most variable source and therefore budgeted cautiously. Income from events, filming, and franchises has been included only where secured or highly probable. Total projected expenditure is £78,703.55, reflecting essential operational, statutory, and compliance costs, with limited scope for further reductions without impacting service delivery or statutory responsibilities.</p> <p>The budget forecasts a net surplus of £1,539.31 and the Council will enter the financial year with strong opening reserves, providing resilience against income volatility and unforeseen expenditure</p>				



	<p>without reliance on reserves for day-to-day operations. Following consideration, the Council unanimously agreed the 2026/27 budget.</p>	
8	<p>WiFi Installation:</p> <p>Following the removal of the community Wi-Fi service at the beachfront in early 2025, which had originally been installed by Carmarthenshire County Council, the Community Council agreed to progress with the installation of a new public Wi-Fi system serving the beachfront area. The new installation will provide internet access for members of the public and will also support Council operational requirements.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that mobile phone reception within the village, particularly at the beachfront, is poor and unreliable. The provision of a dedicated internet connection will significantly improve connectivity for residents and visitors, enhance public safety, and provide essential support in emergency situations where making an emergency call may otherwise be difficult due to limited signal. As Pendine is a popular holiday destination, the availability of reliable connectivity will also improve the visitor experience and support local tourism.</p> <p>In addition, the installation will directly support the Council's summer operations, including beach management, events, staff communication, and safety coordination during peak periods when demand and visitor numbers are highest.</p> <p>The Clerk further advised that Phase One of the installation is expected to commence as early as the week beginning 26 January 2026, with Phase Two scheduled for early March 2026 to complete the connection serving the beachfront area.</p>	All
9	<p>Tree St Margarets Church:</p> <p>The Council discussed the condition of the tree adjacent to St Margaret's Church, which had previously been raised by a concerned resident.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council had taken the matter seriously and escalated the concern to Carmarthenshire County Council's Tree Officer due to the potential risk the tree may pose.</p> <p>The Tree Officer has since inspected the tree and provided a report advising that there is no immediate risk to the highway and that no action is currently required to fell or top the tree. The Officer further advised that the tree will continue to be monitored, with the next scheduled review planned for summer 2026.</p> <p>The Council noted the update and that appropriate action had been taken to assess and manage the concern in line with professional advice.</p>	All
10	<p>Staffing for 2026 Season- Beach Warden:</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted the need to begin planning for the recruitment of a Beach Warden for the 2026 season. Following discussion, the Council agreed that the role would be advertised on 11 February 2026, with all applications to be presented to the Council meeting on 18 March 2026 for</p>	All

	<p>the Council to determine which candidates should be shortlisted for interview. Interviews are scheduled to take place on 20 March 2026.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that this timetable will allow sufficient time to appoint and onboard staff ahead of the Easter holiday period, ensuring that, subject to weather conditions, the beach can open for parking at the earliest opportunity and that repairs and maintenance can be undertaken in advance of the peak season.</p> <p>The Council further agreed that, due to the nature of the role, a DBS check will be required for the successful candidate.</p>	
<p>1 1</p>	<p>Christmas Lights Unmetered Supplies :</p> <p>Following the reduction of festive light displays within the village at Christmas 2025, it was noted that Carmarthenshire County Council had removed the existing brackets from streetlighting columns when replacing the external casings. As a result, the Council is no longer able to attach festive lighting to the streetlamps.</p> <p>In previous years, the Council had only been responsible for the energy costs associated with the festive period. However, this arrangement has changed, and the Council is now being billed quarterly by Scottish Power in line with updated requirements for unmetered supplies, despite no festive lighting being in place.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the only way to prevent ongoing and unnecessary charges was to request the disconnection of the MPAN. This has now been completed, and the charges raised by Scottish Power have been credited accordingly, leaving a remaining balance of £19.78 payable.</p> <p>The Clerk further advised that should the Council wish to reinstate festive lighting on lamp columns in the future, this would simply require the re-fitting of brackets and a request for the MPAN to be reconnected.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>1 2</p>	<p>Winter Planning to Include Planters:</p> <p>As discussed under Finance Review – Agenda Item 5, the Council agreed to the purchase of six village planters, subject to the newly formed community planting group successfully securing grant funding for the plants to be placed within them.</p> <p>The purpose of the scheme is to improve the general appearance of the village and enhance visual amenity. It was noted that £1,800 has already been raised and earmarked within the Council’s reserves specifically for this purpose.</p> <p>Councillor SR shared details of a supplier website offering robust, visually appealing planters with dimensions suitable for the proposed locations around the village. The planters are similar in style to those installed by Amroth Community Council and were viewed favourably.</p> <p>It was further discussed that the area behind the container at the Motorhome Park requires clearing in preparation for the proposed leasing of the site. The Clerk was asked to explore</p>	

	<p>whether any scrap metal could be removed via a scrap metal collection service, with any remaining waste to be disposed of appropriately. On this basis, Councillors SR and AS agreed to remove the old parking meter from the community car park and arrange for its disposal at the same time.</p> <p>The Council requested that the Clerk obtain a quotation for running an electrical supply to the defibrillator cabinet located at the Pitstop. The Clerk was also asked to contact one of the Council's tenants to request that the winch shed be redecorated, as it is looking tired, in accordance with the lease agreement.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk was asked to contact Carmarthenshire County Council to remind them that the flagpole situated by the small slipway remains unrepaired, following concerns raised in 2025.</p>	
<p>1 3</p>	<p>Recognition and Thanks:</p> <p>The Chair expressed his sincere thanks to all those who volunteered, attended, and donated raffle prizes for the Community Council's Christmas event, which was a great success. Additional thanks were extended to Parkdean, for providing the Sands as a venue at short notice when adverse weather and last-minute changes to marquee arrangements meant the event would otherwise have been cancelled.</p> <p>The Chair also thanked The Wurlitzers, Crazy Clayton, Pastor Haydn, the LCA, and Llanmiloe School for their support and contributions to the event.</p> <p>It was noted that a total of £904.00 was raised for Llanmiloe School, to assist with the purchase of educational resources for the children.</p>	
<p>1 4</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Theft of Produce Market Banner – Police Report Update:</p> <p>The Council requested that the Clerk follow up and chase the police report relating to the theft of one of the Produce Market banners in August 2025, as no action has yet been taken.</p> <p>Events Calendar 2026:</p> <p>The Clerk presented the 2026 Events Calendar, outlining confirmed events along with proposed dates for community events and produce markets. The Council agreed the calendar, and the approved dates will be published accordingly.</p> <p>It was noted that dates for the Christmas event are yet to be confirmed, as these will need to be agreed with Parkdean.</p> <p>CCC Budget Consultation Period:</p> <p>The Council noted that Carmarthenshire County Council's budget consultation for the 2026/27 financial year is currently open. This information was shared for awareness only. Anyone wishing to view the consultation or submit comments may do so independently.</p> <p>The consultation period closes on 1 February 2026.</p>	



	Meeting Closed: 21.40	
	The financial statement associated with this meeting is available on the Council website at www.pendinesands.org, under the Financial Information section, titled "Monthly Financial Summary."	