

PENDINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF (VIRTUAL) MEETING

10TH MARCH 2021

Present: Councillor J. Lipman (Chair);

Councillors: P. Bowring, E. Mills, J. Owen (Acting Clerk), P. T. Owen and D. Thomas.

Also present: County Councillor Jane Tremlett.

Virtual Meeting: 7:00pm – 21:20pm

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Mills (Acting Responsible Financial Officer).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Chair at this point invited, Mr Peter Stopp who was in attendance on behalf of the Carmarthenshire Antiquary Society to speak to the Committee.

Mr Stopp explained to Councillors that a group of local historians from the Carmarthenshire Antiquary Society had undertaken research to develop a feasibility study for developing a heritage/faith tour to learn about the legacy of Griffith Jones to the County and to Wales.

The tour would consist of the locations included within the Griffiths Jones legacy tour, telling a different aspect of the story of the contributions of Griffiths Jones and those who immediately followed him. In Pendine, this would include the early story of Peter Williams and the bible that was published in his name.

Mr Stopp informed Councillors that Society was in the process of applying for a grant from a local funding source to erect a display board outside the Peter Williams Chapel in Pendine which would provide information on his early life and his achievements. The intention was that the tour would generate more tourist visits to locations, as well as celebrating the importance of the contributions to Welsh religious life, literacy and the survival of the Welsh language in eighteenth century Wales by Griffith Jones and his followers.

On behalf of the Carmarthenshire Antiquary Society, Mr Stopp stated that it would appreciate the involvement the local community and asked if the Council would be interested in a joint event to unveil the board.

In addition, Mr Stopp explained that since applying for a grant he had learned about the History Points QR coding which would link all the locations included within the tour, as well as those along the coastal footpath, whilst also providing more information than the panel itself. The QR coding could be added to the panel for an extra £100.

The Chair thanked Mr Stopp for attending the meeting and providing a comprehensive explanation. The consensus of the Council was that the information panel would provide significant historic information and following a discussion it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-

3.1 provide a letter in support of the venture;

3.2 to pledge supplementary amount of £100 to enable a QR coding to be added to the information display panel;

3.3 to support and partake in a joint event to unveil the board.

4. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2021

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 17th February 2021 be accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – J TREMLETT

County Councillor J. Tremlett provided an update in relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

In relation to the Councils concern raised at the meeting held on 13th January 2021 [minute 13 refers] regarding the depth of the ponds which could be a risk to the lives of small children and pets who walk along the path located between the footpath and the MoD fencing on route from Llanmiloe to Pendine. County Councillor Tremlett stated that whilst this matter was often raised as a perennial concern the County Council had regarded the depth of the ponds as safe.

Following discussion, it was uncertain when the last assessment of the area took place, Council Members requested **County Councillor Jane Tremlett to ask Carmarthenshire County Council to undertake a safety assessment of ponds and inform the Council of the results.**

In relation to the matter of Morfa Bychan, the Council Members had been informed the locations of both Pendine and Morfa Bychan were part of a Carmarthenshire County Council initiative to invest in relation to tourism. Council Members raised concern that Morfa Bychan was not an area to promote as an area of tourism at this time and that there was much work outstanding to sort out the current misuse of the area. County Councillor Tremlett reported that the initiative may be utilised as an opportune means to escalate and arrange the discussions required.

6. COUNCIL FINANCES

The Council, considered a breakdown of income, account balance up to the 28th February 2021 and the expenditure for March for approval.

February Income:

There was no income for the month of February 2021.

The Account Balance as at 28th February 2021 was provided as follows:-

Current Account	£18,283.55
Reserve Account (1)	£6,371.60
Reserve Account (2)	£6,650.17
TOTAL	£31,665.32

Due to the absence of the Responsible Financial Officer. the expenditure for payments for March was not available for consideration and therefore would be deferred to the April meeting.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council Finances up to 28th February 2021 be noted.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters for consideration.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

a) Request for financial support – Pendine Newsletter

It was reported that the request for financial support had been withdrawn as they had been successful in obtaining a grant from Parc Cynog Community Fund.

b) Children’s Play area – Top of Pendine Hill

The Acting Clerk reported that the construction work to remove and replace the play area equipment had commenced and would be open in April 2021.

Currently awaiting quotes to replace the gate.

9. PENDINE DEVELOPMENTS

a) **Attractor project**

It was reported that some good progress had been made and that the Council had been informed that the construction firm would be tarmacking the road very soon enabling the access to be open before Easter. With the new access road being opened the County Council would close off access to the Pendine Community Council Carpark from the route passed the launderette by way of a concrete boulder.

Following a discussion regarding the safety and future operation of the Pendine Community Carpark it was agreed that it would be beneficial for Council Members to meet on site to review the configuration.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Council members attend a site meeting at the Pendine Community Council Carpark on 11th March 2021, adhering to social distancing rules.

b) Motorhome Project

Strong concerns were raised in relation to the lack of construction work to the Motorhome site with of weeks and the impact on being able to draw down the funding. The Responsible Financial Officer to continue making enquiries and put pressure on the need to continue work as soon as possible.

10. BEACH MATTERS

a) Beach Wardens Report 2020

Council Members having received an informative Beach Warden report which included experiences of last Season, possible issues that may arise this coming season and some possible improvement suggestions, considered and discussed the content.

Council Members wished to express their sincere thanks to the Beach Warden for preparing such an informative report. In light of the report, the Council reviewed the beach charges for 2021 and following consideration of the time constraints agreed that the charge for 2021 would remain as 2020 - £5 per vehicle all day, with the additional provision of a reduced charge of £3 to be applied on an incoming tide as this would limit the parking time.

In relation to the items required to aid the management of the beach and carpark, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-

- 10a).1 the Council Provide walkie-talkies for the Beach Warden to remain in constant contact with the parking staff.**
- 10a).2 the Council Purchase the following items:**
 - **High Viz Jacket/vest(s)**
 - **Klaxon**
 - **Loudspeaker**
- 10a).3 the following Beach parking charges for 2021 to be applied:-**
 - **£5 per vehicle all day**
 - **Limited time charge of £3.**

b) Debris on the beach

The Clerk reported that she had received a number of e-mails in relation to driftwood on the beach and the possibility of them being an asset to the community of Pendine. Council Members felt that it would be prudent to provide the following clarification to the public in relation to debris on the beach:-

- Any driftwood that may arise on the beach from the incoming tide is not the property of the council.
- The Council has a responsibility to the safety of the public in the regard to any hazardous materials that appears on the Councils section of the beach and therefore it is only of interest to the Council if it becomes dangerous to injury/life/property/shipping vessels/fishing nets.
- The Council does not have salvage rights we only own the beach and not what ends up on the beach
- Members of the public have the right to remove any form of driftwood,
- The Council does not have any form of storage facility for any items that land on the Councils beach.
- Driftwood is not deemed as asset to the Community of Pendine.

11. REPORTS ON GROUPS AND MEETINGS

a) Website working group

Not met. – No update

b) Dog management working group

The Council wished to express its thanks to St Clears Town Council for the loan of their stencils with a dog fouling message. This had been tested and whilst it was deemed as effective it was agreed that a large size would be required to be more visible.

Initial enquires for a quote have been made and will be forwarded for Council decision upon receipt.

An e-mail seeking delegated enforcement powers had been sent to Carmarthenshire County Council – currently awaiting a response and further information on the process.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.