



Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 18th March 2026 7.00pm
Llanmiloe Resource Centre

1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</p> <p>Present: Andrew Shaw; Hayley Thomas; Steve Rundle; Barry O'Connor and Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>No members of the public present.</p>									
2	<p>Declarations of Personal Interest:</p> <p>None.</p>	Al I								
3	<p>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the council meeting held on 25th February 2026 were reviewed and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	Al I								
4	<p>Planning:</p> <p>The Council considered Planning Application PL/10512 – Proposal to install or retain an overhead electric line at Dukes Meadow, Pendine, Carmarthen.</p> <p>No objections were raised.</p>									
5	<p>Council Finance:</p> <p>The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement, together with the schedule of payments for authorisation.</p> <p>The Council resolved to approve payments totalling £830.38. The schedule of payments was signed by the Chair in accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations.</p> <p>Two quotations for cameras at the motorhome park and beachfront were considered but rejected at this time, pending a review of the budget position. There may be scope to facilitate this expenditure in the new financial year.</p> <p>The bank reconciliation was presented, checked against the corresponding bank statements, and verified as accurate. The Chair reviewed and signed the bank reconciliation and statements as a true and accurate record of the Council’s financial position and transactions for the period.</p> <p>Payments to be Approved 18th March 2026</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 55%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Contact Radio Hire</td> <td>Radios for BABs centenary event x 10 Quote:111118</td> <td style="text-align: right;">164 .40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payee	Description	Amount	1	Contact Radio Hire	Radios for BABs centenary event x 10 Quote:111118	164 .40	Cl er k
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	2	One Voice Wales	Membership for 2026/27	£76.00		
	3	Steve Whitton Quote	QUOTE: Motorhome park 2 x cameras NOT APPROVED	£1,508.80		
	4	Steve Whitton Quote	Quote: to add on camera at Carpark/slipway x 1 NOT APPROVED	£315.00		
	5	Amazon	Beach Warden Uniform 2 x customised coats	£59.98		
	6	P Thomas	LOLER certification Flagpole situated at the Large Slipway	£330.00		
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	10	Beach Expenditure Contingency	To cover vehicle and Emergency expenditure which may arise.	£200.00		
				£830.38		
	<p>Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2025/26</p> <p>The appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 financial year was approved by the Council. Following this decision, the formal appointment documentation was duly signed by the Chair in accordance with the Council's governance and Financial Regulations.</p> <p>Bevan and Buckland were appointed to act as the Council's Internal Auditors for the 2025/26 accounts.</p>					
6	<p>Beach Warden:</p> <p>The Council considered applications for the Beach Warden role in a confidential manner. It was agreed that interviews would take place on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March 2026, with inductions scheduled for the week commencing 23rd March 2026, subject to successful appointments.</p>				AI	
7	<p>Wifi Installation:</p> <p>The Clerk advised the Council that Phase 1 of the Community Wi-Fi installation has been completed and is now operational, with Phase 2 nearing completion.</p> <p>The project will provide improved connectivity across the beachfront, including public access Wi-Fi, a dedicated staff network, and connectivity for guests at the motorhome park. This initiative aims to address the historically poor connectivity within the area.</p>				AI	
8	<p>Maintenance and Repairs:</p> <p>It was reported that a number of road signs are barely readable. The Clerk was requested to contact Jane Tremlett regarding this matter. It was also noted that the escape lane is overgrown with weeds</p>				AI	

	<p>and that the escape barriers are corroded and require attention.</p> <p>The Council agreed that the concrete benches along the beachfront should be cleaned.</p> <p>The Council will review the report from the RNLI regarding signage and the PRE audit. A report will be compiled incorporating RNLI recommendations and identifying achievable actions.</p> <p>The Council will allocate pre-season maintenance tasks for the Beach Warden.</p>	I
9	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Straightliners Event 2026: Cllr S.R. outlined the fees discussed during initial conversations with Kevin Nicks regarding securing interest for the return of the Straightliners event in 2026, particularly in relation to car park usage and charges. The Council agreed that the usual fees will apply for beach hire.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Rundle and the Clerk will be meeting to discuss the event in more detail to ensure the Council can effectively plan and prepare.</p> <p>Babs Centenary Event: The Council noted that a contingency plan for spectator fencing will be required, as no response has been received from CCC regarding the request for fencing provision. The Council will investigate the cost of suitable fixings (e.g. shepherd's hooks) to secure tape for cordoning off the spectator area.</p> <p>The Council also agreed to approach Martin Stockton to enquire about acting as photographer for the event and to obtain quotations for the required equipment for the spectator area.</p> <p>Ultrarunning Event – 5th April 2026: The Council noted that the ultrarunning event will take place on Sunday 5th April 2026 (Easter Sunday), coinciding with the Produce Market. The organiser has been advised that the start line will need to be relocated to accommodate overflow parking.</p> <p>Given the likelihood of increased visitor numbers, particularly in favourable weather, the Council acknowledged that village parking capacity may be insufficient. The use of the beach for overflow parking will therefore need to be considered.</p>	All
10	<p>Motorhome Park:</p> <p>The Council noted that water testing equipment has been ordered.</p> <p>It was also reported that fire extinguisher testing has been completed, with a recommendation that the extinguishers be replaced in 2027.</p>	AI I
11	<p>Flagpoles:</p> <p>The Council discussed the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of flagpoles within the community.</p> <p>It was noted that the flagpole situated on the large slipway became the property of the Council</p>	



	<p>following the purchase of the slipway from the MOD. This flagpole has recently undergone LOLER certification.</p> <p>However, the ownership of the flagpole located on the small slipway remains uncertain. Following concerns raised in early 2025, the Council has made several attempts to establish ownership and responsibility for repairs and certification. Recent communication from the County Council suggests that responsibility has been passed to the Community Council.</p> <p>To the Council's knowledge, no formal transfer of ownership has taken place, as confirmed through a review of historic minutes and discussions with previous members. Furthermore, this asset has never been included on the Council's asset register.</p> <p>The Clerk has requested formal documentation from the County Council to evidence any such transfer of ownership, including transfer agreements, asset registers, or any formal correspondence confirming the handover, and is currently awaiting a response.</p>	
<p>1 2</p>	<p>Recognition and Thanks:</p> <p>The Council wished to place on record its sincere thanks to everyone who attended the beach clean on 14th March. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and make a significant contribution to keeping the beach clean and well maintained.</p> <p>The Council also extended its thanks to the LCA for the use of the Resource Centre.</p>	
<p>1 3</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Meeting Closed: 21:18</p>	
	<p>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."</p>	