



**Pendine Community Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 8.00 pm**  
**Llanmiloe Resource Centre**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</b>  Present: Andrew Shaw (Chair); Hayley Thomas(Vice Chair); Steve Rundle (Cllr); Barry O'Connor (Cllr) and Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk).  Apologies: Jane Tremlett.  Two members of the public present.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Personal Interest:</b>  None Declared.	<b>All</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</b>  The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025, were reviewed by the council. After careful consideration, they were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings	<b>All</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Planning:</b>  There is a licence application from Parkdean for an extension of their existing licence to include off-licence sales at Thunderbird Chicken, the new business located at the site of the former laundrette. The Council remains neutral and has no objections to the application. We will publish a notice on social media, the village notice board, and the website.  A resident has raised a query regarding the bins specified in the planning application "PL/08943" for Thunderbird Chicken. They have observed an increase in litter since the business opened and have asked whether the Council can enquire about the location of the bins and request that they are seagull-proof. The Council will contact Parkdean to seek clarification on this matter.	<b>All</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Finance Review:</b>  The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement. Cllr HT requested that a monthly budget position be included in future statements to enable the Council to better track its financial standing. It was agreed that future statements would exclude predictions to simplify the presentation.  <b>Payments to be Authorised:</b> The Council is continuing to contest the energy bill received from Carmarthenshire County Council, pending verification of the Asset Light Register. Cllr HT to action further correspondence.	<b>All</b>

	<p>All other payments presented for authorisation were approved and duly signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.</p> <p>The monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements were reviewed, agreed as a true and accurate representation, and signed by the Chair.</p> <p><b>Insurance Renewal:</b></p> <p>The Zurich Insurance renewal was presented to the Council at a cost of £1,205.06. Approval was granted to proceed with the payment.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Motorhome Park- Next Steps:</b></p> <p>No update was available regarding the proposed trust model. Following discussion, the Council agreed that progressing with a lease arrangement is the preferred course of action. Councillors expressed concern that establishing a trust may destabilise current dynamics and highlighted the ongoing difficulty in securing sufficient community engagement to support the formation of a trust.</p> <p>It was agreed that a draft lease document should be prepared, outlining a minimum threshold of expectations, including quality standards and financial criteria. All operational costs—such as business rates and utilities—would be transferred to the leaseholder as part of the agreement. The Council aims to have a draft lease ready by July 2025.</p> <p>Once the Council is ready to proceed, the opportunity and rationale for the decision will be communicated to the wider community via the community magazine, Facebook page, website, and notice boards. A final narrative will be agreed upon by the Council prior to publication.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Jet Ski Club:</b></p> <p>The Chair met with two separate groups who expressed interest in launching their jet skis. They were informed that the previous jet ski club, previously operated by Chad and Ollie, is no longer active. Following this, both groups have submitted formal written expressions of interest in forming a new club.</p> <p>One party, SP, has indicated a desire to reinstate the historic jet ski club. The Chair (AS) will convene and chair a meeting to bring together the interested parties, during which a decision will be made regarding the potential formation and structure of a new club.</p> <p>The Council noted the need to clearly outline expectations, including submission of risk assessments (RAs) and club rules. Interested parties will also be advised to engage with the Boat Club to discuss coordination and operational requirements.</p> <p>Serious concerns were raised regarding access control, particularly the issue of lost and potentially duplicated keys. The Council will explore measures to improve security and ensure controlled access to the slipway.</p>	<b>All</b>

	<p>The Council also discussed the possibility of a financial contribution from the club to the Community Council in exchange for access and facilities. A meeting will be arranged and led by AS in due course to progress this matter.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Morfa Bychan:</b></p> <p>Following the last meeting, the Clerk requested a meeting with relevant stakeholders; however, no response has been received to date regarding a proposed meeting date.</p> <p>The Warden LF requested that the PCSO attend the bay area to observe the current situation. The PCSO agreed to visit, but no feedback has been received following the visit.</p> <p>The Council agreed to follow up with the PCSO to request an update on the situation in the bay and to enquire about any recent incidents or issues they have dealt with in the area.</p>	All
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Christmas Light Strategy 2025:</b></p> <p>The Council noted that the motif Christmas lights have not functioned properly for the past two years due to ongoing issues with the street lighting infrastructure. Furthermore, casing on the street lamps was changed in early 2025, and the contractors failed to reinstate the brackets previously installed by Pendine County Council (PCC) to support the lights. Replacing these brackets would incur additional costs.</p> <p>In light of this, the Council agreed to explore alternative festive lighting options, including identifying suitable locations for ground-based displays and considering sponsorship opportunities with local businesses to support decorative lighting installations.</p> <p><b>The Full Council resolved to sell the existing motif lights and release them from the asset register. Funds raised from the sale will be allocated towards the purchase of new festive lighting displays.</b></p>	All
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Carnival Meeting Feedback:</b></p> <p>The Council held a community meeting to assess public support for organising a proposed Carnival in August 2025. Only two members of the public attended, and it was agreed that such an event could not proceed without broader community involvement.</p> <p>As a result, the Council resolved to repurpose the Carnival date for a Sandcastle Competition and Family Fun Day, with live music scheduled for the evening. The event will aim to generate increased footfall in the village to benefit local businesses, and local business involvement and support will be sought.</p> <p>Initial planning discussions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A stage and live bands (HT to lead).</li> <li>• Donkey rides (Emily to make enquiries).</li> </ul>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegation of duties (Hayley to coordinate).</li> <li>• A potential Bikers' Night as an additional event – Andrew to investigate feasibility.</li> <li>• Supercar club participation as an additional event, inspired by the success of the recent lorry event – Clerk to pursue further contacts, and HT may assist with leads.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Recognition and Thanks:</b></p> <p>The Chair extended a warm welcome and thanks to Barry O'Connor for joining the Council and to Lorraine Ford for taking on the role of Warden.</p> <p>The Chair also expressed gratitude to Jamie Rugg for the continued use of the Resource Centre as the venue for hosting the Council's monthly meetings.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>Slipway Barrier Access – School Camp:</b> A request was received by the Clerk from the school camp asking for access to a key for the slipway barrier. The Council resolved not to provide a key, noting that other parties, including Morfa Bay, do not have key access. It was agreed that at this time, it is not appropriate to share a key for the barrier.</p> <p><b>Fishing Concerns:</b> The Clerk received a message from a member of the public raising concerns about fishing on the beach, following an incident where her dog sustained an injury from a fishing hook. The Council agreed to implement a <b>no fishing zone between the two slipways</b> during the peak season, to align with the dog restriction period—<b>1st May to 30th September</b>—in order to protect bathers and beach users.</p> <p>Fishing will be permitted to the left of the main slipway. Temporary signage is to be installed immediately, and the need for a permanent sign will be investigated.</p> <p><b>Blue Flag Application:</b> Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) approached the Council to ask whether there was an intention to apply for Blue Flag status. The Council agreed not to proceed with an application at this time, citing time constraints, a lack of allocated budget for the £792 fee, and ongoing concerns about water quality linked to the sewage outfall. The matter is to be discussed further with Natural Resources Wales (NRW).</p> <p><b>Flagpole at Small Slipway:</b> Cllr SR and the Clerk, during a recent events meeting with Caban, raised the issue of the flagpole located by the small slipway. The Council is currently seeking clarification on ownership and responsibility. The request has been forwarded to CCC, as a contractor contacted the Clerk regarding safety concerns about the condition of the flagpole. To the Council's knowledge, the pole is not the responsibility of Pendine Community Council.</p> <p><b>Resident Concern – Parkdean Reception Access:</b></p>	<b>All</b>

A resident attending the meeting raised safety concerns regarding Parkdean's reception entrance onto Marsh Road, noting it is a blind junction. The Clerk was instructed to email Cllr Jane Tremlett to request assistance in addressing the issue.

**Meeting Closed 21.32.**

The financial statement associated with this meeting is available on the Council website at [www.pendinesands.org](http://www.pendinesands.org), under the *Financial Information* section, titled "Monthly Financial Summary."