



**Pendine Community Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7.00pm**  
**Llanmiloe Resource Centre**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</b>	<p>Present: Andrew Shaw; Steve Rundle; Barry O’Connor and Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies: Hayley Thomas;</p> <p>No members of the public present.</p>													
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Personal Interest:</b>	None.	<b>All</b>												
<b>3</b>	<b>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</b>	The minutes of the council meeting held on 18th March 2026 were reviewed and signed as a true and accurate record.	<b>All</b>												
<b>4</b>	<b>Planning:</b>	None.													
<b>5</b>	<b>Council Finance:</b>	<p>The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement. Payments totalling <b>£6,243.06</b> were duly approved.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the final budget monitoring position for 2025/26. Overall, the Council remains in a sound financial position, with a modest underspend against budget and income exceeding projections. Variances were noted within beach operations, general administration, and statutory costs; however, these remain within acceptable parameters.</p> <p>It was further noted that the Motorhome Park has delivered a positive financial contribution during the year. Members acknowledged that this income stream will cease in 2026/27 and will need to be reflected in future financial planning.</p> <p>The bank reconciliations and supporting bank statements were reviewed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the Council’s financial activity.</p> <p><b>Payments to be Approved 15th April 2026</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 55%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">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:11294 (AMENDED QUOTE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">219. 60</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Rob Jones - March cuts</td> <td>INV0842 Grass tender payment March 2026</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£803 .40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payee	Description	Amount	1	Contact Radio Hire	Radios for BABs centenary event x 10 Quote:11294 (AMENDED QUOTE)	219. 60	2	Rob Jones - March cuts	INV0842 Grass tender payment March 2026	£803 .40	<b>Clerk</b>
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	4	Carmarthenshire County Council	INV 900348480 Streetlight charges 1/4/25 to 31/3/26	£2,5 77.4 6	
	5	Refreshments for Straightliners event	Refreshments for volunteers for straightliners event	£60. 00	
	6	Just Print	Full day and Half day beach parking tickets	£379 .43	
	7	Amazon	1 x Hi Vis vest Large (Beach Warden)	£9.9 9	
	8	HMRC	VAT QE 31st March 2026	£1,1 89.7 8	
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	10	Beach Expenditure Contingency	To cover vehicle and Emergency expenditure which may arise.	£200 .00	
				<b>£6,2 43.0 6</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Flagpole:</b>  Members considered the matter of the flagpole located on the small slipway. It was noted that evidence to substantiate ownership remains outstanding.  The Clerk confirmed that correspondence was issued to Carmarthenshire County Council in early March 2026; however, a response is still awaited.				<b>All</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Motorhome Park:</b>  Members noted that there has been a delay in the handover of responsibility for the site. The CIC has advised that further information is required in support of there application.  Following discussion, Members requested that the Clerk pursue the contractor for a quotation in respect of the proposed works at the site, specifically relating to the installation of a drive-over grey water waste facility.				<b>All</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Upcoming events – BABS Centenary 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026:</b>  The Clerk provided an update following a meeting with the BABS Trust. Members were advised that a final planning meeting is scheduled to take place on site later this week.  It was confirmed that materials for fencing the spectator area have been received and are in place ready for the event.				<b>All</b>

	<p>The Clerk reported that there has been press interest, including from ITV Wales and S4C.</p> <p>Members noted that Geraint Owen has requested provision for a designated scooter parking area on the beach, as a number of attendees will be arriving by scooter, some of whom will also be supporting the event as volunteer marshals.</p> <p>The Council requested that the Clerk advise that suitable boards should be used for scooter side stands to prevent instability on the sand.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>RNLI- Actions for Audit 2026:</b></p> <p>Cllr S.R. presented a report following a signage audit and the pre-audit undertaken by the RNLI over the winter at the request of the Council.</p> <p>Members considered the findings and agreed in principle to implement improvements to signage across the area. It was resolved that a site meeting be arranged, following which engagement will take place with Eagle Signs to explore available options and associated costs.</p> <p>Members further agreed to explore opportunities to fund additional Public Rescue Equipment (PRE) for installation at appropriate locations throughout the village, where feasible.</p>	All
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Beach Wardens:</b></p> <p>The Council noted that two Beach Wardens have been appointed for the 2026 season. Darren and Rylan (returning following a previous appointment in 2024) will undertake the roles.</p> <p>The Clerk outlined the allocated tasks for the week and confirmed that staff availability is being reviewed in preparation for upcoming events.</p>	All
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Maintenance:</b></p> <p>Members noted that the current priority is to improve the presentation of the car park area. This includes obtaining quotations for the extension of fencing in the vicinity of the parking meter within the PCC car park, and undertaking general clearance works, including the removal of accumulated sand around the winch shed and the wider area.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to follow up with the electrical contractor regarding the connection of the AED cabinet located by the Pitstop.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Recognition and Thanks:</b></p> <p>Members recorded their appreciation to the Llanmiloe Community Association (LCA) for the use of the Resource Centre.</p> <p>Thanks were also extended to Morfa Bay for their prompt response in undertaking painting works to the winch shed.</p> <p>The Council further acknowledged the contribution of stall holders at the Produce Market.</p>	

	<p>Finally, Members expressed their thanks to Shane Swale for addressing a safety concern by collapsing a tunnel that had been dug into the dunes.</p>
<p>1 3</p>	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>Parc Cynog Farm Grant – Community Planting Group</b></p> <p>Members were advised that the grant application submitted by N.B. for community planting is currently under review by the Parc Cynog CIC. It was noted that, due to a review of their financial position, the CIC is unable to award any grants until after May.</p> <p>Members further noted that the application relates to a planting proposal submitted by a local resident. Should the application be successful, planting works would not be undertaken until September.</p> <p><b>Members’ Expenses</b></p> <p>Members sought clarification from the Clerk regarding the expenses and allowances available to them. The Clerk outlined the provisions and confirmed that a guidance document detailing eligible claims will be circulated.</p> <p>It was noted that, in previous years, Members have not claimed the allowances available to them. However, in light of the increasing workload and level of commitment required, Members expressed a desire to better understand the provisions available.</p> <p><b>Future Event Opportunities</b></p> <p>Cllr S.R. informed Members that there has been interest in potential future racing events on the community beach, including trap racing (horses) and drag racing in conjunction with Straightliners.</p> <p>Members considered the proposals and agreed that further discussions are required. It was resolved that meetings be arranged with the relevant parties to explore the feasibility of these opportunities.</p> <p><b>Grounds Maintenance Equipment</b></p> <p>Members requested that the Clerk investigate the purchase of a lawnmower to support the maintenance of the beach area, particularly the large slipway.</p> <p>It was noted that this would enable additional cuts to be undertaken as required, ensuring the area remains presentable for events. The Clerk was asked to obtain pricing options and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Dunes – Safety Concern</b></p> <p>Members noted that a concern had been raised by a resident regarding a tunnel dug into the dunes. Following discussions with the Coastguard, it was identified that the tunnel posed a significant risk of collapse and potential harm to members of the public.</p>



	<p>In light of this, it was considered prudent to take immediate action to mitigate the risk. The tunnel has since been safely collapsed. Members recorded their thanks to a local resident, Shane Swale, for undertaking this work.</p> <p><b>Meeting Closed: 21.22</b></p>	
	<p><b>The financial statement associated with this meeting is available on the Council website at <a href="http://www.pendinesands.org">www.pendinesands.org</a>, under the Financial Information section, titled "Monthly Financial Summary."</b></p>	