Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th October 2026 7.00pm
Llanmiloe Resource Centre

1	**Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :** Present: Andrew Shaw; Steve Rundle; Barry O'Connor; Hayley Thomas; Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk) and Jane Tremlett. Apologies: Cllr Martin Stockton and Cllr Terri Stockton. No members of the public present.	
2	**Declarations of Personal Interest:** None.	**All**
3	**To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the council meeting held on 16th September 2026 were reviewed and signed as a true and accurate record.	**All**
4	**Planning:** None.	
5	**Council Finance To Including Budget:** The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement to the Council. The Clerk provided an update on the quarterly budget position and advised that, although income for the year had been positive and was currently ahead of the anticipated budget, it was recommended that the Council avoid committing to any further unbudgeted expenditure for the remainder of the financial year. This would help maintain spending controls and minimise the risk of an overspend. The bank reconciliations and corresponding bank statements were reviewed and signed by the Chair. The schedule of payments totalling **£7,758.80** was presented and approved by Full Council. **Payments to be Appoved** **14th October 2026**	**Clerk**

	Payee	**Description**	**Amount**
1	Rob Jones - October cuts	Grass Tender Payment October 2026	£803.40
2	Wurltizers	Christmas event - Band	£600.00
3	VAT	QE September 2026	£5,23

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	4	Chairs Expenses	Lintels for Planters	£73.76	
	5	Nextbyte	Web hosting, Umbraco upgrade due to end of life and License fee	£744.00	
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	11	Beach Expenditure Contingency	To cover vehicle and Emergency expenditure which may arise.	£300.00	
				£7,758.80	
6	**Maintenance:** The Council discussed maintenance priorities for the winter period. The Clerk was asked to contact Howells Engineering to request an update on the slipway works schedule and to ask that the works to the small slipway be prioritised. SR advised that the Beach Warden would arrange for the scrap waste located behind the Council's container to be cleared. It was also noted that the slipway boards were a priority, particularly in view of the incoming adverse weather conditions. The Clerk provided an update following discussions with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding the culvert (eastern wall), of which were reported to be deteriorating significantly. NRW is currently seeking to establish responsibility for undertaking the necessary repairs.				**All**
7	**Morfa Bychan:** Steve Whitehead from the National Trust (NT) joined the meeting. The Clerk provided an update on Carmarthenshire County Council's (CCC) position regarding the pursuit of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). The Clerk also confirmed that the reinforcement works to the access gate had been completed to prevent further tampering and unauthorised access to areas where illegal camping has previously taken place. Steve Whitehead advised that the National Trust had installed three wildlife cameras in the area to monitor and capture activity. Despite the interventions already implemented, there had continued to be attempts to camp illegally. Steve provided an update on the preventative measures being progressed for the coming year. The National Trust had submitted a plan to Natural Resources Wales (NRW), which had been approved, for the placement of approximately 35 two-tonne boulders. The boulders would be positioned to				**All**

	restrict vehicle access while allowing sufficient turning space for fire engines. Agreement had also been obtained from Welsh Water, and funding was available for approximately 35 boulders. The Chair offered to make contact with local quarries to establish whether any support could be provided towards implementing the plan. Steve advised that Dan from the National Trust had met with resident CL and another local resident, together with the Fire Officer, to discuss fire prevention measures. It was proposed that firebreaks be cut through vegetation on the Marros Mountain side of the valley. Further investigation would be required to establish suitable firebreak measures on the Pendine side of the valley. The possibility of introducing grazing as a longer-term land management strategy for Ragwen and Morfa was also being explored, which could help reduce vegetation and mitigate the risk of wildfire spreading. The National Trust also wished to express its thanks to the local community for its valuable contribution to the litter-picking activities at Morfa Bychan, acknowledging that the community's commitment and efforts had not gone unnoticed. **CCC Update** Jane Tremlett joined the meeting at 19:30 and provided an update on the work being undertaken by Carmarthenshire County Council. She advised that a working group, including the Council's Legal Department, had been established and had met twice, with the most recent meeting taking place on 13 October. CCC was looking to make contact with the National Trust as part of the ongoing work. Jane confirmed that efforts were continuing to progress the PSPO through the Legal Department, although this matter needed to be escalated to ensure progress. She also agreed to investigate whether any grant funding was available to support the preventative measures identified. The Clerk was asked to prepare an update on the Morfa Bychan wildfire prevention work for inclusion in the Council's newsletter.	
8	**Winter Staffing:** The Council retrospectively approved the winter staffing arrangements, which had been agreed between meetings following a review of the budget to establish affordability. The arrangements provide for 4 hours of maintenance work per week, with the flexibility to increase this to a maximum of 8 hours per week if required by workload, to ensure the Council's maintenance obligations are maintained throughout the winter period.	**All**
9	**Christmas Event and Festive Lights Planning**: The Council received an update on arrangements for the Christmas event. Santa had been booked, the band secured for Saturday 5 December, and Parkdean had agreed to provide the venue. It was agreed that the event should be advertised as a Christmas Party to clearly communicate the nature of the event to the public. The Clerk was asked to contact Pastor Haydn to enquire about holding a carol service as part of the event and to approach Llanmiloe School to invite the pupils to participate in the carols again, with fundraising proceeds supporting the school. Steve R agreed to arrange the food stall, and the Clerk	All

	would make arrangements for a bar should Parkdean be unable to provide this directly. The Council also discussed the possibility of holding a domestic and commercial Christmas lights competition, with a prize presented to the winner as part of the event. Alternatively, it was suggested that Pastor Haydn could be asked to hold a carol service near the planters by the car park entrance, with the winner of any Christmas lights competition announced during the service. The Council requested that the Clerk obtain a price for a large illuminated Christmas tree and bring this information to the next meeting. Further planning and arrangements would continue between meetings.	
10	**Events 2027:** The Clerk advised that she had emailed Straightliners to confirm proposed event dates and pricing for 2027. The Clerk also reported that she had received an enquiry from a car club interested in visiting Pendine in May 2027. Further details were awaited to establish the organisers' intentions and proposed arrangements before the Council could consider accepting the request. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the organisers of the Heart of Wales Vintage Lorry Run to establish whether they would be interested in returning to Pendine in 2027. The Chair agreed to contact the local tractor run organisers to invite them to return to the beach.	**All**
11	**Recongnition and Thanks:** The Council expressed its thanks to the community planting group for their involvement and contribution to the community planting project, with particular thanks to Dan and Howard from Grandiflora for their support. Thanks were also extended to LCA for the use of the Resource Centre, and to Jane Tremlett and Steve Whitehead for attending the meeting and providing updates on the current position regarding Morfa Bychan.	
12	**AOB:** **Parkdean – Community Support and Lifeguard Provision** The Clerk advised that a meeting had taken place with Parkdean's General Manager. Parkdean had agreed to make The Sands available for community use during the first week of December, for which the Council expressed its sincere thanks. This arrangement would provide a venue for Llanmiloe School's bingo and school play, as well as the Council's Community Christmas Experience. Parkdean had also agreed to provide the same level of support towards the lifeguard provision for 2027, helping to ensure that the community can continue to benefit from this much-valued service.	

	The Clerk confirmed that historic conveyances had been shared with Parkdean to clarify the Council's rights of way over the road alongside the laundrette, providing access to its car park and wider property. This information had been shared to ensure Parkdean was aware of these rights should emergency access or egress ever be required in the future. The Clerk advised that she would circulate the RNLI's cost proposal for future years so that the Council could consider the ongoing cost of providing the service and how long it would remain financially sustainable. **Morfa Bay – Community Planting Project** Morfa Bay had offered to sponsor and plant the spare trough purchased as part of the community planting project. A meeting with Morfa Bay would need to be arranged to discuss the proposal further. **Village Green** The Council noted that some low-level pruning was required on the Village Green. Steve R agreed to arrange this work. **Stolen Produce Market Banner** The Council discussed the theft of the Produce Market banner in August 2025. As the banner had still not been returned, the Council wished to pursue the matter further with Dyfed-Powys Police. **Meeting Closed 21:30**	
	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."	