

## PENDINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF (VIRTUAL) MEETING

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 (postponed from 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021)**

**Present:** Councillor J. Lipman (Chair)

**Councillors:** P. T. Owen, P Bowring, D. Thomas

**Clerk (Temporary):** Councillor J. Lipman

**Virtual Meeting: 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The action item regarding the play equipment is only partially complete as J. Lipman still awaiting response from contractor. D. Thomas offered to follow this up.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED  
that the minutes for the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved.**

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE MEETING.

Stephen Phillips spoke to the meeting regarding his experience of Pembrokeshire's Digital Project and the use of rural gigabit voucher scheme. He suggested asking Ceri Jenkins (Carmarthenshire CC) be invited to address the next meeting to explain the scheme and how Pendine might benefit.

Phil Williams addressed the meeting and raised concerns regarding the condition of the bench on the green. He kindly offered to temporarily make this safe. This offer was accepted.

### 5. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR JANE TREMLETT

Jane briefed the meeting on the social care recruitment drive and asked that we help to raise awareness wherever possible

She also explained that she is liaising with the relevant PCSO to formalise patrols around Llanmiloe and Pendine to reduce trouble caused by some local teenagers, including breaking into empty properties.

### 6. COUNCIL FINANCES

J. Lipman proposed that D. Thomas be added as a signatory to the Council Accounts to ensure adequate cover when Councillors are unavailable.

**It was unanimously agreed that Darrin Thomas be added as a signatory to Pendine Community Council Bank Accounts.**

P. Bowring explained that he had been unable to draft a report due to the handover of RFO role and access to online banking. J. Lipman ran through a summary of recent beach filming bookings which had generated income of £725, plus income of £1500 from Straightliners event 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September. Current account balance is £41,707 compared to £12562 in June.

Full details of the accounts will be available by the next meeting.

## 7. VACANCIES

Clerk/RFO Vacancy

J. Lipman reported that One Voice Wales had confirmed that he was able to act as Temporary Clerk until a permanent Clerk was appointed, but that in order to remain above reproach, he preferred not to be involved in any Finance or RFO role, nor be a signatory on the Council's bank accounts.

The vacancy of Clerk had been re-advertised. There was only one applicant, Karen Wood. It should be noted that, for the same reasons as J. Lipman, she is unwilling to be involved in the RFO role within the Council, and it was agreed that her remuneration should be adjusted in accordance with the One Voice Wales consultancy document so that she is only paid for the non-finance related part of the role.

**It was unanimously agreed that, in the absence of other applicants, Karen Wood be appointed Clerk Pendine Community Council.**

Council Vacancies

J. Lipman reported that there have been no election requests so the Council could now co-opt members. He asked all Councillors to assist with the recruitment by encouraging new Councillors to come forward. Member of the public (Stephen Phillips) suggested it might be prudent to set aside a reserve election fund in case it was required in the future. Member of the public (Phil Williams) said he thought there were residents new to the area who might be willing to step forward as Councillors once they got to know the area.

**J Lipman offered to check the potential cost of an election and report back.**

## 8. BEACH VEHICLE

P. Owen agreed it is convenient for D. Thomas to collect the old beach vehicle from his premises any time.

**D. Thomas to arrange collection of the vehicle from P. Owen and arrange inspection/repair and report back.**

J. Lipman reported that he had received an email from a member of the public questioning the need for a beach vehicle.

**It was unanimously agreed that a beach vehicle is necessary to fulfil our obligations to regularly check the beach, to empty bins, and to check Morfa Bychan. It is also required to support beach operations which in turn generate income for the benefit of the Community.**

There followed a discussion regarding the benefits of ownership vs lease (or other cost spreading arrangement) should we need to replace the existing vehicle. P. Owen stressed the importance of the vehicle being reliable, four-wheel drive and regularly rinsed off after use on the beach.

## 9. THE GREEN

J. Lipman raised the issue of a patch of knotweed growing near the top of the bank by the bottom end of the green. Should the council take steps to have it dealt with or trace the owner? Member of the public (Phil Williams) said that an Environmental Representative from Carmarthenshire CC had already visited the site as there was also a problem with ash die-back. **Jane Tremlett offered to follow this visit up and find out what was happening with further action on both knotweed and ash die-back.**

## 10. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application PL/02369 Grandad's Shop was discussed, and it was agreed that the

Council have no objections to this.

#### 11. MOTORHOME PARK

J. Lipman reported that he had attended a meeting on site with the QS and Contractor and there were still issues to be addressed before sign-off.

The council need to appoint an electricity supplier. **It was unanimously agreed that it would be prudent to appoint SWALEC. Clerk to action.**

J. Lipman reported that he had received an expression of interest in leasing the site. P. Owen stated that this would need to be checked with Coastal Communities Fund as he believed it was against the terms of the grant.

**J. Lipman agreed to check terms of the grant with CCF.**

There are outstanding actions regarding covenants, details of which were outlined by MOD. These need to be actioned and will require the use of Solicitor. **D. Thomas to forward details of Solicitor to Clerk for action.**

Assuming it is allowed to lease the motorhome park then the Council would need a tender document. Julian Lipman stressed that this should be kept simple with minimal cost for preparation. **Darrin Thomas agreed to investigate costs.**

#### 12. COMMUNITY MATTERS

None raised

#### 13. BEACH MATTERS

None raised

#### 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bonfire Night

It was suggested that due to tides, and uncertainty over Covid 19 lockdowns, it might be better to wait and have fireworks on the beach sometime over Christmas.

P. Owen asked if the Council would support fireworks arranged on the beach by someone else. The Council agreed that they would allow it if approached but there would still be an issue with tide times. Any financial contribution would require further discussions.

Bin in play area

P. Owen asked that the bin in the play area be emptied more frequently.

**Clerk to instruct Beach Warden accordingly.**

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021