

# **PENDINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF (VIRTUAL) MEETING**

**21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021**

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

**Councillors:** P. Bowring, E. Mills, S. Mills, J. Owen, P. T. Owen and D. Thomas.

**Clerk:** A. Moody

**Also present:** County Councillor Jane Tremlett

**Virtual Meeting: 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

## **1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting

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

The Chair invited members of the public in attendance to address the meeting, one of whom expressed dissatisfaction with the recently amended parking concession for Pendine residents.

## **5. Correspondence Received**

The Council considered a letter received from the Clerk of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council.

Following a discussion, the Council were sympathetic to the feelings of the neighbouring community however, it was the duty of Pendine Community Council to ensure that it manages its assets in the best interests of the residents of Pendine, as the precept payers and decided that no change would be made to the current parking charges. A letter would be written to the Clerk to include and highlight the reasons for the Councils decision.

## 6. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – J TREMLETT

County Councillor J. Tremlett welcomed Alison to the council.

Following on from the discussion from the previous council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 County Cllr J. Tremlett returned to the issue of the ponds that run between the footpath and the MoD fencing on route from Llanmiloe to Pendine. In response to a PCC request to ask Carmarthenshire County Council to undertake a safety assessment of the ponds County Cllr. J Tremlett said that site visits were just resuming and that the site would be visited soon. A formal report from the Health and Safety Officer would be shared with The Clerk and The Chair as soon as it became available.

In regards to the ongoing issue of improper use of Morfa Bychan, County Cllr. J Tremlett agreed that a stakeholder meeting involving all parties with an interest in the matter. It was reported that there would be a heightened police presence at Morfa Bychan and other tourism hot spots across the region. The Council discussed the ongoing issue and shared some photographs of the problem.

County Cllr. J Tremlett raised the issue of access to the slipway and Pendine beach through the new barrier for the police, asking if the Clerk could arrange to get a key to the police.

County Cllr. J Tremlett spoke about progress of the Attractor Project and the recent Carmarthenshire County Council meeting on the matter. Works were progressing well on the site and the access road to the Pendine Community Council car park was now open.

County Cllr. J Tremlett commented that the new motorhome park was looking good and the councillors agreed that work was progressing well.

At this point County Cllr. J Tremlett bade us a good night and left the meeting.

## 7. COUNCIL FINANCES

The Council, considered a breakdown of income, account balance up to the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and the expenditure for March for approval.

### 1<sup>st</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> April Income:

Source	Description	Amount
National Lottery	Motorhome Park	£59,112.00
Interest		£ .20
Parking	147	£ 152.10
Nat West	Compensation	£ 100.00
One Tribe TV	Filming	£ 500.00
Parking	148	£ 508.43
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>£60,372.73</b>

The Account Balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was provided as follows:-

Current Account	£18,696.72
Reserve Account (1)	£6,391.66
Reserve Account (2)	£65,762.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£90,850.69</b>

Accounts Paid and for Payment

Payee	Amount	Date
Microsoft 0365 Subs	£11.28 & £10.80	15/04/21
1 and 1 Internet	£12.00 & £12.00	10/03/2021 & 08/04/2021
CCC	£2,576.74	22/04/2021
Clerk Office Costs	£20.00	30/04/2021
Wyn Harries	£2,576.74	22/04/2021
Wyn Harries	£648.00	22/04/2021
Car Park Float	£20.00	22/04/2021
OVW	£57.00	07/04/2021
A F Williams	£67,160.47	30/04/2021
MOD	£20.00	
VE Day	£235.00	11/04/2021
Wages & Salary	£216.85 & £672.90	22/04/2021 & 01/05/2021
UnCleared Cheques	£712.50	
Toolchimp	£294.34	07/04/2021
<b>Total Due</b>	<b>£75,214.28</b>	

**It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council Finances up to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be noted.**

**It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the expenditure for payment as listed above be approved.**

The Clerk sought permission to attend the One Voice Wales/SLCC Event on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of £54, this was unanimously approved.

New terms were agreed for the storage container at the rear of the Pendine Community Council car park.

## **8. GRASS MAINTENANCE TENDERS**

The Council considered 3 tenders that had been received.

The Council wished to extend their thanks to all the contractors who had taken the time to tender. After consideration it was proposed to offer the grass maintenance contract for the 2021/22 season to Rob Jones.

## **9. REVIEW OF THE BEACH AND CARPARK MANAGEMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED EMPLOYMENT**

In order to manage the beach and carpark, after discussion, the Council were in agreement that it would necessary to gain a better understanding of what is required from a resources perspective taking into consideration the needs of the new motorhome site and the dog management. With the prediction of more visitors to the village it was proposed to undertake a review of the associated employment. This was duly seconded.

The Chair on behalf of the Council wished to take this opportunity to thank Mr Frank Roberts who had recently left the Beach Warden role. Mr Roberts, with his vast knowledge of the area and experience as a Beach Warden was popular with all who had the privilege of meeting him. Pendine Community Council wished Mr Roberts the very best for the future.

**It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to undertake a review of the beach and carpark management and its associated employment.**

## **10. PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters for consideration.

## **11. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **a) The children's play area at the top of Pendine Hill**

It was reported that the post inspection report had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council and the park has now been opened to the public.

### **b) VE Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May**

The Tommy statue had been purchased and would be located on the Councils land on Pendine hill.

### **c) Dog Management**

The new stencils to prompt dog owners to pick up after their dog were ready to be collected. It was agreed that the stencils would be used as a reminder on the slipway and across the top car park.

Discussions with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding funding signage to inform and refrain from dog owners taking their dogs within the bathing area of the beach from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## 12. PENDINE DEVELOPMENTS

### a) Attractor project

Access to Pendine Community Council's car park through the Carmarthenshire County Council car park was now open. Vehicular access to the car park using the road past the launderette had been closed off.

It was reported that from recent discussions with Carmarthenshire County Council that the new development would be completed in time for the Spring 2022. The discussions with Carmarthenshire County Council on the future management of the carparks were ongoing.

### b) Motorhome Project

The Council were pleased to note that the construction of the motorhome site had now recommenced and was progressing well. Council Members raised the management of the motorhome site as soon as it was ready for business. The matter was raised as to whether the grant required the Council to run the park in house. It was agreed that an informal meeting would be arranged to discuss the management of the motorhome site.

## 13. BEACH MATTERS

The Council was pleased to announce that a new barrier had been installed at the top of the slipway and that the previous bollards had been removed. Following discussion it was agreed to purchase a key safe to be fitted on Pendine Community Council's storage container to enable emergency services emergency services and other authorised key holders access to the beach.

In addition, it was raised that this method would also benefit clubs/groups and therefore it was proposed to offer the provision of a key safe at a cost of £50. This was duly seconded.

In relation to the Hot Rod weekend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 it was agreed that it would be prudent to have initial discussions with the event organiser as soon as possible.

**It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Clubs/Groups applying to be an authorised key holder would be offered the provision of a key safe to store the key for the beach at a cost of £50.**

## 14. REPORTS ON GROUPS AND MEETINGS

No groups or meetings to report.

## 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.