



Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 16th September 2026 7.00pm
Llanmiloe Resource Centre

1	Welcome, Apologies and Introductions : Present: Andrew Shaw; Steve Rundle; Barry O'Connor; Martin Stockton; Terri Stockton and Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk). Apologies: Hayley Thomas. No members of the public present.	
2	Declarations of Personal Interest: Councillor Steve Rundle and the Chair, Councillor Andrew Shaw, declared an interest in Agenda Item 10, as both intended to submit claims for Senior Responsibility Payments/Chair's Allowance. Both completed and signed a Declaration of Interest form, which was handed to the Clerk for the record. The Clerk declared an interest in Agenda Item 9, as the item related to the Clerk's hourly rate of pay. The Clerk completed and signed a Declaration of Interest form, which was retained for the record.	All
3	To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the council meeting held on 19th August 2026 were reviewed and signed as a true and accurate record.	All
4	Planning: The Council considered planning application PL/11333 and agreed that there were no adverse comments or objections to the application.	
5	Council Finance To Including Budget: The Clerk presented the monthly finance statement and provided an updated quarterly budget position. The Clerk explained that seasonal staffing costs were currently slightly over budget; however, the seasonal contracts were due to end at the end of September. The Clerk advised that she was not particularly concerned about the current position, as the Council's income position was positive. In particular, parking meter and beach parking income were currently ahead of the profiled budget. The Clerk explained that events income appeared lower than expected but that this did not provide the full picture, as income from recent events, including the Hot Rods and Dredgers events, had not yet been processed through the software. Once these amounts were included, the overall position was expected to look considerably more positive.	Clerk

In relation to staffing, the Clerk asked the Council to consider the winter workload and whether a small number of hours could be allocated to retain a warden during the winter period, as there remained work to be undertaken during this time. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain the associated costs and circulate these to members, allowing the Council to make a retrospective decision before the next meeting.

Payments totalling £3,483.06 were approved and signed by the Chair.

The bank reconciliations and bank statements were reviewed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

Payments to be Approved 16th September 2026

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	Rob Jones - September cuts	Grass Tender Payment September 2026	£803.40
2	Llanmiloe Community Association	Donation for firework display 2026	£1,000.00
3	Poppy Appeal	Donation	£150.00
4	McVeigh Parker & Co	Community Planters - £1800.00 approved in Jan 2026	£659.66
5	Pendine Community Planting Group	Donation to support with Community Planting Project	£470.00
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11	Beach Expenditure Contingency	To cover vehicle and Emergency expenditure which may arise.	£400.00
			£3,483.06

6 Upcoming Events and Hot Rods Reflection:

Dredger Event

The Clerk provided an update on the upcoming Dredger event taking place on Saturday 19 and Sunday

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	20 September. The Clerk raised concerns regarding staffing due to a personal commitment on Saturday. The beach collector had agreed to provide cover, and the Clerk would be available to support on Sunday. Councillor Steve Rundle would also assist with staffing cover on both days. The event arrangements are expected to follow the format used in previous years. Hot Rods Event – Review The Council reflected on this year’s Hot Rods event and discussed ways in which the event could be promoted more effectively in future years. It was suggested that sponsored Facebook advertising could be considered for next year to increase awareness and reach. The use of cones and tape along Marsh Road was considered successful in helping to deter parking on the road and reduce congestion. The Council agreed that this approach should be retained for subsequent years. The Council also identified a need to obtain additional event fencing and cones. The Chair agreed to source these items. The Council noted that pedestrian management had worked well during this year’s event and agreed that the same approach should be considered for future events.	
7	Maintenance: Flagpole – Small Slipway The replacement flagpole at the small slipway is scheduled to be installed on Monday 21 September. The Council discussed the possibility of installing a remembrance plaque for Raymond Davies. The area for the installation is to be marked out and cordoned off the evening before to ensure the contractors have clear access. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the contractor to confirm the estimated time of arrival. Slipway Repairs The Clerk provided an update on the slipway works. The new posts have been fabricated and have been sent for shot blasting and galvanising. The Clerk will obtain a further update regarding the expected installation date. Car Park Fencing B. Howells is hoping to commence the fencing works in the car park. The Council discussed a potential extension to the works following the planned installation by Parkdean of an ANPR camera system and the introduction of parking charges in the Scoops car park. Any extension to the fencing works would be based on the unit rates provided in the previous quotation.	All

	The Council discussed the possibility of fixing additional fencing to the Pendine blocks separating the Community Car Park from the Scoops car park. A potential option would be to include clear signage stating “Please Pay at Parking Meter” to clearly identify the Community Car Park as a separate parking area. The Council also discussed the possibility of meeting with Parkdean regarding the historic conveyance and right of way relating to the road alongside the laundrette and leading to the Scoops car park. The Council may need to seek assurance that the proposed ANPR system would not issue penalties if the access is reopened in accordance with the existing right of way, should reopening the access be required from an operational perspective. Planters – Pendine Community Gardening Group Councillor Rundle provided an update on the newly formed Pendine Community Gardening Group. The group is hoping to commence work in early October and has arranged for Grandiflora to assist with preparing the ground for the new planters. The Council noted that permission had previously been sought from Carmarthenshire County Council at a meeting on 24 October 2024 to improve and beautify the benched area adjacent to the access to the CCC car park, which had been agreed by CCC. This area forms part of the location where the new planters will be installed and maintained by the group. The Council resolved to award the Pendine Community Gardening Group a grant of £470.00 under Section 137 to contribute towards the required labour costs, additional gravel and membrane for the planting project. The grant was included within the payments for approval. Play Park Fencing – St Margaret’s Church The Council noted that the fencing around the play park adjacent to St Margaret’s Church requires attention. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations from Rob Jones for the necessary works.	
8	Morfa Bychan: The Council reflected on the meeting held on 19 August 2026 to discuss the wildfires at Morfa Bychan. The meeting was considered positive, and the Council expressed its thanks to all those who attended, including Members of Parliament, Members of the County Council Cabinet, residents and local businesses. Councillor Jane Tremlett provided an update following the meeting. She advised that Ann Davies MP had written to Ainsley, Director at Carmarthenshire County Council, regarding the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Councillor Tremlett had also met with the Head of Service to discuss the wildfire situation. The Head of Service advised that, in view of predictions that 2027 may bring hotter weather, a working group has been established involving various County Council departments, including Legal Services, to consider measures to address the issues at Morfa Bychan. It was further advised that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) may be reconsidered as an additional option to address the wider issues at Morfa Bychan. The group is also keen to identify any potential short-term or “quick win” interventions that could be implemented.	All

	Councillor Tremlett advised that she would request a representative from the County Council working group to attend a future meeting to provide an update to the community.	
9	Confidential Item – Clerks Wages NLCC AND SLCC National Pay Award: The Clerk left the room due to having declared an interest in this agenda item. The Council discussed the SLCC/NLCC National Pay Award for 2026/27 and agreed that, as the Clerk’s contract specifies a salary scale of LC1 SCP12, her salary should reflect the agreed increase from £14.82 to £15.31 per hour, effective from 1 April 2026. The Council agreed that the new rate would be applied retrospectively, and the August payroll had therefore been processed at the new rate in accordance with this decision. The Clerk had previously advised the Council that she was willing to waive the back pay due in recognition of the Council’s budgetary position. Following discussion, the Council resolved that the Clerk should receive the full back pay due in accordance with the pay award, backdated to 1 April 2026, as agreed by the Council. The Clerk returned to the meeting.	All
10	Members Allowance 26/27: The Chair left the room due to a previously declared interest. The Council discussed the Chair’s Allowance. It was noted that the Chair had not previously claimed any allowances, including mandatory allowances. The Council recognised the significant workload undertaken by the Chair and the considerable time given to the Community Council, particularly in view of the way in which the Council operates. Following discussion, the Council resolved to award the Chair a Chair’s Allowance of £1,500.00 for the 2026/27 financial year, in accordance with the threshold agreed by the full Council. The Chair returned to the meeting. Councillor Steve Rundle then left the room due to a previously declared interest, as the Council wished to consider a Senior Responsibility Payment. The Council recognised the significant amount of time and work undertaken by Councillor Rundle on behalf of the Community Council, particularly in relation to planning matters and events. Following discussion, the Council resolved to award Councillor Rundle a Senior Responsibility Payment of £500.00 for the 2026/27 financial year. Councillor Rundle returned to the meeting. The Council agreed that payments should be made by the end of September 2026 to all members wishing to claim the applicable allowances. All members had been provided with the relevant forms,	All

	and the Clerk requested that these be returned to enable her to process the payments and record which members wished to claim and which had declined.	
1 1	Slipway Keys: The Council considered a request received for access keys to the slipway barrier. The Council discussed the request in light of the existing access arrangements and the restrictions applying to the wider beach area. Following consideration of the operational requirements and the need to maintain appropriate control over access, the Council agreed that additional keys should not be issued at this time. The Council also noted that a Council tenant operating in a similar capacity does not currently hold a key to the barrier. Following discussion, the Council resolved to decline the request for a key.	
1 2	Recognition and Thanks: The Council expressed its thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the Hot Rod weekend, including local businesses, volunteers and the VHRA. Thanks were also expressed to the LCA for the use of the Llanmiloe Resource Centre, and to Councillor Jane Tremlett for her continued support. The Council also thanked the officers at Carmarthenshire County Council for their ongoing efforts to support the community in relation to the issues at Morfa Bychan, as well as Dan and Steve from the National Trust for their assistance and engagement.	
1 3	AOB: MOD Estates – Potential Community Hall Site The Council noted that an email was sent to MOD Estates in May 2026, followed by a further email, regarding land adjacent to the motorhome park as a potential site for a community hall. A representative is due to meet with QinetiQ during the week to discuss the potential use of the land for a community facility. An update is expected to be available for the next Council meeting. Meeting Closed 21:42	
	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."	

