



Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 15th October 2025 7.00 pm
Llanmiloe Resource Centre

1	Welcome, Apologies and Introductions : Present: Andrew Shaw (Chair); Hayley Thomas (Vice Chair); Steve Rundle (Cllr); Barry O'Connor (Cllr) and Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk). Apologies: None Two members of the public present.	
2	Declarations of Personal Interest: None.	All
3	To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting: The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 24 th September 2025, were reviewed by the council. After careful consideration, they were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings	All
4	Planning: Planning application PL/09939 — Discharge of Condition 3 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) from parent application PL/06901. The Council raised no objections to the discharge of this condition.	All
5	Finance Review: The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement to the Council. It was noted that payment for Invoice 148, in the sum of £600.00, had not yet been received. The Clerk confirmed, however, that the payment will be made prior to the commencement of the Dredgers event. The Clerk also provided a quarterly budget review. As of October 2025, the Council's income stands at £78,275.05 against a full-year budgeted figure of £109,306.55, representing a shortfall of approximately £31,000. This variance primarily reflects the seasonal nature of the Council's income streams, including parking, events, and the motorhome park, all of which are influenced by visitor numbers and weather conditions. Expenditure to date totals £47,262.47 compared with an annual budget of £98,305.04. Both income and expenditure are in line with the anticipated mid-year position, with income achieved at approximately 72% of the annual target and expenditure at approximately 48% of the annual budget. This indicates a positive financial position, with a margin exceeding £31,000, reflecting prudent financial management and a sustainable outlook for the remainder of the financial year. The Clerk presented the schedule of payments for approval. All payments were duly	All

approved with the exception of two invoices from Audit Wales, in the amounts of £440.00 and £385.00 respectively, relating to audit fees for the financial years 2019/20 and 2022/23. The Council did not approve these payments as it had previously resolved that the Clerk should request a payment plan, given that invoices covering a five-year period were presented simultaneously. The Clerk confirmed that correspondence has been sent to Audit Wales requesting a payment plan due to the significant impact on the Council's budget; however, no response has yet been received. The Clerk was instructed to make further contact with Audit Wales regarding this matter.

Total payments approved amounted to **£3,634.86**. The bank reconciliations and statements were examined and duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the Council's financial transactions.

**Payments
to be
Approved
15th
October
2025**

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	Poppy Appeal	Donation	100.00
2	Rob Jones	Grass Tender	£780.00
3	Complete Weed Control	Knotweed treatment the "Dingle"	£240.00
4	Nextbyte Limited	Web hosting and security updates for website	£360.00
5	Audit Wales	2019/20 Audit fees	£440.00
6	Audit Wales	2022/23 Audit fees	£385.00
7	Fairy Bell	Outdoor 6m Tree (Christmas)	£650.00
8	Clerks Expenses	Postage and envelopes (office costs) The Post Office	£4.86
9	Slipway Maintenance	Repair and replacement of post and chains on main slipway	£1,000.00
10	contingency		£500.00

£3,634.86

6	Motorhome Park: The Council is continuing to work towards establishing a new operational structure for the management of the motorhome park to ensure that its operation remains fully compliant with statutory requirements.	All
7	Dredgers: Councillor S.R. reported having spoken with the event organiser, P.J. of Let's Go Racing, regarding the forthcoming Dredgers event. Councillor S.R. confirmed that attendance numbers are looking positive and that the event will proceed as planned. Operational matters relating to the Council's responsibilities for the event were reviewed and confirmed.	All
8	Christmas 2025: The Council agreed that a separate, in-depth meeting will be arranged to finalise the arrangements for the Christmas event, to ensure its smooth delivery and that all operational aspects are fully addressed	All
9	CCC Grant Opportunity: The Chair informed the Council that he had contacted a representative within Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the £2 million funding recently made available, to explore the possibility of securing support for a potential project, such as a village hall. The feedback received indicated that the County Council has not yet finalised a strategy for the allocation of these funds. However, it was noted that the prospects of obtaining funding at this stage do not appear particularly favourable. The Chair was advised that CCC would make contact should any suitable funding opportunities arise.	All
10	Winter Planning and Maintenance: Councillor S.R. provided an update on winter maintenance and confirmed that the priority areas requiring attention over the winter period had been reviewed and highlighted. Councillor S.R. also outlined the proposed maintenance schedule. In addition, potential locations for community planters have been identified and assessed. The next step will be to take measurements to ensure that the planters selected are of appropriate size for the chosen locations. The Chair informed the Council that he had personally cleared a wheelie bin that had been fly-tipped near the containers in the community car park. He requested that the tenant be instructed to clear the remaining area surrounding the containers. It was further requested that the Clerk contact the tenant of the winch shed located in the car park and request that the building be repainted, as it is beginning to appear weathered and in need of maintenance.	All

1 1	Recognition and Thanks: Thanks were extended to Parkdean for their continued support throughout the 2025 season and for the use of their car park. The Council also expressed its gratitude to the LCA for their ongoing support and for providing a venue for Council meetings.	<i>All</i>
1 2	AOB: Tree St Margaret Church: A resident was invited to address the Council regarding a tree located adjacent to St Margaret's Church, which he believes to be in a dangerous condition. The resident expressed concern that, should the tree fall, it could cause damage to the church wall, nearby graves, or surrounding properties. The resident noted that the matter had been raised previously and expressed disappointment that no progress appeared to have been made. The Council acknowledged the resident's concerns and agreed to contact a local contractor to obtain advice on the cost of any necessary works, including the potential felling of the tree. The Council also confirmed it will investigate where responsibility for the tree's maintenance and management lies. The Clerk advised that previous efforts to identify the responsible party, through contact with various relevant bodies, had been unsuccessful. The Council confirmed that, while it is willing to assist and support the resident in pursuing a resolution, it cannot guarantee that any works will be undertaken, as public funds are involved and, at present, the tree is not known to fall under the Council's responsibility. Resident Concerns – Marsh Road and St Margaret's Church: A resident was invited to address the Council regarding several matters. Firstly, the resident raised concerns about the disabled parking bay opposite the Big Beach Surf Shop on Marsh Road, noting that the timing restrictions on the signage may not be appropriate and should be reconsidered. The resident also advised that, as a member of St Margaret's Church, they had previously been promised the installation of a road sign directing visitors to the church; this has not yet been implemented. The resident requested the Council's support in pursuing this matter. Finally, the resident expressed concerns regarding the road from Pendine to Red Roses, highlighting what they consider to be dangerous conditions. Following discussion, the Council instructed the Clerk to contact Cabinet Member Jane Tremlett to seek assistance in addressing the resident's concerns. Sea Wall: The matter of damage to the sea wall, previously raised, was discussed. The Chair confirmed that correspondence had been received from Building Control at Carmarthenshire County Council indicating that the loose top stones of the sea wall would be rebedded.	<i>Chair</i>

Defibrillation Cabinet:

It was noted that the defibrillator cabinet at the Pitstop had been replaced with the new unit provided by the Council. The Council acknowledged that it will be necessary to ensure an electrical supply is connected to the cabinet to enable the heated functionality, thereby safeguarding the longevity and proper operation of the defibrillator unit.

RNLI:

The Clerk advised that she had met with the RNLI following the recent provision. She confirmed that reports regarding incidents occurring over the season are expected to be shared with the Council in mid-November.

The Clerk also formally requested that the RNLI carry out an audit of public rescue equipment and a signage audit.

Additionally, the Clerk will be meeting with Parkdean to discuss potential assistance with funding the provision for 2026.

BABS:

The Clerk advised the Council that, following a recent meeting of the BABS Trust, there is an intention to run a BABS event on the community area of the beach, similar to the Bluebird event held in 2025. The Clerk noted that tide times will need to be reviewed once published in December to ensure that the proposed dates, either 27th or 28th April, are suitable for the event.

EV Car Rally:

The Council noted that the EV Rally will arrive at Pendine on 23rd October, with Pendine serving as one of the checkpoints. Vehicles will be granted access to the beach for photography opportunities. The Clerk confirmed that all arrangements are in hand.

Morfa Bychan:

The Chair reported that he had recently visited Morfa Bychan to collect rubbish kindly gathered by a resident. During his visit, he observed several vehicles camping in the area, with music equipment in use.

The Chair advised the occupants that camping in this location was not permitted, particularly as some vehicles were obstructing access to the Welsh Water building.

The Chair requested that the Clerk contact Cabinet Member Jane Tremlett to provide these details to support the ongoing information gathering for the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

Meeting Closed: 21.32



	The financial statement associated with this meeting is available on the Council website at www.pendinesands.org , under the <i>Financial Information</i> section, titled "Monthly Financial Summary."	All
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