



**Pendine Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st February 2024
Llanmiloe Resource Centre**

1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</p> <p>Present: Andrew Shaw (Chair); Sara Bruce-Goodwin; Steve Rundle; Emily Bevan-Jones(Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies: Hayley Thomas.</p> <p>4 members of the public present</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Personal Interest:</p> <p>None declared.</p>	
3	<p>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 17th January 2024 were signed as correct.</p>	ALL
4	<p>Council Finance Report:</p> <p>The Clerk ran through the monthly financial report. The Clerk advised an additional current account has been set up to receive revenue from the Motorhome Park operations. The Clerk also informed the Council that a debit card would be ordered for this account to enable us to access funds to pay invoices for supplies for the site, such as maintenance and utilities.</p> <p>SBG made a suggestion to combine all the itemised lines of income which relate to reimbursements of Motorhome Park expenditure to the Current Account on one line. This proposal was accepted.</p> <p>All payments to be authorised against all accounts were approved by the Council. An additional suggestion was made to set up a standing order for the payment of the Slipway loan and the Covenant removal payment.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SBG</p> <p>All</p>



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5	<p>Planning matters.</p> <p>Morfa Bay Adventures has submitted an application to Vary the condition 2 (approval plans) of planning permission PL04983 to amend the design of the climbing centre to facilitate a first mezzanine floor.</p> <p>There were no objections to this matter.</p>	All
6	<p>Events Committee Meeting feedback and next steps:</p> <p>The Council held a meeting in the Springwell on the 31st January 2024 to generate interest and to gather volunteers and themes to assist with events for 2024.</p> <p>The Council have considered all suggestions put forward in the meeting and condensed the suggestions down based on what is viable and achievable. The suggestions which have not been allocated as an event for 2024, will be banked for a later date or combined into one of the confirmed events.</p> <p>Hot Rods are keen to attend the Festival of Speed/ Malcolm Campbell Centenary event. It was suggested to contact Straightliners and Car clubs to generate a bigger draw and following for the event. Suggestions included having vendors/stalls, and live music at the event either on the Promenade (outside the Beach Hotel) or ask Parkdean if we can have use of their Car Park. Clarity will be needed in regard to ownership of the Promenade to see if this would be a viable option to site vendors. Further content of the event will need to be investigated. 17th and 18th August 2024 was agreed as the event date, initially the Council hoped to hold the event over August Bank Holiday weekend, but due to tide times this would not be achievable.</p> <p>The Council are investigating the viability of an outdoor Cinema event on the beach. SR has already contacted a supplier to see if the event would be viable and investigate costs. SR advised that he is awaiting a response from the Production Manager in order to arrange a recce. The event would facilitate the use of "in-car speakers" to deal with the wider concern relating to noise pollution. Initial thoughts were that there would be a charge per vehicle for the event.</p> <p>Need for commitment from the volunteers was raised. The Council will allocated a Lead Councillor to each event and will then delegate based on each individual volunteers skillset and communicate to the volunteers who have shown interest in each agreed event. Additional events agreed include; A Picnic on the Green; Sandcastle Competition; Produce Market/ Carboot; Christmas Event and Litter Pick.</p>	MM
7	<p>Motorhome Park Update:</p> <p>The Clerk advised a quote had been received from Dragon Wifi for installation of WIFI at the Motorhome site. The quote was £1,600 for installation. The cost covers hardware, labour and installation of a pole by BT. However, the pole installation cost was an estimate as the contractor has not heard back from BT in regard to his request, so this figure was based on</p>	Clerk



	<p>previous works carried out. The Council agreed this was not something we could authorise at present due to there being other matters of higher priority to allocate against the last monies available in terms for grant expenditure.</p> <p>A 115L Rock salt bin and 8 x 25kg of rock salt has been ordered to be sited in the park in the event that we experience adverse weather conditions. Rat boxes and bait are presently in the container ready to be sited.</p> <p>Guests at the site have started to give feedback in the form of reviews on the booking platform. The majority of the review contents are very positive, however, there are some comments in relation to the price of the site which suggested our price point is currently too high based on the facilities available.</p> <p>Further to the reviews and there content, the Council agreed to run a 2 for 1 offer on the booking platform for the site to run from Monday 26th Feburary 2024 active until 25th March 2024. It is hoped this will generate further interest in the site and provide the council with some insight to appropriate pricing levels moving forward.</p> <p>It was discussed that the grant monies will need to be spent by the end of the current financial year. Priorities were considered and the Council were in agreement that the area around the container will need to be addressed. Presently, the area is grassed and the council will seek quotes to have a pathway with decorative stone to the container implemented to ensure the ground does not become damaged. Additionally, a base for a picnic table will be added to the quote to site a heavy duty picnic table. SBG will seek quote to have headgeline planted along the rear fence in the site to make it more visually appealing, quote will be required to include plants and labour costs. Suggestions also included allocating money from the grant to purchase paint for fencing and the container. It was suggested that labour for painting may not achievable with the final available grant monies, so perhaps a consideration would be to ask some volunteers to assist with this matter.</p>	All
8	<p>Parking Meter and signage:</p> <p>The Council authorised the Clerk to order a sticker to reflect the price change agreed on the car park signage which would be implemented on the 1st March 2024.</p> <p>In previous meetings, it was discussed that the Council were seeking a quote for a new parking meter. Presently, no feedback has been received from communications sent to the company to provide the council with further insite to costs and viability.</p> <p>The Clerk wil forward contacts for Flowbird who are the existing company which the Council use for maintenance in relation to the meter. SBG will contact Flowbird to discuss the options available to the council in terms of a new meter and being able to facilitate a card payment option as at present the meter in place can only accept coin.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AS</p>

	<p>Updates to the signage in the vicinity of the Car park and Slipway will be discussed in detail at a further meeting. The Council agreed that the new signage for the car park should be double sided and clearly display the Community Councils branding to distinguish the car park being a separate entity to Carmarthenshire County Council car park, as this has caused some confusion in the past.</p>	All
9	<p>Recognition and Thanks:</p> <p>Thanks was given to all the volunteers who made the time to attend the Events Committee meeting. Thanks were extended to Paul and Helen of the Springwell for accommodating the meeting. To Kath Grisedale for her letter to the Council thanking them for their hard work over the last year, which was received with great gratitude.</p>	All
10	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Bin situated by the Point Café:</p> <p>Concerns had been raised previously in relation to the condition of the bin by the Point Café. The Clerk has communicated with Carmarthenshire County Council who advised that the bin was gifted to Pendine Community Council, therefore they hold no responsibility for the condition of the bin. Appropriate action will now be implemented now ownership is clarified. AS will remove the bin and SBG will pick up the litter in the surrounding area. Moving forward the Beach Warden will be responsible for emptying the bin and ensuring the area is kept clear of litter. It was suggested that the council ask Carmarthenshire County Council if they would be prepared to offer a donation towards a new bin for the area, AS advised he would action this matter.</p> <p>MOD/ Martin Dewhurst Meeting feedback:</p> <p>SBG and the Clerk met with MD. Due to concerns that ownership of beach and surrounding areas was not understood and the possible restrictions to activities suggested, representatives from the MOD and Qinetiq were invited to attend the meeting. Martins proposal entailed a re-enactment event on the beach. The re-enactment would cover operation Jantzen (Normandy practice landings) which took place between Pendine and Saundersfoot. MD informed council representatives that this would be his first time organising an event. Costs, limitations and ownership were discussed and it was suggested that MD carried out a commercial feasibility study and a feasibility study to see if his proposals would be achievable.</p> <p>Grass tender:</p> <p>The current tender document has been reviewed and amended to include additional areas that need to be included in the schedule of works for the 2024 tender. Additional areas include, the rectangular area of grass situated next to the Slipway, by the concrete base where the Lifeguard station is situated in summers months.</p>	Chair



It has been made clear in the tender that the contractor will invoice the Council on a monthly basis in arrears and not annually.

It was suggested that due to the restrictions imposed due to limited available administration time, we offer the existing contractor the opportunity to meet with the Council to discuss the extension of the current tender. Within the meeting a price would need to be agreed in relation to the additional works requested in the schedule of works. It was agreed that the contract would run from Mid-March to Mid-October 2024. Then on end of the term in the new suggested contract, the council would then re-tender on a bi-annual to tri-annual term to reduce the administrative time required in relation to this matter. This was agreed by members present and SBG will arrange to meet with existing contractor to discuss particulars.

Beach Warden:

Four applications for the Beach Warden role advertised have been received by the Council. The intention is to hold interviews on the 29th February and 1st of March 2024. The Council will then inform successful candidates. The Council were in agreement that all four applicants would be interviewed. The Clerk will contact the applicants and arrange the necessary measures for the interviews to take place.

Tree/St Margarets Church:

An update on the current position was given. In the previous meeting Duncan had advised he would be happy to assist the council in this matter, as Duncan was not present SBG fed back to the Council on his behalf. Duncan had contacted Woodland Trust, they advised they would not be able to assist in the removal/reduction of the tree. Duncan has suggested he would be happy to pay for the removal of the tree on the condition the Council would be happy for him to have the logs from the felled tree. No decision was made in relation to this matter, SBG will seek a further update on the matter.

Charity walk 4th March 2024:

It has been brought to the Council attention that a Charity walk will be passing through Pendine on the 4th March 2024. Craig Maxwell is raising funds for the Maxwell Family Geonomics fund. Craig has been diagnosed with stage 4 inoperable cancer, he aims to raise £1,000,000 to facilitate a reduction in the time it takes to diagnose cancer, to enable those effected the best change of survival.

Craig will be supported by a team of celebrities to help raise funds and awareness of his cause.

The Clerk will share this information on the Councils social media platforms to assist in raising awareness and request locals support the walkers on their arrival and departure the following day. The Council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £100 to the cause. The Clerk will seek information on how to make the donation.

Manhole cover Ocean View:



	<p>In January's meeting, the issue of a manhole cover missing on the pavement by Ocean View, which could potentially cause harm to those using the pavement was raised. The Clerk has addressed this issue with Welsh water and the issue has been remedied.</p> <p>CCC:</p> <p>Pendine Community Council instructed their solicitors to send a letter to Carmarthenshire County Council on the 19th January 2024. The letter was in relation to the installation of the ANPR barriers and CCC's obligation to provide open access at all times, inline with the conveyance that has passed over on the sale of the Slipway to PCC, thus meaning these barriers would not be able to become operational.</p> <p>PCC have received complaints in regard to the light pollution from the ANPR barriers, these complaints have been shared with CCC.</p> <p>Slipway chains:</p> <p>It has become apparent that the chains on the Slipway are in need of repairs and maintenance. SBG advised that she will action the repairs of the chains and replace the links and perished post. It was suggested marine grade paint is sourced and the posts be painted to extend their life.</p>	
12	Date of next meeting: to be confirmed.	