



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

1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions :</p> <p>Present: Andrew Shaw (Chair); Steve Rundle; Sara Bruce- Goodwin (Vice Chair); Emily Bevan-Jones (Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Hayley Thomas.</p> <p>No members of the public present.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Personal Interest:</p> <p>The Clerk, EBJ, declared a personal interest due to discussions concerning her wages, specifically in relation to the national agreement on salaries and conditions of service for local council clerks in England and Wales for 2024.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p>
3	<p>To sign as correct minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 18th December 2024, were reviewed by the council. After careful consideration, they were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings</p>	All
4	<p>Council Finance, Including Approval of Budget 2025/26:</p> <p>The Clerk provided a detailed review of the monthly financial summary, highlighting key transactions and balances. The council agreed to a payment of £100 as a festive token for the Clerk in recognition of her work. However, the council decided to withhold payment to Carmarthenshire County Council for LED streetlighting upgrades due to unresolved issues with the condition and functionality of the lights. Correspondence will be sent to address these concerns. The bank reconciliations were reviewed, approved, and signed by both the Chair and Vice Chair.</p> <p>EBJ left the room to allow councillors to discuss her salary in accordance with the national agreement. Following their discussion, it was agreed that her wages would increase to align with LC1, spinal point 12, effective from 1st April 2025. Once EBJ returned, the council confirmed this decision. The budget for 2025/26 was then reviewed and unanimously approved. The Clerk also requested authorisation to purchase four donation buckets to support RNLI fundraising, which was approved by the council after discussion with Parkdean.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair, SBG, SR</p>
5	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>None.</p>	All
6	<p>Maintenance Schedule:</p>	

	<p>The Clerk updated the council on various maintenance tasks. She advised that the contractor responsible for removing the Christmas trees had not yet completed the task and that a reminder would be issued. Additionally, the contractor would be asked to remove a fallen tree from the triangle of grass adjacent to the Village Green. The Christmas lights have been taken down.</p> <p>Councillor AS was tasked with obtaining three quotes for converting the grey water waste facility at the motorhome park into a drive-over outlet, with an ideal completion date set for March 2025. Formal arrangements for water maintenance at the motorhome park were discussed, and the council approved the purchase of ten hose adaptors to replace missing ones. The Clerk reported difficulties in securing a local contractor for painting tasks at the site and will seek alternative quotes for painting fences, the bin compound, and the container.</p> <p>Discussions were held regarding the need to replace hedges that had perished at the motorhome park, and SBG will address this issue. The council also approved the purchase of new signage to clearly mark the black water disposal point, which has been mistakenly used by guests.</p> <p>Further discussions took place about the volunteer who has offered to paint the fencing at the County Council car park entrance. The Clerk will liaise with the volunteer to determine their requirements and formally seek approval from Carmarthenshire County Council, including submitting method statements. A community clean-up day will be organised to tidy the car park and promenade areas, including cleaning stone furniture. A social media post will be created to invite volunteers.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Flowbird had scheduled an engineer to attend within the next seven days to allow access to the new parking meters and enable preparations for installation. The council approved the purchase of paint and other materials to improve the machines' appearance, as well as new tariff board stickers, including an additional sticker specifying that overnight motorhomes must depart by 11 am. The machines will use a blue colour scheme to align with PCC branding.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p>RNLI:</p> <p>The council was pleased to confirm that Parkdean has agreed to contribute towards funding the RNLI provision for the 2025 summer season. Parkdean has also agreed to host donation buckets at their venues and events to help raise funds for future RNLI provisions, especially considering the increasing costs under the RNLI's new business model.</p>	All
8	<p>Feedback from Meeting – Weston-Super-Mare Racing:</p> <p>Councillor SR provided feedback on a recent meeting with representatives of Weston-Super-Mare Racing. The organisers are interested in using Pendine Beach as part of the British Championships, commencing in March 2026 and running for three years. An official</p>	SR

	proposal is expected by June 2025. The organisers are also willing to assist with acquiring a license from the MOD to ensure adequate space for the event. The event is projected to attract approximately 400 competitors. The council requested the Clerk to confirm Dredgers dates for 2025 in order to provide sufficient time for planning and advertising.	
9	Grass Tender: The council reviewed the grass tender for the upcoming season, which had been scrutinised by the Finance Committee. It was agreed that submissions would be evaluated on a 70% quality and 30% price basis. The new tender format was approved, and the tender will be published on 17th January 2025, with a closing date of 14th February 2025.	All
10	Warden Vacancy: The council approved the advertisement of two part-time warden roles for the 2025 season, covering 1st April to 30th September. The advert will be published immediately, with applications closing in the second week of February 2025. The council also agreed to review the possibility of creating a winter maintenance role to manage increased maintenance needs. This review will take place by the end of August 2025.	Chair
11	Events Calendar: Councillor SR shared the proposed dates for the produce markets in 2025, which will run from April to September. The council discussed the possibility of holding two separate markets each month—one dedicated to crafts and another to local produce. However, the council expressed a preference for maintaining the combined market once a month to reduce the workload on volunteers and councillors. This decision was deemed more practical and sustainable. Additionally, it was noted that the LCA has expressed their willingness to support the proposed carnival scheduled for August 2025.	SR All
12	Sub-Committees: Item postponed until February's meeting.	Chair
13	Operational Commitments for The Upcoming Season: Item postponed until February's meeting.	Chair
14	Approval of Filming and Events Matrix: Item postponed until February's meeting.	Chair
15	Recognition and Thanks: The council expressed gratitude to the LCA for allowing the use of the Resource Centre for	Chair



	council meetings.	
16	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Co-option:</p> <p>The Chair informed the council of an individual interested in becoming a councillor, who has requested more information about the role and its commitments.</p> <p>Toilet Closure:</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the ladies' toilets would be closed on Thursday, 16th January 2025, for maintenance, with alternative facilities available at Caban.</p> <p>CCC Budget Consultation Period:</p> <p>Lastly, the council agreed to share a Carmarthenshire County Council consultation on social media to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21.34.</p> <p>Next meeting date to be confirmed.</p>	<p><i>Chair</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p>