

## **PENLLERGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**PRESENT.** Councillor W Morgan (Chairman)

Councillors Mr M Daniels, Mr W Meredith, Mr T John, Mr N Bolt, Mrs M Morgan, Mr K Evans  
Mrs W Fitzgerald Mrs C Pugh

#### **CO-OPTION**

The application for co-option to the Council by Mr D Oakley was approved and the Chairman welcomed Councillor Oakley to the Council meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mrs G Richards, Mrs R A Talbot

#### **08.15.01 PUBLIC MEETING**

No public in attendance

#### **08.15.02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None

#### **08.15.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved

#### **08.15.04 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Meeting with Bellway**

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting with Bellway in relation to the proposed development. It was noted that further public meetings will be held in the new year.

#### **08.15.05 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Noted** letter of thanks received from Penllergaer Over 60's following recent S 137 grant.

#### **08.15.06 NEWSLETTER**

Thanks to Councillor Pugh for the production of the December Newsletter which as usual is very interesting and informative and much appreciated within the community.

#### **08.15.07 FINANCE REPORT**

##### **(a) Invoices for Payment**

The following invoices were approved for payment

Travis Perkins	Timber.	£97.52
Bowcom	GMX Battery	£42.72
Friends of Penllergare	Subscription 2016	£25.00
Councillor Mrs C Pugh	Reimb. Newsletter print	£175.00
T G Anthony	Seating Paviloin	£150.00

##### **(b) Budget, Precept and Band "D" Council Tax 2016/17**

##### **Noted that**

(a) For the current year as outlined in the recent budget monitoring report for the period to October 2015, overall expenditure and income remain within the original budget.

Savings have been achieved from the reduction in the insurance premium renewal. These savings together with an anticipated reduction in S 137 grants have been reflected in the projected budget for the current year. These savings have been used to offset the the cost of the traffic assessment consultant's report approved by Council as an urgent item of expenditure. Together with the exceptional contribution of £7075 made to the City and County of Swansea to provide a zip wire for the Children's Playground means an estimated net contribution of £5675 will be required from the Reserve Fund in the current year.

(b) The draft budget proposals for 2016/17 assume the normal levels of income and expenditure over the range of the Council's services facilitating the day to day maintenance and running costs of the Village Hall, Sports Field and Pavilion together with provision for environmental projects and a small contribution of £1500 to the Reserve Fund.

On the basis of the draft budget proposals as set out therefore it is proposed that the Precept be maintained at the present level of £20,000 for 2016/17 resulting in a virtual standstill in the Band

“D” Council Tax of £14.76 (£14.72 2015/16).

The draft Budget proposals for 2016/17 as outlined above will result in a reduction in the current level of Reserves for the current year from an opening balance £125,410, and are estimated to be £119,735 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, and estimated to be £121,235 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**Resolved that**

(a) On the basis of the draft budget proposals as set out the Precept be maintained at the present level of £20,000 for 2016/17 resulting in a virtual standstill in the Band “D” Council Tax of £14.76 (£14.72 2015/16).

(b) the Clerks salary for 2016/17 be approved and the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year be confirmed

**08.15.08 REPORT OF THE SUB COMMITTEES.**

**Sports Field**

Councillor John reported that the recent heavy rain has resulted in the cancellation of several football fixtures. This in turn has led to a letter of complaint from the football team. However the Chairman reiterated that matches were only called off as a last resort when the pitch is considered unfit to play, after also checking the position at the Elba sports ground.

**Village Hall**

Councillor Pugh reported that the V Hall external door is damaged and requires repair. It was agreed that the work be undertaken as a matter of urgency. It was noted that final arrangements were in place for the Christmas Parade including the allocation of stewards to accompany the sleigh. The Clerk reported that the Police will not be in attendance in an official capacity but it is hoped that the PCSO will be able attend at some point in the evening.

**Environment**

Councillor Fitzgerald reported that the path from Parc Penderri to the A 48 is not yet open. It was noted that the CCoS has established a Sustainable Communities Panel to review the potential for the transferring of assets and responsibilities to community councils. Councillor Evans reported the presence of rubbish bags containing grass cuttings which appear to be abandoned.

**Police**

Councillor Fitzgerald reported that Inspector D Mears has been appointed at Gorseinon and the PC for the area is Mark Jones. A number of break ins have been reported in the area.

**08.15.09 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**The following applications were approved**

2015/2262 Mr J Birdsall, 4, Clos Penderri

To lop 1 sycamore and 1 silver birch TPO 410

2015/2265 Mr and Mrs J Parvin, 22, Holly Oak Road

Proposed increase in the height of main roof, construction of a first floor side extension above double garage, conversion of double garage into habitable space and the installation of two front dormers and one rear dormer

2015/2284 Mr G Heatley, 57, Gorseinon Road

Conversion of use of part of ground floor from post office to residential and front alterations

**0815.10 RESIDENTS QUERIES**

None

**08.15.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**D.L.Hoskins CPFA**

**Clerk to the Council**