

**Ordinary General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Trebanos Hall,  
Swansea Road, Trebanos, commencing at 6.45 pm**

Present: Councillor A Nicholson (presiding), A Richards, D Williams, G Davies, Ms R Jones, Mrs R Phillips, R Thomas, J Jones, K Flynn, W Thomas and B McCarthy (Youth Representative)

Apologies: Councillor Mrs L Purcell, Ms S Northcott and G Nicholson.

**11216. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11217. Signing of the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019:**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council with the following clarification:

Minute number 11194.

Councillor Nicholson and Northcott declared an interest as they were friends of the applicant.

**11218. Defibrillator Mapping:** Henry Gilbert former High Sheriff together with Simon Tucker gave a presentation on the Defibrillator Mapping project that had been piloted in Mumbles.

The project developed by Heartbeat Trust UK intended to create 'Defib Friendly Communities' by improving public awareness of the location of public defibrillators. The Project also hoped to increase the public's confidence in the use of defibrillators. The overall aim was to improve the survival rate from cardiac arrest by engaging the local community, increasing the number of 24 hour publicly accessible defibrillators, and signposting all defibrillators (whether 24 hours or not).

The project was working closely with other charities to ensure that there was no duplication of service, but that instead the charities worked in synergy.

The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council had already placed four defibrillators in their area. All the Town Council owned devices were available 24 hours a day.

Council thanked Henry and Simon for their presentation and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Defibrillators in the community.

**Resolved** that the Defibrillator Mapping Project be added to the agenda for the July Ordinary General Meeting.

**11219.Co-Option of Councillor for the Rhyd-y-Fro Ward.**

There was one candidate for the position of Town Councillor for the Rhyd-y-Fro Ward. His details were forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Council was also advised that unfortunately the candidate was out of the Country and therefore was not available to attend the June Ordinary Meeting.

Councillors voted unanimously to Co-Opt Hywel Wyn Davies as Town Councillor for the Rhyd y Fro Ward.

**Resolved** that Hywel Wyn Davies be Co Opted as Town Councillor for the Rhyd y Fro Ward.

**11220.Matters Raised by Members of the Public:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11221. Cwmdu Glen:** Council was advised that the Picnic Table had been purchased and the Working with Nature Team hoped to place it during their volunteer event on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Council could then decide on the signage required. The new picnic area could be advertised in the Community Mag and via the Town Council's Social Media.

The Town Clerk also produced some time scales for the remaining work to be carried out under the Cwmdu Risk Assessment.

She explained that all dangerous trees had already been addressed. There was some work however under the 'within one year' category of the Risk Assessment that would require time management.

One tree adjacent to a property at Waun Gron had been flagged for additional assessment. The County Borough Arborist had therefore reviewed the tree with a full canopy and had recommended it be felled. There was also maintenance work scheduled for later in the year under the risk assessment for neighbouring trees that could be carried out at the same time. (Area 1)

There was a second portion of work that had been flagged on trees adjacent to another area of the estate that also required work 'within 1 year'. This included a few trees to be felled but the majority required maintenance work only (Area 2)

Area 3 had several Ash trees that were not adjacent to property boundaries but were adjacent to paths within Cwmdu. The Ash trees would die eventually but at present did not pose a risk of immediate failure.

Neath Port Talbot Council was in the process of developing an Ash Dieback plan and it was therefore suggested that the Town Council discuss involvement in the plan prior to felling trees in Area 3 as it had been suggested by individuals familiar with Cwmdu Glen Management that there should be a scheduled exercise to deal with Ash trees within the Glen that were adjacent to paths, which would mitigate the increase of ground water and effects on the biodiversity of the area. It was agreed however that any delay in felling the Ash Trees in Area 3 would only be considered if there was no risk to the public by delaying felling.

**Resolved** that trees in Area 1 will be addressed as soon as possible (the Clerk will obtain quotes and accept the lowest), Trees in Area 2 be addressed in Quarter 3, and Trees in Area 3 will be retained and monitored while the County Borough develops its Ash Dieback plan. Council will be kept informed of developments.

**11222. Police Matters:**

Statistics for Pontardawe:

Total Crime for March 34 (14 Violent, 4 Anti- Social Behaviour and 4 other theft)

Total Crime for Apr 39 (12 Violent, 8 ASB and 7 other theft).

No additional details were available on the serious crash on the A4067 however Council had been informed that excessive speed was not a factor.

The next PACT meeting was to be held on the 13/6/19 at 6.30 pm at Pontardawe Art Centre

Statistics for Trebanos:

Total Crime for March 10 (3 Violent)

Total Crime for Apr 5 (2 Violent)

The next PACT meeting was to be held on the 20/6/19 at 6.30pm at Trebanos Community Hall

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11223. Pontardawe in Bloom:** Council was advised that the next meeting was due to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The Committee was pleased with the new lamp post displays and the locations of the baskets especially as they had been placed on High Street up to St Peters Church.

In readiness for the proposed Pontardawe in Bloom 2020, however, the Committee would like details of the planters that could be supplied by City of Swansea, who provide the hanging baskets to assist with their planning.

**Resolved** that the Clerk will obtain details of the planters that can be provided (cost, size, shape, location etc)

**11224. Loren Dykes:** The Perpetual Shield was presented to Pontardawe AFC in the presence of Loren Dykes parents, by the Mayor during the football festival at Pontardawe on the late May Bank Holiday weekend.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11225. Planning:**

**P2019/0385**

Applicants name: Mr Wayne Hopkins, The Quays, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath, SA11 2GG

Site Location: YGG Pontardawe, Alltycham Drive, Pontardawe, SA8 4JX.

Proposed Development: Demolition of structure attached to main hall building and erection of two new reception classrooms with covered and open enclosed play area and internal alterations to building.

**Resolved** No Objection.

Council was also advised that there was a process for protecting trees under Tree Preservation Orders however the following criteria must be met:

- The tree must be visible from a public place
- The tree needs to be fit and healthy
- It must be demonstrated that the tree is under threat
- It must not be located on County Borough land.

The Clerk was advised that if there was an important tree that the community felt was under threat, they could contact the County Borough, who could place emergency orders to prevent the disposal of the tree while the creation of a permanent Order was in progress.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11226. Clerks Holiday:** Council agreed to the Clerks requested holiday from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019. They also agreed to locum cover.

**Resolved** that the Clerks requested holiday and locum cover will be agreed.

**11227. Youth Representative Safeguarding Statement:** Council was provided with a copy of the proposed statement prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** that the Safeguarding Statement will be adopted.

**11228. Internal Auditors Report:** The Clerk provided copies of the Internal Auditors Report for 2018/19 which had no issues and no recommendations. The Annual Return had already been completed by the Internal Auditor and had been reviewed by Council in the May Ordinary Meeting.

**Resolved** that the Internal Auditors Report for 2018/19 will be accepted.

**11229. Account Schedule 357:**

**Resolved** that the Account Schedule 357 totalling £18268.98 together with bank reconciliation be accepted by Council in line with Standing Orders.

**11230. Grant request from Urban Foundry re Monthly Market:** A request had been received for a grant totalling £3550 plus VAT to cover the road closure element for the year.

Council was very supportive of the market but was surprised at the road closure cost. They requested the Clerk contact the County Borough to determine why the cost was at this level prior to discussing the possibility of providing a grant.

**Resolved** that the Clerk will discuss the costs with the County Borough and will report at the next meeting.

**11231. Pontardawe Bowls Club:** Council had received a grant application from the Bowls Club but without any supporting documentation. The Bowls club also wished to discuss the future of the Pavilion as the roof had been replaced by the County Borough.

**Resolved** that a meeting will be arranged with Councillor G Davies, the Mayor and Clerk to determine the way forward. The result of the meeting could then be discussed by full Council.

**11232. GCG Band:** A request had been received from GCG band for a grant to assist with its educational programme. As the main grant allocation had already been made for 2019/20 and only a small amount was available for grants later in the year with several organisations requesting funds, it was agreed to obtain additional information of the grant prior to discussion.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11233. Urgent Road Safety:**

- The consultation at Swansea Road, Trebanos had resulted in a majority rejecting additional speed bumps
- Average speed cameras were only considered suitable for motorways and not for urban areas.
- The Chicane at Trebanos was to be removed and replaced by four speed bumps.
- The County Borough would not consider a pelican crossing at Pontardawe bypass but would consider increasing the island and road markings to encourage motorists to reduce speed. This action would however be financed via the County Borough Councillors road fund which would result in other proposed road changes in the wards being postponed.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11234. Next Meeting:** The next Ordinary meeting of Council will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Ynysmeudwy Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm

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