

Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th July 2016 at Ynysmeudwy Hall, Old Road, Ynysmeudwy, commencing at 6.45pm.

10253. Present: Councillor Mrs R Phillips (presiding), Councillor D Harris, M James, V Hotten, A Nicholson, Ms S Northcott, G Davies, Mrs L Purcell, H Evans, Mrs J Bowen, D B Thomas, H Pickrell, Mrs E Puzey and Ms C Ford and Harri Evans Mason (Youth Representative)

Apologies: Councillor B Williams, T Hutchins (Youth Representative)

10254. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests: Councillor Mrs J Bowen, G Davies, V Hotten, A Nicholson and Ms S Northcott expressed an interest in the Pontardawe and District Youth Facility as they are Trustees.

Resolved to be noted.

10255. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 13th June 2016:

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 13th June 2016 having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council.

10256. Matters raised by Members of the Public: None.

Resolved to be noted.

10257. Mr R Alexander addressed Council with regard to Sustainable Circular Economy Solutions:

Mr Alexander provided details of LocalitEEE, CommunitEEE, EEESafe and SafetEEE which were all elements of the Sustainable Circular Economy Solutions. These solutions enable communities to utilise EEE Coins for goods and services to minimise waste while encouraging community ventures. Robert was happy to accept additional questions on the project by email which would be collated by the Clerk.

Resolved to be noted.

10258. Police Matters: The Clerk confirmed that dates for the next PACT meetings were not yet available.

The Clerk also advised Council that for May there were 60 Crimes in Pontardawe which included 4 crimes in Trebanos.

Resolved to be noted.

10259. Pontardawe and District Youth Facility: Council was advised that the Charity had been closed and the Company and Bank account were in the process of closure.

Resolved to be noted.

10260. Pelican/ Zebra Crossing: There had been no further applications for the post of Crossing Warden at Swansea Road despite there being adverts on the Neath Port Talbot Web site and posters in the halls and the office window. Council suggested that Social Media be utilised by placing the advert on Pontardawe Voice and also the 'Go Valley' sites.

Resolved to utilise Social Media to advertise the post and to also contact Cwmtawe School to identify if there were additional methods through the school that could be employed.

10261. Cwmdu Glen: A number of events had taken place at Cwmdu to improve the paths. It would however be beneficial if additional volunteers could attend the events.

Resolved to utilise 'Go Valley' and to also advise the CVS of the events time table.

10262. Update on Investment Policy: The Credit Union Account had been opened and £5000 would be credited shortly.

Resolved to be noted.

10263. Circular Walk proposal: It was estimated that work would begin on creating the walk at the end of July of beginning of August.

Resolved to be noted.

10264: Planning:

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Applicants name: A Spratt, Blaen Egel Fawr Farm, Perthigwyunion, Access Road from A474 Pontardawe Road, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4TA.

Site Location: Blaen Egel Fawr Farm, Perthigwyunion, Access Road from A474 Pontardawe Road, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4TA.

Proposed Development: Two Storey extension plus increased ridgeline and roof alterations.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2016/0551

Applicants name: Mr Patrick Hewlett, 23 Bethesda Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4QQ.

Site Location: 23 Bethesda Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4QQ.

Proposed Development: Single Storey side extension (proposed certificate of lawfulness)

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2016/0424

Applicants name: Mr Clive Downey IRG Computers Ltd, Cross Hands Business Workshops, Cross Hands, Llanelli, SA14 6RE.

Site Location: Land off, Baran Road, Pontardawe, Neath SA8 4RU.

Proposed Development: Erection of 10m high pole with mounted wireless antenna to facilitate broadband services.

Resolved No Objection.

P2016/0509

Applicants name: Mr Anthony Davies, 6 Maes yr Ysgol, Pontardawe, SA8 4JS.

Site Location: 6 Maes yr Ysgol, Pontardawe, SA8 4JS.

Proposed Development: Single Storey rear extension.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2016/0178

Applicants Name: Emma Evans, 541 Clydach Road, Ynystawe, Swansea, SA6 5AA.

Site Location: 78 Gelligron Road, Rhyd y Fro, Pontardawe, SA8 4NP.

Proposed Development: Demolition of existing garage, outbuildings and two storey rear extension and construction of a two storey and single storey rear extension, front porch and detached double garage and boundary treatment.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2016/0542

Applicants name: Mr James Jones, Pontardawe RFC, Ynysderw Road, Pontardawe, SA8 4EG.

Site location: Clwb Rygbi Pontardawe, Ynysderw Road, Pontardawe, SA8 4EG.

Proposed Development: Erection of 2No 12m high floodlighting columns.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification. Council would however like to ensure that the lighting would not cause issue to neighbouring residential properties.

10265. Committee to be arranged to discuss the Terms of Reference for the Model Charter:

Resolved that a P&R Committee would be scheduled for 6.00pm on the 18th July 2016.

10266. Trebanos Park: Council was advised that there was an issue with water pooling above the man hole adjacent to Trebanos play area when the showers were used in the Rugby changing rooms. Following a full investigation by Welsh Water it seemed that the pipes from the old septic tank had collapsed and that the tank itself was blocked. Many solutions were discussed with the experts at Dwr Cumru however to prevent damage to the rugby field, the climbing boulder and the children's play area it was agreed that a new septic tank should be set in ground close to the car park roadway, but away from the boulder safety surfacing.

No costs were available however as the Town Council were the owners of the land and that without intervention there would be a significant reduction in ability of the Rugby Club to support games in Trebanos it was agreed that whatever action was needed to resolve the issue should be taken.

It was also felt that the contractor with the lowest quote should be contracted to carry out the work.

Resolved that the Clerk will take action to resolve the flooding issue at Trebanos Park.

10267. Accounts Schedule 324: Account Schedule 324 totalling £11838.43 together with the Bank Reconciliation was agreed under Standing Orders.

Resolved to be noted.

10268. Letter re the Local Government Ethical Framework: All details were provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Resolved that in accordance with section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Town Council will adopt the revised Code of Conduct.

10269. Letter received from Mrs D Howells: Following the closure of the Pontardawe and District Youth Facility, Mrs Howells requested that she be allowed to keep the Youth Facility Plaque and also the certificate given the facility by the High Sheriff as she was one of the longest running Trustees.

Resolved that there is no objection to Mrs Howells request.

10270. Minor Authority Governor for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontardawe: Councillor Evans explained that due to pressure of work he had stepped down as Minor Authority Governor. Councillor Evans recommended Councillor G Davies as his replacement, this was seconded by Councillor M James.

Resolved that Councillor G Davies be Minor Authority Governor for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontardawe.

10271. Email received from Simon Pearson (Mid and West Wales Fire Authority): Council was advised that Francis Street, George Street and Thomas Street had been reviewed to determine if there would be difficulties attending a fire due to parking in the area. Both George Street and Thomas Street were deemed acceptable however it was stated that Francis Street may pose a problem.

Councillor Purcell stated that Neath Port Talbot Council were in the process of reviewing the junction at Francis Street with the view of placing 'Double Yellow lines' to prevent parking.

Resolved to be noted.

10272. Email re speeding in Rhyd y Fro: Council was advised that a resident of Rhyd y Fro had once again contacted the Council with regard to speeding at Rhyd y Fro. The speed survey carried out at the top of the village had shown a significant problem with speeding in the area and the Town Council had requested the 'Go Safe' team conduct a similar survey at the bottom of the village. Unfortunately, no response had been received.

Councillor Purcell had also raised this issue with the local Police constabulary. It therefore seemed that the issues highlighted by the residents, the local Police and the Town Council were not being addressed by the 'Go Safe' team.

Resolved that Councillor James will discuss the lack of response with the Superintendent and will report back to Council.

10273. Road Safety: The Clerk provided information on Councils request to the Police to address parking on the pavements at Quarr Road in Pontardawe and around the swimming pool. It seemed that only Civil Enforcement Officers could address parking violations however if residents had issues they should contact 101.

Resolved to be noted.

10274. Time and Date of next meeting: The next Ordinary meeting is due to be held at ARCH Hall on the 12th September 2016.

Signed Dated

