

Bilingual Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th June 2018 at Ynysmeudwy Hall, Old Road, Pontardawe commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Councillor Mrs L Purcell (presiding), G Nicholson, A Nicholson, K Flynn, V Hotten, J Jones, Ms C Ford, A Richards, W Thomas, Mrs R Phillips, Ms R Jones and G Davies

Apologies: Councillors Ms S Northcott and R Smith.

10979. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests: None.

Resolved to be noted.

10980. Minutes of Ordinary meeting and Annual General Meeting held on the 14th May 2018:

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and Annual General meeting held on the 14th May 2018, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council.

10981. Matters raised by Members of the Public: None.

Resolved to be noted.

10982. Martin Hanford of Advanced Protection to address Council: Mr Hanford together with another local businessman produced a proposal for CCTV cameras to be placed around Pontardawe Town Centre to assist the Police in addressing antisocial behaviour within the Town.

Mr Hanford stated that a PTZ auto tracker camera had been placed at his own expense on High Street adjacent to Pontardawe Taxi's with a monitor and recording device at the Taxi office to demonstrate the system.

His proposal is however to place three auto tracker cameras in Pontardawe. One at Pontardawe Taxi's, One on the Dilwyn Arms and one above Sherwood Florist on Herbert Street together with five additional static Cameras. (the owners of the three establishments had already agreed to the placement of the cameras and to providing both the broadband connection and electricity to supply them.)

The recording device had been provided by Mr Hanford and the monitor had been funded jointly by Pontardawe Taxi's and the Castle Hotel. Mr Hanford stated that there was a lot of support for the project in the Pontardawe Area.

The system could also be used by the Police and PCSO's to monitor situations in real time and recordings would be available for 31 days and could be copied on to USB sticks for evidential purposes.

Mr Hanford had provided costs of for both the eight - camera system and for the one demonstration camera that had already been placed.

Personal privacy could be managed as the system could be set up without a monitor at the base station. The data was password protected.

Mr Hanford's company could offer an ongoing maintenance contract to ensure the cameras were well maintained however annual costs were not currently available.

Council thanked Mr Hanford for his support of the Community and for his proposal. Council explained however that before any decisions could be made several matters would need to be investigated. Including, cost, privacy, Police and Community support, other area requirements etc.

Resolved to be noted.

10983. Cwmdu Glen: It was agreed that a meeting of the Cwmdu Committee would be required to review both the issues of trees bordering Waun Gron and additional ideas for the 'Working with Nature' project.

Resolved that a Cwmdu Committee will be arranged.

10984. Police Matters:

Pontardawe statistics – 35 crimes for March with 31 Crimes for April – The next Pontardawe PACT meeting was to take place on the 21/6/18 at the Art Centre commencing at 6.30pm

Trebanos statistics – 5 crimes for March with 1 crime for April – The next Trebanos PACT meeting was to take place at Trebanos Hall commencing at 6.30pm

The Clerk confirmed that the CCTV footage from Trebanos Park was being used in conjunction with other detection methods to identify the people responsible for the Park damage.

Resolved to be noted.

10985. Planning:

None.

Resolved to be noted.

10986. Clerks Report on the Insurance Provision for 2018/19:

Davies Craddock the brokers utilised by Pontardawe Town Council had provided professional guidance. The insurance cover included full municipal insurance from RSA together with stand-alone policies to cover exclusions for Director and Officer cover to cover Hall management Committee decisions and additional computer hacking/fraud cover. This year it was also suggested that the buildings cover for the three halls be increased as there had been no increase for many years which could have led to an underinsurance position in the event of a claim.

The total insurance costs for 2018/19 were £7646.01

Resolved to be noted.

10987. Internal Audit: Council was provided with details of the Internal Auditors Report for 2017/18 which stated that there were no issues to be brought to Council's attention.

Council thanked the Clerk for her work in ensuring Council's continual compliance.

Resolved that the Internal Auditors Report for 2017/18 be accepted.

10988. CCTV, Plastic Free Communities and Pontardawe Festivals: It was agreed that a Development Committee would be required to discuss these matters.

Resolved that a Development Committee will be arranged.

10989. Clerks update on the Christmas Lights Provision: Council was advised that Christmas Lights could not be placed on lamp posts in Trebanos as they were wooden lamp posts. No authority would be given to place any decorations on this type of lamp post due to Safety issues.

Resolved to be noted.

10990. Account Schedule 345:

Resolved that Account Schedule 345 totalling £21766.22 together with the Bank Reconciliation be accepted in accordance with Standing Orders.

10991. Letter of Thanks: Council was advised that a letter of thanks had been received from Pontardawe Cricket Club.

Resolved to be noted.

10992. Consultation on the Neath Port Talbot Welsh Strategy: It was agreed to review this consultation in a Policy and Resources Committee.

Resolved to discuss in a Policy and Resources Committee

10993. Email received re Bench at Alltycham Drive: Council was advised that a telephone call had been received from a resident adjacent to the bench on Alltycham Drive, who was concerned about anti-social behaviour at the site.

Resolved that the resident be asked to keep a log of the issues being experience and to telephone 101 if there were anti-social behaviour issues.

10994. Letter received re the Pontardawe Town Councillor Vacancy: Council was advised that the vacancy in the Pontardawe Ward was to be filled via an election with the vacancy in the Rhyd y Fro Ward being filled via Co-Option.

The Election was to be held on the 19th July 2018 and any prospective candidates should contact Neath Port Talbot Council.

Regarding the Co-Option. Notices had been placed in the Office Window and on social media. Any prospective candidates should contact the Clerk.

Resolved to be noted.

10995. GT writing services: A letter was read from GT writing services giving details of the services they provided together with costs.

Resolved that they be thanked for their interest but informed that their services will not be required.

10996. Urgent Road Safety Matters:

- Council was advised that Speed Cameras had been seen on several occasions in Rhyd y Fro.

Resolved to be noted.

10997. Date of next Ordinary meeting: To confirm that the next meeting of the Town Council is to be held on the 9th July 2018 at ARCH Hall.

Signed Dated