

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Pontardawe Town Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012, at Trebanos Hall commencing at 6.45pm**

**8860. Present** Councillor B Williams (presiding), P Williams, G Davies, D Harris, D B Thomas, M James, Mrs E Puzey, V Hotton, H Pickrell, Mrs J Bowen, L Purcell, Ms S Northcott, A Nicholson, H Evans, M Thomas.

**Apologies:** None.

**8861. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interest:** Councillor Evans expressed an interest in item 8824 as the Alzheimer employs him and took no part in any discussions. Councillors A Nicholson, Ms S Northcott and Mrs J Bowen, took no part in the discussion on the PONTY Project as they are Trustees.

**8862. Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012:**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council, with one exception. Under minute 8820 relating to the Mynydd y Betws Wind farm traffic. Council should be informed of the date of the 'dummy run' prior to the 'dummy run' being taken place.

**8863. Matters raised by Members of the Public:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8864. Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Traffic:** Council was advised that at present the haulier had not been contracted and therefore the Police had not yet been provided with a 'Traffic Management Plan'. They had also no date for the 'Dummy Run'.

**Resolved** that the Clerk will request that the Town Council is advised when the haulier is contracted, also when the 'Traffic Management plan' has been produced and when the 'dummy run' is to take place.

**8865. Police Matters:**

Trebanos PACT: The PACT priority is a preventative measure in order to limit instances of anti social behaviour in the area. The local PCSO was to conduct additional patrols and to deal with instances of underage drinking by confiscation of the alcohol and referral to the individual's parents. However, there had to date been no instances of anti social behaviour in the park to warrant action.

The next PACT meeting is to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Trebanos Community Centre, to commence at 6.30pm.

Pontardawe PACT: The PACT priority for Pontardawe was parking issues adjacent to the Art Centre. The PCSO was to liaise with the local authorities' traffic enforcement team in order to resolve the issues. Fixed penalty tickets were to be issued where necessary.

Council was also advised that there was still an issue with young people on cycles causing a danger to themselves and other road users in the area. Council Members were advised to report instances to the Police if they were witnessed.

The next PACT meeting is to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the Cross Community Centre, to commence at 6.30pm.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8866. CoRe Funding:** The Clerk confirmed that Groundworks had confirmed that additional natural play equipment at Trebanos Park would be suitable under their grant funding rules. The Clerk confirmed that an expression of interest form had been submitted to Groundworks however at the moment there were no firm offers.

The Clerk did however confirm that she would pursue this grant opportunity and also would look at any matched funding that could be applied for in order to increase the funds available to improve the park.

The Clerk also confirmed that the value of the grant was only approximately £5000 and that the equipment would need to be wooden in order to conform to the grant rules, however, as a number of 'Trim Trails' and 'Adventure Trails' were wooded, they may be an option, especially as she believed many of these trails would not require safety surfacing.

**Resolved** that the Clerk would continue to pursue this grant and would look into other funding opportunities.

**8867. Cwm Nant Lleichi Wind Farm Proposal:** Councillors were requested to review the information on the web site and provided feedback. There were no comments.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8868. Environmental Matters Event:** No Councillors were in a position to attend.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8869. Planning:**

P2011/ 0756

Appeal by Mrs Roz Tartaglai

Site at: Goetre Bach Lane from Baran Road to Hafod Wennol Farm, Rhyd y Fro Pontardawe.

Proposed: Single Storey rear extension.

Notice of Appeal.

Council was advised that under minute reference 8712 in the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Council had reviewed the application and had no object, but had requested Neighbourhood notification.

**Resolved** to be noted.

P2012/0403

Applicants name/Address: Mr Nick Cole, Merlin Surveying Services, 2 Brabazon Park, Golf Course Lane, Bristol BS34 79Z.

Site Location: Bronderw, 14 Uplands Road, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4AH.

Proposed Development: Reconstruction of front boundary wall.

**Resolved** No Objection.

P2012/0351

Applicants name/address: Delyth J Davies, The Dingle, Amroth, Narbeth, SA67 1NQ.

Site location: Plaztec, Tawe Terrace, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4HA.

Proposed Development: Change of use of building from UPVC workshop (class B2), to estate agents (class A2), demolition of existing conservatory, new shop front, raising of ridge to provide first floor office accommodation, new windows and doors to external elevations, removal of pitched roof and provision of flat roof over existing single storey side extension and boundary fence.

**Resolved** No Objection provided there is Neighbourhood Notification.

P2011/1141

Applicants name/address: Pennant Homes, 11 Wind Street, Swansea, SA1 1DP.

Site Location: Former Coleg Cwmtawe, Alltycham Drive, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4JX.

Proposed Development: Variation of condition 23 of P2010/0880 granted on the 14/9/11 to allow the construction of road, Plots 1-4 and plots 20-23 and the erection of a temporary security fence and access gate prior to highway improvements required along Alltycham Drive (revised description 3.4.12)

**Resolved** noted without comment.

**8870. Policy and Resources Committee** to be arranged to continue to review cost savings and to review the new Model Complaints policy.

**Resolved** that a Policy and Resources Committee be arranged for 6.00pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**8871. Finance Committee** to be arranged to review the balance of the grants to be awarded for 2012/13 and to review the Internal Auditors report.

**Resolved** that a Finance Committee is arranged for 6.30pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**8872. Clerks report on the Pontardawe and District Youth Club:**

The Clerk confirmed that the arrangement to fund the Pontardawe and District Youth Facility up to £10,000 per annum would be reviewed next year, and for the 2011/12 fiscal year only £1000 had been requested.

The Clerk confirmed however that Engage was no longer hiring the facility during the day, so the only income currently being received was from the hiring of the office by crossroads and the usage of the facility two evenings a week by the xroads youth club.

The Trustees were in the process of amalgamating the Youth Club and the PONTY project in order to make the conjoined organisation more attractive to grant givers and also to release revenue funds in order to support the building, and Engage were attempting to obtain funding in order to utilise the facility from September, however they would not be in a position to confirm this funding until August 2012.

Council discussed the benefits of the youth club against the costs of its support at length. Council was advised that a top up payment would be required of £700 shortly, in order to cover County Borough Rental.

**Resolved** that the Council would support the facility for the present, by providing grant funding in order to cover costs. The Clerk will however need to provide Council with a report in the September meeting, detailing the income that will be generated for the remainder of the year to determine if provision of the facility was still viable.

**8873. ROSPA Report:** The Clerk confirmed that a ROSPA inspection had been carried out on both Ynysmeudwy and Trebanos Park. Both Parks had been awarded a risk rating of – Low.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8874. Vacant Seat for the Trebanos Ward:** The Clerk confirmed that there was a vacant seat following the election in the Trebanos Ward, and that this could be co-opted. She also confirmed that following the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Co- Option would need to be advertised.

**Resolved** that the Notice of Co-option would be displayed in prominent areas throughout the ward, with a request that interested parties provide the Clerk with a CV. At the June meeting the Council Members could elect a co-opted Member.

**8875. Internal Auditors Report:** The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditors report had been received on the Councils financial systems for 2011/12. The conclusion was that the accounts were properly kept and that the internal controls were operating effectively. There were only three recommendations and the Clerk would act these on.

**Resolved** that the report would be reviewed in full at the next Finance meeting.

**8876. Honours Nomination (New Years honours list 2014):** It was proposed following informal discussions that a nomination is made for an individual that has given many years service to the Community in a number of different capacities.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8877. Town Clerks Holiday:** The Clerk requested two weeks leave from the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and that the Deputy Clerk covers duties for this period.

**Resolved** that the Annual Leave and deputising arrangements are agreed.

**8878. Accounts Schedule 277** totalling £14617.73 together with a bank reconciliation to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and the Report of actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure.

**Resolved** to be agreed under financial regulations.

**8879. Awel Aman Tawe – Pontardawe Hydro Potential:** Council were informed that the Ynni'r Fro programme would possibly fund the development through feasibility; however the other land owners would initially need to be identified.

**Resolved** that the Clerk would try to identify the other land owners and would identify if they would be agreeable to taking the project further.

**8880. City and County of Swansea consultation on the Swansea Local Development Plan:** Members were provided with the appropriate web link prior to the meeting and were asked for comments.

**Resolved** to be noted as there are no comments.

**8881. Environmental Matters Event:** No Members were available to attend this event.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**8882. Carmarthenshire County Council Local Development Plan consultation:** Members were provided with the appropriate web link prior to the meeting and were asked for comments.

**Resolved** to be noted as there are no comments.

**8883. Urgent Road Safety Matters:**

- Herbert Street, Pontardawe – There are issues of plastic bollards on the pavements not leaving sufficient width for wheelchair users. Illegal parking adjacent to the Art Centre, and holes between the new pave stones following regeneration.
- Path to Argos from Swansea Road – Overflowing drains and flooding in the area due to the blocked drains and sloping ground.
- Flooding on the Footpath between Herbert Street and the Castle car park.

**Resolved** that BAM Nuttall and Neath Port Talbot Council would be contacted with regard to the Herbert Street issues, Neath Port Talbot Council and Welsh Water would be contacted with regard to the Swansea Road to Argos path. The Clerk would also obtain costs for the work needed to resolve the flooding on the path between the Castle Car Park and Herbert Street.

**8884. Date of the next meeting:** The date of the next meeting is due to be held at 6.45pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Ynysmeudwy Hall.

**Signed** .....

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