

Ordinary General Meeting held on the 9th September 2019 at ARCH Hall, Cefn Llan Road, Pontardawe commencing at 6.45pm

Present:

Councillor Ms C Ford (presiding), R Thomas, K Flynn, D Williams, G Nicholson, V Hotten, G Davies, A Richards, Mrs L Purcell, Mrs R Phillips, W Thomas and B McCarthy (Youth Representative)

Apologies:

Councillor A Nicholson, Ms S Northcott, Ms R Jones and H Davies

11253: Nomination of Chair:

In the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Council nominated Councillor Ms C Ford to Chair the meeting.

**Resolved** that Councillor Ms C Ford will Chair the Ordinary meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

11254: Signing of the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 8th July 2019:

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council.

11255: Kirsty Richards, Local Co-Ordinator for Neath Port Talbot Council:

Kirsty introduced herself and provided Council with details of the Local Co-Ordination Scheme. This was created to help people avoid reaching a crisis in their life or to help people recover if a crisis has already happened. The support is free for all ages, with no assessments or referral process and no time limits.

Kirsty will remain within the community to work with isolated people to increase their wellbeing by co-ordinating with the NHS, Local Council, Community groups and third sector. She also provides free Occupational health services for small businesses to encourage employees with issues remain in employment.

Council thanked Kirsty for her presentation.

**Resolved** to be noted.

11256: Members of the Public:

A Member of the Public requested the Town Council investigate the cleaning of the plaques on the Cenotaph.

**Resolved** to be noted.

### 11257: Defibrillator Mapping Scheme:

The initial meeting of the group was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Councillors A Nicholson, K Flynn and R Thomas attended together with Henry Gilbert and Simon Tucker from Heartbeat Trust Uk and David Thomas from the NHS Ambulance Service.

An Action Plan was prepared with an 18-week program, and good progress was made towards the main goals.

The following were identified:

- There was ample coverage in the Pontardawe area, however most of the units were not available 24 hours. Only 4 units (owned by Pontardawe Town Council) were available 24 hours.
- To create seamless cover, the Town Council should liaise with neighbouring Community Councils.
- Full mapping would be required to identify the exact location of each unit and if they were registered with the NHS Trust. These could then be signposted
- A working party should be set up to include local groups
- Training on the use of the units would need to be arranged. David Thomas had however already been involved with these arrangements.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the group would take place in approximately 3 weeks.

**Resolved** that Council will be kept up to date with developments

### 11258: Cwmdu Glen:

The Clerk would be obtaining quotes for the work to be carried out in zone 2 in accordance with the Risk Assessment. Most of the work was minimal such as removing boughs and ivy to improve the trees health. Council was happy for the lowest quote to be accepted.

In accordance with Council's wishes the Ash Trees under zone 3 would remain until a full liaison with the Coed Cymru representative had been achieved. The Coed Cymru post was in the process of being filled by Neath Port Talbot Council.

Two Residents contacted the Town Council with concerns over the trees on their boundaries however the trees had been reviewed under the risk assessment and all recommended work carried out. I did state that the trees would also be regularly informally reviewed.

The Picnic area was now open to the public; we were however awaiting confirmation from the 'Working with Nature' team that they were able to create a sign in a forthcoming volunteer day.

**Resolved** to be noted.

### 11259: Police Matters:

Pontardawe Statistics

June – Total 40 (13 violent, 11 Antisocial behaviour and 8 vehicular)

July – Total 40 (16 violent and 7 Antisocial behaviour)

Trebanos Statistics

June – 6 (4 violent)

July 20 – (12 violent)

Council was concerned about the spike in violent crime in July

Both PACT meetings were due to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6.30pm in the Art Centre and Trebanos Hall

**Resolved** that the Clerk will request an explanation for the spike in crime in Trebanos in July from the Police.

**11260: Pontardawe Bowls Club:**

Council was advised of the response from the County Borough to the questions posed at the last meeting.

They confirmed that the Pavilion and Bowling Green were held under separate leases

The grant of £650pa was considered on its own merit and was not guaranteed

There was a rent review clause in the lease

The Building insurance was covered by Neath Port Talbot Council within their block policy with the Club charged annually

It was a full repairing lease albeit limited to a photographic record of the condition of the building when the lease was taken out.

Council had a full and frank discussion on the request to take over the lease from the Bowls Club.

**Resolved** that a meeting will be arranged at the Pavilion with representatives of both the Town Council and the Bowls Club to discuss the future management and usage of the Pavilion.

**11261: Crossing Patrol Officer at Swansea Road:**

Unfortunately, Suzy the previous Officer had resigned at the end of the Summer Term.

Neath Port Talbot Council had however re-employed, and her replacement was now on site.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11262: Planning:**

Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**P2019/5066**

Applicants name: Mr & Mrs Jeff and Georgie O'Malley, 36 Plas Cadwgan Road, Ynystawe, Swansea, SA6 5AG

Site Location: 13 Tawe Terrace, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4HA

Proposed Development: Single Storey rear extension and detached garage.

**Resolved** - No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification

**P2019/5166**

Applicants Name: Mr M Taylor, 7 West Crossways, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4NA

Site Location: 7 West Crossways, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4NA

Proposed Development: Single storey front, side and rear extension plus detached outbuilding

**Resolved** - No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification

**P2019/5215**

Applicants name: Mrs Margaret Davies 39 Dan y Graig Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4DS

Site Location: 39 Dan y Graig Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4DS

Proposed Development: Outline one dwelling

**Resolved** – Objection due to limited and difficult access and overlooking other properties

**P2019/5234**

Applicants name: Mr Wayne Hopkins, The Quays, Brunel Way, Neath SA1 2GG

Site Location: Sports field adj Cwmtawe School, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4EG

Proposed Development: Installation of temporary buildings for a period of 24 months for use as school classroom and facilities

**Resolved**

- Objection due to level of increased traffic in the areas especially as primary schools include part time (Morning/Afternoon) sessions.
- Insufficient pedestrian walkways
- Temporary facilities should be sited in an alternative location closer to the site of the original school.

Publicity and Consultation before applying for planning permission

Construction of 36 affordable residential units, highway access, parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure works on land north of Old Foundry Road

**Resolved** – No Objection to the proposals however the Town Council would like to ensure that the plans include access from the top road (Holly Street/ Arthur Terrace)

Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**P2019/ 5262**

Applicants name: Mr Andrew Charles, 74A Herbert Street, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4ED

Site Location: 74A Herbert Street, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4ED

Proposed Development: Retention of Office (Class B1) on the first floor

**Resolved** – No Objection

**P2019/5185**

Applicants name: Mr Jamie Davies, C/O Trebanos RFC, 125 Swansea Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4BN

Site Location: The Changing Rooms, The Park, The Green, Trebanos, Pontardawe

Proposed Development: Change of use of first floor from weights room to licenced bar / community meeting room.

**Resolved** – No Objection

**P2019/5303**

Applicants name: Amy Miles, 17 Brynawel, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4PJ

Site Location: 17 Brynawel, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4PJ

Proposed Development: Felling of 1 Copper Beech Tree protected by T229/T1

**Resolved** – Council is unsure about the reason for the felling of this tree. They object to any unnecessary felling of trees of this nature unless it poses a risk to life or property. If the tree must be felled due to the above reason, the Town Council would like a replacement tree planted as part of the conditions

**P2019/5260**

Applicants name: Miss Clare Britton, 265 Swansea Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe SA84BY

Site Location: 265 Swansea Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe SA8 4BY

Proposed Development: Change of use of existing dwelling into a mixed residential dwelling and commercial cattery, change of use of part of existing garage into an office, together with the construction of a single story detached cattery building.

**Resolved** – Neighbourhood notification is required also Council has concerns over the size of the building as twenty cats is quite a substantial number.

Consultation on the removal of Public Telephone boxes

PCO PC1 New Road, Ynysmeudwy, Swansea, SA8 4PP (27 calls in the last 12 months)

Resolved – No objection to the removal of the telephone box

Pwllfawatkin future development – Abernant Leisure Scheme

Official Planning application due late 2019 or early 2020

Resolved - No Comment.

**Reviewed in meeting**

Application change to the register of Common Land – CL25A Entry 310. Application No: NPT 0058

**Resolved** No Comment.

11263: Christmas 2019:

A Policy & Resources Committee would be required to finalise details for Christmas 2019.

**Resolved** that a Policy and Resources Committee will be arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm

11264: Precept/ Financial Regulations:

A Finance Committee would be required.

**Resolved** that a Finance Committee will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 6.00pm

11265: Budget /Actual Report:

To be added to the agenda for the October Ordinary Meeting

**Resolved** to be noted.

**11266: Clerks Report on the Bench adjacent to Alltycham Drive:**

Unfortunately, during recent building works on a neighbouring property, the bench had been destroyed. On investigation the Clerk identified that the strip of land on which the bench had been situated, had been sold to a third party by the County Borough without our knowledge.

The owners of the land had stated that they believed the bench had been recently vandalised and was no longer fit for purpose prior to its damage by contractors and believed that the site of the bench was no longer appropriate.

They did however state that they were happy to provide a donation of £50 towards a new bench if the Town Council wished to place a bench at a different location in that area.

**Resolved** that the Town Council will accept the donation and will finance a new bench at an alternative location.

**11267: Account Schedule 359, 360 and associated Bank Reconciliations:**

**Resolved** that Account Schedule 359 totalling £19443.35, 360 totalling £9498.26 and Bank Reconciliations be accepted by Council in line with Standing Orders.

**11268: Correspondence re the Pontardawe War Memorial:**

A letter had been received requesting that the Town Council consider financing the cleaning of the plaques on the Cenotaph at Pontardawe.

**Resolved** that the Town Council will make enquiries with both CADW and the War Memorials Trust on the recommended maintenance for Memorial Plaques.

**11269: National Development Framework Consultation:**

This should be reviewed in the forthcoming Policy and Resources Committee.

**Resolved** to review in the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**11270: Urgent Road Safety Matters:**

Councillor Davies had received complaints about the road surface in various areas around Pontardawe and Rhyd y Fro. There were also concerns about parts of the bypass road.

**Resolved** that the Clerk will request a list of the forthcoming resurfacing works and will report to Council.

**11271: Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Council will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Trebanos Hall, commencing at 6.45pm

**Signed** ..... **Dated** .....