

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Strategy Committee Meeting

Wednesday 30th June 2021
Dydd Mercher 30^{ain} Mehefin 2021

This meeting was held via video conference under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) 2020

Present: Councillors Linda Edwards, Andrew Phillips, Michael Theodoulou and Bob Walpole.

In attendance: Huw Thomas (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), Shân Loudon (Deputy Clerk) and Ed Davies (Admin Assistant)

Absent: Councillor Stephen James

Via videoconference 7pm – 7.45pm

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None were received.

2. To receive members' declarations of interest.

None were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June.

Cllr Andrew Phillips **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Linda Edwards that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. **RESOLVED**.

4. Consideration of Committee priorities and strategy.

Members discussed the priorities and strategy for the Committee, noting that they could only make recommendations for consideration by the Town Council or its other Committees rather than decide unilaterally.

Members felt that the Town Council had a significant role in coordinating the activities of organisations across the community to reach a long term vision. It was noted that the Council had standing Committees which could and should set their own priorities and plans to meet them, and that this Committee should work to combine their sum into a whole for approval by the Town Council. This Committee will also recommend to each Committee to consider areas that have not been addressed that fall within their delegated responsibilities. In relation to issues and areas that fall outside the remit of the standing Committees or the Council, such as new legislation or changes in Ministerial priorities, this Committee could also consider their impact on the overall strategy and make recommendations as necessary.

It was noted that the Council had a duty to create a rolling 3 year strategy plan but it was felt they should aim to create a 5 year plan or longer, to provide the next council term a basis from which to work.

Members briefly discussed the overall vision and mission for the Council, noting the need to identify the way the Council wanted to behave in achieving its strategic aims. It was also noted that with increasing powers of competence being made available to Town and Community Councils they would soon have to choose which, if any, they wished to take on whilst recognising they would be limited by whatever resources the Council was prepared to commit.

Members discussed the Council's ability to raise its precept but also the need to demonstrate to the public what would be done with it and to gain their approval for doing so.

5. Consideration of input from the other standing Committees into the strategic plan.

Cllr Andrew Phillips **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Linda Edwards that they make a referral to each of the standing Committees to identify their immediate strategic priorities for the remainder of this Council term and a list of strategic priorities for the next 5-10 years.

RESOLVED.

Members requested that the Clerk/RFO speak with the Chairs of Committees to discuss if they required a special meeting of their Committee to set out their strategy.

ACTION: Clerk/RFO

6. Consideration of input from external factors into the strategic plan.

Members discussed the external factors and their input. A number of issues were identified, such as the lack of a complete list of extant and operational businesses operating in the area, and the need to work with outside organisations beyond those already engaged with.

7. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously for the next meeting of the Committee to be arranged for the 29th September 2021.

Meeting ended 7.45pm.