

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council
Facilities and Assets Committee Special meeting

2pm Wednesday 28th July 2021

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

Present: Cllrs Robert John (Chair), Peter Freeman, Les George, John Hedley Jones, Lisa Mitchell, Karen Morris, Andrew Phillips, Michael Theodoulou and Moira Thomas.

Apologies: Cllr Mary Wenman

Absent: Cllr Karen Trimble

In attendance: Huw Thomas (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), Shân Loudon (Deputy Clerk), Paul Mann (Cemetery and Facilities Superintendent) and Kevin Williams (Projects Manager)

2pm – 3.15pm

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mary Wenman.

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted.

None were declared.

3. Consideration of the Facilities and Assets Committee contribution to the Council Strategy

The Chair informed the meeting that he had considered a number of items to be discussed:

- Concept of sensory gardens to assist with health and welfare of local residents
- Renovations and new build of council facilities to ensure close to carbon zero as possible
- Consider transport to see if electric vehicles can be used

Cllr Michael Theodoulou gave the committee details of the discussion at the Strategy Committee meeting, suggesting that members looked at short and long term objectives. He had also attended a recent meeting covering joint priorities for town and community councils including green agenda, places for nature, work in relation to conserving energy, as well as community governance and digital democracy.

The committee discussed potential increases in precept and the important of interaction and consultation with the local community.

It was noted that previously events were held in order to raise funds for the Council and it was suggested that sponsorship opportunities should be investigated and well as other means of generating income.

After discussion, the following was agreed:

Short term strategy

Deliver major projects programme
Design a proactive preventive maintenance system

Long term strategy

Green agenda, open spaces
Solar panels
Transport

One member suggested contacting Carmarthenshire Council to enquire about a rate rebate.

It was commented that the Town Council could look into a possible asset transfer of the marina fields. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss.

Action: Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr Bob John, seconded by Peter Freeman that the following items be put forward to the Strategy Committee for consideration:

- 1 to identify green objectives in first year strategy – renovation of buildings and other assets
- 2 to investigate the carbon reduction in relation to the transport fleet
- 3 the utilisation of new outdoor facilities

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

None were raised.

Meeting ended 3.15pm