

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 21st July 2021

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

Present: Councillor Michael Theodoulou (Mayor)

Councillors Linda Edwards, Peter Freeman, Les George, Robert John, John Hedley Jones, Lisa Mitchell, Karen Morris, Andrew Phillips, Hugh Shepardson, Moira Thomas, Sharon Thomas, Karen Trimble, Bob Walpole and Mary Wenman

In attendance: Huw Thomas (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), Shân Loudon (Deputy Clerk), Louise Robinson (Community Development Officer) Paul Mann (Cemetery and Facilities Superintendent)

Apologies: Cllr David Owens

Absent: Cllr Stephen James

Via videoconference 7.00pm – 7.45pm

40. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr David Owens.

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

None were made.

42. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 2021

Provided one amendment was made to page 12, Cllr Karen Morris **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Mary Wenman that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. **RESOLVED**.

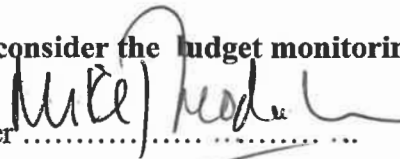
Cllr Linda Edwards indicated her abstention from the above vote.

43. To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 2021

Cllr Hugh Shepardson **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Moira Thomas that the minutes of the 19th May were an accurate record of the meeting. **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Linda Edwards indicated her abstention from the above vote.

44. To consider the budget monitoring report

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The Clerk/RFO stated that the overall figure for the Council for the first two months is 18.1% against a target of 16.67%.

Facilities and Assets Committee – at 18.99% mainly due to limited income, harbour toilet expense and parks expenditure which is covered by Place for Nature grant.

FGP – as previously highlighted this is due to the insurance being paid at the beginning of the financial year.

Regeneration and Community Engagement - main expense is the storage of Christmas lights.

Members discussed the issue of the condition of the portaloos at the harbour. After taking the extra expense into account, Cllr Lisa Mitchell proposed, seconded by Cllr Karen Morris that the toilets are cleaned daily until September, at which point the cleaning schedule will be reviewed. All members were in favour. **RESOLVED**

Action: CFS

Cllr Les George proposed, seconded by Cllr Lisa Mitchell that two additional portaloos are put in place until the end of September. Two members were against this proposal, with one abstention, remaining members in favour, therefore carried. **RESOLVED**

Action: CFS

45. To receive the County Councillor's report

Cllr Hugh Shepardson reported the following:

- The Boundary Commission have completed their review of boundary seats for the County. Pembrey and Burry Port remain as currently, ie two county councillors in each ward. There will be an additional councillor in the Bynea ward, therefore the overall number increases to 75.
- Pembrey Country Park has two outdoor cinemas taking place this weekend. If the event is successful this could be a permanent feature. They are also planning theatre productions in August.
- The canal path was cut on 12th July.

The Clerk reported that he had received a report from County Councillor John James which covered the following:

- Cwmifor Road development withdrawn
- Lighthouse painted by Carmarthenshire County Council
- Build up of sand on paths – suggested volunteer taskforce
- General harbour tidy should be carried out shortly by service users from Coleshill Day Centre
- Community Safety Officers are to patrol the Burry Port Harbour to assist tourists and local people during the summer months.
- Harbour Walls: Once the work has finished CADW will inspect to see if the work has been carried out in line with what was agreed.
- County Council are looking at introducing litter bins which send an electronic signal when they are nearly full.

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Members were concerned that grass had not yet been cut in Seaview Terrace. It was felt that this could be a fire risk. Cllr Les George proposed that the Clerk contact County Councillor John James and Carmarthenshire County Council to pursue this matter. Cllr Hugh Shepardson made an amendment to the proposal that the Town Clerk contact Darren King of CCC immediately and explain the fire risk and request the area is cut urgently. Cllr Karen Morris seconded this proposal. All members in favour. **RESOLVED**

Action: Clerk/RFO

Members discussed Cllr James proposal regarding asset transfer of the harbour. Following this discussion, Cllr Michael Theodoulou proposed, seconded by Cllr Bob Walpole that this be referred to the Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee to issue an invitation to Cllr James to attend their next meeting to present his proposal in detail and for the committee to report back to full Council. Three members voted against this proposal with the remaining members in favour. **RESOLVED**

Action: Deputy Clerk

Members asked for the report to be circulated.

Action: Deputy Clerk

46. To receive the Mayor's report

The Mayor reported that he had attended the unveiling of the new blue plaque in Randall Square, Pembrey.

He also informed members that in his year as Mayor, he wished to help support local businesses. He proposed that one local business is highlighted every two weeks and featured on social media by producing a video. Businesses who are interested will contact the Economy Forum who will choose those to be featured. It was commented that it would be good to officially welcome new businesses. All members were in agreement with this proposal.

47. To receive reports by elected members as Council Representatives on outside bodies

A report from Cllr Theodoulou had been circulated, members were asked to contact him with any queries.

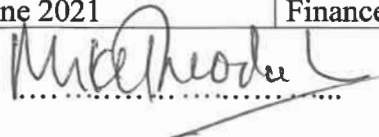
48. Consideration of additional membership of standing committees

It was proposed by Cllr Moira Thomas and seconded by Cllr Mary Wenman that Cllr Sharon Thomas join the Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee, Planning Committee and Police Liaison Committee. All members in favour. **RESOLVED**

49. To note the following minutes for information:

Date	Meeting
2 June 2021	Facilities and Assets Committee
2 June 2021	Strategy Committee
7 June 2021	Police Liaison Committee
7 June 2021	Audit and Resolutions Committee- Draft
8 June 2021	Finance, Governance and Personnel Committee

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9 June 2021	Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee
30 June 2021	Strategy Committee - Draft
7 July 2021	Major Projects Sub Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Bob Walpole, seconded by Cllr Andrew Phillips that the above minutes be noted. **RESOLVED**

Meeting ended 7.45pm.

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