

**Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council**

**Extraordinary Meeting**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Dydd Mercher 26<sup>fed</sup> Mai 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, David Owens and Andrew Phillips.**

**In attendance: Huw Thomas (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), Shân Loudon (Deputy Clerk), Louise Robinson (Community Development Officer) Kevin Williams (Projects Manager), Paul Mann (Cemetery and Facilities Superintendent) and Ed Davies (Admin Assistant)**

**Apologies: Councillors Stephen James, Hugh Shepardson, Moira Thomas, Karen Trimble, Bob Walpole and Mary Wenman.**

**Via videoconference 3pm – 3.52pm**

**15. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Stephen James, Hugh Shepardson, Moira Thomas, Karen Trimble, Bob Walpole and Mary Wenman.

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

None were declared.

**17. To consider the Town Council's position in regard to asbestos on Burry Port beach.**

Members commented on the recent press coverage regarding the presence of asbestos on Burry Port beach. Concern was raised that there were quotes from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor that could be misconstrued as being the position of the Council when it had not yet set it. It was noted that members had no control over editorial decisions taken by the press and to be careful in the future when speaking to the press.

Members discussed the issue at length, highlighting the potential risk to the public if the reports were correct.

Cllr David Owens **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Les George that the Town Council request an urgent meeting with senior officers and senior members of the Executive Board of the County Council to establish what is being done to tackle this problem, and for a public statement to be made giving the actions of the Town Council so far. **RESOLVED.**

**ACTION: Clerk/RFO**

Cllr Robert John **PROPOSED**, seconded by Cllr Les George that the Town Council should contact the Health and Safety Executive urgently to report the situation to them and to seek advice on actions that can be taken in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED.**

Meeting ended 3.52pm