

**Ordinary Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at ARCH Hall, Cefn Llan Road, Pontardawe commencing at 6.45pm.**

**10358. Present:** Councillor A Nicholson (presiding), Mrs L Purcell, G Davies, Ms S Northcott, D B Thomas, H Evans, B Williams, Mrs E Puzey, Ms C Ford, D Harris, V Hotten, Mrs J Bowen and Jamie Edwards (Youth Representative candidate)

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs R Phillips, H Pickrell, M James, P Williams and Harri Evans-Mason together with T Hutchins (Youth Representatives)

**10359. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10360. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016:**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council:

**10361. Matters raised by Members of the Public:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10362. Karen Jones (Neath Port Talbot Council):** Jayne Woodman Ralph was unable to attend the meeting however Karen Jones addressed Council in her place. Karen provided Council with an overview of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the impact this will have on the County Borough, the duties of the Public Services Boards and the potential actions required by Town Councils. Overall Council was keen to be involved in the process even if there were no duties required under the act and therefore they wished the Clerk kept informed of the ongoing process.

Council thanked Karen for attending the meeting.

**Resolved** that the Clerk will liaise with the County Borough.

**10363. Police Matters:**

The next Pontardawe PACT meeting is to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 6.30pm at the Art Centre.

There were 34 crimes in September in Pontardawe which was down from 36 in August and 39 in July.

Currently there is no date scheduled for the next Trebanos PACT meeting. The most recent meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

There were 2 crimes in September in Trebanos which was down from 5 in August and 5 in July.

The Pontardawe CAP Meeting is due to be held tomorrow (13<sup>th</sup> December 2016) at 11.00am at Pontardawe Art Centre.

I spoke at length with PCSO Sian Jenkins regarding the CAP project which is an inclusive partnership between the Police, local licencing authorities, schools, residents, Chamber of Commerce, Health Boards and the Fire Service to tackle underage drinking which is often a trigger for anti-social behaviour.

The project is currently targeting the 11yrs to 17 years age bracket.

There have been several projects in the Pontardawe area that have been very successful in addressing the issues and these are ongoing.

The Project in Pontardawe itself had also received a Central Government award in recognition of the work being carried out in the area.

The PACT meetings in Pontardawe have been well attended and there has been some success with issues surrounding speeding at Llangiwg School. The area has now been designated as a 'Community Site'. This will allow the placement of a speed camera in the area of concern.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10364. Cwmdu Glen:** Council was advised that a great deal of work was being carried out at Cwmdu in both the Town Council area and the area owned by Neath Port Talbot Council by the 'Working with Nature Project'. This included work carried out on paths, clearing litter, maintenance to trees together with a number of volunteer days. There was also a table of events planned for the early part of 2017 to further improve the paths and to encourage more local volunteers to take an interest in the site. Maggie Eley the project mentor was to attend an Ordinary meeting early in 2017 to give details of the work planned.

The Clerk also provided details of the maintenance programme required for the Cross in Pontardawe. Following discussions with the current groundsman it was agreed that the area was not suitable to be maintained by the Town Council and should remain the responsibility of the County Borough.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10365. Christmas 2016:** The Christmas Parade was very successful this year with a great number of people attending the event. Although the Town Council had contracted Neath Port Talbot Council to erect the Christmas street lights, they were required to sub contract to an outside organisation. Everything was provided in time and the light were switched on as planned. Unfortunately the 'Welcome to Pontardawe' banners failed the electrical tests and could therefore not be erected.

Looking forward to the Christmas of 2017 the Town Council may need to look at alternative lighting provision as the current lights held by the County Borough were failing. It was therefore suggested that a committee be set up early in the new year to identify options.

**Resolved** that a Committee will be set up to look at alternative options for Christmas Lights for 2017.

**10366. Swansea Road Crossing Patrol Officer:** The Clerk was pleased to advise Council that a suitable person had been identified and they should be employed at the start of term in January 2017.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10367: Planning:**

**P2016/0989**

Applicants name: Mr Paul Wayte, 1 The Green, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4BR.

Site Location: 1 The Green, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4BR.

Proposed Development: Single Storey side and rear extension.

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

**P2016/0878**

Applicants name: Dr & Mrs Temblett, C/o Agent

Site Location: Nant y Gaseg Uchaf Farm, Pontardawe Road, Pontardawe Swansea SA8 4SY.

Proposed Development: Conversion of agricultural outbuilding to self-contained holiday accommodation unit, demolition of single storey extension and construction of two no. single storey extensions and external alterations.

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

**P2016/1016**

Applicants name: Mr Ian Bain, 5 Clos y Hen Ysgol, Thomas Street, Pontardawe, SA8 4AZ.

Site Location: 5 Clos yr Hen Ysgol, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4AZ.

Proposed Development: Outbuilding.

**Resolved** There were no documents available to make observations however Council would like Neighbourhood notification.

Alleged Footpath from High Street to Herbert Street, Pontardawe: Council was advised that the County Borough had rejected the request to designate this as a footpath however there was right of appeal.

**Resolved** that the Town Council will look at the Appeals Process and the evidence required.

**10368. Pontardawe Town Council's Volunteer Awards together with other awards:** The Clerk reminded Council that the closing date for Volunteer awards was the 31<sup>st</sup> December. She also explained that One Voice Wales had an awards programme for innovation which would require submissions prior to the end of January.

**Resolved** that the Town Council will submit applicable projects to the One Voice Wales Awards.

**10369. British Legion at Pontardawe:** Council was originally advised that the British Legion at Pontardawe had closed. The Clerk however had been informed that this was not the case. The British Legion Branch at Pontardawe did remain open but their numbers were insufficient to organise the Remembrance Parade in 2016.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10370. One Voice Wales Area Committee:** Unfortunately, Councillor Nicholson was unable to attend the event.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10371: Youth Representative for 2017:** The Town Council was advised that our candidate for this year was Jamie Edwards who was a pupil at Cwmtawe School. Jamie addended the meeting and provided Council with details of her candidacy. Council voted unanimously to co-opt Jamie on to the Council.

Both the Clerk and Council welcomed Jamie to the team.

**Resolved** that Jamie Edwards be elected as the Pontardawe Town Council Youth Representative for 2017.

**10372. Account Schedule 328:** Account Schedule 328 totalling £18223.98 together with the Bank Reconciliation were agreed under Standing Orders.

**Resolved** to be noted,

**10373. Letters of Thanks:** Letters of Thanks were received from Llangollen 2017 and Ynysmeudwy AFC for grants provided

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10374. Local Service Revisions:** Council was advised of minor changes to the X50 and 122 Services.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10375. Draft Account and Audit (Wales) amendment Regulations 2016:** One Voice Wales had confirmed that the proposals applied to bodies with budgets over £2.5 million pa with only a change to the placement of accounting documents in a conspicuous place relating to Town Councils.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10376. Road Safety:**

- The County Borough was unable to make Ynysderw Road a One-Way System with no entry from the roundabout as the road was too narrow near Pontardawe Rugby Club. The County Borough was however looking at more effective signage from the Roundabout.
- There were still difficulties at Church Street and Dynevor Terrace with cars driving against the One-Way system. This was however being reviewed by the County Borough.

**Resolved** that Councillor Purcell will look into matters at Ynysderw Road.

**10377. Time and Date of next meeting:** The next Ordinary meeting is due to be held at Trebanos Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Signed ..... Dated .....