

**Ordinary General Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Trebanos Hall, Swansea Road, Trebanos, commencing at 6.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillor A Nicholson (presiding), G Davies, Ms C Ford, G Nicholson, Mrs L Purcell, V Hotten, Ms R Jones, W Thomas, A Richards, Ms S Northcott and K Flynn.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs R Phillips, R Smith and C Morgan.

**10702. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10703. Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council.

**10704. Matters raised by Members of the Public:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10705. Cwmdu Glen:** Council was advised that an evening to advertise the 'Friends of Cwmdu' group had been arranged for the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at Pontardawe Art Centre.

Regarding the properties at Waun Gron that bordered Cwmdu Glen in Rhyd y Fro, the following actions had been taken:

- A letter had been forwarded to all householders advising them that they were able to cut back any tree branches that were overhanging their gardens to their boundary fence without requesting permission from the Town Council.
- The Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Arborist performed an informal review of the boundary tree conditions and was happy that none were dangerous.
- Some residents wished permission to take additional action on boundary trees. The County Borough Arborist had reviewed the boundary trees and had confirmed that the crowns of boundary tree could also be reduced by a maximum of three meters provided the work was carried out in accordance with standard BS3998:2010.
- One exception was for the trees that had been radically cut back on a previous occasion. The County Borough Arborist stated that these trees should not be pruned at this time but that he would need to review them in the Summer once the canopy had developed.
- A formal tree report was to be completed on the health of Boundary Trees for retention by Council.

**Resolved** that Council will be kept up to date with developments.

**10706. Police Matters:**

There were no additional statistics available.

The Pontardawe and Trebanos PACT meeting dates had been confirmed and were as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 11<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> December

The Pontardawe meetings would commence at 6.30pm at Pontardawe Art Centre and the Trebanos Meetings would commence at 6.30pm but would be held at Trebanos Community Hall.

Council was aware that there had been some anti-social behaviour issues stated on social media recently however these were still not being reported to 101.

As the only way for additional resources to be allocated to Pontardawe Police was for all instances to be reported to 101 and for a crime number to be obtained, it was agreed that Council Members would continue to request those posting on social media report the crimes on 101.

**Resolved** that once Councillor Richards had attended the meeting with the 101 personnel, the Town Clerk will include an article in the Community Mag with advice on the correct method of reporting issues.

**10707. Defibrillators:** Council was advised that the external defibrillators had been placed at Ynysmeudwy Stores and Rhyd y Fro Post Office.

They were also advised that the NHS Trust had funded the units although not the cabinets for both defibrillators. The Town Council therefore had two spare units for placement.

**Resolved** that the Town Council will purchase one additional interior cabinet to place an internal unit at Pontardawe Taxi's, if permission can be obtained.

**10708. Town Council Web Site:** Unfortunately, Councillor Morgan was unwell and unable to complete the new web site at this time.

**Resolved** that no further action will be taken on the web site until Councillor Morgan recovers.

#### **10709. Planning**

Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

P2018/0010

Applicants name: Mr J K Pedrick, 8 West Crossways, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4NE

Site Location: 8 West Crossways, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4NE

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension including conservatory to rear extension.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2018/0054

Applicants name: Mr Gerwyn Harkett, 38 Bronywawr, Pontardawe, Swansea SA84JY.

Site Location: 38 Bronywawr, Pontardawe, Swansea SA84JY.

Proposed Development: Part two storey part single storey rear extension

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

P2018/0034

Applicants name: Mr Paul Grange, 36 Alltycham Drive, Pontardawe, SA8 4JR

Site Location: 36 Alltycham Drive, Pontardawe, SA8 4JR

Proposed Development: Conversion of double garage to living accommodation including replacement parking.

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

Application to change the register of Common Land – CL25A Entry 74 (as modified by entry 205)  
Application No: NPT 0030

Resolved No Comment.

Abergwilli Power Limited: Proposed Gas fired power plant at land adjacent to the Felindre Gas Compressor Station at Abergwilli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA57NN

Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

Erratum: Issue of replacement Figure 8.3 'Designated Sites 2' of Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('2018 PEIR') (Volume 11: Figures and Photomontages)

Resolved No Comment

Planning discussed in meeting:

P2018/ 0096

Applicants name: Ms Katie Bubb, 21 Maes yr Ysgol, Pontardawe SA8 4JS

Location: 21 Maes yr Ysgol, Pontardawe SA8 4JS

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification.

**10710. Clerks Report on the Ynysmeudwy Park Hedge:** Council was advised that the evergreen hedge adjacent to Ynysmeudwy Park was very large and required professional pruning each year due to its height. This year we had been advised that the hedge would look unsightly following this pruning due to its size and fullness.

An alternative would be to remove the hedge and to replace with a high fence which would have a cost of approximately £4000. Funds were available from reserve.

Following an in-depth discussion however Council agreed to retain the hedge but to reduce its height initially.

**Resolved** that the hedge adjacent to Ynysmeudwy Park be retain but reduced in height for the present.

**10711. Finance Committee required:** Council was advised that a Finance committee was required to discuss grant funding for 2018/19 and Financial risk assessments.

**Resolved** that a Finance Committee will be arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**10712. Development Committee required:** Council was advised that a Development Committee was required to discuss future Pontardawe Festivals.

**Resolved** that a Development Committee will be arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**10713. Account Schedule 341:**

**Resolved** that Account Schedule 341 totalling £17196.72 together with the Bank Reconciliation be accepted in accordance with Standing Orders.

**10714. Graffiti Wall:** Council was asked to support a Graffiti wall in Pontardawe.

**Resolved** that Mark Jones be invited to a future Council meeting to give details of the proposed wall and location.

**10715. Email received re War Memorial:** Council was advised that the British Legion in Pontardawe wanted to place an Iron Wreath on the War Memorial in Pontardawe to celebrate the centenary year of the end of World War 1

**Resolved** that the Town Council had no objection however the Cenotaph was owned by Neath Port Talbot Council and therefore their permission would be required.

**10716. Email re Access Certificate:** Council was made aware of a petition from the Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People for a Certification scheme like the food safety certification for disabled friendly establishments, that was being sent to the Welsh Assembly Government.

**Resolved** that Council will await developments

**10717. Letter re Swansea Bay Inland Waterways Partnership:** An email had been received requesting Council appoint a representative to attend meetings. As Councillor John Jones had already expressed an interest in the work of the Partnership it was unanimously agreed that he should perform the function.

**Resolved** that Councillor J Jones represent Pontardawe Town Council on the Swansea Bay Inland Waterways Partnership.

**10718. Consultation on crime and inferior performance in the Waste Sector:** Councillors were provided with details of the consultation prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10719. Consultation on the Local Toilet Strategy:** Council agreed to review in a Policy & Resources Committee.

**Resolved** that a Policy and Resources Committee will be arranged for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**10720. Urgent Road Safety Matters:**

- Councillor Ford was concerned that side roads adjacent to the Pelican Crossing in Trebanos were had obscured vision of the lights and was aware of an accident that had resulted. Councillor Purcell suggested that she contact the County Borough Council directly to request action taken as an accident had resulted.
- Councillor Davies wished an update on the possibility of the double yellow lines being extended at the junction of James street and Alltycham Drive. The Clerk advised him that Neath Port Talbot Council required the Local County Borough Councillors to take this forward. Unfortunately, as there had been no reported accidents at the site the action was considered a low priority. If, however Councillors had evidence of accidents in the area then they should contact Councillor Purcell.
- Councillor Purcell confirmed that the issue on the A474 which resulted in an accident due to ice on the road from surrounding field run off had been addressed.
- A letter was received from a resident of Trebanos with highway design experience requesting that the County Borough consider the possibility of average speed cameras in Trebanos. Councillor Purcell agreed to take this idea forward.

- Councillor Smith was concerned about the poor road surface on Gelligron Hill and the mini roundabout close to the Pontardawe inn and requested the County Borough Members request Neath Port Talbot Council resurface the areas

**Resolved** that the letter giving details of the proposed average speed camera solution for Trebanos be forwarded to Councillor Purcell for action as Councillor Phillips was on Maternity Leave.

**10721. Date of next Ordinary Meeting:** To confirm that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Ynysmeudwy Hall commencing at 6.45pm.

**Signed** ..... **Dated** .....