

Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th April 2018 at ARCH Hall, Cefn Llan Road, Pontardawe commencing at 6.45pm

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

Apologies: Councillor R Smith, C Morgan, Mrs R Phillips and Mrs R Jones

10743. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests: None.

Resolved to be noted.

10744. Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on the 13th March 2018:

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 13th March 2018, having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council.

10745. Matters raised by Members of the Public: None.

Resolved to be noted.

10746. Joe Hillier-Raikes: Joe the Neath Port Talbot Town Manager introduced herself and explained that previously her remit was to assist with increasing the footfall into Neath Town Centre. Neath Port Talbot Council had however now expanded her remit to assisting with this goal in other Towns in Neath Port Talbot. She explained that there was no additional budget however her expertise and assistance was available to the Town Council and other Groups to assist with events in Pontardawe.

Council thanked Jo for attending the meeting to introduce herself.

Resolved that a calendar of events for 2018 will be forwarded to Jo and her contact details will be forwarded to all Town Councillors.

10747. Cwmdu Glen: The Clerk confirmed further volunteer days and events were being held at Cwmdu. Details were advertised on the Pontardawe Town Council social media pages as well as other community pages.

The work recommended by the recent tree survey was to be carried out by Arborum during April and details of the survey had been forwarded to interested residents in Waun Gron.

Resolved to be noted.

10748. Police Matters:

No additional statistics were available.

Councillor Richards provided details on a further visit to the 101 and 999 call centres. The Clerk confirmed that details of the new call centre and methods of reporting non-urgent crimes would be included in a future Community Mag article and on the Town Council social media pages.

Resolved to be noted.

10749. Planning:

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Applicants name: Mrs Karisa Morgan, 133 Ynysmeudwy Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4QJ.

Site Location: 133 Ynysmeudwy Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4QJ.

Proposed Development: Two Storey rear extension, front porch and creation of parking area to the front of dwelling.

Resolved No Objection to the extension provided there is neighbourhood notification, however the Town Council was concerned about the Porch being out of keeping with the historical nature of the neighbouring buildings and the Car Parking as both a visual amenity and on highways safety grounds.

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Applicants name: Mr Steffan James, 70 New Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe SA8 4PP

Site location: 70 New Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe SA8 4PP

Proposed Development: Change of use of residential outbuildings to micro-brewery (b2 class use)

Resolved No Objection provided there is neighbourhood notification, however the Town Council was a little concerned about vehicular access for supplies etc.

10750: Clerks Report on the replacement CCTV system for Trebanos Park:

Two companies had provided 'like for like' quotes to replace the CCTV system at Trebanos Park.

PES – Cost £1190 plus VAT.

Advanced Protection – Cost £2650 no Vat.

Resolved that the lowest quote will be accepted subject to the provision of the required insurance/risk assessments.

10751. Clerks Report on the Bilingual Meeting: The Clerk confirmed that she had been experiencing difficulties obtaining simultaneous translation facilities. The original translator booked in January 2018 for the March meeting had to withdraw at short notice two weeks before the meeting and despite exhaustive enquiries a replacement could not be found.

Unfortunately, there was also no translator available for the April meeting.

Resolved the Clerk will attempt to obtain a simultaneous translator for a meeting later in the year.

10752. Account Schedule 343:

Resolved that Account Schedule 343 totalling £11609.44 together with the Bank Reconciliation be accepted in accordance with Standing Orders.

10753. Email received re Employer and Employee Pension Contributions 2018/19: Council was advised that the following rates for the City and County of Swansea Pension had been received:

- Employee (Caretakers) – 5.5%
- Employee (Groundsman) – 5.8%
- Employee (Clerk) – 6.5%

- Employer - 23% plus one of payment of £800

Resolved to be noted.

10754. Bus shelter on the A474 adjacent to Herbert Street: Council was advised that the new bus shelter would have an integral seat. Although there were difficulties with the new bus shelter at present Council was advised that the shelter had not yet been sealed and that the County Borough were discussing these matters with their contractors.

Resolved to be noted.

10755. One Voice Wales AGM: The Clerk confirmed that Council could proposed a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM which was due to take place in September 2018.

Councillor Nicholson also advised Council that in the recent One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Award, Pontardawe Town Council had received 'commended' for both its Environmental and Community Engagement categories.

Resolved that any Councillor who wished to propose a motion will contact the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

10756. Welsh Governments Green Paper entitled 'Strengthening Local Government':

Resolved that the consultation will be discussed in a Policy and Resources Committee.

10757. Urgent Road Safety Matters:

- Concerns over congestion at Cwmtawe School during the start and finish of the school day were being investigated by the County Borough

Resolved to be noted.

10758. Date of next Ordinary meeting: To confirm that the next meeting and AGM of the Town Council is to be held on the 14th May 2018 at Trebanos Hall.

Signed Dated

