

**Ordinary Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Trebanos Hall, Swansea Road, Trebanos commencing at 6.45pm.**

**10378. Present:** Councillor Mrs R Phillips (presiding), Mrs L Purcell, G Davies, D B Thomas, H Evans, B Williams, Mrs E Puzey, P Williams, Ms C Ford, D Harris, Mrs J Bowen and Jamie Edwards (Youth Representative)

**Apologies:** Councillor A Nicholson, Ms S Northcott, H Pickrell, M James and V Hotten

**10379. Disclosure of Personal and Pecuniary Interests:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10380. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016:**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 having been read and confirmed as a true record, be accepted by Council:

**10381. Matters raised by Members of the Public:** None.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10382. Marcia Vale (Dementia Friendly Communities Co-ordinator):** Marcia provided Council with an update on the groups progress. There had been a good deal of interest from local businesses in Pontardawe becoming a Dementia Friendly Town, however the working group now needed a local organisation to move the project forward.

Dementia Friendly Towns were able to award a kite-mark to organisation that had proved that they were Dementia Friendly, the award was for one year and was then reviewed.

Marcia requested that the Town Council apply for the right to award Kite Marks to Dementia Friendly organisations to move the project forward

Council thanked Marcia for attending the meeting and providing the information on becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.

**Resolved** that Council will discuss the matter at the next meeting.

**10383. Cwmdu Glen:** There was a change to the order of the agenda to allow Cwmdu Glen to be discussed at the beginning of the meeting as the information from the 'Working with Nature' project was an integral part of the discussion.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10384. Maggie Elsey 'Working with Nature' Project:** Maggie explained that she was to commence Maternity leave and was therefore to be replaced during her absence by Neil Hinds who also attended the meeting.

Maggie provided Council with an update on the actions that had taken place during 2016 at Cwmdu at both the Glanrhyd Plantation and the Town Council path including repair to steps and paths, maintenance to trees, removal of invasive species, litter picks, liaison with enforcement over fly tipping, creation of volunteer projects and organised walks.

For 2017 there were further volunteer events organised together with the reinstatement of the circular walk, additional work on trees surrounding the path and the entry to Cwmdu from the Cross and the creation of a viewing platform at Waun Gron to give visual access to the waterfalls.

Maggie produced numerous photographs of the ongoing work and provided Council with the Partnership development plan for their input.

Council thanked Maggie and Neil for attending the meeting and agreed to review the partnership development plan shortly.

**Resolved** that Council will discuss the matter at the next meeting.

**10385. Police Matters:**

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

There were 32 crimes in November 2016 which was down from 47 in October and 34 crimes in September.

The next Trebanos PACT meeting was to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 6.30pm at Trebanos Hall and it was agreed that more people from the Community needed to attend.

There were 10 crimes in November which was an increase from 3 crimes in October and 2 crimes in September. The breakdown of the crime figures did not show a spike in any particular area but the increase in the number of types of crime was concerning.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10386. Swansea Road Crossing Patrol Officer:** The Clerk was pleased to advise Council that Suzie Humphries was due to begin as a Crossing Patrol Officer at Swansea Road on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10387. Pontardawe Town Council's Volunteer Awards:** A Development Committee was required to review the applications and to decide on the awards and format of the Awards Evening.

**Resolved** that a Development Committee be organised.

**10388: Planning:**

**P2016/1079**

Applicants name: Orbis Group, 10 Windsor Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BZ.

Site Location: Craig yr Adar, Uplands Road, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4AH.

Proposed Development: Change for use from a residential dwelling (Class C3) to a residential care home (Class C2) for children with additional needs related to Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

**Resolved** Council was concerned over access.

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. Unfortunately, there was insufficient evidence to lodge an appeal.

**Resolved** to be noted.

Alleged Public Footpath from Lloyd Street to Common CL24 and to Footpath No 3 – Community of Pontardawe. Council was advised that this had been added to the definitive list.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10389. Question Time 2017:** Council agreed to hold the Annual Question time in June or July 2017 to avoid the Local Council Elections. The Panel was to consist of the County Borough Members, Assembly Members and Local Member of Parliament and it was agreed that Pontardawe Leisure Centre should be hired for the event as in previous years.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10390. Minor Authority Governor for Llangiwg School:** Councillor Mrs Jean Bowen stepped down as the Minor Authority Governor for Llangiwg School. Council appointed Councillor Brian Thomas to replace her.

**Resolved** that Councillor D B Thomas be Minor Authority Governor for Llangiwg School.

**10391. Account Schedule 329:** Account Schedule 329 totalling £8966.47 together with a Bank Reconciliation and a Budget/ Actual Report for April to November 2016 were agreed under Standing Orders.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10392. Letter received from One Voice Wales re the Buckingham Palace Garden Party:** Council was happy for the Mayor, Councillor R Phillips name to be included in the draw.

**Resolved** that Councillor Mrs R Phillips name be included in the Buckingham Palace Garden Part draw.

**10393. Letter received from Clive Reed Re the Tareni Colliery Book:** Clive explained that several the Community Councils in the area had purchased a copy of the book and had donated them as reference material to local schools. He asked if Pontardawe Town Council would also consider a similar donation.

**Resolved** that Council will purchase five copies of the book and donate them to the four Primary Schools together with Cwmtawe Community School.

**10394. Letters of Thanks:** A Letter of Thanks was received from Pontardawe Rugby Club for the grant provided.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10395. Information on the Electoral Reform Programme 2017.** Council was advised that the programme was due to start in quarter 2 2018 and finish in quarter 1 2020. The Draft Proposals should be available during quarter 1 2019.

The proposals would reduce the number of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Members from 64 to 58.

**Resolved** to be noted.

**10396. Consultation on the proposed change of name of the Welsh Assembly:** Council was provided with details prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** to review in a Policy and Resources Committee.

**10397. Consultation on proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics:** Council was provided with details prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** to review in a Policy and Resources Committee.

**10398. Consultation on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance:** Council was provided with details prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** to review in a Policy and Resources Committee.

**10399. Road Safety:**

- There was an issue with PCSO's in Pontardawe taking no action about drivers going the wrong way on one way streets in Pontardawe despite there being video evidence.
- Significant issues with young people on cycles riding without lights in all areas.

**Resolved** that the video of the driving issue together with the PCSO's lack of action will be advised to Sergeant James at Pontardawe together with the Inspector by Councillor H Evans.

Jamie Edwards (Youth Representative) will arrange for the School Council to be made aware of the issues surrounding cycling without lights.

Councillor Purcell in partnership with the CAP project will also look at the issue in conjunction with Cwmtawe School.

**10400. Time and Date of next meeting:** The next Ordinary meeting is due to be held Ynysmeudwy Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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