

**MINUTES OF THE PONTARDDULAI TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE
28th SEPTEMBER 2023**

APPROVED

PRESENT:

Cllr C. Evans (Mayor)	Cllr A Wilson
Cllr J. Beynon	Cllr D. Hardy
Cllr R. Harris	Cllr K. Williams
Cllr P Downing	Cllr A. Owen
Cllr K. Griffiths	Cllr H. Roberts

57. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Harris, Cllr D Beynon, Cllr J Johnstone, Cllr S. Lloyd-Janes.

58. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests in accordance with the council's code of conduct.

Councillors Downing and Wilson declared a personal interest in item 21 of the Policy, Compliance & Finance meeting minutes.

Councillor Evans declared a personal interest in item 21 of the Policy, Compliance & Finance meeting minutes.

59. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous council meeting.

The above minutes were accepted as a true record.

60. Receive and consider the minutes of the Special Events committee meeting held on the 5th September 2023.

The above minutes were accepted as a true record.

61. Receive and consider the minutes of the Policy, Compliance & Finance committee meeting held on the 14th September 2023

The above minutes were accepted as a true record.

Cllr P Downing to be added to those present at the meeting.

Cllr Evans left the room during discussion around item 21 of the minutes.

62. Receive and consider reports from county ward members.

County councillor K. Griffiths report July 2023.

Information had been circulated from Cllr Griffiths as received.

Councillor Griffiths had circulated information as received to the clerk who forwarded to councillors. There was nothing additional to add.

County Councillor P. Downing – Report since last meeting

Like the Town Council there was hardly any meetings in August Swansea Council has a duty under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 to keep its communities under review and report to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) every ten years. The Review of Communities shall be based on the electorate published on 1st December 2022 and a 5-year forecast of electorate figures. Any changes made at a Community level may lead to consequential changes being required to County Electoral Wards. The table sets out the Community / Town Council Size ratio of Councillors to Electors:

Electors (Up to	Councillor	Electors (Up to	Councillor
1000	7	12500	17
2000	8	15000	18
3000	9	20000	19
4000	10	25000	20
5000	11	30000	21
6000	12	35000	22
7000	13	40000	23
8000	14	45000	24
9000	15	50000	25
10000	16		

Anticipated timetable for the review. The review will start in October 2023, and the Commission currently anticipates being in a position to publish its final recommendations in or soon after December 2024. If the Commission's recommendations are implemented by the Welsh Ministers (with or without modification), any changes would usually come into effect for the next Local Government Elections

ACTION	PERIOD	DATE
Start of Review		October 2023
Initial Investigations	8 Weeks	October 2023 to December 2023
Draft Proposal Publication/ Consultation	8 Weeks	July 2024 to September 2024
Final Recommendation Submission		December 2024

If accepted the change to Pontarddulais Town Council Could be

Community / Town Council	Electorate @ 01-Dec-22	Electorate @ 01-Dec-28	Current No. of councillors	Current ratio	Proposed No of councillors	Swansea ratio	Impact + or -
Pontarddulais	4900	5647	16	352.91	12	470.54	-4

20MPH Speed Limit

Following on from the recent introduction of the new 20mph speed limit, a briefing has taken place with the Transportation Team, to provide an update on our position in terms of signs and other issues. There is a

fair degree of confusion at present for motorists and the new speed limits. There has been a huge body of work to complete, now the new limit is legally in force. The cost is £3.4m WG is paying all the costs

600 new posts will be required, and 1,940 new signs, 2,100 signs removed
Work is ongoing on addressing conflicting signs. This involves covering over 30mph signs which appear on roads where the new 20 now applies. i.e. the reverse side of all the 20mph limits and zones introduced county wide over the years. Initially officers are painting over the conflicting 30mph signs, but leaving the 20 in place to act as a reminder in the initial period following the 17th of September to assist drivers. In the coming weeks these signs will be removed.

WASTE COLLECTION

Some of you have noticed that during Waste Collections Operatives are not collecting black bags and just placing stickers on them. These bags with stickers are collected later by our monitoring teams for examination and if evidence is found we engage with the resident(s) concerned

The two main reasons for the monitoring is, we are finding that:

1: There are some residents not recycling properly or not at all and just putting everything into black bags.

2: There are Residents who are breaking our 3 bag rule and putting out more than they are allocated.

As Ward Members this can be annoying but please bear with us, we will be monitoring Your Ward regularly this month, this could also run into next month if so I will keep you informed.

Flooding Pentrebach Road

I wrote to the Drainage officer on the 24th Sept asking for an update on the flooding on Pentrebach Road. Below is his response

'The Authority met with NRW on the 10th of August to discuss our initial proposal to dredge the river, but due to the adverse environmental concerns they had with undertaking this work, future maintenance requirements, together with the expert advice we had received from their River Engineer , that dredging works would provide little benefit to prevent overspill due to the high flood flows in the river during times of heavy rainfall, then we had to explore other options.

The current situation is that we are looking at is the construction of a localised earth bund alongside the river to prevent overspill from the river channel with a scheme being developed to submit to NRW for approval. This will have the advantage of less maintenance obligations for the Authority going forward and alleviates the environmental concerns raised previously with the dredging proposal.

Following a meeting we had with the landowner today who has agreed in allowing the Authority to construct a flood bund in his field we are now in a position to complete the design, cost the works up and to formally apply to NRW for consenting to the works.

Please be aware that this proposal whilst providing betterment in reducing the frequency of spills in the lesser events it will not prevent floodwater from escaping in

extreme situations as this locality is classified as a high flood risk zone from Fluvial/main river flooding.

We have been advised that Persimmon are to start their statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) process on the Strategic Site in Pontarddulais this weekend.

As you will be aware, a PAC consultation is done in advance of any future planning application and is a statutory Welsh Government requirement for large schemes. The Local Planning Authority is not involved at PAC stage so any comments that the community wish to make will need to be sent directly to the applicants/agents. The PAC process will identify where consultation responses are to be sent. Any responses sent in response to the PAC will be included in a PAC report that must accompany a planning application, so comments should not be submitted directly to the Council at this stage.

This process is entirely separate to any consultation undertaken by the Council following receipt of a planning application. There will be an opportunity for the public to respond to the Council's consultation if and when a planning application is submitted.

63. Receive and consider any urgent matters from town councillors.

Cllr Evans

64. Answer questions from councillors (3 clear days' notice of any question having been given to the person to whom it is addressed).

No questions received

65. Receive and consider reports from the Clerk.

1.	Vacancies A casual vacancy has arisen in the Dulais East Ward and elections have been duly notified. The vacancy in the Dulais West vacancy is currently on hold due to an enquiry.
2.	Council vision planning workshop postponed due to storm. New date Tuesday 24 th October 2023
3.	Increase in users of Institute rooms and new groups using facilities, including Stained Glass workshop and Foot Clinic
4.	Persimmon have booked two dates in October for public consultation
5.	Assistant Clerk resignation received. Staffing to be discussed at next HR committee.
6.	Caretaker/Cleaner cover has been arranged
7.	Facilities software demonstrated on screen. Booking system links to Finance system

	New hire policy and booking forms sent to users.
8.	Donation of paintings request received. It was agreed to accept and clerk will notify.

66. Receive and consider reports from the Mayor.

The Mayor reported having visited Bronwen Preece on her 100th birthday

On the Mayor's behalf the Deputy Mayor had visited Bessie Jones on her 100th birthday and attended the WI 100 year celebration.

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67. Receive and consider reports from representatives on outside bodies.

No reports received

68. Financial Reporting.

- a. Receive and sign the expenditure for the month of July & August 2023.
The above reports were received and signed.
- b. Receive and sign the monthly income report and bank reconciliation for the month of July & August 2023.
The above reports were received and signed.

69. To receive planning applications previously circulated to all councillors

There were no observations regarding the following applications.

WEEKLY APPLICATIONS - WEEK ENDING: 1 September 2023

Application No:	2023/1158/TPO	Date Registered:	01.09.2023
Electoral Division:	Pontarddulais - Area 1	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:	259673 203261		
Development Type:	All Others (CPLDS, Prior etc)		
Location:	St Teilos Church, Church Lane, Pontarddulais, Swansea,		
Proposal:	To lop two lime trees (covered by TPO 632G2), which are overhanging the vicarage boundary at 28 Bolgoed Road		
Applicant:	Ms Elizabeth Wheat	Agent:	



WEEKLY APPLICATIONS - WEEK ENDING: 8 September 2023

Application No:	2023/1873/FUL	Date Registered:	05.09.2023
Electoral Division:	Pontarddulais - Area 1	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:	260086 205182		
Development Type:	Minor Dwellings		
Location:	Ebenezer Chapel, Garnswllt Road, Pontarddulais, Swansea,		
Proposal:	Conversion of redundant chapel to residential dwelling including extensions and alterations		
Applicant:	Mr Adam Morgan	Agent:	Mr Aled Davies

DECISION LIST – WEEK ENDING: 15 September 2023

Application No:	2023/1402/DOC	Decision Date:	14-SEP-2023
Responsibility:	Delegated Decision	Decision:	Approve
Location:	Land At Cambrian Yard Cambrian Place Pontarddulais Swansea SA4 8TB	Area:	Area 1
		Ward:	Pontarddulais
PROPOSAL:	Discharge of condition 8 (verification report) of planning permission 2018/1932/FUL granted 28th February 2019		

WEEKLY APPLICATIONS - WEEK ENDING: 15 September 2023

No applications submitted

The meeting ended at 20.35pm.

HJ Davies