

**MINUTES OF THE PONTARDDULAI TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE
9TH JANUARY 2020**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr D. Beynon (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr G. John
	Cllr J. Beynon	Cllr C. Mathias
	Cllr K. Griffiths	Cllr R. Jenkins
	Cllr E. Davies	Cllr P. Downing
	Cllr A. Cascarini	Cllr G. Griffiths
	Cllr C. Evans	

There were no members of the public present.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year.

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H. Roberts, J. Harris, D. Howard-Willis and A. Wilson.

111. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

Cllr R. Jenkins declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 13 (planning applications).

112. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DECEMBER 2019:

The above minutes were accepted as a true record.

(a) Vocal Eyes (Min No 96):

The Clerk reported a further email from Ms Susan Rodaway, Community Development Manager, Vocal Eyes, indicating that they were considering an application to the Mynydd y Gwair Community Fund to employ a person in the Pontarddulais, Mawr and surrounding areas. It was agreed to support the application without any financial commitment.

(b) Christmas Tree Festival (Min No 102(u)):

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks from Llandeilo Talybont PCC following the Council's sponsorship of the above Festival.

113. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER 2019:

Cllr P. Downing, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the above minutes. He explained that the committee had allocated £2,000 to youth provision (to finance a mobile youth worker for 2 nights per week), £3,000 to the proposed youth council and increased the Special Events budget by £10,000 to initially finance four new lamp-posts with associated Christmas illuminations. He proposed that the Council accepts the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the precept requirement to £116,084. The Chairman opposed the increase of £10,000 to the Special Events budget. On being put to a vote the recommendation was successful by 9 votes to 2. **RESOLVED** that the Council's precept requirement for the financial year 2020 – 2021 will be £116,084 resulting in an increase for Band "D" properties of 21pence per week.

114. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY WARD MEMBERS:

County Councillor K. Griffiths updated Members on the Gwyn Hotel and King Hotel. Emails had been forwarded to all Members prior to the meeting. County Councillor P. Downing reported on Swansea Council's budget discussions and his hope that funding would be available for a 3G pitch in Pontarddulais. He also reported on a recent meeting he, Cllr K. Griffiths, Cllr D. Beynon and Cllr C. Evans had with Sgt Watkins, South Wales Police.

115. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS:

Cllr R. John queried whether any Members were aware of proposed improvements to Junction 48 of the M4 motorway. Members were not aware of any definite proposals. He also referred to the poor commuter service at Pontarddulais railway station. The Clerk stated that he had been in contact with HOLTA and was awaiting a reply.

116. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS (3 CLEAR DAYS' NOTICE OF ANY QUESTION HAVING BEEN GIVEN TO THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED):

There were no questions tabled.

117. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM THE CLERK:

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- (a) The Gardens, St Teilo Street, Pontarddulais – update concerning flooding issues;
- (b) Cycle route Pontarddulais-Grovesent – updates;

- (c) Pavement & obstruction parking – update via Swansea Council;
- (d) The Playing Fields (Community Involvement and Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – Welsh Government;
- (e) One Voice Wales National Awards Conference;
- (f) Changes to planning & related application fees – Swansea Council;
- (g) Erection of bollards outside Pitter Patter Nursery, Dulais Road – various emails;
- (h) Age Friendly Wales Newsletter;
- (i) Planning training, Pennard – Planning Aid Wales;
- (j) Lord Mayor’s Quiz – Swansea Council;
- (k) Gwyn Hotel – update via Cllr K. Griffiths;
- (l) King Hotel – update via Cllr K. Griffiths;
- (m) West Street Gymnasium, Gorseinon – information on lease problems;
- (n) Large scale development, Pontarddulais – email from Mr Allan Capp re management of journey times;

(o) Wales & VE Day 75:

The Clerk reported correspondence relating to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May 2020. Cllr C. Evans advised Members that the local Royal British Legion Branch were considering the anniversary. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Special Events Committee.

118. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor was unavailable and had given his apologies.

119. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Cllr G. John informed Members that the children’s film would be held in the Institute on Saturday 11th January. The January Local Produce Market had been cancelled due to numerous stall holders being unable to attend. The February market would be held in the Institute on Wednesday 12th February.

120. TO AUTHORISE AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019:

The above expenditure was authorised and approved.
See Appendix “A”.

121. TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY INCOME REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019:

The above reports were accepted.
See attached appendices.

122. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS:

- (i) Land at Cambrian Yard, Pontarddulais – non material amendments to planning permission 2018/1932 granted 28/02/19 to allow for a change to the brick & porch specification;
- (ii) 195 Bolgoed Road, Pontarddulais – demolition of an existing garage & construction of a detached ancillary granny annexe;
- (iii) Arfon, Heol Wylt, Pontarddulais –single storey rear extension & fenestration alterations;
- (iv) 35 Alltiago Road, Pontarddulais – rear extension;
- (v) Cwmdulais Farm Caravan, Cwmdulais, Pontarddulais – residential split level log cabin;
- (vi) Land adjacent to Hafan Gwyn, Church Lane, Pontarddulais – detached dormer bungalow & garage.

There were no observations concerning the above applications.

CYNGOR TREF PONTARDDULAIS TOWN COUNCIL

APPENDIX "A"

Expenditure transactions for the month of December 2019

Name	Particulars	Net	Vat	Total
C & C of Swansea	Non domestic rate	£213.00	£0.00	£213.00
Mayor	Final allowance payment	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Llandeilo Talybont PCC	Christmas Tree Festival	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
Salaries	3 No December salaries	£2,211.43	£0.00	£2,211.43
Chaplins Pantos	Pantomime fee	£745.00	£149.00	£894.00
Chris Morris	Window cleaning	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Zurich Municipal	Council insurance	£2,523.68	£0.00	£2,523.68
Information Comm	Data Protection fee renewal	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Cathedral Leasing	Hire of 2 No san. Units	£17.33	£3.47	£20.80
Vision ICT	Part payment website design	£647.50	£129.50	£777.00
R. T. Electrics	Christmas illuminations	£2,318.45	£463.69	£2,782.14
Lloyds Bank	Service charge	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00
TOTAL		£9,446.39	£745.66	£10,192.05

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT – DECEMBER 2019

06-Dec	79/19	Creative Cards	Room hire	£60.00						£60.00	
06-Dec	87/19	Slimming World	Room hire	£120.00						£120.00	
09-Dec	86/19	Quilting Class	Room hire	£40.00						£40.00	
09-Dec	90/19	MYW	Room hire	£15.00						£15.00	
09-Dec	80/19	Sewing Class	Room hire	£30.00						£30.00	
09-Dec		Lloyds Bank	Bank interest				£2.05			£2.05	
09-Dec		Lloyds Bank	Bank interest				£1.20			£1.20	
11-Dec	83/19	Senior Citizens	Room hire	£60.00						£60.00	
11-Dec	85/19	Cor Glandulais	Room hire	£60.00						£60.00	
11-Dec	88/19	W. I.	Room hire	£15.00						£15.00	
11-Dec	84/19	Dulais River Writers	Room hire	£40.00						£40.00	
13-Dec	89/19	Scrapbook Club	Room hire	£30.00						£30.00	
16-Dec	81/19	Karate	Room hire	£155.00						£155.00	
16-Dec		Pantomime	Receipts						£200.00	£200.00	
31-Dec		C & C of Swansea	Precept		£29,913.34					£29,913.34	
Monthly totals				£625.00	£29,913.34	£3.25	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£30,741.59	£104,684.86

Cyngor Tref Pontarddulais Town Council

**Bank
Reconciliation**

Dec-19

Balance brought forward	£83,834.97
Add total receipts as per R & P Book	£30,741.59
Less total payments as per R & P Book	£10,192.05
Balance carried forward	£104,384.51

Bank
balances

Closing bank
balances
(as per bank statements as at 31/12/19)

Current Account	£1.00
Deposit Account	£73,257.38
Reserve Account	£31,166.13
Total bank balance	£104,424.51

Less unrepresented cheques	Cheque number	
	4616	£40.00

	Total	£40.00
--	-------	--------

Add cash/cheques received not yet banked

Other
adjustments

Reconciled Balance (as at 31/12/19)	£104,384.51
--	--------------------