

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Minutes Regeneration and Wellbeing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Present: Councillors Richard Adler, Mrs Pam Every, Peter Freeman, Robert John (Chair) and Mrs Lisa Mitchell

In attendance: Kevin Williams (Technical Services Officer), Ed Davies (Administrative Assistant-Minute Taker)

Senior Citizen's Hall, Memorial Institute, Burry Port 6.35pm – 7.15pm

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Michael Theodoulou and Mrs Mary Wenman.

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted.

None were declared.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Regeneration and Wellbeing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2018

All members were **AGREED** that they were representative of the meeting of the 12th December.

ACTION: Admin Assistant

4. To consider any matters arising from the minutes.

Members noted that the minutes made several mentions of the RFO but noted that he was not present in that meeting or at this meeting.

Members were asked to note that an updated draft budget was being prepared and would be discussed at the next Town Council meeting on the 16th January. They were advised to expect an increase to the precept as the Council would need sufficient money to meet staffing requirements and new obligations via the recent asset transfer.

5. Consideration of the Committee's budget monitoring report

No report had been received.

Members were informed that at a recent Chairs Committee meeting, at which the RFO had been present, the advice received was that the Committee budgets were within the targets and guidelines.

Members speculated if or how much of this years budgets would end up in reserves but no certainty could be provided. Members also noted that in addition to the Town Council's increases to the precept, there would likely be increases from the County Council and from other public services.

6. Consideration of applications received for financial donations

No applications had been received.

In response to an enquiry the Admin Assistant agreed to provide Cllr Pam Every with copies of the Donations Guide and Donations Policy documents.

ACTION: Admin Assistant

7. To receive any reports from sub committees

Cllr Mrs Lisa Mitchell arrived at 7.45pm

Members received an update regarding upcoming events, with the next being preparations for St David's Day. Cllrs Mrs Lisa Mitchell and Robert John had arranged a meeting for Friday 11th January with outside organisations to establish ways they could contribute or be involved. These included representatives from the Llanelli Arts Society, Burry Port Male Voice Choir and Pembrey Community Group. Initial ideas included working with local schools to create artwork for the event.

Members discussed the recent examples of partnership working the Council had undertaken noting the positive feedback they had received from members of the community in relation to them. Members strongly felt that creating community ties through these types of event were what was needed to help it develop and grow.

Members noted that the public meeting of the Wellbeing of Future Generations would be taking place soon and the next meeting of that Sub-Committee was on Monday the 28th January.

Members noted that there was a Planning Sub-Committee meeting arranged for Tuesday the 15th January, which had a number of applications and items to discuss, including an outline planning application for a large number of houses at Garreglwyd in Pembrey. Members noted that there was strong public opinion in relation to that development. Members discussed whether it would be worthwhile in arranging a public meeting to make the Town Council stance clear, once it was agreed.

Members were advised that the Planning Authority is made aware of the Town Council's stance, on any planning application through the submission of the Sub-Committee minutes. They were also informed that it may prove difficult to secure the attendance of any Planning Officers at such a meeting, particularly as all comments would need to be submitted within 30 days of when the application had been received.

Members felt it may be possible to secure the attendance of County Council Planning Committee members instead of Officers, and that arranging a meeting would still be a good idea. They agreed to discuss this matter informally with members at other upcoming Committee meetings. Members suggested that Friday 18th January 2018 may be a suitable date for the meeting. Cllr Mrs Lisa Mitchell stated she would be happy to make the arrangements.

8. To consider correspondence previously circulated to members (if any):

	Date	From	Subject
	19/12/18	One Voice Wales	Maximising Social Value Toolkit

Members noted the correspondence.

There was a brief discussion of arranging something to mark Anti-Bullying Week in 2019 (11th - 15th November), and perhaps having it as an issue to discuss during the public forum meeting.

9. To consider any referred matters from the other Committees (if any)

None had been referred.

10. To consider the RFO report

This item would normally be discussed in camera but as no report had been received, the meeting did not enter go in camera.

No report had been received.