

Penketh Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Penketh Parish Council

Held in the Pool & Community Centre on Wednesday 10th April 2019 7:30pm

Present Cllr D Simm (Vice)
Cllr L Ashton
Cllr L Dirir
Cllr G Fellows
Cllr A Heaver
Cllr D Keane
Cllr C Lenihan
Cllr R McKay
Cllr D Solan-Cooper
Cllr C Wych

C2695 APOLOGIES

Apologises received Cllrs D Baker and T Keane.

C2696 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

Cllr G Fellows declared an interest as Chair and Chief Coach of Penketh Swimming Club, Cllr C Wych declared an interest as Treasurer of Penketh and Cuerdley Residents Association, Cllr L Dirir declared a non pecuniary interest as organiser of Penketh Carnival ,having given prizes/awards to Penketh Swimming Club when she held position of Mayor and Trustee of Penketh Youth Club with no financial interest, Cllr D Keane declared no pecuniary interest as volunteer with Penketh Youth Club and as marshal and volunteer Penketh Carnival.

C2697 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

PCSO Heaps in attendance no burglaries, vehicle thefts or criminal damage reported. None received. Issue with poor visibility due to planters on A562 with pedestrian and car. Twenty one tickets issued in one hour for speeding. Issues around Dale Road appear to have decreased. There has been an increase in cold callers on vulnerable people, PCSO Heaps working with Warrington Borough Council to raise awareness. Major initiative on traffic including speed, parking, mobile phone usage, lack of seat belts etc. Community speedwatch launched using new speed equipment, need for rechargeable batteries and warning triangle for usage, to be utilised for a month

Resolved; Trial for a month and report back then to consider a motion for purchase of equipment.

Discussion held regarding Penketh being first to use said equipment, Hatton looking at similar scheme due to recent traffic offences regarding speed. Speedwatch to have at least two competent people in attendance when using the speedgun. The equipment to be possibly stored at Pool and Community Centre for easy access by volunteers, Cllr A Heaver leading the scheme with PcsO Heaps Cllr D Keane thanked PCSO Heaps for the full report and activity.

C2698 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A resident raised the issue of the depletion of bus services again in Penketh in particular number 32 which a new timetable had been published online, Clerk confirmed she had not received prior notification, service changing from 30 minutes to every 2 hours from 29th April and also route being changed, affecting vulnerable, disabled, school children and elderly people in the area

Discussion held on dissatisfaction of no prior notice, changes to routes, background to services and why Ward and Parish Councillors not advised prior to said changes. It was felt all should object to decision on changes. Consider an invite to the Managing Director to Parish Council meeting to meet residents. 'Cllr Keane raised the issue of consideration of a more localised Penketh-circular bus route to assist residents from around Penketh to access essential services and the opportunity of Parish Council subsidisation

Resolved: Clerk to write to Managing Director to raise concerns, dissatisfaction on no consultation or notice being received and comments on whether 110 is to be withdrawn and a new 33 service not being a gain to Penketh, invite to meet residents.

A resident was in attendance and thanked the Parish Council for their help with regard to a recent planning application to which the Parish Council objected too.

A resident asked whether the residents questions were to be moved from the beginning of the agenda to the end, Cllr D Simm advised this was to be discussed at the AGM next month and may actually deter some residents from attending, it was emphasised a monthly surgery is held at Penketh library and it was reiterated the meeting was a meeting held in public not a public meeting. It was also asked whether another room would be considered for the meeting.

A resident passed a letter to the Chair, regarding Penketh Swimming Club motion, this had not been seen by Councillors prior to the meeting. Resident asked as a volunteer, member and Committee member of over 30 years about the motion regarding Penketh Swimming Club providing its accounts in the interest of openness and transparency, the resident did not feel this was unreasonable as long as every other group that hires the pool or other facilities are asked to

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do so also, as the same rule that the Council are subsidising Penketh Swimming Club must then apply to all groups. He stated that in his years no income or contribution had been received and in interest of openness and transparency the Parish Council should publish their own accounts and if not the question was why. Resident requested this to be minuted.

Another resident asked regarding the A562 planters, who owned them, who was responsible for the upkeep, cost of the planters, could residents maintain them and possible removal of any causing visibility problems to traffic and pedestrians.

C2699 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr A Heaver proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on March 13th 2019 be approved. Seconded by Cllr.L Ashton

Cllr L Dirir had provided an amendment on draft minutes, however the minutes did not reflect this amendment as it had been challenged by other Councillors, a motion was then provided to reflect the change that Cllr L Dirir had asked for regarding the date of Penketh Carnival being voted upon for this year and for future years and this at any stage could be challenged by Parish Council that were in place. With this in mind for minutes approved, There were 5 abstentions Cllr L Dirir requested that the chair hold a vote to see if all councilors agree with the minutes. Vote was 5 for.5 abstentions

Budget minutes moved to Part Two for consideration as financial matters and quotes received.

C2700 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr D Solan-Cooper declared an interest as a volunteer at last year's Penketh Carnival, as did Cllr D Simm as a marshal.

Bushes at Withinshaw Recreational Ground were causing issues with ASB as people were obscured from view, suggested to remove and replace with three trees, this was referred to budget meeting on costs.

Public meeting date would be discussed after report regarding library. Cllr D Keane advised he was not setting the date it was the Parish Council.

Motions.

- That the Celebration of volunteering take place gain on a date to be fixed June/July with a budget of £400

Moved Cllr D Simm Seconded Cllr D Keane

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Discussion on last year's great success in bringing community together, recognising volunteers and possibly have residents suggest others also, possible sponsors vote taken by show of hands all in favour.

- That the next Christmas Market take place on 30th November with a budget of £300

Moved Cllr D Simm seconded Cllr A Heaver

Agreed for any profits to Chairs chosen Charity, vote taken by show of hands all in favour.

- That the Christmas Carol Concert takes place on 14th December in the Square with a budget of £150

Moved Cllr D Simm seconded Cllr A Heaver

Discussion held on contingency if bad weather, portable lighting, whether to follow Xmas market, motion agreed to be amended to remove budget at this stage

That the Christmas Carol Concert takes place on 14th December in the Square

Moved Cllr D Simm seconded Cllr D Keane

Vote taken by show of hands all in favour.

- The key of the Youth Club be removed from the Supervision of Kingfisher Leisure employees and Property

Moved Cllr G Fellows seconded Cllr D Solan-Cooper.

Discussion was held regarding the key being held by staff and liability if left open or not returned, impact on receptionists if a queue volunteers run Youth Club and it was emphasized there was no responsibility on pool staff if key is not returned before they close, it was agreed a letter would be written to confirm this. Background on benefits to Pool if over booked. A further discussion was held on how party political led Councilors discuss issues before the meeting and how they would vote prior to the meeting, emphasized no money came from Parish and it was moved to vote, 3 in favour, 6 against and 1 abstention, key to remain with letter being sent.

- In the interests of openness and transparency this Council requests that Penketh Swimming Club publish their full Annual accounts and provides a copy to the Parish Council

Moved by Cllr D Keane and seconded Cllr L Dirir.

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It was re-iterated the motion was not anti Penketh Swimming Club, however as other organisations, involving individuals who are councillors, utilising parish council facilities were asked for openness and transparency in the form of publication of accounts (recently Penketh Events Team re Penketh Carnival) it was considered that the same rules should apply. The motion was centred around openness and transparency, and there was concern that a Cllr served on the management board of the parish council (that primarily deals with the operation of Kingfisher Leisure) whilst serving as the chairman and chief coach of Penketh Swimming Club. It was noted that both organisations have similar objectives relating to swimming and the teaching of swimming and the Parish Council subsidised the swimming pool by an amount close to £10,000 per month and that Penketh Swimming Club used a notable proportion of the opening hours for their members. A step of publishing of accounts would demonstrate some openness and transparency on this important measure. Issues were not with volunteers but understanding how the Club was run and if Cllr G Fellows being Chair and Chief Coach and further employment caused a conflict with his role on the parish council and particularly the management board of the Parish Council. There was a request to confirm the voluntary nature of roles with no personal benefit or financial gain, letters from residents had been noted and it was made known that there was no threat to lose Swimming Club. Discussion on when another Councillor was member of the Club and no questions were asked then, and would this be applicable to all groups hiring and using the Pool facilities. Explanation was given on how many members, volunteers, fees charged and monies paid for training, DBS checks, etc and no discount received and decisions made by Committee not Cllr G Fellows.

Vote taken 5 in favour and 5 against then Chair had casting vote in favour, motion agreed.

Cllr R McKay left the room 9:45pm

- That this Council agrees to conduct and publish a DBS Check on all Elected Members

Moved Cllr D Keane seconded Cllr L Dirir

A discussion was held on safeguarding to residents of Penketh, some Councillors expressed they already had live DBS's, and concerns over cost, GDPR compliance and whether a DPO would be needed Cllr D Keane was happy to amend motion.

That this Council agrees to look into and publish a DBS Check on all Elected Members, seconded Cllr C Lenihan all in favour of new motion, it had been requested a named vote however all in favour.

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Cllr R McKay re entered 9:50pm

- This Parish Council agrees the date of this year's Carnival 13th July 2019 and agrees that the Carnival can be held annually on Greystone recreational Ground on the 2nd Saturday in July going forward for future years.

Motion Cllr L Dirir seconded Cllr D Keane

Discussion held on background of Carnival, taking bookings in advance and timescales involved, it was discussed that at any time the Council in place could move a motion to change anything agreed or right to cancel, it was asked for details of risk assessment and public liability insurance as previously this had been provided to a previous Parish Council some year's ago, it was stated all details will be with Warrington Borough Council

Cllr C Lenihan asked for new motion to include this, seconded by Cllr D Solan-Cooper and a named vote, Chair read This Parish Council agrees the date of this year's Carnival 13th July 2019 and agrees that the Carnival can be held annually on Greystone recreational Ground on the 2nd Saturday in July going forward for future subject to the council being in receipt of the relevant paperwork with regards to the Risk Assessment, Event Management Plan, Public liability insurance and signed contract by the organisers relinquishing PPC of all risk in relation to the event this was pointed not being legal, which others disputed and discussed further, Cllr L Dirir confirms that she has risk assessments but the body that proves all that is the Borough Council not the Parish Council. vote taken on new amended motion in favour Cllrs Wych, Fellows, Heaver, Solan-Cooper and Lenihan, against Cllrs Keane, Dirir, Simm, Ashton and McKay as 5 each Cllr D Simm had casting vote against amended motion.

Original motion in favour Cllrs Ashton, Dirir, Keane McKay and Simm, against Cllrs Fellow and Lenihan abstentions Cllrs Heaver and Solan-Cooper. It was reiterated Cllrs Fellows, Heaver, Lenihan and Solan-Cooper all supported the Carnival.

C2701 CLERK'S REPORT

Reply made to MP letter regarding Greystone rec. Clerk attended Parish Liaison meeting, Doe Green Island issues who responsible for tress and any plans to update, grass cutting and report for A562 awaited. Year end accounts for Parish Council produced and after spend on trees approximately carry forward £90,000.

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C2702 PLANNING DECISIONS

Ref no.		Description
5.4 2019/34710	76 Station Rd Warrington	Prpsd 2 storey side & sg storey rear extn

No comments.

C2703 MINUTES OF THE LAST MANAGEMENT MEETING

Pool cover is in. CCTV is being looked at. Pool area has been jetwashed. New outside lights to be installed this month.

Approved Cllr D Solan-Cooper and seconded Cllr G Fellows
No meeting in April.

C2704 Correspondence

Corres item 1 offer of help in applying for grants- noted

Corres item 3 and 4 letters of support and questions about motion of Penketh Swimming Club these had been circulated to all Councillors prior to Council meeting.

Corres item 8 initial Interim Internal audit report received and noted.

Corres item 11 parking issue on Birkdale Road already forwarded to PcsO Heaps.

Corres item 12 External Audit details for Penketh and Cuerdley, as Cuerdley does not exist Part one AGAR to be completed no details available

Resolved: Clerk to send.

Corres item 13 copy of email from Cllr D Keane regarding filming at February's meeting, none held.

Corres item 14 letter of complaint against Councillor, advised to be discussed in Part two.

Corres item 15 email to advise part demolition of old Penketh Tavern due to safety reasons.

Resolved: Clerk to write regarding short notice of information and for due care and attention when demolishing said part of building.

C2705 Parish Surgery

No one attended.

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Parish surgery 10:30-11:30 Cllr L Ashton 5th May 2019

C2706 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

Cllr A Heaver proposed that the accounts for April 2019 £17,861.23 and the bank reconciliation as of £283,209.65 bank statements with cheques £225.00 unrepresented as of 31st March 2019. Seconded by Cllr D Simm Invoices signed.

Royal British Legion	301648	£200.00
Penketh & Cuerdley RA	301649	£50.00
WBC	301650	£44.40
WBC	301651	£456.00
KLS	301652	£6643.58
WBC	301653	£414.00
G Humphreys	301654	£80.55
Concept rental Services	301655	£122.70

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