

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
28th NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs C Brown Deputy Mayor
Councillor Mr P Rapi
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mr T Brown
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs S Williams
Councillor Mr M Evans
Councillor Mr T Hallett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

In accordance with Section 12 of the LGA 1972, the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

256. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from the Mayor and Cllr Mrs Ward.

257. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared an interest in Item 8b.

258. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Rossiter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

259. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 14th November 2017 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

260. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

220. Andrew Granger and Co, Phoenix House, 52 High Street, Market Harborough – Schedule 1B Article 2C and 2D, publicity and consultation before applying for planning permission – land west of Narberth Road, Tenby

The Clerk had received an email from Darren Thomas of PCC in response to his query over the introduction of a solid white line between the roundabout and Bell's Corner. Due to legislation, this was not possible as it would prevent residents from performing a right turn manoeuvre over the line.

227. Updates on South Parade

Cllr Evans apologised as he is unable to make the meeting on 30 November but said it is vital that we know what we can afford to do and explain what we do not want.

241. Battle's End

The Clerk had met with Mr Schofield and read a follow up email to Councillors. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if it was a case of adding plaques to the existing plinths and the Clerk confirmed that this indeed was the case. It was agreed that the next step would be for TTC to approach an architect to design the project for a Listed Building Application.

247. Media Items

The Clerk said that on further investigation the narrator of the original series of The Harbour was not Mr Charles Dale. Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter apologised.

261. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES MEETING HELD 14TH NOVEMBER 2017

Cllr Mrs Brown commented that it all seemed set for a busy day!

262. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH MR EMYR WILLIAMS PCC ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2017

Cllr Blackhall thanked Mr Emyr Williams saying that it was a very useful meeting. The notes were explanatory including financial responsibility and who was responsible for what? Property owners really need to look carefully at their insurance to ensure they are covered comprehensively. This is an ongoing situation which is being monitored. Concerns relating to the South Beach were that if action was taken, it may exacerbate problems. Mr Williams was really on top of his brief with real expertise, answering a lot of questions. A letter of thanks was proposed by Cllr Mrs Brown.

263. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

- a. NP/17//0651/TPO – Mr. Phil Proctor, Marsh Garage, The Green, Tenby – Fell T2 Leylandii cypress to ground level, G9 and G10 fell to ground level – on completion assess planting options – Marsh Garage, The Green, Tenby

Cllr Hallett said PCNPA's Tree Officer had submitted a very comprehensive report and approved the work to be undertaken. Cllr Mrs Thomas seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval

- b. NP/17/0667/TPO – Mr. Mike Rossiter, The Old Rectory, The Norton, Tenby – Yew Tree T1 reduce interfering branches to achieve a 1m clearance from neighbouring property, reduce spread on northern side to balance and reshape crown – The Old Rectory, The Norton, Tenby

Cllr Hallett felt it would enhance the shape of the tree as well as protect it. On health and safety grounds he felt this should be approved. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. The proposal will enhance the shape of the tree and protect the adjacent buildings.

- c. NP/1/0690/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Moorings, North Cliffe, Tenby – Replace single storey flat roofs with pitched and hipped roofs; roof lights and removal of chimney and fenestration modifications – Moorings, North Cliffe, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Thomas said there appeared to be plenty of room. Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed approval but Cllr Hallett felt that the chimneys should be retained. There was no seconder for this proposal. Cllr Brown seconded the original proposal of Cllr Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Tested against all relevant polices of the LDP, particularly 30, the proposal does not have an adverse impact on amenity or the appearance of its immediate neighbourhood.

264. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE

a. PCNPA – Development Agreements

Cllr Mrs Brown found the information very interesting. Cllr Blackhall thanked PCNPA for responding so quickly and it was good to see how much had gone in to provision of increasing the stock of social housing.

He added however, that he had been in error in not also asking for the developments in the town where no agreements had been achieved. He felt we should expect 106s to be in place and needed answers as to why some were deemed inappropriate. He suggested that Parks be asked that, if they deemed development not financially viable to incur 106 agreements then perhaps they could explain the reasons to TTC.

b. PCNPA – Date of Appeal NP/17/0178/FUL

Cllr Rapi asked if the Clerk could attend on behalf of Council but unfortunately the Clerk has a commitment here in Tenby. The Mayor was also unable to attend due to prior meeting with Mr Richard Brown, PCC. Cllr Blackhall agreed he will attend with Cllr Mrs Williams. Cllr Evans said that it was important to have a briefing meeting with the Clerk beforehand to able the councillors attending to explain how decision was reached. Cllr Brown said that he had not been here for the original decision and whilst this was Council's views it is not his view. Cllr Mrs Brown said TTC was not against Dominoes coming to town, just not in that area.

265. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

a. Mr. D. A Bright – A visit to Tenby

Noted and copied to Richard Brown of PCC. Cllr Blackhall seconded. Cllr Mrs Thomas would like to take the Bright's around and show them what a delightful town we have. Cllr Mrs Brown said we would investigate his problems with PCC and Councillors look forward to welcoming him back to town.

b. Owen Roberts, PCC – 361 (Pembroke Dock to Tenby) bus service

Cllr Evans suggested taking items b & c together adding that he was due to meet with Mr. Roberts to discuss the issue in the near future.

It was felt that the retention of the 361 service was subject to funding and Cllr Mrs Brown felt we needed to investigate whether Pembroke Dock to Tenby is a valid route on a 6 day week basis when there were also trains. It was agreed with the Civic Society point that some routes taken by 361 shouldn't have to stop at all places every trip.

Members welcomed a local usage survey as it was about the users not the service. Cllr Rapi felt the service gave local people in rural areas, particularly those unable to drive, the opportunity to come to Tenby and it was not right that the service was being stopped. He felt residents will go elsewhere. Cllr Hallett said surveys had been done in the past but the time of the survey was not always at peak usage.

The Clerk pointed out that it is not the PCC who are withdrawing the service but the private operator who obviously now felt that it was unviable.

Cllr Blackhall suggested we await the outcome of Cllr. Evans' meeting and report back. If after that we have to find another provider then that would be the time to consider our options.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown expressed her thanks to Mr Neil Westerman and the Civic Society for the information and hard work.

c. Tenby Civic Society – Copy of letter to PCC regarding bus services

As above.

d. NHS Wales – Consultation on a Major Trauma network for South and West Wales and South Powys

Cllr Mrs Thomas suggested that all Councillors look closely at the detail and take part in the survey as residents must have their say. If not the Unit may be as far away as Cardiff. By taking part we may be able to bring the Unit a little closer to Tenby. Cllr Mrs Brown felt this was very important.

Resolved

That the Clerk liaise with Cllr Mrs Thomas to respond to the survey on behalf of the Town Council.

266. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

SEPCHN

Cllr Mrs Thomas had attended the recent meeting of SEPCHN where Cllr Preston had taken the Chair for the first time. Cllr. Preston had congratulated Mr Mansel Thomas for all the work done within the community. In relation to the recent Transformation of Clinical Services consultation there would be a consultation on the results in the spring. Cllr Mrs. Thomas stressed that this would be an important time for us to have our own say. Cllr Mrs Thomas will remind Councillors when this will be going on. She added that Cllr Preston did very well and reminded people that the Nurse Led Walk-in service was still operational at the Cottage Hospital.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that with 99% of patients not always needing to see doctor, if your medical need was not urgent then the walk in centre was ideal. We must use it or lose it. Cllr Rapi had occasion to use the facility recently and it was well used. We must ensure that this remains the case to retain the facility.

Cllr Mrs Williams had attended the SEPCHN meeting with Cllr Mrs Thomas.

PCC

Cllr Evans said contrary to what Cllr Michael Williams had said at the previous meeting, things were not all doom and gloom at PCC and he had some good news to report.

A new traffic order out for consultation varied parking charges to include different types of parking passes. These included the Penfro which, at a cost of £200 per annum allowed you to park in all long stay car parks in the county, the Puffin (£125 per annum) which was car park specific excluding July and August (and Tenby multi-storey) and a Workers dusk to dawn permit at £75 per annum. The Multi storey was exempt as a key hub for holiday makers but The Salterns and Green car parks could be used.

The Harbour parking scheme was also being reviewed with a view to opening up use between 1st November and 31st March. Parking charges were also due to rise to bring all towns in line

In terms of the future, Tenby had been designated a Tier 2 hub which meant that some services would be afforded more protection over those of Tier 3 (more rural) communities which meant we were well placed.

PCC were reviewing leisure services and it was hoped that this would result in a £6 to £10 Million investment on the swimming pool. There was also a commitment of £1.5 million investment towards 3G communication improvements.

He said that how this was to be paid for was still in question but he for one would not be voting for more than a 5% in the council tax when PCC are sitting on large assets and had a £45 million portfolio of farm estates. PCC needed to make assets work better. He was pleased that the Education budget is ring fenced while the second homes premium presented amazing opportunities.

He felt the town council needed to engage in how to utilise these funds but still felt too much time was spent on 'process'. TTC needed to use the services of the Clerk and his assistant in better ways.

Cllr Rapi said that he had previously attended a very different meeting than that attended by Cllr. Evans. It had been suggested that the Education budget be ring fenced but members had voted not to do this. Nothing appeared to be safe. He agreed there were positives but he still wondered how we were to cope and what the impact could be on the Town Council's budgets

He felt what Cllr Evans was saying was not entirely accurate.

Cllr Blackhall said that whatever the problems were it was clear that, in years to come, TTC and PCC had to work closely to protect services in areas where they were most needed.

Cllr Blackhall asked Cllr Evans if PCC had considered the provision of a Park and Ride bus to Harbour. The Clerk said that he had made inquiries but had no reply yet. Cllr. Evans said that he had views on this but did not want to go into them at this point.

Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter questioned if we could contribute towards a scheme. Possibly it could be a paid for service with PCC and TTC making up any deficit.

Members agreed that TTC needed to look at the best use of money and spend it wisely on what residents most need.

Tenby Museum and Art Exhibition

Cllr Hallett had attended an exhibition by local gentleman Alan Crockford saying it was well worth a visit and how lovely that local talent were using the Museum to exhibit their work. Cllr Mrs Brown also mentioned that Tenby Museum have kindly offered a display of theirs for the Battles End celebrations in 2018.

267. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN REPOSE

Cllr Rapi reminded Councillors of the Christmas festivities happening this Saturday.

268. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)

None at this time.

269. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE (IF ANY)

More will be known after the meeting being held at 1pm on Thursday where proposals may be made. Cllr Mrs Brown advised Councillors that arrangements have been made for trees to be placed in planters over the festive period.

270. RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Hallett expressed concern over the increasing number of retrospective planning applications and felt a strong policy on building was needed. This was happening far too often, needed checking and penalties put in place.

The Clerk pointed out that TTC had asked PCNPA if there was anything in place to fine or increase application fees when applications were retrospective but he had been informed that there was not. This was something that the Welsh Government needed to address in primary legislation.

The only deterrent to retrospective applications was the possibility that the building may have to be taken down if it failed to get permission.

Cllr Blackhall felt that there could be genuine circumstances where it was an oversight and people did not realise they needed permission but there were others where it was an attempt to circumvent procedure. He felt people would be more encouraged to follow procedures if there was some form of penalty if they did not. He felt PCNPA needed greater ability to ensure folk go through the proper planning processes. He agreed that this required primary legislation and

proposed we write to our AMs to ask if they could ask the Welsh Government to consider this when next drafting planning legislation. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

Resolved

That the Clerk write to our Assembly members asking if they could ask Welsh Government to consider ways of preventing retrospective planning applications when next revising planning policy.

271. TO CONSIDER ANY FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

The Clerk advised Councillors that there is a town Advent service being held this Friday at St Teilo's Catholic Church. The Mayor had given apologies but hoped that other members would be able to attend in her place.

272. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Cllr Mrs Brown said that some serious discussion needed to take place at the Finance Committee meeting next Tuesday and encouraged all Councillors to make every effort to attend. Cllrs Evans and Rapi gave their apologies at this point.

Resolved that the Finance Committee meeting take place on Tuesday, 5th December 2017 at 7.30pm and the next full meeting take place on Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 6.30pm.

273. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Park and Ride Service from Butts Field to Tenby Harbour – Cllr Mrs Rossiter.

274. TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC TO RESOLVE FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS UNDER THE "PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT OF 1960"