

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21st June 2016

PRESENT

Councillor L Blackhall	Mayor
Councillor B James	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor Dr P Easy	
Councillor Mrs Durham	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor Mrs Williams	
Councillor W Rossiter	
Councillor T Hallett	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A. Davies	Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs L Hensman	Assistant Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

Inspector Dan Bower	Dyfed-Powys Police
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The Mayor welcomed Inspector Dan Bower to the meeting and handed over for him to provide an update on ‘Operation Lion’.

Inspector Bower firstly thanked councillors for supporting the request to maintain CCTV coverage within Tenby. He said it had sent a positive message out to other areas within the force.

He continued by explaining Operation Lion has worked well following its launch several years ago by Inspector Ross Evans; therefore it would run as previous years with a few minor adjustments. Additional funding had been secured for seven weeks of the summer to cover six extra Police Constables and one extra Police Sergeant.

The extra officers will patrol the micro beats, whilst the town officers would ensure operations are maintained throughout all remaining areas. Cover is in place for Saturday and Sunday’s with separate manpower arrangements for Friday evenings.

Inspector Bower reported on the good relationship the police have with Tenby licensed premises and felt this was a positive approach to policing in the town.

He explained he had been successful in gaining funding for manning of the police front desk for the summer and he assured councillors in addition it would be open for Ironman weekend. Councillors responded very positively to the news of the front desk being open for the summer between the hours 8am – 8pm.

Councillors asked questions relating to the Prince of Wales extended opening hour’s request; specifically requesting if the police would be sending a response on the application.

The Mayor and Councillor W Rossiter outlined TTC had received 18 letters from concerned local residents and businesses about the impact the POW has now and expressing concern about the increase of incidents that could occur with additional opening hours.

The Mayor was aware people have silently tolerated situations they now feel they should report.

Inspector Bower said the police force could only respond with statistical evidence on any logged incidents reported to the force. Mr Nigel Hayes is the police licensing officer and he collates the statistics from the call logs, providing the relevant evidence for any licensing request. However he did say it is difficult to directly pinpoint an incident to a specific premises once the people have left an establishment.

Councillors collectively felt, despite it causing more work for the police force, they would encourage local residents and business throughout the town to log complaints or concerns on any issue as it may be needed for evidence in the future.

The Mayor said on behalf of TTC and the town everyone welcomed Operation Lion and were pleased to hear of the good working partnership the police have with Tenby licensees.

He continued asking the Inspector if the council could enter into further discussions at a later date in relation to the issue of short term management of traffic for events and parades. He stated that in the past these events have always been managed well from a teamwork approach; however in light of recent changes to policing duties, alternative ways forward need to be found to ensure events and parades still take place in Tenby. During these discussions the Mayor said he ultimately wanted to protect the spirit of the partnership that exists between the community and police officers.

The Inspector responded by saying it was not lawful to stop traffic without Road Closure orders and the police force could not be seen to be making exceptions for some events and not others; therefore the withdrawal of police cover would apply to all events throughout the county. However he would be happy to meet with councillors for further discussion on a mutually convenient date.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Bower for the information and the positive discussion before he left the chamber.

The Mayor commenced the main meeting by firstly paying tribute to Mrs Jo Cox MP, who was tragically killed in her West Yorkshire constituency. He said “We sit as a town council who regardless of political affiliation, believe in the value of public service. We respect those who offer themselves to serve others. We share the horror of everyone at her tragic death and we send our condolences to her family and friends.”

In addition he sadly reported TTC had been informed, Mr D Waters, father of Ms Siân Waters, Tenby’s Deputy Mayoress and Mr L Evans, father of Town and County Councillor Mike Evans had passed away this week. On behalf of all TTC members he offered condolences to both families.

82. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Lane, Mrs Thomas, P Rapi and M Evans.

83. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None noted.

84. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

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

85. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 7th June 2016 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

86. MATTERS ARISING

Town Gardens and Maintenance – Mr Richard Brown, PCC

Councillor Hallett asked if TTC had received any further news relating to cleaning of the Albert Monument and replacement of Castle Hill canon bases.

The Clerk reported the cleaning of Albert had been discussed and would involve the erecting of scaffolding; therefore the task will be actioned after the summer season. In relation to the canon bases, PCC has instructed Norman Industries to assess and discuss the logistics of replacing the wooden bases.

43 – (19,428, 417 and 378) – Tenby Town Walls

The Mayor reported officers from PCC and PCNPA had met and carried out a positive walkabout looking at the Town Walls.

The Clerk said he had received a report from Mr R Scourfield, PCNPA following the meeting. The following items were highlighted:

- Inevitable Vegetation, including ivy and valerian that will need treating.
- Lesser Vegetation, pelitory, pennywort, toadflax and wallflowers are generally not damaging to historic walls.
- A vertical crack in the length along St Florence Parade – to be monitored
- Minor damage to southern entry to Five Arches and around cellar hatch to Bush Inn.
- Minor areas of loose masonry to inner faces.
- Barbican gallery full of (toxic) droppings, dead birds etc.
- 1588 plaque weathering.

Mr Scourfield highlighted an ideal plan of action, being to commission a single contractor to treat the weeds and undertake the masonry repairs, with October being the optimum period of time to commence this work. He agreed to prepare a schedule of work for Cadw consent and for tenders. He would however await confirmation from Mr D Davies, PCC as to PCCs jurisdiction with regards to the inner faces of the wall/wall walkway before the tenders are sent out.

Councillor W Rossiter asked about another double barrel canon positioned in concrete; however the Mayor felt this was a separate issue that the Clerk could discuss with the appropriate person in due course.

Councillor Hallett highlighted another cannon used as a mooring that may need assessing and this could be assessed in due course as well.

70b. Mr Ben Blake, PCC (via e-mail) – Signage, The Esplanade

The Clerk reported he had met with Mr B Blake, PCC on site at the Esplanade junction, to discuss the signage. Mr Blake said he could see the possible confusion being caused and agreed to look and tweak the proposed signage accordingly. Once the new signage has been drawn up he would forward the diagrams to TTC.

75a. PCC Licensing Committee Meeting

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if anyone from TTC would be making a representation at the PCC Licensing Committee meeting discussing the Prince of Wales application.

The Mayor asked if the Town Clerk would attend as TTC representation and report back to council. It was

Resolved that Tenby Town Clerk would attend the Licencing Committee Meeting at PCC on Friday 1st July 2016.

73 – Councillors on Outside Bodies – St Teilo’s Catholic School Governor

The Clerk reported he had now received official confirmation from PCC that Councillor Dr Easy’s 4 year tenure on St Teilo’s Governing Body would be expiring on 28th August 2016. As it had been previously resolved he sent back requesting Councillor Dr Easy be considered to continue in the role for the next 4 year tenure.

87. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/16/0304/TPO – Mr Rowe, Ty Isaf, 22 Haytor Gardens, Tenby – Management of woodland W1 of TPO60, Ty Isaf, 22 Haytor Gardens, Tenby.

Following review of the application, it was proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham and resolved to

RECOMMEND

Approval in line with the Tree Officers report.

NP/16/0300/ADV – Co-op, food Programme Delivery Orchid Group, 1 Angel Square, Manchester – 2 internally illuminated logos, 1 internally illuminated suspended logo, 1 non-illuminated acrylic letters, 10 non-illuminated wall mounted aluminium panels and 1 non-illuminated pole mounted projected sign – Co-op Convenience Store, The Green, Tenby.

Councillor Hallett declared a personal and prejudicial interest; however he asked for permission to make a comment.

The Mayor gave permission for the following comment. Councillor Hallett asked for councillors to take into consideration any lighting that may shine into the neighbouring properties opposite the store.

The Clerk explained Item 8a from the Civic Society related to this planning application item and asked if they wished to consider it in conjunction with the application. It was

Resolved that Item 8a, Civic Society comments on Planning Application NP/16/0300/ADV be considered during the main planning application discussion.

Councillor W Rossiter felt light pollution should be taken into consideration on this application and stated TTC does not support the use of ‘A’ Frames outside premises.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter said TTC do not support internally illuminated signage within the conservation area. The Mayor said TTC do not encourage internally illuminated signage outside the conservation area either.

Following review of the application, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham and resolved to

RECOMMEND

Approval in part. TTC concurred with the views of Tenby Civic Society in that three internally illuminated signs would be too overpowering in the vicinity and feel that these should be reduced to one. TTC also felt that security lighting on walls should be angled in such a way to reduce their impact on the amenity of opposite properties. TTC felt the applicant should be reminded of their obligations under the Highway Act 1980 in relation to signage on the pavement.

Councillor Hallett re-joined the meeting.

88. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on NP/16/0300/ADV and NP/16/0304/TPO

Discussed earlier in the meeting under the relevant planning application.

b. PCNPA – Recent planning decisions

Councillors viewed the information, with the full document outlining conditions imposed being filed in the council office. It was

Resolved that TTC note the information.

89. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – AGM minutes

Councillors viewed the information. It was

Resolved that TTC note the information.

b. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – May minutes

The Clerk highlighted the item relating to the Town Mascot discussion. He informed councillors Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism will be canvassing for the views of Local Organisations shortly on this matter.

Councillors views about the ‘Orange’ Mascot will be one of the organisations in this consultation.

90. GRANTS

a. Tenby Playgroup

Councillors discussed the grant application. The Clerk explained that this application had been submitted following the playgroup moving to new premises and Mrs Williams had responded following the refusal of the last grant stating the group was a 'not for profit business'. In response TTC sent a letter saying we would consider any future requests.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown and

Resolved that with regret TTC are unable to make a donation at this time.

Two councillors abstained from the vote.

b. Ras yr laith

Councilors discussed the information and it was felt TTC could not give financial support; however they felt practical support could be offered.

Councillor Dr Easy felt this event was likely to bring many people into Tenby, in line with many of the regular sporting events occurring in and around Tenby.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Durham, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown and

Resolved that TTC write to Ras-yr-laith and offer practical support for the event like erecting of signage.

91. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Brown reported on behalf of the De Valence committee, highlighting the fantastic Tenby Junior Football Presentations evening attended by many. They had 15 to 16 teams ranging from the age of 7-16yrs, including three all girls' teams. Each team has at least two coaches, two helpers and an organization committee who all give their time voluntary and carry out all their own fund raising. She felt this was an excellent example of local volunteers giving their time to the community. She concluded by wishing the Tenby Football Club well for future years.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported she had the pleasure of attending the Hope Concert at St David's with Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Lane. The concert was a wonderfully inspiring evening and well worth the trip to St David's. She gave her personal congratulations to everyone who took part.

The Mayor thanked his fellow councillors for attending the Hope concert on his behalf as he had other engagements; however he was disappointed to have not been able to attend following the many comments he had received saying he missed a fantastic evening. In addition he was pleased to report that TTC office were able to help out with a photocopying issue with the Hope Concert programs. As Mayor he was extremely pleased TTC were able to help and support a worthwhile charity. The office received a very

nice thank you e-mail from the concert organisers.

Councillor Hallett reported he had attended the recent Tenby Museum Exhibition opening, saying it was an excellent exhibition and well worth a visit.

The Mayor said he and the Mayoress had attended the Museum Exhibition opening and also felt it was a fabulous exhibition. He noted for visitors if you pay to go into the museum once your ticket will last for the rest of the year to view future exhibitions.

The Mayor said he attended along with Councillor Mrs Williams and T Hallett the very successful and well attended Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Celebration at St Mary's Church, he thanked the organisers of the event for all their hard work staging the celebration.

He continued reporting on the other events he attended that included:

- Tudor Merchants House, 450th anniversary of the 1st oranges coming into Tenby.
- Tenby Arts Festival Dinner where he praised this group for their voluntary hours of service.
- Tenby Lions Charter Dinner where he spent an interesting evening hearing about their work in the community and where their charity donation money had been given.
- St David's Civic Service and Reception where all County Mayors' were in attendance.

92. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if TTC would support her request in sending a letter of congratulations and praise to Tenby Aces. They have been raising money for the Air Ambulance, to thank them for their attendance at an accident involving two of their members. Last weekend 24 cyclists commenced a 200 mile charity ride from Carnarvon to Tenby, picking up other Tenby Aces riders at various points on the way. Their sponsorship money has not been fully collected as yet but hopefully it will match the £3000 raised by the ladies section of Tenby Aces. She felt they deserved a letter of recognition because they are promoting Tenby with their shirts, advertising and chatting with locals wherever they go.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown, seconded by Councillor Hallett and

Resolved that TTC send Tenby Aces a letter congratulating them on their recent fund raising efforts for the Welsh Air Ambulance.

93. GARDENS

The Mayor reported Councillor Mrs Lane was unable to attend the meeting; however she had discussed a few items and asked him to put one request to full council.

The work of Tenby in Bloom was in full swing and had many ongoing tasks in progress. However one issue relating to the watering of the flowers in situ in two of the gardens was proving a little difficult out of routine hours. Councillor Mrs Lane had requested if councillors would consider requesting costing for

a standpipe in the Rotary Gardens and on The Green to aid watering of the plants by volunteers.

The Mayor felt it would be viable to look into all avenues and costings to enable watering of the plants in these areas, and action the work if it fell within the allocated TTC budget.

Proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown and

Resolved that TTC look into and request costings for the possible insertion of standpipes in Rotary Garden and on The Green.

94. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

a. Appendix A

The Clerk said Councillor Mrs Thomas apologised for not being able to attend the meeting; however she wished for councillors to be aware the Community Health Council are still looking for members to join their committee and would like a Councillor to put their name forward if they felt this was something they could commit too. If anyone wished to become a member they should contact the CHC directly to put their name forward.

Councillor Mrs Durham reminded councillors of the forthcoming coffee morning on 27th June 2016, being held at the Tenby Cottage Hospital to mark the 10th Anniversary of the unit being operational. She hoped the Mayor would visit and Councillor Rapi would be in attendance to play the piano.

95. TENBY NEW CEMETERY

Councillor Hallett said he would like all councillors to attend a walkabout at Tenby New Cemetery to talk about various issues including the perimeter fencing quotations.

The Clerk said as TTC has a Tenby New Cemetery Committee perhaps it would be advisable to request a meeting of this committee.

Proposed by the Councillor Hallett, seconded by The Mayor and

Resolved that the Clerk call a TTC New Cemetery committee meeting at a convenient date.

96. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. Silcox Buses

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from Mr Silcox thanking TTC for their letter. He expressed that as a family they were deeply saddened that Silcox Coaches had ceased to trade; however on a positive note he said Edwards Coaches of Pontypridd are operating out of their old premises and have reemployed a number of Silcox employees. He hoped this company would offer the people of Tenby and Pembrokeshire an excellent service in the years to come.

b. Pembrokeshire Housing Association

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from Pembrokeshire Housing Association outlining their proposed allocation of the new properties on The Parade, Tenby.

The allocation will be to offer to North and South Tenby applicants first and then to people with local connections. This includes people with either family in the area or people who used to live here, have moved away and wish to return.

Councillor Mrs Durham said PHA are hoping local people will down size from three bedroomed houses to these flats and free up the larger properties for families.

The Clerk added people can obtain an application form from PHA if they wish to apply for the properties mentioned.

c. Licensing Application – Hope and Anchor, Tenby

The Clerk reported that along with the Mayor he had read the licensing application for the Hope and Anchor. Following careful assessment they were fully satisfied the only amendment to the application was the changes to the physical layout of the licensed area following the recent planning alterations. It was

Resolved that TTC make no representation.

25e - Eastend Flyover Company – Roald Dahl event update

The Clerk reported he had a meeting with the Flyover Company and plans for their event were progressing well. They have arranged a casting call to take place on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 8pm in the De Valence. The Flyover company would be taking the main cast roles; however they welcomed any interest from others and they can register their interest through Andrew Davies, Town Clerk at the TTC office and he will pass their details on.. The Roald Dahl event will take place on the 9th, 10th and 11th September with more in depth details being available in due course. He concluded by informing the DVP Trust representatives that the Flyover company wished to meet with them to discuss one issue as soon as they could arrange a suitable date and time.

97. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

98. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None noted.

99. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Williams.

Resolved that the Council (or Committee) moves into private session under the Public Bodies (admission to Meeting) Act of 1960 by virtue of the business to be transacted would be prejudicial

to members of the Public.

100. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 7th June 2016 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

101. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____