

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25TH APRIL 2017

PRESENT

Councillor L. Blackhall	Mayor
Councillor Mrs. S. Lane	
Councillor Mrs. C. Thomas	
Councillor T. Hallett	
Councillor Mrs. S. Williams	
Councillor M. Evans	
Councillor P. Rapi	
Councillor Dr. P. Easy	
Councillor Mr. B. James	
Councillor Mrs. T. Rossiter	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Davies	Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs. Sharon Thompson	Assistant to the Town Clerk

482. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs. K. Durham, Mrs. C. Brown and W. Rossiter.

483. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

The Clerk had received two licensing applications which he had brought before Council as they required determination before the council could meet again. Councillor Hallett moved that the applications be taken.

Councillors Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Rossiter, Mrs. S. Lane, M. Evans and L. Blackhall declared interest in the licensing applications. Councillors B. James declared an interest in Item 8. Councillors James and Dr. Easy declared interest in Item 11.

484. ITEMS TO PRESS

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Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

485. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 11th April 2017 be amended at Item 234 replacing ‘will’ with ‘with’ and then confirmed and signed as accurate.

486. MATTERS ARISING

471. SEPCHN - MIU Walk-in Service

Councillor Mrs. Thomas had received a telephone call from Mr. Mansel Thomas to say that he had attended the most recent implementation meeting. It had been a very positive and most encouraging meeting with all going ahead well. The staff advertisements had received a good response.

450a. The Stowaway, 2 Penniless Cove Hill, Tenby Harbour, Tenby

The Clerk has been notified that this application is going before the Licensing Sub Committee on 3rd May 2017 and had been asked if a member of Tenby Town Council wished to make representations in person as they had made a previous objection. Councillor Mrs. Lane proposed that the Clerk attend on behalf of Tenby Town Council to make formal representations and Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal.

Resolved that the Clerk attends the Licensing Sub Committee on 3rd May 2017.

Councillor Hallett reported that a dropped curb had been introduced by the Optician on Deer Park.

487. ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS TRACKER

The Mayor apologised profusely but due to time restraints had been unable to complete the tracker.

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

a. Mr. Richard James, PCNPA (via e-mail) – Local Development Plan retail policy revision

The Clerk explained that the letter from PCNPA was in response to concerns raised about the number of change of use applications being received from A1 (Retail) to A3 (Café) in the town. The letter also sought to address the question of extending the main area whereby use is restricted. It appeared the main option would be to address the issue via the Local Development Plan (LDP). Councillor Dr. Easy said this would be a wonderful opportunity to address these issues as, at almost every meeting, Councillors are generally not in favour of these applications. Mr Richard James is saying basically that the LDP allows for 33% of Primary Retail Frontage and if the current figure stays roughly the same then this is within the boundaries agreed and is difficult to restrict in planning terms. Perhaps now is the time to read the draft LDP due for consultation soon and draft a response seeking to reduce the percentage from 33% to 25% and expand the Primary Retail Frontage to outside of the walled town. Merely objecting to each application due

to the existing number was not enough if the number was still below the 33% outlined in the LDP. The consultation begins next month with a completion date of May 2018 and Councillor Dr. Easy stressed the importance of keeping within the time scales allotted, stating also that the amended paragraph must be drafted by the Council. Councillor Rapi agreed with reducing the number of A3 outlets to 25% Currently there is under 4% of empty retail premises available in Tenby but this figure could go higher if more change of use applications were received. Councillor Mrs. Thomas thanked Councillor Dr. Easy for clarifying matters. It was suggested that perhaps a small group is needed in order to respond to Mr. James' letter and Councillor Mrs. Lane suggested that at the first Council meeting of the new office nominations to this sub-committee/task group could be made.

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

- a. Jenna Jackson – Tenby and Saundersfoot Community First Responders

Councillor James left the Chamber.

The Mayor congratulated the First Responders on their excellent presentation at the last meeting. All were very impressed by the work done and amazed that they are reliant on external funding. As the organization is in its infancy there are no previous accounts to present to Council. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter said the defibrillators were of vital importance to both Tenby residents and visitors alike and proposed that Council provide two defibrillators, one to be held at the Sailing Club and one to be held at the De Valence Pavilion. Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal.

Resolved that under Section 126 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Tenby Town Council provide two defibrillators for Tenby and Saundersfoot First Responders to locate in publicly accessible areas at the De Valence Pavilion and the harbour.

Councillor James returned to the Chamber.

490. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

St Teilo's Catholic School Governors' Meeting

Councillor Dr. Easy had attended a recent governors meeting and wanted to say that he had found his time on the Board of Governors very enjoyable with hugely dedicated teachers and parents and he urged somebody to step in to his place. The position is open to any person from the within the catchment area, not solely a role for a Councillor, and he feels that it is very important for the Council to have a representative at the school. The school is grateful for help received from the town council including getting the 20mph restriction introduced outside the school. Councillor Mrs. Lane agreed with the importance of having a TTC representative on the Board of Governors

and also that it is a person from the locality. The Mayor thanked Councillor Dr. Easy for his services on the Board of Governors.

Mayor's Engagements

The Mayor had attended the unveiling of the bench on Castle Hill dedicated to Mrs. Doreen Hammersley. It had been wonderful to see so many in attendance.

491. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE

Magazine Article & Online Media

Councillor Hallett had brought along a copy of Welsh Coastal Life magazine as it contained an article on seaside living, questioning the price of a view, entitled 'A View to a Thrill'. A wonderful picture of Tenby was included in the article.

There had been some online National Press coverage relating to the Planning Application from the previous Council meeting.

492. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BYNHIR (IF ANY)

No further updates to report at this time.

493. REFURBISHMENT OF PLAY AREAS

As Councillor Mrs. Brown was unable to join the meeting this evening, this Item will be held over until the next meeting however, Councillor Evans mentioned that he had been approached by residents of Newell Hill who were anxious to get on board. He urged Councillors to engage with other town residents and forge a way forward with this project.

494. FIRST RESPONDER DEFIBRILLATORS

Councillors had earlier agreed to provide two defibrillators.

495. TOTALLY LOCAL

Councillor Evans provided a brief outline of Totally Local. The website claims to help create strong vibrant towns and strong local economies using marketing tools – talking and working together – based on an award winning town kit used all over the world. There is no fee but a donation of £50 is recommended towards their website. What has been achieved so far has been very exciting and vacancy rates have improved. He asked the Item be kept on the Agenda as the Chamber of Trade and Tourism may embrace this with Town Council support. The Mayor thanked Councillor Evans and suggested that this could be introduced at the next Regeneration

meeting, stressing the importance of getting involved and working together.

496. BANKING FACILITIES IN TENBY

Councillor Rapi brought to the attention of Councillors that over the Bank Holiday weekend that all Bank ATMs in Tenby had run out of money. Monday evening, which historically has been very busy, was extremely quiet. Apparently some outlets in Tenby were charging for use of a card or demanding a minimum spend of £10. Councillor Rapi proposed that a letter be written to the Banks to ensure that this does not happen again as it is not fair on tourists or business alike. A letter had been printed in the local Observer from the Post Office to say that only they had had money over the Bank Holiday weekend. Councillor Mrs. Lane seconded the proposal agreeing that it is important that cash is available to all at such an important time for seasonal business.

Resolved that the local banks be contacted to request that they put systems in place to ensure the ATMs remain stocked over the Bank Holiday periods.

497. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

Vandalism at Jubilee Play Park

The Clerk informed members that over the weekend someone had lit a fire in the basket swing over at the Jubilee Play Park and the swing had to be removed as the rope had burned away leaving wire exposed. The Clerk was investigating the use of Section 106 money to provide a replacement but was disappointed this allocated money now had to be used for replacement of an item damaged by vandals rather than for further enhancement of the play park. Councillor Hallett said there had been a spate of fires and general antisocial behaviour in the area.

Licensing Applications

Councillor Hallett proposed that Councillor Rapi take the Chair as The Mayor had declared interest in this Item. Councillors Mrs. S. Lane, Mrs. S. Williams, Mrs. T. Rossiter, Evans and Blackhall left the Chamber.

Savers – The Clerk once again apologized for the short notice. Councillor Mrs. Thomas said she is aware that all Savers sell alcohol and Councillor Rapi expressed his surprise and noted that Savers actually stays open later on a Sunday than Sainsbury's. Councillor Mrs. Thomas said she could see no reason to refuse the application and Councillor Hallett agreed in that he wasn't sure on what grounds the application could be refused. The Clerk reiterated the four objection possibilities but stated that as a national company they had sought to meet all these criteria. Councillor Hallett proposed no objection and Councillor James seconded the proposal

Resolved that no representation be made to the Licensing Committee

Llandrindod House – Councillor Mrs. Thomas said she thought it was to be a bakery but it appears to be a café primarily. Opening hours 8 – 5 with opening from Good Friday to the end of September to be 8am – 9pm. Councillor Dr. Easy felt that no grounds had been mentioned for objection and he proposed acceptance of the application. Councillor James seconded the proposal

Resolved that no representation be made to the Licensing Committee

Councillors Mrs Lane. Mrs. Rossiter, Mrs. Williams, Evans and Blackhall returned to the Chamber and the Mayor resumed the chair.

498. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Prior to confirming the date and time of the next meeting the Mayor noted that this would be the last session of the current Council. He wished to thank all those who have served between 2012 – 2017 including past members Mr. T. Brown, Mr. H. John and Mrs. T. Putwain also thanking all Mayors that had served over these years including Councillors Hallett, Rapi and Mrs. Lane. Councillors Mrs. K Durham and Dr. P. Easy were standing down and he thanked them for their contributions to discussion saying both will be missed. He proposed a vote of thanks from the Chair. Councillor Dr. Easy said he had thoroughly enjoyed being a Councillor and what a better way to find out about all that is going on around town as it's all known around the table! He also said he hadn't always agreed with decisions but that the energy and commitment to the town is undoubtable.

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

499. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None.

500. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rossiter.

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.

501. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 11th April 2017 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

502. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mrs. V. Coates-Rees – Tenby Activity Book

The Clerk referred to the Councillors Handbook and noted that if this is a commercial venture then unfortunately Council would not be able to assist in the lending of money. Councillor Mrs. Lane believes that Council needs to be very careful as it can't be seen to be financially supporting commercial projects.

Resolved that the Clerk write to Mrs. Coates-Rees and explain the outcome.

Battery Garden Enhancement

The Clerk had received a draft Heads of Terms from Pembrokeshire County Council in relation to Council taking over the Gardens once the work had been completed by PCC. The Clerk listed the conditions set out and after some discussion Councillor Evans proposed that we inform PCC that we are broadly in agreement with the terms but do not agree with accepting ongoing liability for the boundary walls of the garden. He further proposed that Council delegate authority for himself and the Clerk to resolve this matter with the County Council.

Resolved that Councillor Evans and The Clerk discuss this matter further with PCC to resolve the issue.

Councillor Mrs. Rossiter had spoken with the Clerk earlier regarding fencing to the New Cemetery and mention had been made that the Civic Society may have some fencing left from their project at Allens View that could be utilized. The Clerk said that he was liaising with the Chairman of the Civic Society on the matter.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____