

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

Councillor L. Blackhall	Mayor
Councillor Mrs. C. Thomas	
Councillor W. Rossiter	
Councillor T. Hallett	
Councillor Mrs. T. Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs. S. Williams	
Councillor B. James	
Councillor M. Evans	
Councillor P. Rapi	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent Ian John	Dyfed Powys Police
Inspector Aled Wynne Davies	Dyfed Powys Police

The Mayor welcomed Superintendent Ian John and Inspector Aled Wynne Davies of Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting.

Superintendent John and Inspector Davies thanked TTC for the invitation to attend the meeting and for the opportunity to update councillors with news on policing in the town.

The new Police and Crime Commissioner had set a new precept to allow for reinvestment in front line services and this had resulted in the reintroduction of the Pembrokeshire division with its headquarters based in Haverfordwest.

Tenby Police Station would be reopening as a section station in April following refurbishment and there would be an inspector and three sergeants based there.

Three teams of officers would be working on a sixteen hour, three week shift pattern but it was true that there would be no shift based at Tenby during the early hours of the morning.

This did not mean that there would be no policing of the sector during this time, officers would still be covering the town but they would 'parade' and be tasked from Pembroke Dock who were still operating on a 24 hour rota. This system was being introduced throughout the Dyfed-Powys Force area and was not unique to South Pembrokeshire.

The Superintendent explained that this was to deal with a changing demand for the police service which, particularly in Tenby, saw fluctuations depending on the season and the time of day. The idea was to better utilise the resources available to ensure the police were in the right place at the right time.

He felt the public would see little change in policing the night-time economy as resources would still be allocated to the town but there would also be a more visual police presence during the daytime as a result of these new shift patterns.

There had been a few unfortunate incidents last summer but these were in the minority and the feedback received indicated that the policing of the town had been a success which, with the continued co-operation of the local licensees, had seen a marked reduction in anti-social behaviour and violent crime.

Tenby already had a strong community focused team of officers and PCSOs which Inspector Davies looked to enhance to ensure that Tenby remained a great place for families to visit. This was also the focus of newly promoted Chief Inspector Mark McSweeney – who councillors would remember from his time as inspector in Tenby – who was returning to the Pembrokeshire Division after a secondment to Headquarters.

Councillor Mrs. Thomas asked if the police station would be open to the public to visit once it re-opened. The Superintendent hoped that the system employed last summer would continue this year but added that the push button system linked to the control room would still be operational and, if no officers were available in the station, they could be called back to deal with an inquiry. Councillor Mrs. Thomas also recalled that there used to be a system whereby local shopkeepers could alert each other to potential shoplifters working in the town. Inspector Davies said he would look into reintroducing this system and liaise directly with Councillor Mrs. Thomas.

A question was also asked by Councillor Mrs. Thomas in relation to why there were no traffic wardens anymore, just PCC enforcement officers. Superintendent John explained that PCC had taken over control of illegal parking but police officers would still deal with offences of obstruction.

Councillor Mrs. Rossiter welcomed the proposals to increase police presence as she felt beat officers acted as a visual deterrent and did make a difference. She also hoped that the police would again station a van in Tudor Square during summer evenings.

In relation to the continuation of Operation Lion, Inspector Davies explained that he was liaising with British Transport Police to increase presence on trains from the beginning of June to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour by groups of youths coming into the town to enjoy things like the Summer Spectaculars

It would be unlikely that other divisions would have spare capacity of officers for them to be tasked permanently to Tenby for the main summer season but there would still be the opportunity to draw on resources from both within the Pembrokeshire Division and neighbouring divisions at key times.

The police would also be operating a ‘street to suite’ system whereby a third sector partner would be transporting anyone arrested to the custody suite in Haverfordwest to allow officers to remain in the town.

Councillor Evans felt that Tenby had changed greatly since the Millennium but its main focus as a family friendly resort remained paramount. He felt a visual police presence was needed between 4 pm and 9 pm, particularly on Fridays and weekends, to provide reassurance to families where there was a cross-over to the night-time economy.

Councillor Mrs. Rossiter asked if additional policing was planned for the Summer Spectaculars. The Superintendent reassured members that these events would be suitably resourced but added that perhaps more liaison was needed with the organisers of these events as, with their focus being mainly on family entertainment, any anti-social behaviour could be counter-productive.

The Mayor welcomed the positive way forward, adding that the continued involvement of BTP would be vital at these times.

Councillor Evans also pointed to the fact that the local NPT paid regular visits to the Town Council offices to liaise with the Clerk on any concerns and the town was reaping the benefits of this excellent working relationship.

The Mayor thanked the Superintendent and the Inspector for attending, adding that the Town Council were looking forward to working with Inspector Davies to maintain the excellent relationship we have with the local police.

401. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. S Lane, Mrs K. Durham and Dr P. Easy.

402. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were none disclosed.

403. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Hallett and seconded by Councillor 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.

404. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 14th February 2017 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the exception of the word finance being replaced by fiancé in Item 392.

405. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

406. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

a. NP/17/0062/FUL – Mr. John Peters, 13 Church Avenue, Penarth – Replacement dormer to rear elevation – Corbiere, 9 Lower Frog Street, Tenby.

b. NP/17/0063/LBA – Mr. John Peters, 13 Church Avenue, Penarth – Replacement of front door to original design; replacement dormer and fenestration to rear elevation – Corbiere, 9 Lower Frog Street, Tenby.

Councillor Hallett suggested taking items a and b together as these were relating to the same property. Councillor Mrs. Thomas said that there looked to be nothing to object to in either and proposed that the application be accepted. Councillor Rapi asked if appropriate materials were being used, the Clerk checked the plans and advised that they were. Councillor Rapi seconded the proposal

RECOMMEND acceptance as proposal is consistent with the area and does not appear to have any detrimental impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties

c. NP/17/0118/TCA – Mr. Barry McKee, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest – Two sycamore trees – crown raise to achieve 2/3 metre clearance and coppice acers back to stump to retain bank stability – between Tenby Museum and Castle Beach slipway, Castle Hill, Tenby.

Councillor Hallett moved to support the recommendations of the tree warden, ensuring also that the nesting crows not be disturbed. Councillor Rapi seconded the proposal

RECOMMEND approval on the proviso that any work undertaken does not affect nesting birds in the area.

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

a. **Mr. Kim Beynon – PCNPA planning application for a single dwelling – Zion Gardens, St. John’s Hill, Tenby**

Councillor Hallett noted that there were two further letters on this in private and proposed moving this item into private too. The Clerk commented that due financial matters being disclosed he had been advised that the two letters referred to by Councillor Hallett should be taken ‘in camera’.

Resolved that the item be moved to private in order to consider it in conjunction with other correspondence received on this issue.

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

a. **Mr. D. Lervy – Speed bump, Upper Park Road**

Councillor Rossiter thought this raised a good point as vehicles do come round the corner too fast. He agreed that we need to protect pedestrians at this point. Councillor Evans stated that

speed bump was not really the right term but perhaps a crossing island/raised bed, similar to that outside Café 25, could be installed. This he would support but not a physical bump which could cause noise nuisance to nearby residents. A raised table was a sensible idea ensuring traffic slows down for safe pedestrian crossing. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter agreed it was an awkward spot to cross. Councillor Evans proposed writing to Darren Thomas enquiring if there was a possibility of introducing a raised section thus slowing the traffic. Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal

Resolved that the Clerk would write to PCC asking if there was a possibility of introducing a raised section to the road and also that the Clerk write to Mr Lervy advising him of the Council's actions in reply to his email.

b. Mrs. Libby Ryan-Davies, Transformation Director, Hywel Dda University Health Boar – Transformation Programme

Councillor Mrs. Thomas wished to thank Hywel Dda for the information and asked that the Council be kept updated on a regular basis. Councillor James noticed that there was no representative from Pembrokeshire on the group. Councillor James proposed that we ask that a representative from Pembrokeshire be included and Councillor Rapi seconded the proposal

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Hywel Dda University Health Board and ask that a representative from Pembrokeshire be invited to join the Transformation group

c. Mrs. Catherine Evans – Dog fouling in St John's Hill

Councillor Hallett commented that he walks this route most days and there is regularly a lot of dog mess which is of great concern as this is a thoroughfare for schools and families. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter noted that there is a chocolate Labrador which sits outside the cottage having work done and that this may encourage other dogs as they are known to be territorial. Councillor Hallett said that this particular dog seems well behaved at which point the Mayor commented that this is a point of issue which TCC returns to time and time again. The Clerk raised an email that he had received from PCC in which a member of the public had praised the road sweeper noting how well kept this area is – two quite conflicting views. The Clerk also made mention of a gentleman who had called in to speak about the amount of dog mess on the Heywood Lane. The Clerk had emailed PCC and there are now to be more patrols in these areas but PCC also asked that perhaps local residents could provide information to identify the culprits. This had proved successful in Saundersfoot resulting in a number of fines being issued. The Mayor thought that publicity through the newspapers regarding information gathering may have a deterrent effect.

409. TO RECEIVED REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

DE VALENCE PAVILION

Councillor Rapi reported that the metal shard light diffuser had now been removed from the

ceiling within the De Valence Pavilion hall to allow for new LED light fittings to be installed. The Mayor commented that the hall will be significantly enhanced once completed and the lighting and acoustics will be greatly improved. The Clerk informed Councillors that, due to faults found in the diffuser when it was removed, it cannot be replaced and the hall will look very different once the job is completed. The Mayor thanked all those who have worked tirelessly to get the job done and Councillor Hallett seconded this.

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Mayor had attended the Fishguard & Goodwick Civic Ceremony and also attended a meeting of the Tenby Youth Council and Youth Workers. The group meet regularly to contribute ideas and the Mayor has invited them to hold one of their meetings in the Mayor's Parlour. There is an open day in a fortnight's time, Tuesday 14th March between 4 and 7pm, to which all are invited. They have a beach clean planned and also a Bake Off to be held sometime in August when it is hoped that a member of the Tenby Town Council will partner up with a member of the Youth Club. Councillor Mrs. Thomas asked where the Youth Council hold their meetings and the Mayor confirmed that this was in the Greenhill Avenue Community Education Centre.

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

Councillor Hallett reported that, after an incident on Goscar Rock involving all the emergency services, the national press were reporting the dangers of climbing and were using Tenby as a recent example to advise people to beware of cliffs.

Also the Daily Express had recently used a photograph of Tenby taken from the North Cliff towards Castle Hill with daffodils in the foreground.

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

The Clerk confirmed that there were no further updates to report at this time.

412. COUNCIL ACTIVITY TRACKER

The Mayor circulated an example of the document that he had been working on which he hoped would assist in ensuring that Agenda items were followed up, showing progression and conclusion of these matters. Councillor Rapi agreed that this would be a useful tool to see at a glance how things were progressing. Councillor Mrs. Thomas agreed that it would prevent matters being forgotten. Councillor Rapi proposed accepting the idea and looking at ways of tweaking the document in readiness for the next meeting. Councillor Mrs. Williams seconded the proposal

Resolved that the Mayor work in liaison with the Clerk to refine the document for use at

future meetings.

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

1. The Clerk had received an email from Marc Owen, PCC regarding a proposed street food festival to be held 16 – 18 June in the South Beach Car Park. At this point the Mayor declared an interest and proposed that Councillor Rapi chair the meeting for this item. Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal and the Mayor left the Chamber.

Councillor Rapi asked if Councillors had any thoughts on this matter. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter asked what exactly was involved and Councillor Rapi asked if the car park was to be closed during this time at which point the Clerk read the email to Councillors. Basically the food festival would involve around 12 – 15 vendors. Setting up on 15th June in the afternoon, the festival itself would be open from 12 noon to 10pm from the Friday through to the Sunday then at approximately 10.30 pm on the Sunday clearing up would commence. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter was concerned about the wind and the possibility of sand getting in the food and asked if it was not feasible for it to take place on a street. Councillor Rapi asked if there was any reason it was being held in the South Beach Car Park and the Clerk advised that PCC had been approached about locations. The promoters had originally considered the Harbour but PCC felt it was out of the question at this time of year. Councillor Rossiter suggested the car park next to St Teilo's Church on South Parade but this is a privately own car park.

Councillor Evans was open minded and happy to support all events in Tenby as he feels he will not be impacted at all. For those living closer perhaps more information was needed for the residents though. The idea is positive but more consultation with those impacted upon was needed with Councillor Evans suggesting perhaps a letter drop to residents. Councillor Rapi suggested that once the item is read about in the press, any residents who are opposed to this taking place will come forward. He suggested that it be given the opportunity to go ahead this year to see what the reaction/benefits are. Councillor Mrs. Thomas asked if the festival clashed with any other event in Tenby and the Clerk confirmed that it did not. Councillor Mrs. Thomas suggested South Parade as a possible venue. Councillor Rapi suggested that Councillors were concerned about the location but in theory were not against the food festival. Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal

Resolved that the Clerk reply to Mr. Owen that the Town Council were not against the idea in principle but wondered if South Parade had been considered as an alternative venue.

The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the chair.

2. The Clerk had received an update on the Narberth Road Improvement Scheme and outlined the current progress. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter as if there was any indication of when the

work would be finished and the Clerk replied that work should be concluded before Easter.

414. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

415. 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.

416. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 14th February 2017 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

417. MATTERS ARISING

TOWN CRIER/MACE BEARER

The Clerk confirmed that he had received a letter from Mrs. Waring regarding the position of Mace Bearer. Two applications had now been received and it was suggested that the Mayor, Mayor Elect and Clerk sit down and agree a way forward. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Jim Cornwall had given a good audition and had made his first appearance as Town Crier at the RNLI Pancake Day Race.

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

- a. Kate Attrill, PCNPA – Copy of letter to District Value in relating to planning application for a single dwelling – Zion Gardens, St. John’s Hill, Tenby
- b. Mr. Kim Beynon – Response to Ms. Attrill’s letter at 20a

Councillor Rossiter asked for a brief recap of the matter and the Clerk obliged outlining the history of the planning application. Recently the Civic Society had met with Mr and Mrs Beynon and the Civic Society’s previous concern has since been withdrawn. The question posed was will Councillors now change their stance in light of the Civic Society’s actions as TTC’s recommendation had been based on the Society’s concerns. Concerns about the affordable housing provision were also raised as it was felt that there should be some form of contribution being made. Letters a and b were explained to Councillors. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter raised her

concerns over the wall and that the grass verge to the other side in Merlin’s Gardens being owned by Mr and Mrs Beynon. She was anxious that they may try and create a further access point over this land through the Victorian wall. Councillor Hallett pointed out that two very large properties had been built up at North Cliff but no affordable housing had been negotiated at that time. The Clerk confirmed that legislation had changed since these properties had been built.

Councillor Mrs. Thomas proposed that as the height of the wall has been reduced, we accept the plans as we were not initially against the idea, but only on the condition that an affordable housing contribution is sought. Councillor Rapi seconded the proposal. Councillor Mrs. Rossiter abstained from the vote

Resolved that the Clerk inform PCNPA that members were now happy with the proposed building at a reduced height. However, they still feel that, under Policy 45 of the LDP, a contribution towards the provision of affordable housing should be sought. Further that, should permission be granted, suitable conditions should be imposed to protect and preserve the integrity of the Victoria wall to ensure that no further entrance breaches are created.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____