

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th March 2014

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Lane Mayor
Councillor Mrs Thomas
Councillor T Hallett
Councillor Mrs Putwain
Councillor Mrs Rossiter
Councillor W Rossiter
Councillor Dr P Easy
Councillor Mrs Durham
Councillor L Blackhall
Councillor P Rapi

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

409. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Brown and Councillor H Johns.

410. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor Dr Easy, Councillor Hallett, Councillor Mrs Rossiter, Councillor Blackhall and the Mayor declared a personal interest in item 9 De Valence.

411. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

412. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4th March 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

413. MATTERS ARISING

393 – Royal Gate House Development

Councillor Mrs Putwain expressed her sadness at the criticism of TTC made by a McCarthy & Stone representative by letter in the local paper. She was not against the development; her comments had been made as support, to prevent further reduction in present Health Services in light of the increase in population due to new developments. She felt the Health Board should be made aware so they could consider reviewing services accordingly.

The Mayor and fellow Councillors agreed that the comments made by Councillor Mrs Putwain were supportive and not negative in relation to the development at all.

396a – Pembroke Dock Raptors – Tenby Pest Control

The Clerk reported he informed Tenby Regeneration Committee of the Pembroke Dock Raptors proposal in relation to Tenby Pest Control as requested by TTC; however following discussion they said unfortunately they do not have the grant funding to support this type of project as it falls outside their remit.

402d – Welsh Government – Williams Commission Report

The Clerk reported he had forwarded TTC response in relation to the Williams Report to County Councillor Williams prior to his meeting with Welsh Assembly Representatives; however he had received no response from Councillor Williams in relation to receipt of the information or the outcome of the meeting. Councillor Mrs Thomas had requested the Clerk ask Councillor Williams to attend this meeting to provide feedback on the recent meeting; however unfortunately Councillor Williams had a prior engagement.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved that County Councillor Michael Williams be asked to attend the next full TTC meeting to provide feedback on the Williams Report and any relevant information relating to Tenby North Ward.

414. PLANNING APPLICATION

Councillor Blackhall did not declare an interest; however he took no part in discussions or vote on the following item as he is a St Mary's Church member. Councillor Mrs Putwain declared a personal interest.

a. NP/14/0112 – Representative Body for the Church in Wales, C/o Birt and Co, Lock House, St Julian Street, Tenby – Installation of car parking pay machines and associated signage, Rectory Fields Car Park, South Cliff Street, Tenby.

The Clerk reported Tenby Civic Society had made comments on planning application NP/14/0112, their information is under item 7a. He asked if Councillors wished to review the information whilst considering the application. Councillor Hallett proposed taking item 7a with planning application NP/14/0112, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that item 7a be considered with planning application NP/14/0112.

In addition the Clerk reported one resident of Victoria Street has a business interest of seven apartments with rear access from inside the car park. He had no objections relating to the pay and display machines; however he had concerns for his visitors having difficulties entering the rear access when queues of traffic are entering the car park. Until now the attendants manning the kiosk have assisted visitors in accessing the rear parking for the property during busy periods.

Councillors felt it was sad that employment would be lost as a result of moving forward with technology; however as Councillor Rapi pointed out, sadly as consultees it is not a planning consideration.

Following further discussion, Councillor Hallett proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval as TTC feel there are no planning grounds to object; however they regret the likely loss of employment for the car park attendants.

Councillor Mrs Putwain and Councillor Blackhall re-joined the meeting.

415. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA – Unauthorised Tree Works TPO 57

The Clerk reported following the unauthorised tree works at The Green, Tenby. Mr M Higgins, Tree and Landscape Officer, PCNPA had inspected the area, stating the work should not have been carried out as the trees had a preservation order on them. As the trees were in a dangerous condition, the works would have been approved if an application had been made, so no further action would be taken. However PCNPA will continue to observe the area. Councillors agreed to

Resolve that the information be noted.

b. Tenby Civic Society – Comments of TCS Planning sub-committee

Discussed under planning application NP/14/0112 –Installation of car parking pay machines and associated signage, Rectory Fields Car Park, South Cliff Street, Tenby. Councillor approved the planning application therefore it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

c. Signage outside former Rowe’s Butcher, High Street, Tenby.

The Clerk informed Councillors he had received lots of complaints about the large yellow signage positioned on the frontage of the former Butchers, High Street, Tenby, situated within the conservation area and without planning permission. Therefore he informed PCNPA and attached photographic evidence of the signage for officer’s attention. A response was received from Karen Bolton, Enforcement Officer, PCNPA stating they are dealing with the matter.

416. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – February minutes

The Mayor noted the Chamber of Trade and Tourism had included the Tenby Market meeting within their minutes. Therefore she agreed for the Clerk to circulate a copy of the report from the second market meeting for Councillors information. The Mayor gave a brief synopsis of this meeting with Mr Barry Cooke, PCC who attended to provide information and answer questions, in relation to the consultation process on the future of Pembrokeshire Markets with specific discussion on Tenby’s market. She felt lots of thoughts, ideas and information were exchanged; however nothing has been decided at present. The meeting was positive with all groups present working together to discuss the best option for Tenby Market Hall.

Councillor Blackhall noted clarification is being sought as to whether the toilets attached to the market are likely to be leased. If PCC are considering putting these toilets out to tender; it may be worth considering what discussions in relation to other toilet blocks in Tenby are being

considered. Therefore he proposed a letter be sent to PCC, outlining that TTC would like to be involved with discussions in relation to the future management of Public Conveniences in Tenby, if PCC are considering following a tendering process. Secondly TTC would like confirmation of the time scale PCC have in mind if considering a tendering process for Public Conveniences in Tenby, seconded by The Mayor.

Resolved that TTC write to Mr Richard Brown, PCC and request involvement in discussions, prior to any tendering process being undertaken for the management of Public Conveniences in Tenby. In addition information on a proposed time scale for the management of Public Conveniences in Tenby if planned.

Resolved that Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism minutes be noted.

b. PCC – Off Street Parking Places (Consolidation) Order 2011 (Variation Order No.3) 2014

Councillor Mrs Thomas said following reading of the off street parking order, she felt it implied parking would be free from September to April like in previous years. However Councillor Blackhall felt charges would still be incurred as at present, but without any increase.

The Clerk re read the information and agreed with Councillor Mrs Thomas it appears parking is free during the winter period.

Councillor Blackhall felt the document should show the current parking charges as well as the increases, to allow for comparison. He felt sad as Tenby is trying to encourage more coaches to visit our area and here we are increasing their parking charges. In addition could it be clarified if disabled drivers are still entitled to an extra free hour when purchasing a two hour ticket as it is not clear on the information?

Councillor Mrs Putwain asked for clarification of the multi storey ground floor parking charges as these are unclear.

Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed the Clerk contact PCC and clarifies TTC concerns in relation to parking charges in Tenby, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC contact Mr M Owen, PCC and clarifies the charges for car parks in Tenby during the winter period, ground floor of the multi storey and if disabled badge holders are still entitled to an additional hour when purchasing a two hour ticket.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter asked the Clerk to obtain information when the double yellow lines proposed for around the turret along St Florence Parade, Tenby are likely to be actioned, as traffic issues are hazardous in this area.

c. PCC – Bus Service reduction

The Clerk outlined the major change to Pedestrianisation for 2014, is the removal of the free park and ride bus service. In addition PCNPA are unable to fund the free park and ride service from the Salterns to town. Proposed is a 50p flat rate charge for the park and ride service, with consideration for a family pass.

Councillors collectively felt removal of the free park and ride scheme was a sad move; however they felt it is a sign of the economic times we are living in.

Councillor Hallett said for years it has been the aim of TTC to keep the town free of cars and encourage use of the car parks. Providing the park and ride buses was a great encouragement to park on the edge of town and now we are going to charge visitors twice, to park and to ride.

The Mayor asked if the company providing the park and ride charging scheme may like to consider a reduced charge for those people who would like to catch the bus from outside W H Smiths to the Harbour.

Councillor Blackhall felt that disabled badge holders should receive the trip from W H Smiths to the Harbour free as it can be too far to walk; however Councillors pointed out that the blue badge would need to be left in their vehicles. He added the overall benefit of the free park and ride scheme increased numbers of visitors into town, he hoped the proposed charge would not have an adverse effect on visitor numbers, however he felt it may be the case.

Councillor Mrs Putwain said many visitors pop back to their cars to get picnics and coats; therefore they may incur paying twice or three times during a day.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter said Tenby needs to encourage people to visit not charge them more. People will think twice before coming into Tenby if they have to pay twice.

Councillor Rapi said although he agreed with his fellow Councillors comments, he personally felt Tenby parking charges are reasonable, urban parking in other towns and cities is much higher. If TTC plans to fight the pay increase we need to think carefully and have a positive way of approaching the concerns expressed.

Councillor W Rossiter felt 50p seemed an arbitrary figure for the very short trip. He continued asking how much fuel would actually be used during the trips; he would be interested to see the providers proposed costings. He expressed that a 20p charge would be more realistic, resulting in a £1 charge for a family of five.

Councillor Rapi noted from the document that Tenby has one of the most expensive car parking charges in Pembrokeshire; therefore if all the charges throughout Pembrokeshire were brought up to the same level Tenby, funding may be available to retain the free park and ride service. If raising the charges is not an option perhaps consideration could be given to lowering Tenby's charges in line with others in Pembrokeshire.

Councillor Rapi proposed TTC write to PCC requesting a fairer car parking payment system throughout Pembrokeshire. He also added a request for details of the company awarded the park and ride scheme for the 2014 season, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that TTC write to PCC requesting a fairer car parking payment system throughout Pembrokeshire. Further that a request be made for details of the company awarded the park and ride service for the 2014 season.

d. Cara Wilson, PAVS – Action Planning for Community Resilience to Climate Change in Pembrokeshire

The Mayor asked if any Councillor was available to attend the meeting relating to Climate Change. Unfortunately no Councillor would be available to attend, therefore Councillor Hallett requested TTC send apologies to PAVS and request a copy of the minutes from the meeting for Councillors information and feedback.

e. Mr Andrew Griffiths – ‘Selfish Parking’

The Mayor hoped all Councillors had read Mr A Griffiths letter in relation to ‘selfish parking’, therefore it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

f. Post Office – Modernisation of Tenby Post Office

The Clerk provided slight amendments to the date and time of the proposed Post Office closure for refurbishment. Changes as follows:

Close - 12.30 pm on 8th April 2014.

Re-open - 1 pm on 11th April 2014.

Resolved that the information be noted.

417. DE VALENCE

a. Kevin Watson – Festive proposal

The Mayor reported that sadly TTC does not have the funds to support personal proposals and the De Valence policy is to not undertake anything that incurs a cost risk. Councillor Blackhall felt perhaps the De Valence Trust working group could arrange a meeting with Mr Kevin Watson and discuss the matter further in case an alternative option of support could be found. Following discussion it was

Resolved that Mr Kevin Watson’s Festival proposal be forwarded to the De Valence Trust working group for further discussion.

418. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Rapi reported he had attended Tenby Junior Schools Governors meeting. He was unable to discuss details disclosed in the meeting; however he felt it was important for Councillors to be aware that issues are being debated in preparation for changes to staffing when the new Welsh and English primary education facilities are built.

Councillor Blackhall reported he had attended Tenby Regeneration meeting along with the Mayor. Members presented included TTC, PCC, Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism and Tenby Development Trust representatives. The group looked at authorising short, medium and long term projects. These included an allocated coach drop off area and secure coach park, an In Bloom blue stone project, better car parking and pedestrian signage and looking into certain town services that could benefit from management at local level. Discussion was very positive with information provided on the successful town painting scheme. This year several businesses took up the opportunity to obtain grant funding to paint their properties. The scheme will run again next year and not just for the commercial sector, domestic properties within the conservation area may apply to the scheme. It was suggested that targeting local properties that would benefit and provide them with information of the scheme.

The Mayor reported on a recent meeting with Mr G Codd, Maintenance Department, PCC. Sadly due to proposed cuts in the PCC budget, Tenby maintenance budget has been cut by half. This is not just the flower budget; it is the street furniture maintenance and cleanliness of the

town. PCC plan to replace certain garden beds with wild flowers as initial costs and maintenance is cheaper. Hanging baskets and tubs will be reduced, leaving just the two tower planters.

The Croft gardens, opposite W H Smiths, Gilroy Phillips garden and the War Memorial will be the only flower beds planted, all other beds will contain wild flowers. PCC has already purchased the wild flowers and are ready to plant them any time now.

The Mayor continued expressing specific concern for the welcome to Tenby sign flower bed, as it is an important iconic piece of the town and should be maintained as a bright and vibrant flowers bed. The initial visual impact of Tenby is vital to our economy and therefore PCC costings for flowers in this specific bed would be approximately £500.

In light of all the proposed cut backs Tenby cannot be allowed to suffer, therefore more volunteers are needed to help maintain the high standards we have set and want for our town.

Discussions took place to see if the Regeneration Grant Funding could be used to employ a Town Manager to carry out watering and cleanliness duties as well as others specified tasks; however the Clerk outlined, regeneration grants can only be used for capital funding, revenue funding falls out of the grant funding criteria.

Councillor W Rossiter felt an SOS should be put into the local paper to ask people to donate their surplus plants and bulbs to the town. The Mayor highlighted that a recycle a shrub scheme has been running in this way for several years. He expressed concern as wild flowers look untidy after a very short while.

The Mayor said Tenby is more fortunate than other local towns that are having flower beds grassed over for easy maintenance, to meet financial cut backs. Sadly Tenby is losing beach cleaning during the winter months.

Councillor Blackhall felt TTC are constantly being drip fed with information about loss of services and funding. We need to raise the issues of budget funding cuts with our County Councillors and PCC Officers, requesting they provide TTC with a statement of all the services being cut. If PCC had provided information prior to TTC finalising the 2014/15 budget, funding could have been allocated to address and undertake some of the axed services. As TTC would need vehicles or equipment perhaps as PCC is reducing manpower they may have surplus TTC can use to save capital costs.

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt Tenby needs to rally together to work for the benefit of the town, using the statement 'Your town needs you'.

Councillor Rapi asked if TTC could pay PCC workers for several hours a week for maintenance tasks. The Clerk reported that PCC already sub-contract some of the present gardening team so this could be an option.

Councillor Blackhall said Councillors were requested to attend the PCC finance meeting to discuss proposed budget cuts; however while he was present none of these 'ad hoc' cuts we are hearing about were mentioned at that time. Therefore TTC firstly need to know the scale of PCC proposed cuts as soon as possible. He felt TTC are being forced to pick up the shortfall and will struggle to do so. We will have to re look at TTC budget to discuss vital amendments that may need to be made in due course to mitigate against the loss of vital services.

Councillor Blackhall proposed TTC call an emergency meeting with PPC Officers and both Tenby County Councillors to discuss the degree of cuts so TTC can devise a plan of action to act accordingly, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that TTC call an emergency meeting with PPC Officers and both Tenby County Councillors to discuss the degree of cuts so TTC can devise a plan of action to act accordingly.

419. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Durham reported she was pleased to see Tenby as the backdrop most days on BBC and ITV weather reports.

Councillor Blackhall reported that in a recent media pole Tenby was highly placed in the top 100 best places to live in the UK. In fact Tenby was the best place in Wales.

Councillor W Rossiter reported in an Antiques Gazette was a small picture of Tenby; however it was labelled as a place in Spain!

Councillor Hallett reported on two brochures using Tenby Harbour as their front covers, these being First West Bus Programme and the online travel guide to Tenby.

The Clerk reported he had received an e-mail from Sarah Williams, spokesperson for 'Save St Julian's Church Group' in light of the article in last week's Tenby Observer outlining new plans for the harbourside church.

Councillor Blackhall asked the Clerk before he continued if TTC could be considered to have a prejudicial interest if discussing this matter before a planning application is submitted to TTC as consultees. The Clerk felt he was just providing information and Councillors were not actually commenting on the matter. He continued explaining that the plans showing alterations to St Julian's Church were on display in St Mary's Church. However the group feel these plans should not be happening to this building and would like the opportunity to outline their views to TTC. The Council office informed Sarah Williams that no plans had been received by TTC and the Mayor would need to give permission for them to speak at a TTC meeting. In light of this request the Clerk asked if Councillors were happy for him to contact Sarah Williams and invite her to a TTC meeting when the planning application has been submitted for consultation, it was

Resolved that TTC invite Sarah Williams, 'Save St Julian's Church Group' to speak at a TTC meeting when the St Julian's Church planning application is submitted.

The Mayor and Councillor Mrs Rossiter took no part in discussions or vote on the following item.

420. A FRAMES

Councillor W Rossiter felt 'A' Frame problems were not addressed to a satisfactory conclusion last year; therefore he suggested perhaps TTC should contact Mr M Owen, PCC before the start of this season, to carry out a walk about town, reinforcing to business owners the rules and dangers associated with 'A' frames on the pavements. If we are pro-active more businesses will follow the example set by a few who have put their signage on their premises walls.

Councillor Mrs Putwain requested if reasoning with business owners in relation to 'A' frames does not prevail then perhaps enforcement should be considered.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved that TTC write to Mr M Owen, Street Care, PCC and request a proactive walk about town to reinforce the concerns relating to 'A' Frames.

The Mayor and Councillor Mrs Rossiter re-joined the meeting.

421. NURSERY GARDENS

The Mayor reported at the recent meeting with Mr Codd, PCC he implied that due to the University Hotel Development Plans, PCC would have to vacate the Nursery Gardens. This had concerned her as if TTC possibly needed to take over town maintenance duties, this area in question would be needed for storage. She had asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Barry Cooke, PCC's head of Property and Asset Management stating that, if the Nursery Gardens were on the open market, TTC could be interested in purchasing the area as a base. Mr Cooke responded that PCC will only consider relocation of its depot from this site if it is to facilitate the hotel school and only on the basis that there is a realistic alternative site for it to move to. As the university hotel scheme is temporarily on hold, PCC is not currently investigating relocation. However, if TTC was to take over the services currently provided by PCC from this depot this might change matters.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt if PCC are selling something then surely they should go out to tender or put on the market and not be selectively sold.

Councillor Rapi felt TTC should write back to Mr Cooke as he has not answered TTC's initial question. If TTC take over town maintenance the base would be needed. Councillor Mrs Durham felt this item should be discussed at the special meeting being arranged with Tenby County Councillors and PCC Officers. It was

Resolved that the Nursery Gardens be discussed at the special meeting being arranged with Tenby County Councillors and PCC Officers.

422. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. PCNPA Local Development Plan Monitoring Report – Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported he had put this item back on the agenda for Councillor M Evans; however unfortunately he is not in attendance.

Councillor Blackhall said he found the Clerk's report incredibly helpful and interesting. He felt he would like to know from the developers of the areas of land listed, when they would have expected to commence work, and if they would have commenced work sooner if the affordable housing percentage had been much less. He explained that if the affordable housing percentage had been lower, the grand total of new builds would have been much greater, providing more affordable local homes.

Councillor Mrs Thomas gave her apologies and left the chamber.

Councillor W Rossiter personally felt many properties in Tenby were not being used correctly; these being second homes or rented. In light of this he felt new houses should not be built on countryside land. Building on land earmarked for development only seems to benefit the land owner; therefore he personally would object to any developments on green land.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved that TTC write to the developers of specified areas noted in the document and ask if they would have commenced development earlier if the affordable housing percentage had been lower.

b. Gull Proof bags pilot scheme

The Clerk reported following discussions with Mr P Watkins, PCC about the use of gull proof bags in Tenby, PCC have researched a product to trial within specific areas of the walled town. The Clerk had a sample that he showed Councillors. The pilot would mean PCC purchase the first 100 gull proof storage bags and then TTC would need to fund the following 100 bags. This pilot scheme would fall into two categories, would people use them and would it create difficulties for the kerbside collection team. It is estimated that there are 400 properties within the town walls that would benefit on the scheme. The Clerk felt 2-3 rubbish sacks would fit in a bag and he was aware of bags being left out on the streets following bin collection days in other areas that may cause concern.

The Mayor expressed concern as the bags did not appear to be washable if a black sack leaked.

Councillor Hallett reported that other towns are already using these types of bags successfully.

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt the bags looked great and would be effective; however she has to leave her refuse a distance from her property and it may be taken by another resident by mistake. The Mayor felt people would have to mark them with their house name or numbers.

Following discussion it was

Resolved that TTC would agree to the pilot scheme and inform Mr P Watkins, PCC and seek the proposed plan of action and time scale.

c. Town Team Meeting

The Clerk reported he had sent an e-mail to Councillors to ascertain if anyone was interested in attending a Town Team meeting on 26th March 2014 at 6 pm. Unfortunately no one was able to attend; therefore Councillor Hallett requested TTC ask for a copy of the minutes to provide TTC with feedback.

d. Pit Stop Friday's Cycle Ride

The Clerk reported Tenby Youth Group is carrying out a fund raising challenge to cycle the length of the Pembrokeshire Cycle path on a static bike. They requested the Mayor to ride the last mile; however the Mayor is unfortunately medically not allowed to participate therefore the Deputy Mayor Councillor Rapi agreed to deputise.

423. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take be the Spring Quarterly Council meeting on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7.00 pm.

424. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None noted.

425. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor W 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.

426. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 4th March 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

427. MATTERS ARISING

315 – (213 De Valence External Painting)

Councillor Hallett asked if the grant funding to paint the De Valence building frontage had been paid. The Clerk was pleased to report the grant payment had been received.

315 – De Valence Bollards

Councillor Mrs Rossiter was pleased to see the De Valence forecourt parking bollards had been sited and extended a thank you to the handyman for his work fitting the items.

428. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. Wifi provision to the Council Chamber

The Clerk reported that Councillors had asked for the wifi subject to be rescheduled when Councillor Rapi was present as he had requested the service costings.

Councillor Mrs Durham did feel that paper copies would be phased out in due course and wifi was the preferred way forward in society at present.

The Mayor reported town wifi coverage had been discussed at the regeneration meeting and may be a project the De Valence Trust could put forward for grant funding of the capital costs.

In light of Councillor Rapi's fellow Councillors feeling that the majority prefer paper copies of minutes at present, he felt the additional funds required at this time were not cost effective; therefore he would defer the item and review wifi coverage for the Mayor's Parlour in six months' time. It was

Resolved that wifi coverage for the Mayor’s Parlour be deferred for six months.

Councillor Mrs Durham declared an interest on the next item.

b. Bench Plaque in Memory of Mr John ‘Yobbler’ Thomas – Tenby Town Crier

The Clerk outlined that Councillor Mrs Thomas had asked if a memorial plaque could be placed on her late husband, John’s, favourite bench on South Parade. Permission was obtained from PCC to place a plaque on one of their benches. The Clerk asked in light of the years of service John gave to the town as Town Crier was it Councillors wish that TTC fund the plaque.

Following discussion, Councillor Hallett proposed TTC pay for the plaque in full, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC fund the cost of the bench plaque in memory of Mr John ‘Yobbler’ Thomas, Tenby Town Crier. The family would like a dedication service of the bench on 26th March 2014.

Councillor Mrs Durham re-joined the meeting.

c. Letter from Mr R Crockford

The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr R Crockford for Councillors information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____