

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27th November 2012

PRESENT

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

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

279. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor P Rapi.

280. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Lane declared a personal and prejudicial interest on item 6a, 6b, 6c and 6d.

281. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Blackhall seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

282. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 13th November 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

283. MATTERS ARISING

246 – PCC Carbon Reduction Commitment – Partial Extinguishment of Street Lighting

Councillors Mrs Brown asked if any response had been received from the police. The Clerk reported unfortunately nothing has been received.

Councillor Blackhall reported sadly as a result of the partial light extinguishment St Mary's Church Midnight mass is being held at 10.30pm, he felt this was a great shame and a loss of tradition.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt that St Mary's Parochial Church Council should be sending a letter to PCC and proposed TTC also send a letter to PCC highlighting the inconvenience being caused by the Carbon Reduction Commitment, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that TTC send a letter informing PCC of concerns and changes having to be made to Midnight Mass at St Mary's Church due to the Carbon Reduction Commitment in Tenby.

284. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Clerk reported a further planning application had been received requiring consideration before the next scheduled meeting. He explained that PCNPA consultation period has been reduced from 20 days to 14 days. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to accept the additional planning application, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the additional planning application be accepted.

Councillor Mrs Lane left the chamber.

a. NP/12/0554 – Ms Dominica Fecci, 9 Quarry Cottages, Lower Park Road, Tenby – Construction of ground floor extension to kitchen and new dormer window in cat-slide foor over and construction of new garden shed, 9 Quarry Cottages, Tenby.

Remaining Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed approval as the property would be enhanced and in keeping with the surrounding area, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the property would be enhanced and in keeping with the surrounding area.

b. NP/12/0555 – Mr and Mrs Leighton and Gaynor Jones, 30vChepstow Road, Cwmparc, Rhonda Cynon Taf – Part conversion to residential property, Royal British Legion, St Mary's Street, Tenby.

c. NP/12/0556 (Listed Building) - Mr and Mrs Leighton and Gaynor Jones, 30vChepstow Road, Cwmparc, Rhonda Cynon Taf – Part conversion to residential property, Royal British Legion, St Mary's Street, Tenby.

The Clerk suggested planning applications NP/12/0555 and NP/12/0556, relating to the same property be considered together.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning applications. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed approval as this is a much needed improvement to an empty listed building, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval as it will greatly improve an empty listed building.

d.NP/12/0563 – Mr Trevor Wood, Clement Dale, South Cliff Gardens, South Cliff Street, Tenby. – Change of use of guesthouse to 2 holiday flats and owners accommodation, Clement Dale, South Cliff Gardens, South Cliff Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed approval as the applicant had amended the plans to meet visitor accommodation needs, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the change of use is acceptable due to the change in visitor accommodation needs.

Councillor Mrs Lane rejoined the meeting.

285. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Mr John Price, PCC – Review of Resident Parking Schemes

Councillor Mrs Brown explained every resident having access to or using residents parking has received these questionnaires. She encouraged all Councillors to complete and return the forms independently.

Councillor Mrs Lane felt that the issue of Holiday Permits had been discussed time and time again, she has no objection to them parking to load and unload but leaving their cars parked permanently at a cost of £7 for the week defeats the object and function of residents parking. No guarantees are promised to have a space on your return from work or shopping, however with limited allocated spaces holiday permits reduce the possibility further.

Councillor W Rossiter requested clarification, if second home owners are allowed to obtain residents parking permits; this was confirmed by the Clerk.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed all Councillors complete the questionnaire and return them independently, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane.

Resolved that Tenby Town Councillors complete the Questionnaire and return them to PCC independently.

b. AMEC (via e-mail) – Further gas mains replacement work, Tenby.

The Clerk outlined the next phase of replacement Gas Mains by AMEC on behalf of Wales & West Utilities, scheduled to start January 2013. He listed the streets that will be affected and reported that Wales & West Utilities will be holding an information drop in session on Thursday 6th December 2012 between 12.30 – 5.30pm in the De Valence Cafe, Upper Frog Street.

Councillor Mrs Durham reassured everyone that during the Upper Frog Street phase the company worked very efficiently, they were extremely accommodating and completed the work promptly reducing any inconvenience to a minimum.

Resolved that the information be noted.

c. Craig Harwood, Atlantic Array Development Manager – Submission date

Councillors debated and highlighted information that had been discussed at previous Tenby Council meetings relating to the Atlantic Array Offshore Wind Farm, expressing their personal views and how hard it was working through the documentation available in the library.

Councillor Mrs Lane said Councillors should have expressed their views in written format earlier as the consultation period had now finished.

Councillor Blackhall asked who would be making the planning decision; the Clerk confirmed it would be made by the National Government.

Resolved that the information be noted.

d. Mrs Sarah Oliver, PCC – Gambling Act 2005: Consultation on Review of Gambling Policy

Councillors discussed the information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

e. Mrs Janet Kingston, Ysgol Greenhill School – Invitation to A Midsummer Night’s Dream

The Mayor said he will be attending, if any other Councillors are able to attend they need to inform TTC office to reserve their seat.

Resolved that the Mayor will attend.

286. DE VALENCE

The Clerk outlined that the replacement heating work is progressing well. The Mayor’s Parlour heating system had been completed earlier that day and a provisional date had been received for delivery of the main hall boiler. It is hoped the main hall heating will be operational before Christmas 2012.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to everyone involved in the process of restoring heating to the De Valence.

287. JUBILEE PLAY PARK

The Clerk informed Councillors he had received a request from the Neighbourhood Policing Team for lighting at the Jubilee Play Park. This is the result of skateboarders returning to the multi storey car park as it is dark by 5pm and they are unable to use the facility provided. The police have offered to put in a request for funding towards the cost of the lighting. He highlighted that several areas need to be considered in relation to lighting first:

- Would Planning permission be required
- Consideration to Local Residents
- How close the power is situated and who will pay the running costs
- Cost of installation
- Possible increase in anti-social behaviour later at night

Firstly the Clerk wished to clarify if it is the will of the Council to install lighting in this area before progressing a more detailed proposal as no other play park in Tenby has lighting.

Councillor Mrs Brown expressed concern at considering another project when the fund raising is still on going to pay for the equipment already in place. She also felt local residents that expressed concerns to the park in the first place would not be happy having lighting late in the evening shining into their premises. At weekends the facility is well used during daylight hours

and if young children are considering using the facility in the dark parents should be concerned where they are.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown not to proceed with lighting at the Jubilee Play Park at this time, seconded by councillor Mrs Lane.

Resolved that TTC do not proceed with considering lighting at the Jubilee Play Park.

Councillor Mrs Brown reported Deer Park Baptist Church had donated £500 towards the Jubilee Play Park and a Guitar Group using their Church premises have a £50 donation that will be presented next week.

The Clerk reported Tenby police have a few leads following the graffiti incident at the Jubilee Play Park and are continuing with their enquires. He continued explaining that the ramp graffiti will be worn away by use; the wall graffiti will be painted over but the rubber matting is more of a concern and Mr. Widdas from Urban Recreation is coming to try various chemicals to remove the graffiti, however due to the weather his visit has been delayed. He clarified that any costs for this work will be funded from the Jubilee Play Park maintenance budget.

288. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Thomas reported she had attended Tenby Junior School Governors' meeting and visited The National Assembly for Wales along with the Mayor and Tenby Town Clerk to deliver the petition, supporting keeping Tenby MIU open. She expressed her thanks to the Clerk for driving to Cardiff enabling the petition to be delivered.

Councillor Mrs Thomas continued by explaining the next SEPCHN meeting is on 4th December 2012 at 2pm, in New Hedges but she is unable to attend and requested if any Councillor can deliver an update and take notes on her behalf, unfortunately no Councillor is available.

289. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Brown reported on an article in one of the national papers last weekend, relating to Pedlars and Street Trading. She explained the Clerk has been researching this article and he will provide his findings; however she felt a meeting needed to be called early January with PCC Street Care Department before the end of the consultation period on 15th February 2012.

The Clerk circulated a copy of the newspaper article before outlining the following information.

The UK government have decided to repeal the Pedlar Act of 1871, as it does not comply with EU directives on free trade within the EU due to UK residency clauses relating to applicants for pedlar's certificates. In light of this they have prepared a new draft to also amend Street Trading Regulations.

The new regulations propose to still exempt pedlars from Street Trading legislation but redefine a 'genuine' pedlar as follows:

- He travels around and trades on foot.
- Visits house to house trading his wares
- Carries all his goods without support

- If using a wheeled receptacle it must not be more than 2m high, 1m long or 1m wide. This is to prevent any obstruction being caused.
- Maximum stay at one stand is 10 minutes, he then needs to move 50 m away. He cannot return to within 50 m of the first, or any subsequent, stand for 3 hours.

Tenby Town Council had previously decided to call a meeting to discuss the possibility of developing private legislation relating to street trading. However it now appears that all existing private legislation does not conform to EU directives.

It also appears that one section currently used locally to reduce multiple sellers of the same products already being sold in a town will be removed under the new legislation.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt it would take about two years before the new act could be implemented so she proposed TTC arrange a meeting with Mr M Owen PCC to gain advice and prepare an action plan before responding to the consultation document by its closure date on 15th February 2013, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that TTC arrange a meeting with Mr M Owen PCC to discuss the New Draft Regulations for Street Trading and its implications for Tenby to gain more information and advice before responding to the consultation proposal document and involving our MP and AMs.

290. TENBY BANDSTAND

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported following visiting Guernsey for Britain in Bloom Presentations she witnessed a Bandstand with bench seating and screening. As Tenby's bandstand was provided by a group of local ladies who fundraised for the facility is sadly underused, she wondered therefore if locals wished to consider seating and screening to be provided as it may increase the usage of the Bandstand at all times.

Councillor Mrs Thomas suggested that the seating would need to be removable for when or if a band wishes to play in the bandstand.

Councillor Mrs Brown said it is brilliant when anyone plays in the bandstand but it is so difficult for people to take all their electric amplifiers etc up to the site causing its under use, she felt it would be a good idea.

Councillor W Rossiter expressed concern and caution to the screening due to the south westerly winds.

Following discussion it was

Resolved that the clerk discuss the possibility of seating and screening in the bandstand with Mr G Codd, PCC.

291. GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME

Deferred to the next agenda as Councillor Evans not in attendance of this meeting.

292. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

Royal Gate House

The Clerk reported that the Contractors on the Royal Gate House site have produced a monthly newsletter for local neighbours. Councillor Mrs Lane asked if this newsletter could be given to the Tenby Observer on a regular basis. The Mayor agreed to ask the developers if they would be happy for the newsletter to be given to the local newspaper.

The Mayor reported that archaeological research and photographs have been taken and are being kept and catalogued by the contractors.

Communities in Bloom

The Clerk reported following sending a letter to PCC to seek their help and involvement in entering the Communities in Bloom International Challenge, unfortunately no response has been received to date. Councillor Blackhall and Councillor Mrs Lane both confirmed that TTC agreed to enter the challenge with or without PCC support although they really hoped to work together. The Clerk clarified that the money required for the entry fee could be allocated from the Promoting Tenby budget.

Tenby Railway Station

Councillor Mrs Lane and the Clerk reported on their meeting with Mr G Morgan, Arriva Trains in relation to the help he could provide to enhance Tenby Railway Station. He explained Arriva trains can only paint up to 2 metres in height and Network Rail are responsible for the higher levels. Arriva Trains would like to put in place two self watering planters on each platform, replace the dustbins, paint all the cabinets, columns and replace the notice boards. However they do not like the graffiti boards and they will give £1500 to the project if TTC match fund the other half.

Councillor Mrs Lane expressed her disappointment of them requiring match funding when they contacted Tenby in Bloom initially to offer help to enhance the station.

The Clerk outlined that Arriva Trains require a quick decision as their funding is only available until the end of December 2012.

Councillor Blackhall suggested that perhaps Network Rail could fund the outstanding match funding. However he felt our local MP should be aware of this long awaited response from Arriva Trains to enhance the station.

Following discussion it was felt that TTC could not match fund as they already support Tenby in Bloom financially and administratively. However Councillor Mrs Lane proposed TTC ask PCC to supply the four planters for Tenby Station as our contribution and liaise with Arriva Trains to fulfil their proposals, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that TTC request four planters from PCC for Tenby Railway Station as TTC's contribution to match fund Arriva Trains contribution.

293. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting, a meeting of the finance committee, will take place on Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Apologies given by Councillor Mrs Rossiter for the next meeting.

294. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None noted.

295. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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.

296. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 13th November 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

297. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____