

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30th April 2013

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT

South Pembrokeshire Police Inspector Ross Evans
PCSO Graham Kendall
Mr T Wales – Community Health Council

The Clerk explained South Pembrokeshire Police Inspector Ross Evans was in attendance to meet Tenby Town Councillors and provide an update on police resources proposed for the forthcoming summer season.

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Ross Evans and PCSO Graham Kendall on behalf of Tenby Town Councillors explaining that Tenby has always tried to maintain a good working relationship with the police force and hoped it would long continue.

Inspector Evans said he had been in post for one month and looked forward to the challenges ahead especially those related to the summer events 2013. He was pleased to report an extra four police officers had been secured for the school holiday eight week period with rotas and specific operations in process for the spectacles. The senior police management team have been discussing and planning changes to the structure of policing in Tenby, to ultimately provide a stronger presence of officers on the street.

PCSO Graham Kendall gave an insight into the present structure and placement of the Neighbourhood policing team. He hoped the community would benefit from their flexibility, accessibility and increase in numbers in and around Tenby, enabling a good rapport to be established with the local community.

Councillors asked questions in relation to increased police presence being planned for other major events in Tenby including Ironman, the Carten and the National Scooter rally. It was confirmed that all events would be included and supported with a greater police presence not just the spectacles.

Following a recently incident of a stray dog being found in Tenby and taken to Tenby Police Station, the policeman explained to the gentleman who had found the dog that unfortunately he would have to take the dog to Fishguard (the closest animal centre) himself as the police officer was not able to transport the animal. Councillor Mrs. Putwain requested clarification if this was the correct procedure. The Inspector

explained he was not aware of the incident; however officers are not in a position to take stray animals to the appropriate facility but should investigate every possible avenue to assist in solving the case.

Councillor W Rossiter asked if additional police would be specifically provided during Friday and Saturday evenings and not just increased officer numbers during daytime hours as he felt more disturbances occur during evening hours. The Inspector felt the shift rota system was being designed to cover anticipated busy periods, however if any member of the public is concerned and requires assistance at any time they can contact the police by dial 101 as well as 999 in an emergency. Both officers provided clarification of how effective dialling 101 is and gave examples of situations when the service can be used.

The Mayor thanked the Inspector and PCSO for their input and welcomed any member of the Neighbourhood Police Team to attending TTC meeting as and when possible.

The Mayor proceeded to welcomed Mr T Wales, Chairman of the CHC, who was present to provide an update in relation to the proposed closure of Tenby MIU.

Mr Wales recapped for Councillors the process already followed by the CHC following the Local Health Board Consultation Document and in relation to the referral being sent to Lesley Griffiths, who was then the Welsh Assembly Minister for Health. She referred it back to the CHC stating that the CHC had not provided an adequate alternative proposal so the referral was withdrawn and the CHC were advised to recommence talks with the LHB.

Councillor M Evans joined the meeting.

The CHC duly went back into discussions with the LHB. In addition they were offered the negotiating skills and advice of Professor Marcus Langley. Firstly the CHC asked if the LHB would share the Service Level Agreements document that had been drawn up in relation to the GPs providing the alternative service. The proposed service would be provided 52 weeks of the year Mon – Fri 8.30 – 6.30pm (normal surgery hours).

The CHC asked for MIU service for 4hrs on Saturday , Sundays and Bank Holidays, however it was unlikely these hours would be provided by GPs but proposed to be provided by a 3rd party of GP standard.

Councillor Mrs Thomas said the New Health Minister had stated that more health services would be provided in the community; therefore surely our Tenby MIU service would ease the pressure on Withybush A&E department. Unfortunately the LHB felt the services the Tenby Nurse practitioners provide were vitally needed in Haverfordwest as they were short of specialist nurse and it is vital to maintain the main A&E services.

Councillor Blackhall joined the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Thomas asked what TTC and SEPCHN could do next to support and to retain Tenby MIU. Following further discussion it was suggested that TTC request a meeting with the LHB and local GPs to request their views of the new proposal. It was

Resolved that TTC write and request a meeting between Mr Chris Martin Chairman, Hywel Dda Health Board and local GPs to discuss their views and proposed actions in relation to the CHC proposals for Tenby MIU.

Councillor Mrs Thomas said TTC would like Mr Wales to know how much they appreciate all the work he has done and advice he has provided on behalf of all locals in the community.

Mr Wales said if the LHB accept the CHC proposals there would be no further Welsh Assembly Health Minister involvement.

The Mayor thanked Mr Wales for all the information he had provided.

498. APOLOGIES

None noted.

499. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor Dr P Easy declared personal interests in item 6c. Councillor L Blackhall, Councillor T Hallett, Councillor Mrs Lane, Councillor Mrs Rossiter Councillor Dr P Easy and Councillor Mrs Brown declared a personal interest in item 9.

500. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter, 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.

501. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 16th April 2013 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:

471 – Tenby Horse and Carriage.

Councillor Mrs Putwain attempted to park in Tudor Square.

502. MATTERS ARISING

St Catherine's Island

Councillor Mrs Thomas asked if it is possible to change TTC resolution following new information received from Mr Prosser on St Catherine's Island at the last TTC meeting. The Clerk outlined that in Councillors Standing Orders and Regulations it states following receipt of new information, if it is radically different, the original resolution can be changed within the normal six month period.

Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed that in light of new information TTC are now not opposed to the plans going forward and request to debate the St Catherine's Island planning application further, seconded by Councillor A Brown.

Councillor Blackhall felt surprised by the comment made by Mr Prosser that the bridge between Castle Hill and St Catherine's Island was fait accompli ten years ago. The Clerk reported he had discussed this same information with Mr R Scourfield PCNPA who explained no planning application for a bridge from Castle Hill to St Catherine's Island had been contested on appeal. Mr. Scourfield had said that a policy relating to bridge access at St Catherines had been removed from the draft Local Plan back in the late 1990s – the inspector felt that the policy was too

prescriptive and supported the owner's objection to the policy. Mr Scourfield felt this should not read as implicit acceptance of the principle of a bridge as much has changed in the ensuing years and any application will be judged against current statute and guidance, as well as public representations received.

Councillor Blackhall said in view of the radically different information obtained by the Clerk to the information received from Mr Prosser he felt TTC still needed more information and clarification of certain points before an amendment could be made. He proposed TTC wait before amending the original decision on planning application NP/13/0071, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane.

The Mayor proceeded to take a vote on the second proposal, it was

Resolved that TTC do not amend their original decision on planning application NP/13/0071 at this time.

Councillor M Evans abstained from the vote.

471 – Tenby Horse and Carriage

Councillor Mrs Putwain asked if any information had been received from Mr M Owen PCC in relation to the horse and carriage licences held as it had been reported to her by a member of the public that no licence is displayed on the vehicle.

The Clerk reported he is still awaiting feedback from Mr M Owen in relation to the horse and carriage licences; however he had received documentation from the service provider and in addition he was aware that the vehicle had an alternative licence to the regular taxi license.

Councillor Mrs Putwain reported she had personally written a reply to the recent letter published in the Tenby Observer relating to an incident that occurred in Tudor Square Tenby.

485 – Fixed Penalty for Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported he had contacted Mr Hayes as requested by Councillors; he confirmed the fixed penalty fine was set in 1991 at £75 by Central Government, however under the Clean Neighbourhood Act if a Dog Control Order is undertaken and set in place the local County Council could set their own fine, with £75 as the default starting point.

488 – Media Item

The Clerk reported he had found the survey noted by Councillor M Evans reporting a Tenby Beach in the top ten of beaches to visit. The information was provided by a Wales Online survey in:

- 2012 they recommended 20 beaches to visit.
- 2013 they left it to the public to decide and comment. Tenby Castle Beach was 7th. Barafundle Bay was 1st and New Gale also ranked above Tenby. Saundersfoot was 11th.

Councillor Mrs Lane felt that Castle Beach was one of the busiest beaches mentioned in the survey.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported that many years ago the Rotary Organisation organised a clean-up of pebbles on the beaches. Noting that she has never seen as many stones on Tenby South

Beach as at present and felt a similar operation could be planned to clear away some of these stones.

The Mayor said the stones are always there it is the excessive amount of sand that had been moved by the wind and tidal pattern from on top of the stones; however it will be rectified naturally.

Councillor Mrs Lane felt that we should all be careful what we take away and the marine life that may be disturbed.

Councillor W Rossiter said the stones originally came from Giltar Quarry and he also had never seen so many stones on South Beach. He enquired if there is a machine that can gather the stones up and move them to the other end of the beach to act as a barrier.

The Clerk reported he is aware that the Harbourmaster has to gain special permission and licenses to move any sand in and around the harbour; however he would make enquiries in relation to movement of the stones. It was

Resolved that the Clerk make enquiries in relation to the possibility of moving the excess amount of stones on Tenby South Beach.

489 – Street Trading/’A’ Boards

The Clerk reported Mr M Owen PCC Street Care department would be available for a meeting with TTC either the afternoon of 7th May 2013 or any time on 8th May 2013. Following discussion it was

Resolved that the meeting between TTC and Mr M Owen be arranged for 7th May 2013, the exact time to be forwarded to Councillors by e-mail.

503. PLANNING APPLICATION

a.NP/13/ 0147 – Listed Building – Mr and Mrs John Mckellar, 7 The Norton, Tenby – Removal of part slate, part render on rear elevation, removal of existing render on front elevation and replacement with new render. Reinstatement of upper stairwell sash window. Opening of partition between front and back parlours, 7 The Norton, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor W Rossiter felt very strongly that the slate on the side of the building is part of Tenby architecture, it looks better as it is weathered and he mentioned several buildings that have recently renewed their slate successfully. He proposed refusal of the planning application, requesting they retain the slate because it is the heart of Tenby architecture. Councillor Blackhall understood Councillor Rossiter’s point, however he wondered how it is viewed from an architectural point of view and is it something TTC should be looking to protect in a Conservation Area, in view of these considerations he seconded Councillor Rossiter’s proposal.

Councillor Rapi noted TTC approved the removal of slate and replacement with render on another property at the last meeting, he felt TTC could not be seen to pick and choose which properties they approve or refuse. Conservation rules apply to all properties within the allocated area. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the previous property approved for the same work was also a listed building in the conservation area.

Councillor Dr Easy noted that the Planning Authority had documented no concerns when pre-application advice was discussed and it is noted in the accompanying planning application documentation.

Councillor Mrs Lane reminded Councillors that slate was removed from the De Valence building during refurbishment in the past.

Councillor Evans agreed with all Councillors views that there are many important features in the town that he would fight to retain, however this is at the rear of the house and neighbouring properties are rendered. He said the internal planning application is important for the well-being of people living in the property. TTC should seek PCNPA advice in the future in relation to the architectural value by retaining the slate on buildings. Councillor Evans proposed approval as it will improve the grouping appearance of the street scene, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane.

On the basis of the second proposal Councillor Blackhall withdrew his support to the first proposal; however he would welcome clarification and information from PCNPA in relation to the architectural value of retaining slate.

Councillor W Rossiter felt it is a beautiful building whether it is the front or rear of the building and we should consider the value of retaining features. Councillor Mrs Rossiter seconded the original proposal.

The Mayor took a vote on the counter proposal from Councillor Evans, vote nine for, two against, therefore it was

RECOMMEND

Approval as the proposal will match existing properties within the street scene.

Councillor Mrs Brown requested the Clerk seek information from PCNPA in relation to architectural view of slate covering on walls.

b.NP/13/0148 – Miss Emma McMillan, Loveston Mill, Loveston – Erection of porch with cloakroom, The Barn, Meadow Farm, Northcliffe, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Lane proposed approval, seconded by Councillor A Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor Dr Easy left the chamber.

c..NP/13/0160 – Mr John Robson, Astoria, Serpentine Road, Tenby – Demolition of existing rear extension and replace with new rear single storey kitchen extension, Astoria, Serpentine Road, Tenby.

Remaining Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed approval as it will enhance the building, seconded by Councillor A Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval as this will enhance the building.

Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor Dr Easy re-joined the meeting.

The Clerk circulated a letter to all Councillors that had been received in relation to the following planning application.

d..NP/13/0138 – TCW Property Partnership, 185 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff – Conversion, extension and change of use to provide four residential units, 46 High Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application in great detail expressing concern in relation to the size of the project and effect on adjoining premises. Councillor Mrs Lane proposed deferral for a site meeting with the relevant officers due to the size of the development in a sensitive area, seconded by Councillor A Brown.

RECOMMEND

Deferral, due to the scale of the development within a sensitive location of the town, requesting a site meeting to discuss the proposals with the relevant National Parks officers to better visualise its impact on the area and adjacent properties.

504. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA – Request for tree work at Wallsfield Lane, Tenby.

The Mayor outlined the background to this request for tree work provided clarification. It was

Resolved to note the information.

505. CORRESPONDENCE

a.Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – March minutes

Councillor Mrs Lane reported that she had been informed of a letter being sent to local businesses offering them to use the planned local market in Tudor Square. She was under the impression that the market was for local craft and produce stalls. Offering it to all could start a traders' war and this should be prevented insuring the initial proposed criteria are adhered to.

Councillor Evans, as a member of Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism, reported that the market was for local craft and produce stalls to be provided inside the town walls. This would mean businesses trading these items outside the town walls could also trade inside the town walls. Therefore the overall aim is for quality produce to be brought into town and ultimately increasing more visitors to Tenby. Councillor Mrs Lane proposed acceptance of the Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism - March minutes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – March minutes are noted.

b. Ben Blake, PCC (via e-mail) – Norton Bus and Caravan sign

The Clerk reported that following TTC walk about with Mr B Blake PCC, a sign was requested on the Norton, Tenby noting restricted access for Buses and Caravans within the town walls. The signage he has proposed was in line with legislation. Following lengthy discussion it was felt that the sign was too big and less signage should be used in Tenby not more. Various alternative sites for the signage were discussed and dismissed by Councillors. Councillor Mrs Lane proposed that on reflection TTC felt the signage is too large and wished to remain with the signage at present, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC felt the signage would be too large and spoil the view from Tenby North Beach, opting to retain the original signage.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillors Mrs Putwain asked that it be noted that they disagreed with the resolution.

506. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Dr P Easy reported he had attended St Teilo's School Governors meeting where the main discussion was relating to the school finance budget.

Councillor Mrs Lane reported about the recent donation of four flower planters for Tenby Railway Station from Arriva, who have in addition allocated a painting day in May/June to paint the station posts. Volunteers are requested on the same day to paint the railings and posts outside the platforms, the exact date will be arranged shortly. Plants will be inserted into the planters during May/June depending on the weather.

507. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Dr Easy reported on the Pembrokeshire Food awards in the Tenby Observer noting that the Blue Ball Restaurant received an award; he proposed TTC send a letter to the proprietors congratulating them on their achievement, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that a letter is sent to the proprietors of the Blue Ball Restaurant, Tenby, congratulating them on their recent Pembrokeshire Food award.

508. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

The Clerk reported notification of a vehicle road closure 1st May 2013 in St Julian Street from 18.00 hrs – 21.00 hrs for resurfacing of the road and Church Street will be closed to vehicles from 16.00 hrs on 13th May to 22.00 hrs on 14th May for gas main replacement. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout both closure periods.

Tenby Youth Club under the leadership of Mandy and Leah successfully carried out the Graffiti Wall Mural project at the Jubilee Play Park during the Easter Holiday period. They successfully obtained grant funding for the project from Pembrokeshire Youth Bank and PCC Regeneration. The Youth Club worked with a graffiti artist to design the mural before working with him to transpose the idea onto the wall. The finished project is a credit to their team work. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC write to Tenby Youth Club to congratulate them on a very successful project, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that TTC send a letter to Mandy, Leah and Tenby Youth Club members congratulating them on the successful Graffiti Art work mural at the Jubilee Play and Skate Park.

The Clerk reported a request had been received to site a second waste bin inside Tenby New Cemetery. County Councillor Evans said he will sort this request if the Clerk could e-mail the request to him during the week.

Resolved that County Councillor Evans will sort the request for a second waste bin inside Tenby New Cemetery.

509. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Friday 10th May 2013 at 6pm, this will be the Annual General Meeting.

510. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Tenby Footpath – Councillor W Rossiter.

South Beach Development – Councillor P Rapi.

Tenby Business Rates – Councillor A Brown.

511. 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.

512. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 16th April 2013 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

513. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

514. DE VALENCE EXPENDITURE

Councillor Evans felt TTC should be thinking very carefully about any further financial expenditure on the De Valence.

Councillor Mrs Lane gave an update on the De Valence Pavilion (Tenby) Trust, explaining things had slightly changed and the new bank account will be open and usable in the next five to ten days. A Business Plan had been created by Councillor Dr Easy and the Charity status number will follow very shortly.

Councillor Evans felt that before any further expenditure is spent on the De Valence a wish list should be drawn up and look at where the funds can be accessed from. Many grants are available for the Trust to apply for and hopefully utilised for any further improvements. He felt that the tendering process for all works ensures that the best value for money is achieved.

The Mayor said everyone needs to be flexible with all the DVP (Tenby) Trust and TTC members working together to achieve the best for Tenby rate payers.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____