

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30th September 2014

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Lane	Mayor
Councillor P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor Dr P Easy	
Councillor W Rossiter	
Councillor T Hallett	
Councillor H Johns	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Clerk reported the Mayor was delayed and asked Councillors to propose someone to chair the meeting until she arrives.

Councillor Hallett proposed Deputy Mayor Councillor Rapi take the chair, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that Deputy Mayor Councillor Rapi Chair TTC meeting as the Mayor was delayed.

191. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Putwain, Councillor L Blackhall, Councillor Mrs Thomas, Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor M Evans.

192. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None noted.

The Clerk indicated that planning application NP/14/0504 related to a neighbouring property to his. He would leave the Chamber when this matter was discussed.

193. ITEMS TO PRESS

The Clerk reported he had sent to Councillors by e-mail a copy of a neighbouring property's concern in relation to planning application NP/14/0483. In addition he had received a second letter from another neighbour and asked if it was Councillors wish to consider both letters at this meeting. Councillor Hallett proposed to accept the neighbour's letters relating to planning application NP/14/0483, seconded by Councillor Mrs 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Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present, with the additional letters relating to planning application NP/14/0483.

194. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 16th September 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

195. MATTERS ARISING

155 – Pembrokeshire Tourism

Councillor Mrs Brown previously asked if TTC had received any correspondence in relation to ideas for the action plan to promote tourism in Tenby. As nothing had been forthcoming she felt Councillor Evans' previous suggestion that TTC should be pro-active and focus ideas to produce a one year, three year and five year action plan for the town, should be seriously considered. The last action plan was produced in 2006 and, in light of the present economic climate, it would be a positive approach for the future in Tenby. An action plan would assist greatly when applications are made for grant funding; however she stated that TTC cannot work on the project alone and needs all local groups and organisations to work together to bring collective ideas together.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter agreed that the way forward to promote Tenby is to consult and work with local organisations and bodies to achieve a positive goal.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt Tenby Action Plan should be placed on the next agenda for full discussion on the way forward. It was

Resolved that Tenby Action Plan be placed on the next agenda.

162 – Dog sign provision in Tenby

Councillor W Rossiter asked the Clerk for a report following the meeting with Mr M Dennis, Beach Warden, PCC.

The Clerk reported Mr Dennis felt the signage on Castle Beach was adequate. He stated that money is very limited for any major changes and to achieve this he would need written evidence to take to PCC to prove the need as he is not aware of any serious concerns. However he did agree to look into providing 'stop and go' signs on the fingerpost at the entrance to the South Beach from the car park.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt sad that Mr Dennis knew there was no funding for the TTC request before he arrived and therefore he had no money for new signage to try and deliver the serious dog fouling message in a humorous way as suggested by the Mayor at an earlier meeting.

Councillor W Rossiter felt strongly that the Castle Beach signage is inadequate and it should clearly state dogs permitted on leads to embark onto Caldey boats only.

The Clerk reported Mr Dennis said there are four dog ban signs already in situ on Castle Beach, therefore it is very unlikely additional signs will be added.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter agreed that TTC should consider placing a sign of its own as people are often laden with beach items and miss the smaller signage.

Councillor Johns felt perhaps the Caldey boat owners would be able to assist with providing information about dogs on leads when embarking, as men are present at the base of the ramp when loading and unloading.

Councillor Hallett asked if consideration could be made to putting an 'App' on the dog signs in this day and age of technology. We need to be more forward thinking and use the services of the modern smart phone appliances.

The Mayor arrived and took the chair.

Councillor Mrs Brown summed up the dog signage by stating people need to write or e-mail Mr Dennis, Beach Warden, PCC, with their individual views or evidence of the need to justify the need for additional funding from PCC.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed TTC discuss with PCC the possibility of TTC providing a sign on Castle Beach, stating 'no dogs - unless on a lead to embark on Caldey boats', seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC discuss with PCC the possibility of providing a sign on Castle Beach, stating 'no dogs - unless on a lead to embark on Caldey boats'.

175d – Planning Application – NP/14/0454 Royal British Legion, Tenby

Councillor Hallett reported he was aware that planning application NP/14/0454 Royal British Legion, Tenby was discussed at the last TTC; however he had been made aware of sightings of bats in the building and asked if TTC could put a further comment through to PCNPA. The Clerk responded stating he felt Councillor Hallett could ring PCNPA office and submit the additional information personally; therefore if Councillor Hallett wished to call into TTC office he would assist with forwarding the information to the relevant department.

183 – Tenby Town Walls

Councillor W Rossiter asked if any response had been received from Mr R Scourfield, PCNPA in relation to concerns about weeds growing on Tenby Town Walls. The Clerk responded stating no further communication had been received.

196. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. NP/14/0483 – Mr Wyndham Collins, Camrose, Holly Hill Lane, Sarisbury Green, Southampton – demolition of existing 2 storey detached dwelling, construction of replacement 2 storey detached dwelling with integrated garage and bat loft, associated landscaping – shearwaters, North Cliff, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application taking into consideration the concerns expressed by neighbouring properties. The Clerk reported that TTC previously had requested a site meeting to discuss concerns expressed with the relevant planning officer; however the application was withdrawn before this meeting took place.

Following further discussion the Mayor proposed TTC again request a site meeting with PCNPA officers to discuss the application in more detail, having noted the concerns of neighbours in relation to scale and mass of the development. She further proposed that these letters of concern be included with TTC's response to the Park, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Deferral as TTC note the concerns expressed by neighbours in relation to scale and massing and request a site meeting with officers to discuss the application in more detail. Copies of both neighbour letters to be forwarded to PCNPA.

b. NP/14/0487 – Mr Richard Pearson, Whitbread Court, Houghton Hall Business Park, Porz Avenue, Dunstable – Erection of external lighting to ground floor elevations and car park associated with Premier Inn, Tenby – Former Royal Gate House Hotel, White Lion Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Dr Easy proposed approval to ensure that the car park meets health and safety standards, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval to ensure that the car park meets health and safety standards.

The Town Clerk left the Chamber prior to consideration of the following application

c. NP/14/0504 – Mr Andrew Salisbury, 38 Lady Park, Tenby – Construction of raised decking area and replacement of an existing window with French doors – 38 Lady Parl, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed refusal on the grounds that the application would not be in keeping with the property frontages within this area, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Refusal on the grounds that the application would not be in keeping with the property frontages within this area.

Councillor Rapi voted against the recommendation.

The Clerk returned to the meeting

d. NP/14/0407 – Mr Phillip Walters, St Mary’s House, St Mary’s Hill, Tenby – Conversion of existing dwelling to 4x3 bedroom self-contained flats – St Mary’s House, St Mary’s Hill, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Hallett proposed approval in line with approval on the previous submission of the application, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter voted against the recommendation.

197. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Miss Anne Alton – Telecommunication provision in Tenby.

The Mayor outlined the request made from Miss Alton prior to Councillors discussing many service providers available in the area.

The Mayor proposed the Clerk write to Miss A Alton outlining councillors’ advice and response on Telecommunication provision in Tenby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the Clerk write to Miss A Alton outlining councillors’ advice and response on Telecommunication provision in Tenby.

b. Tenby Civic society – Copy of letter to Councillor R Lewis, PCC regarding Ironman

Councillor W Rossiter commented on one point within the Civic Society letter asking if there was a way of providing information about Ironman and road closures outside of the local area.

Councillor Hallett felt perhaps Ironman themselves who do a fantastic publicity exercise for Tenby could be made aware of this and add it to their competitors information.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt it was slightly short sighted of some businesses that expressed disappointment and chose to close as many Ironman families stay for the week before and after the event. However the bigger picture is these visitors spend their money at all types of businesses during the duration of their stay. The Mayor added one competitor had visited and stayed in Tenby with his family four times in preparation for the event.

The Clerk reported Mr M Owen, PCC will be carrying out a feedback exercise with everyone involved during the Ironman Event on his return from annual leave.

It was

Resolved that the letter be noted.

c. Rachel Gibby, PCC – Invitation to the launch of Ageing Well in Pembrokeshire

Councillor W Rossiter commented on another initiative launch on a day when the Welsh Assembly budget come out highlighting withdrawing of services.

Following discussion Councillor Hallett proposed Councillor W Rossiter accepts the invitation to the launch of Ageing Well in Pembrokeshire, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that Councillor W Rossiter would attend the launch of ‘Ageing Well in Pembrokeshire’.

d. Laurence Harding, PCC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places/Stations

Councillor Mrs Brown asked why there was a need for a review of polling stations at this time. The Clerk responded stating that under the 1983 Act it is mandatory that a review of accessibility and parking at polling stations is carried out.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt this was a waste of people’s money at this time and could have been assessed and a report filed during the last polling day session.

It was

Resolved that the letter be noted.

e. PCNPA – Community Consultation event on the future priorities of the National Parks Authority – 20th October 2014

Councillor Hallett felt very strongly that we do not want to loose the PCNPA service and views can be sent via the website if people cannot attend.

Councillor W Rossiter said he would try to attend this meeting on the 20th October.

Councillors asked why so many consultation documents are being submitted. The Clerk responded stating that it was due diligence for public bodies to consult with the public to ensure that they were using public funds on what the public wanted.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported that a local had return following a holiday in Cornwall and said thank goodness Pembrokeshire has the PCNPA, after they had viewed building etc in New Quay.

f. Ben Blake, PCC – Signage, The Esplanade

The Clerk outlined that Mr Blake, PCC had responded with a solution to a concern expressed by a resident living at the end of The Esplanade, Tenby in relation to visitors trying to access the car park via the cul-de-sac.

The Mayor said she was aware TTC had asked PCC officers to discuss and review all signage along The Esplanade. The Clerk confirmed County Councillor Evans indicated that PCC officers would be calling a joint meeting with TTC to discuss the signage, parking and traffic issues highlighted by councillors.

The Mayor proposed TTC accept the fast and much needed response to the problem on The Esplanade and she looked forward to the review meeting with PCC on all other signage, parking and traffic issues.

It was unanimously

Resolved that TTC write and thank Mr B Blake, PCC for the fast and much needed solution to the traffic congestion at the end of The Esplanade, Tenby.

198. GRANTS

a. Tenby Sea Cadets – Cadet participation on Richards TS Royalist trip 2014

The Clerk distributed copies of the Tenby Sea Cadet accounts as required in TTC grant policy. Councillors reviewed the accounts and grant request.

The Mayor proposed TTC make a donation of £195 and asked if Cadet Crowney-Richards would like to visit the Chamber to give councillors a talk about his trip on his return, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, TTC donate £195 to Tenby Sea Cadets for participation on Richards TS Royalist trip 2014.

Resolved that TTC write and invite Tenby Sea Cadet Crowney-Richards to the Chamber to give councillors a talk about his trip on his return.

199. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that two Arts Festival events had been held in the De Valence last week. New front doors have been fitted and replacement carpet is in the process of being laid. Bingo is still running every Wednesday evening.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported on the recent Wales in Bloom awards ceremony she attended with the Mayor and was pleased to receive a Silver Gilt Award; however she personally felt that

Tenby should not be classified in the 'Small Country Town' category but should be in a 'Seaside Town' category along with Saundersfoot.

The Mayor added that in Britain in Bloom Tenby is in the 'Coastal Resorts' category. She continued by thanking everyone for helping this year with so many more businesses and individuals getting involved and taking pride in Tenby, their town. The Britain in Bloom awards ceremony will be taking place in Bristol on the 16th October 2014.

She continued reporting on the recent reception held in the Mayor's Parlour to welcome Sydney Welsh Choir following a request and information from a local hotelier about their visit. They were performing at St John's Church Tenby on the following day.

Councillor Hallett congratulated all the Tenby in Bloom team on their achievements and incredible work they put in for the benefit of Tenby.

200. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Rapi reported on the Greenhill Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October 2014 and invited all Councillors to attend if they were available.

201. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. National Park Management Plan 2015-2019

Councillor Dr Easy said the National Park Management Plan 2015-2019 was a very long detailed document and not an operational plan. However he was a little confused following the document discussed earlier in the meeting noting the consultation on the future priorities of the PCNPA. If they are discussing the possibility of reducing some services how could TTC support or adopt a five year consultation plan prior to the Community Consultation event. Therefore he proposed TTC wait until the consultation has been undertaken, await the confirmation of changes and then review PCNPA revised five year Management Plan for 2015-2019, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC wait until the consultation has been undertaken, await the confirmation of changes and then review PCNPA revised five year Management Plan for 2015-2019.

b. Consultation White Paper – Reforming Local Government

Councillor Dr Easy congratulated the Clerk on his excellent document prepared following reading the White Paper on Reforming Local Government. He felt the Clerk's recommendation was sensible and the only one possible. He continued highlighted the areas the Clerk had mentioned that will have a significant affect on TTC in the future.

Councillor Dr Easy proposed TTC agree the recommendation made by the Clerk and asked the Clerk to maintain councillors awareness of information as it evolves, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC accept the recommendation made by the Clerk and asked the Clerk to maintain councillors awareness of information as it evolves

c. PCC (Via e-mail) – Budget consultation meeting, County Hall

The Clerk reminded councillors of the forthcoming meeting arranged at PCC for the 14th October and the 23rd October in relation to PCC budget cuts. The Mayor and the Clerk will be attending the second meeting; however as the first meeting is a TTC meeting and quarterly the Mayor asked if any Councillor was happy to attend. Councillor Dr Easy would be happy to attend.

It was

Resolved that the following TTC representatives would attend the budget consultation meeting, Councillor Dr Easy and Councillor Blackhall if available would attend on the 14th October 2014 and the Mayor and the Clerk attend on the 23rd October 2014.

d. Road Prohibition – Cobb Lane

The Clerk reported a road prohibition order will occur in Cobb Lane for three days commencing on the 16th October 2014, to allow essential Gas main works.

202. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will be a Quarterly and take place on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.00pm.

203. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Narberth Road Island Crossing – Councillor Rapi and Councillor Johns.

Fire Engine accessibility in Tenby Streets – Councillor Hallett.

204. 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.

205. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 16th September 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

206. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____