

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd March 2015

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Ms L Cartwright	Planned
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The Mayor welcomed Ms Liz Cartwright from Planned, who attended to give advice on the best way forward to update Tenby Action Plan.

The Clerk explained Councillor Mrs Brown had asked if the Tenby Action Plan could be updated as the present plan is dated 2007 and requires revisiting and revising before updating.

Councillor Blackhall explained that several Tenby groups are working together on town regeneration projects and community management initiatives for the benefit of locals and visitors. He felt encouraging all the community to be involved whilst developing a new action plan would have a positive effect on how locals work together for the benefit of the town.

Ms Cartwright explained Planned has had their European funding cut this year and staff cuts have inevitably occurred. However they would be pleased to assist Tenby in the venture to update the action plan within their present budget limits. Various ways can be undertaken to obtain community feedback and instead of running workshops it may be a better option to produce a questionnaire. Planned would be happy to work with a group on formulating the questionnaire, printing and collate the findings. Delivery of the questionnaires would be down to TTC or she suggested setting up a Community Forum Team to drive the initiative.

She continued by explaining that Planned would be prepared to organise workshops on specific ideas following the findings report. Local people with an interest in the specific field highlighted would be invited to attend and Planned would be happy to run these sessions.

Councillors collectively felt the workshop approach has been tried several times before, and it simply does not seem to work in Tenby. Councillor Mrs Brown felt perhaps using the smaller groups, clubs and organisation may be a way forward, as they may have different ideas and expectations for the town.

The Mayor explained locals from 12 to 82 years of age work during the main holiday season and therefore do not have time to give additional voluntary hours, other than the ones they are already committed to. It seems to be now when you ask people to volunteer help they are able to give monetary donations but time is more difficult to give as everyone is so busy and understandably so.

Councillor Blackhall explained that Tenby is extremely fortunate with the amount of voluntary hours given by so many people to groups and organisations that it is difficult to ask for more hours for a different reason as you are asking the same people all the time.

Following further discussion it was decided that the questionnaire approach was a way forward and TTC would look at the example questionnaires provided by Planed and formulate a specific one for Tenby. The Clerk would then liaise with Ms Cartwright to progress to the next step of formulating a questionnaire for printing.

Councillor Johns felt involving the local newspaper would be an advantage to create awareness of the project and aid as a reminder for promptness in returning the questionnaires, once they have been delivered.

Ms Cartwright discussed the possibility of financial assistance from TTC for photocopying costs and the action plan brochure. Councillor Mrs Brown said at this present time TTC are mindful of the present service cut being made at PCC level; therefore TTC would not be in a position to commit to financial assistance now but would keep it in mind for the future.

Councillor Blackhall expressed a little concern that when the Action Plan is completed he did not want it to just be a list of things people would like to happen. He would like to see the next steps included how these ideas can be achieved, with a clear set of action guidelines.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt TTC ultimate aim is to engage the community into working together on projects for the benefit of Tenby. This would give a collective vision for proposed ideas in Tenby and an action plan would provide the documentation.

The Mayor summed up the discussion by outlining the plan of action:

- TTC will look at developing a questionnaire
- The Clerk will liaise with Ms L Cartwright once a proposed questionnaire is prepared

The Mayor thanked Ms Cartwright for attending and providing information, before she left the chamber.

381. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Thomas.

382. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None noted at this time.

383. ITEMS TO PRESS

The Clerk reported he had three residents' letters relating to NP/15/0085 and asked if councillors were happy to consider the information along with the planning application. Councillor Hallett proposed to accept the three resident's letters relating to planning application NP/15/0085, 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 three residents' letters relating to planning application NP/15/0085.

384. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 17th February 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

385. MATTERS ARISING

347a – PCC – Registration Services – Outstation Service

Councillor Blackhall asked if any response had been received following PCC proposal to close registrar outstation services. Councillor Dr Easy felt it was probably too soon to receive a response as it was a consultation document and the closing date may not have passed. The Clerk confirmed the consultation closing date was the 27th February 2015; therefore a response would be expected in due course.

347f – Pembrokeshire LSB –Public Services in Pembrokeshire Event, Letterston 24th March 2015

The Clerk reported Councillor Mrs Thomas had asked if Councillors had any questions they wished her to present at the Local Services Board meeting.

Councillors discussed the planned meeting and felt Councillor Mrs Thomas was the best Councillor to formulate Health Service Questions. It was

Resolved that TTC felt Councillor Mrs Thomas was in the best position to ask relevant questions relating to Health Service concerns on their behalf.

The Clerk added he would be attending the meeting along with Councillor Mrs Thomas. He was aware that she may have questions to present on behalf of the SEPCHN committee following their meeting schedule for the 17th March at 2pm in New Hedges Village Hall, where they will be discussing the LSB services event.

351 – Media Items

The Clerk reported Tenby Town Council Facebook page has now gone live. The page has received 169 likes already, and been used for information purposes to inform the public about the pedestrianisation questionnaire proposal to extend the duration of the pedestrianisation scheme.

352 – White Lion/Norton junction

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported she had attended the White Lion/Norton junction site meeting along with fellow Councillors and the Town Clerk. Mr Bengier, Engineering Development Officer, PCC was of the same mind as everyone present that the corner in question requires chamfering and there was no need for the additional signage post. The paving slabs outside the Premier Inn/Poundland shop frontage were an issue and Mr Bengier has agreed by e-mail to discuss all three issues with Whitbread Contractors and feedback to TTC in due course.

Councillor Hallett said the option of placing bollards on the paved area outside the Premier Inn and Poundland would be considered to stop people parking on the pavement.

Councillor W Rossiter reported that he had heard the Government were in the process of passing a law preventing any vehicle parking on pavements.

354 – PCNPA – LDP progress report/development sites

Councillor Blackhall reported St Mary's Church had no plans to sell the Rectory Car Park for building purposes and therefore they had no wish to remain within the Local Development Plan.

Councillor Hallett asked if any further information had been received from PCNPA following TTC response relating to the Brynhir site. The Clerk reported he had been in contact with Ms M Dunn, PCNPA and she is willing to meet with councillors either pre a council meeting or she would prefer a daytime meeting if possible.

Following discussion it was felt Councillor Evans had requested the meeting; therefore perhaps the Clerk could arrange the meeting when he was available and all other councillors arrange to attend on the proposed date. It was

Resolved that the Clerk liaise and arrange a meeting with Ms M Dunn, PCNPA on a date Councillor Evans is able to attend.

357c – Welsh Assembly Reforming Local Government White Paper

The Clerk reported Councillor Dr Easy as Chairman of TTC sub-committee has set the date to discuss the Welsh Assembly Reforming Local Government White Paper. A briefing paper had been prepared for the meeting and a copy was available for all councillors.

Councillor Mrs Lane and Councillor Hallett gave their apologies for the meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 2pm, due to prior engagements.

368b – One Voice Wales – Membership of One Voice Wales 2015-16

The Clerk reported he had spoken to One Voice Wales about the possibility of a reduced membership fee for a longer duration; however they were unable to offer reduced membership

at this time. They did offer for Mr Cadwalader to attend a TTC meeting to discuss the importance of becoming a member.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC become members of One Voice Wales during this very important time of Town and Community Council reform, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC become members of One Voice Wales and pay the membership fees of £385.50 for 2015-16.

370 – Media Items

Councillor Mrs Rossiter said following reading of the information about the South Beach Beacon it made her think where have all our other historical pieces gone? She referred to the Beatrix Potter plaque that was promised by the developer on completion of the Croft Development. However she was aware the developer had gone out of business and Mr Birt had been in discussions about the plaque to no avail.

Councillor Mrs Brown mentioned the Royal Gate House and Victorian Pier railings have also disappeared.

Councillor Hallett and the Town Clerk reported Tenby Civic Society have been, and are still trying to get the Beatrix Potter commemorative board erected in the old gardens area; and at present they are having little success; however they have explained they will keep trying until their goal is achieved. Councillors asked if the Civic Society would keep TTC informed of their progress to site the Beatrix Potter Commemorative Board.

372 – Tenby Luncheon Club

The Clerk reported he had been in contact with Mrs R Gibby, PCC to make enquiries about setting up a luncheon club. Mrs Gibby explained PCC will subsidise a meal by £1.50 a fortnight for a charity/constituted group for people over the age of sixty.

The Mayor and Councillor Brown felt this was information that could be passed onto either the Tenby Friendship Group or Augustus Place Residents Association. It was

Resolved that the Clerk pass on the information about luncheon clubs to Tenby Friendship Group or Augustus Place Residents Association.

373b – Community Education Proposal

The Clerk informed Councillors he was aware the two Scrutiny committee meetings called following the proposal for the future of Community Education in Pembrokeshire, had been postponed. He would continue to monitor the situation and report back to members, as this potentially could impact on library and youth centre provisions in the town.

Councillor Mrs Putwain asked if TTC had sent a letter to the PCC Scrutiny Committee in support of keeping our town library, adult education and youth facilities. She felt it was very important for TTC to be pro active whilst these discussions are being undertaken.

The Mayor felt TTC should keep abreast of all information relating to these services and the Clerk will inform councillors as new information about the scrutiny committee meetings becomes available.

373c – Temporary School Governor positions for the Tenby Infants School

The Clerk reported he has been informed of Councillor Blackhall's resignation from the Tenby Infants School Governors. Following discussion at the last TTC meeting he had discussed the possibility of Councillor Mrs Durham being put forward as the Temporary Tenby Infant School until the amalgamation/transfer to the new school.

Councillor Mrs Durham said she was happy to be put forward as TTC representative for the position of Tenby Infants School Governor until the new school is established.

Councillor Hallett proposed Councillor Mrs Durham is put forward as TTC representative for the position of Tenby Infants School Governor, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Durham is put forward as TTC representative for the position of Tenby Infants School Governor, until the new school is established.

386. REPORT ON TENBY RETAIL ECONOMY

The Clerk reported he had omitted Councillor Mrs Thomas from the list of attendees on the Tenby retail economy report.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt it was good to hear many varied views during the meeting and she hoped it would be a positive move forward to address some of the concerns expressed.

The Mayor felt she agreed with some points; however she was not against charity shops, they are very worthwhile causes raising money for others and without them undertaking this form of trading we would have more empty shops. The charity shops having free rates does cause upset to some but the system has to be balanced.

Councillor Mrs Brown disagreed as she felt charity shops deter other businesses opening. Tenby has several charity shops in prominent trading positions in the town and some of them are big national charities. She felt they should pay part rates and although she is aware it is legal for them to buy in new goods to sell, she did feel this was unfair to businesses selling similar or the same products.

Councillors discussed other items within the report before it was

Resolved that the report be noted.

387. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed Planning Applications NP/15/0079 and NP/15/0089 be discussed together and Planning Application NP/15/0104 and NP/15/0105 be discussed together, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

Resolved that Planning Applications NP/15/0079 and NP/15/0089 be discussed together and Planning Application NP/15/0104 and NP/15/0105 be discussed together.

Councillor Mrs Brown, Councillor Mrs Putwain and Councillor Mrs Durham declared a personal interest on Planning Applications NP/15/0079. Cllrs. Mrs Putwain and Durham are representatives on the Trustees of Tenby Charities which own properties in Deer Park while Cllr. Mrs. Brown's husband lets one of these properties from the Trustees. The three councillors did not consider these interests to be prejudicial.

a.NP/15/0079 – Mrs Sophie Evans, Coastal Cottages of Pembrokeshire Ltd., Coastal House, Narberth Road, Haverfordwest – Change of use from A2 (holiday and activity booking office) to C3 (holiday let accommodation) 13 Deer Park, Greenhill Road, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

c.NP/15/0089/LBA - Mrs Sophie Evans, Coastal Cottages of Pembrokeshire Ltd., Coastal House, Narberth Road, Haverfordwest – Change of use from A2 (holiday and activity booking office) to C3 (holiday let accommodation) including internal alterations and provision of rear balcony 13 Deer Park, Greenhill Road, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

b.NP/15/0085 – Mr Peter Prosser, tenby Island Project, Rowan, Narberth Road, Tenby – Change of use of fort and island to visitor attraction uses including C!, D1 and D2 with gift, food and drink and retail uses A1 and A3. Change of use of generator house to ticket and retail use A1 and A3. Restore/replace railings, install 2 cranes, 2 boat landings, construct security residence use C3, construct toilet and pumping facilities, install cliff nature walk, signage, path lighting, operations lighting, replace fort entrance bridge, install services, repair stairs and install new, install CCTV, St Catherine's Island, Castle Beach, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application, taking time to read the three letters submitted for consideration from neighbours and Tenby Civic Society. Councillor Blackhall felt the document had insufficient information about the ultimate end use of the facility.

Discussion took place about the mentioning of the bridge from Castle Hill to St Catherine's Island.

Councillor Rapi expressed concerns relating to evacuation of the site in the event of a major incident if it is used for overnight hotel accommodation.

Councillor Mrs Brown expressed concerns relating to Health and Safety issues and the hours of opening stating she felt it should close at 11pm. Councillor Mrs Putwain felt the neighbours' letters suggesting the facility to close at 11pm was still a generous offer.

Councillor Blackhall along with other councillors felt they would love to see the fort open; however they still had concerns about certain things included in the planning application.

Following a detailed and lengthy discussion.

Councillor Blackhall proposed refusal on the grounds that the application lacks clarity about the eventual end use making it difficult to assess the full impact of the proposal, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Refusal on the following ground:

- 1) – The application lacks information on the end usage yet seeks the broadest possible approval.**
- 2) – The application implies a need for a bridge without providing any further information or design.**
- 3) – The application fails to acknowledge that a bridge would be an entirely separate application and in no way influenced by the content of this application**
- 4) – The proposed opening hours are inconsistent with the local residential area**

d.NP/15/0104 – Mr and Mrs P Cann, 3 Frogmore Villas, Lower Frog Street, Tenby – Partial demolition and rebuilding of rear extension; internal alterations, 3 Frogmore Villas, Lower Frog Street, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Hallett asked if an archaeological survey should be recommended. Councillor Blackhall commented on how close the development would be to the Town Walls. Councillor Mrs Durham felt the proposed development was no higher than present walls.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

e.NP/15/0105/LBA – Mr and Mrs P Cann, 3 Frogmore Villas, Lower Frog Street, Tenby – Partial demolition and rebuilding of rear extension; internal alterations, 3 Frogmore Villas, Lower Frog Street, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Blackhall commented on how close the development would be to the Town Walls. Councillor Mrs Durham felt the proposed development was no higher than present walls. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

f.NP/15/0106 – Tenby United RFC, Upper Frog Street, Tenby – Retrospective application for erection of portacabin on site to serve refreshments and alcohol to members and guests, Tenby United RFC Rugby Ground, Heywood Lane, Tenby.

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

RECOMMEND

Approval.

Councillor Hallett noted another retrospective planning application and requested that PCNPA again remind applicants of the criteria and procedure to follow when considering planning applications

g.NP/15/0054 – Mr T Melia, Apartment 9, Water’s Edge, Battery Road, The Burrows, Tenby – Single storey extension to the east elevation of apartment 9, Water’s Edge, Battery Road, The Burrows, Tenby.

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Blackhall proposed refusal as the application would change the aesthetic and integral original design intended for the development, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

RECOMMEND

Refusal as the application would fundamentally change the original integral and aesthetic design of the building.

388. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA - Tree works – TPO 61 (G1) Gas Lane and The Butts, Tenby

Councillor Hallett reported as tree warden that a survey and inspection had been previously carried out. Therefore he recommended approval of the proposed tree works on health and safety grounds, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC recommend approval of the proposed tree works.

389. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Mr John Griffiths – Copy of letter sent to Mr Ian Westley, PCC regarding reserved parking bays in Tenby multi-storey.

Councillor Hallett outlined the information relating to Barnet Council court case which ruled that residents’ parking permit revenue raised in one area of Barnet could not be used on traffic related projects elsewhere in Barnet. He felt Tenby residents were being penalised as Haverfordwest multi storey car park permits are cheaper and yet both car parks require similar maintenance costs. The Clerk outlined for councillors that the Barnet Council court case information, was the reason County Councillor Evans had requested information on the

revenue generated from Tenby parking, as he feels it should be spent in Tenby and not used to subsidise parking elsewhere in Pembrokeshire.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt the letter from a former Town Councillor was excellent and should be noted and kept on file until a response is received from PCC.

Councillor Johns was aware people have to request a seasonal permit by the 9th March 2015 to guarantee a space. It is not fair on locals having to pay such high fees because they live in a seaside town, compared to other Pembrokeshire areas.

Councillor Mrs Durham said residents who live within the town walls are being penalised by having to pay high parking fees for a space in the multi-storey car park. They have no off street parking or the facility to have a residents bay parking permit. The options for these people are very limited and means they inevitably pay for a multi-storey reserved bay permit to ensure a place to park. Therefore she felt consideration should be given to negotiate a separate rate for these residents.

Councillor Mrs Durham proposed TTC write to Mr I Westley and request consideration for a reduced rate multi storey reserved parking bay for Tenby Town Walled residents who do not have access to off street-parking or the facilities to use a residents parking bay, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC write to Mr I Westley request consideration for a reduced rate multi storey reserved parking bay for Tenby Town Walled residents who do not have access to off street-parking or the facilities to use a residents parking bay.

b. Mr Darren Thomas, PCC (via e-mail) – Update on Narberth Road crossing point

Councillors read the update from Mr Darren Thomas, PCC relating to Narberth Road crossing point. It was

Resolved that the information be noted.

c. PCNPA – Park and Ride Services in Tenby

Councillor Mrs Durham said it would be devastating if the park and ride scheme is withdrawn. Locals as well as visitors rely on the scheme to get into town during the season. She felt if the scheme is stopped people will stop coming to town in the summer and will find somewhere else to shop. They then would be very unlikely to return to shop in the winter months.

The Clerk highlighted Councillor Evans had hoped some of the car parking revenue could be used to financially subsidise part of the park and ride scheme.

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt it was madness to be pushing for a trial period to extend the duration of the pedestrianisation scheme, and TTC should make the provision of maintaining the town 'Park and Ride Scheme' a priority.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter said she personally used the park and ride scheme and knew it was used by many families to carry their items down to the beaches. Therefore it is vital TTC fights to keep the service.

Councillor Blackhall proposed TTC write again to request a collective meeting with representatives from PCC, PCNPA, TTC and the Chamber of Trade and Tourism, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that TTC write again to request a collective meeting with representatives from PCC, PCNPA, TTC and the Chamber of Trade and Tourism.

Councillor Mrs Brown suggested Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism may wish to write to PCC and PCNPA and express their concerns at the possible withdrawal of the 'Park and Ride Scheme'.

Councillor Mrs Durham asked for information on who trialled the land train and wondered now with modern technology if the train would be able to negotiate the steep hill. She asked if it would be worth considering a land train as an alternative facility to bring people into town from the outlying car parks if the park and ride scheme is removed.

d. Messrs Deakin and Boswell – St Margaret's Fair

The Mayor explained she had initially discussed ideas with the Chairman of the Showman's Guild about reviving St Margaret's Fair. She thanked these gentlemen for being keen to see the fair back in Tenby but felt TTC needed to go through the right channels to seek the correct permission and licenses.

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if anyone was aware of what permission or process is needed to stage this type of event.

The Clerk outlined how much space is required for just one ride and felt the permission would be needed through Mr M Owen, Street Care, PCC.

Following detailed discussion by all Councillors. The Mayor proposed TTC contact the Chairman of the Showman's Guild to see if they are still interested in reviving St Margaret's Fair in Tenby and write to Mr Deakin and Mr Boswell, thanking them for their interest and outlining that TTC plan to contact the Showman's Guild firstly for advice, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Resolved that TTC contact the Chairman of the Showman's Guild to see if they are still interested in reviving St Margaret's Fair in Tenby.

Resolved that TTC write to Mr Deakin and Mr Boswell thanking them for their interest in reviving St Margaret's fair and explain TTC's plan to contact the Chairman of the Showman's Guild to seek firstly for advice.

e. Tenby TIC (via e-mail) – Electric car charge points

Councillor Hallett said it would be a brilliant idea to have an electrical charging point in Tenby as the Hybrid car is environmental way forward for the future.

Councillor W Rossiter felt it was more of a commercial proposition and TTC discussing the subject may encourage someone to consider the option.

Councillor Blackhall proposed TTC contact PCC and ask if they have given any consideration to installing an electrical car charging point in Tenby multi-storey car park, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that TTC contact PCC and ask if they have given any consideration to installing an electrical car charging point in Tenby multi-storey car park.

390. ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

The Clerk handed out a copy of the accounts for councillors to review and discuss.

Councillor Hallett thanked the Clerk for his efficient book keeping and proposed acceptance of the accounts for February 2015, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that the accounts for February 2015 be accepted.

391. ELECT MAYOR 2015 -2016

The Mayor asked every Councillor in turn if they wished to be considered to stand for Mayor 2015-16. Councillor Rapi wished to put himself forward as Mayor for 2015-16.

The Mayor said Councillor Rapi is a born and bred Tenby child, who now feels it is time to give something back to the town he loves. He has run the Greenhill School Music Department for many years and influenced so many young people of the town; therefore she had no hesitation and proposed Councillor Rapi to be elected to lead the town as the number one citizen, Mayor of Tenby for 2015/16, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter. Councillor Mrs Rossiter echoed all the sentiments expressed by the Mayor and added that Councillor Rapi had represented Tenby as a councillor well over the years and had an infinity with the young people of the town.

Resolved that Councillor Paul Rapi be elected as Mayor for 2015/16.

392. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor reported she had received a letter thanking her for attending the RNLI pancake race.

She highlighted that the event generated extra business within the town as people came from all over to enter and watch the pancake race. The Mayor said she would be sending a letter to the RNLI expressing how busy the town became due to their event taking place and hoped they would continue to expand the event to bring people to Tenby during a winter month.

Councillor Rapi reported he had attended the Tenby Museum Robart exhibition, where he found the work to be outstanding.

Councillor Dr Easy reported on the St Teilo's School Governors meeting that included budget setting for the next financial year.

Councillor Hallett reported he had attended the Tenby Museum Robart Exhibition and expressed how it was a different outlook on art. He also attended Manorbier School's World War I exhibition. The exhibition is running for a further three weeks for anyone who wishes to view the exceptional display of work by the children.

393. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Dr Easy reported on the recent S4C programme that featured and discussed the history of the tunnels under Tenby.

Councillor Hallett said a very interesting talk had recently taken place at the Tenby Art Club meeting, about Tenby from the 1700s.

394. TOWN COUNCIL GARDENS COMMITTEE

The Mayor said as TTC are likely to take on more maintenance tasks within Tenby due to the proposed PCC budget cut. She felt TIB can only undertake so many tasks due to the small team of voluntary workers. Therefore as TTC previously had a committee that would walkabout Tenby and collate a list of tasks that needed attention, she felt perhaps now was the time to consider re-forming a committee consisting of all councillors to review what is needed in the town, documenting a list of tasks and categorised the urgency of each task noted. Councillors agreed it was a way of viewing Tenby to maintain the tidy and clean town environment we strive to attain.

The Mayor proposed a new General Purpose committee be formed to enable TTC to be proactively assessing the town, seconded by Councillor Blackhall

Following discussion the Mayor proposed the new committee by called Gardens, Maintenance and General Purpose Committee (GMGP), seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that TTC set up a Gardens, Maintenance and General Purpose Committee (GMGP), consisting of all councillors.

The first meeting will be called by the Mayor on the first Thursday after the Easter Holiday.

395. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a SLCC - meeting on the Welsh Assembly Reforming Local Government White Paper

The Clerk outlined that the Society of Local Council Clerks is holding a special meeting to discuss the Welsh Assembly Reforming Local Government White Paper, in Bridgend on Thursday 19th March.

Councillor Hallett proposed the Town Clerk attend the meeting, seconded by Councillor Blackhall. The Mayor added an amendment that TTC cover the travelling and lunch expenses incurred by the Town Clerk when attending the meeting.

Resolved that the Town Clerk attends the SLCC meeting to discuss the Welsh Assembly Reforming Local Government White Paper in Bridgend on Thursday 19th March and all travelling and lunch expenses incurred be paid by TTC.

b. Nicky Rees - Personal Sponsorship request

The Clerk reported Mr Nick Rees is raising money for two charities by running across the Sahara Desert. However as TTC grant policy does not allow for TTC to sponsor an individual it was

Resolved that the sponsorship form would be available after the meeting and in the Council Office for any councillor who wished to sponsor Mr Rees as an individual.

396. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.00pm. Representatives of Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism will be present to discuss Tenby Street Market.

397. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Support to Tenby Guest Houses - Councillor Blackhall.

398. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

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.

399. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 17th February 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

400. MATTERS ARISING

379 – Telephone/Broadband Contract Renewal

The Clerk reported TTC office had decided to go with Talk Talk as their new telephone/broadband supplier due to the significant reduction in monthly charges.

401. TENBY COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Councillors discussed the report prepared by the Clerk outlining the TTC Insurance renewal contracts offered. The Mayor proposed TTC remain with the present insurer and take advantage of the reduced premium for an early renewal of a three year contract, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC take advantage of the early renewal of a three year insurance contract with WPS.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____