

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
13th March 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor Mr M Evans
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mr T Brown
Councillor Mrs A Rees
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Councillor Mrs S Williams
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mr T Hallett

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk
Mr Matthew Evans Long Course Weekend

The Mayor welcomed Mr Matthew Evans.

Mr Evans told Councillors that 7 years on from its instigation, Long Course Weekend now attracts 8,500 athletes and this year could see up to 10,000 entrants – the event continues to go from strength to strength. Long Course events had now been established in Jarvis Bay, Sydney; Majorca and hopefully Maastricht, Holland. LCW would also love to venture in to the USA. The aim was for Tenby to be to LCW what Kona is to Ironman, its founding home acknowledging the legacy of the event in changing lives. Mr Evans' vision is for 3 flags located somewhere prominent in Tenby – the first flag to be Swedish, representing the home of the current men's champion, the second or middle flag to be a local flag possibly Pembrokeshire and the third flag to be South African to represent the country of the current women's champion. There would be a special ceremony at the end of the long course event in Tenby every year to raise the flag of the country of the new champions.

Mr Evans asked for suggestions on where in Tenby these iconic flags could be located saying that they would be funded by LCW.

The flagpoles would also be accompanied by the names of past champions to further enhance the legacy of the event.

The Mayor said what LCW had done to raise Tenby's profile was wonderful and asked about the Qantas magazine prompting Mr Evans to tell Councillors that a picture of Tenby was currently on the front of the airline's inflight magazine and would remain there for three months.

LCW has slowly but steadily grown with updates and changes being made to the course constantly. Recently the event base had moved to the Leisure Centre and he foresaw it continuing to grow to possibly incorporate a food festival, music, culture and arts all being involved. However, he added that his area of focus was the sporting side of the event. Competitors visit the area, they train here and then return with family and friends.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter congratulated Mr Evans saying that LCW had got Pembrokeshire off the sofa, getting residents active and healthy.

Mr. Evans pointed out that LCW had made its way into over 8 hundred million homes thanks to TV and this was being repeatedly shown all over the world – it was self- promotion but a tourism product not sport specific coverage. This is a world class event and now LCW is Welsh Tri affiliated the organisers would be working alongside the governing body. People who get involved continue talking about it.

The Mayor asked if Mr. Evans had any thoughts where he'd like to see the flagpoles and suggested the Town Walls. Cllr Hallett said there were flag poles still positioned around the walls adding that there were previously brackets in the Five Arches which may still be there.

Mr. Evans added that he was happy to answer any questions and Cllr Brown asked if there were plans to close roads for the safety of cyclists. Mr Evans said that evidence showed that closing roads created race tracks which were actually more dangerous for cyclists. LCW were working with PCC on communal 'shared space' road signs to make motorist and cyclists more aware. They were also introducing cameras on the course to enforce that any cyclists seen riding more than 2 abreast will be subject to instant disqualification.

There are 15 start times and pinch points have been identified to further improve safety following the unfortunately incident last year. Things could have ended very differently but the cyclist was absolutely amazing.

Mr Evans said that, with safety again paramount, entry for the swim has reached its capacity as has the bike course but there are still spaces for the running events.

Cllr Hallett enquired after the cut-off date for entries and was advised that this is 4 weeks prior to the events as chips have to be programmed, individual personal/medical data needs to be registered, tee-shirts and bags all have to be prepared.

The Mayor once again congratulated Mr Evans for his hard work in making LCW such a huge success and asked that Councillors have a think as to where these iconic LCW flags may be located.

399. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None received.

400. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW

None declared by Councillors.

401. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Proposed by Cllr Hallett and seconded by Cllr 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.

402. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 27th February 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

403. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

386 a. NP/17/0722/OUT – Mr. PJSR Hill, Mr. DWR Hill, Mrs. ARR Wood and Caister Castle Trust c/o Agent Andrew Granger and Co, Phoenix House, 42 High Street, Market Harborough – Residential development of up to 14 residential dwellings (including on-site affordable provision) incorporating highways alterations top form new access road and associated development infrastructure – Land west of Narberth Road, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if a site meeting had been arranged and the Clerk told Councillors that he was awaiting to hear from Mrs Bowen.

389. To Receive Reports by Councillors on Outside Bodies

Cllr Mrs Thomas told Councillors that a member of Hywel Dda would like to come to talk to Council regarding the Transformation documents.

392. To Receive Updates on South Parade (If Any)

The Clerk advised Councillors that a meeting to discuss the South Parade was arranged for Tuesday, 20th March at 2pm.

404. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. NP/17/0701/FUL – Miss Mary Pye, 83 The Glebe, Tenby – Annex to rear and new driveway (retrospective) – 83 The Glebe, Tenby

Cllr Hallett asked if there had been any more feedback over retrospective planning applications and the Clerk replied that the matter was still being considered by the Minister and there was no news.

Cllr Mrs Thomas could see no problem with the application and proposed accepting the application. Cllr Brown seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Considered against all relevant policies, members have no objection to this application.

- b. NP/18/0111/FUL – Mr. Robin Field, 28 Greystones Crescent, Mardy, Abergavenny – Installation of three conservation rooflights to front roof slope – Flat 4 Cresswell Court, Cresswell Street, Tenby

Cllr Thomas proposed accepting the application and Cllr Hallett seconded adding that it is a better proposal for this environment.

RECOMMEND

Considered against all relevant policies, members have no objection to this application.

- c. NP/18/0094/FUL – Mr. Neil Evans, West Wales Properties Ltd. 12 Victoria Place, Haverfordwest – Change of use of ground floor to A1 retail and extension into rear yard; change of use of first floor to 1 residential flat; alterations to north and west elevations to provide shopfronts and reinstatement of historic fenestration – Natwest Chambers, Tudor Square, Tenby

Cllr Hallett asked if the Listed Building Application could be taken together with the full application. Members agreed.

- d. NP/18/0095/LBA – Mr. Neil Evans, West Wales Properties Ltd. 12 Victoria Place, Haverfordwest – Change of use of ground floor to A1 retail and extension into rear yard; change of use of first floor to 1 residential flat; alterations to north and west elevations to provide shopfronts and reinstatement of historic fenestration – Natwest Chambers, Tudor Square, Tenby

Cllr Hallett said it was nice to see reinvestment within the town. The Clerk reminded Councillors what A1 use included and the Mayor added that, in light of other applications around the town historically that we need to be aware of what type of activities could be carried out and not raise concerns at a later date. Cllr Mrs Williams asked how many shops were planned. Some discussion then took place and it was confirmed that it would be one retail outlet and three flats in total. Cllr Mr Brown proposed accepting as it uses an empty building within the town square and would be aesthetically in keeping. Cllr Mrs Thomas seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Considered against all relevant policies, members recommend approval of this application.

405. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

- a. Tenby Civic Society – Civic Society comments on planning applications NP/18/0011/FUL, NP/18/0103/CLE, NP/18/0094/FUL, NP/18/0095/LBA, NP/17/0701/FUL

Noted.

- b. Mr. Stephen Benger, PCC – Highways Dept. comments on traffic arrangements proposed by NP/17/0722/OUT

Mr Benger outlined his ideas and explained how he sees they would work and how he felt that the Council's ideas may be more problematic. He notes a site meeting has already been requested and he would be happy to attend.

406. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

- a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – January minutes

Noted with thanks.

- b. Neil McCarthy, PCC – Dog signs

Mr. McCarthy had provided a design of possible signs for the South Beach to encourage people to pick up after their dogs but Cllr Rossiter explained that these signs were not what were asked for. There are bins in the car park and originally the wording requested by the Town Council was to indicate where those bins are located. These signs were of no use in her opinion. Cllr Brown said people will not walk up to car park bin and that she herself had recently taken 16 bags of dog waste from the bottom of the slipway up to the bins. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if we, as a Council could place a bin at the bottom of the slip during the winter months and get our handy man to empty it regularly. During the winter months Pembrokeshire do not operate their cleaning services on any of the Pembrokeshire beaches stated Cllr Evans. The Clerk said he would liaise with Mr McCarthy again.

407. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UNPRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING

Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed accepting the accounts for February and Cllr Mrs Williams seconded the proposal. The Clerk was thanked for his industrious work.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for February (including scheduled payments, unpresented cheques, receipts, account balances, budget monitoring to date and bank reconciliations) be accepted.

408. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

- a. All Pembrokeshire Cruse

Councillors agreed it was an excellent service which dealt with a very sensitive subject. The Clerk confirmed that this came under the Wellbeing Act and was within the remit of the Tenby Town Council. Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed £100 donation and Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal

RESOLVED

That a cheque for £100 be donated to All Pembrokeshire Cruse.

409. TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR 2018-2019

The Mayor asked each member of Tenby Town Council if they wished to be considered for the position of Mayor. No member wished to be considered. The Mayor was prepared to take on the role once again but wanted to make Councillors aware that she may not be available for as many engagements as she had attended historically. She has in the past always attempted to attend as many engagements as possible commenting that hopefully in the future newer members will be coming forward to consider taking on the role of Mayor. Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed Cllr Mrs Sue Lane as Mayor elect saying of the Mayor that she is an excellent ambassador for Tenby and that she is dedicated and always has Tenby at the forefront of her mind. This will be a ninth year of office for Cllr Mrs Lane. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal saying that Cllr. Mrs. Lane lived life through the town and Council and was an excellent Mayor.

RESOLVED

That Cllr. Mrs Sue Lane be confirmed as Mayor Elect for 2018 – 2019.

410. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

De Valence Pavilion

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that the De Valence had been closed for approximately 7 weeks for further repairs and renewals including huge work to the kitchen and toilets. She was proud to have used all local tradesmen who were a terrific bunch. The downstairs bar had been refurbished and that the upstairs bar would be next. There had been a wedding held last weekend which she felt sure had been the biggest bar take yet! The Mayor thanked Cllr Mrs Brown and the volunteers of the De Valence for all their hard work. Cllr Blackhall added that this is a very different venue to 6/7 years ago. Now the De Valence is a top class venue, the best of its kind in Pembrokeshire, and it remains our building!

Pembrokeshire County Council

Cllr Evans had noted that Cllr Kilmister was coming to the next council meeting and suggested to Councillors that they view the webcast of the cabinet meeting next Monday as Cllr Kilmister will be reporting on recommendations as to how the second homes council tax premium will be allocated. This may assist them in preparing any questions they may have at the next meeting.

Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism

Cllr Blackhall had attended a meeting of Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism but will report relevant matters under a different heading.

Tenby Church in Wales Primary School

Cllr Mrs Thomas had attended her first meeting as Governor of Tenby Church in Wales and feels she will enjoy her duties very much.

411. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE

The Mayor re-iterated that Mr Matthew Evans was helping to get Tenby on the map with the iconic view of Tenby being on the front of Qantas magazine for 3 months.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter spoke regarding the Five Arches car park planning application questioning National Park's officer's objection to it using traffic congestion amongst other reasons. If they were concerned about congestion why, on the main road past the fire station where all the traffic flows, had they allowed a Dominos restaurant and take away? She asked if they refuse the well-used Five Arches car park, what do they want it its place – houses, flats, shops or more second homes?

Cllr Mrs Brown was disappointed to read that PCNPA are recommending refusal for plans to install the site as a permanent facility. Temporary planning consent has been issued to the owners of the site since 2011. The Local Development Plan 2010 does not include this site for development and for Nicola Gandy, Case Officer, to say that permanent use of this site for car parking is considered to be contrary to National Local Planning Policy is rubbish she said. There is no adverse impact on the LDP policy. Tenby wants and needs this site to be developed as a permanent facility as it has been for the past 6/7 years. Over this time it has proved to be a great asset to the town. Our Town Clerk will be attending the National Parks development management meeting at Llanion Park to explain why TTC are in favour of the application. She also noted that PCC have also objected stating that there is no evidence provided to prove the necessity for extra parking in the town. Perhaps they could or we could encourage Dominos customers and delivery vans to use this car park as it's nearer that the multi-storey!

Cllr Mrs Thomas also cannot understand the reasoning behind the car park application being questioned. It is the closest car park to the centre of town, it won't stop people coming in to town or cause more chaos than before. If this car park closes then they need to provide more Park and Ride buses to get people into town. This refusal would cause more damage and not help local businesses. Cllr Hallett felt it's an ill thought out idea and questioned if PCC had a conflict of interest over the fact that this facility was in competition to their own car parks.. The applicants have the foresight to put in electric charging facilities offering a good service and a short turnaround which is excellent for shoppers. The Mayor commented that PCNPA obviously do not realise that other car parks are a long way if you are a wheelchair user or using a pushchair. The Five Arches car park is a perfect location to park and walk straight through to the town centre.

412. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BRYNHIR

Cllr Mrs Rossiter commented that she was aware that Cllr Evans had proposed a Notice of Motion to PCC relating to this site. Cllr. Evans is a member of this Town Council yet he was promoting his own opinion as to its future development and not the view of this Council.

She felt the idea of so much of the land at Brynhir being sold to a private developer can only be seen as coming from someone who is going to benefit.

She commented that Cllr. Evans had always stated in this chamber that no one has a right to a view. She felt that this could only mean that the prime land with a view will be sold to a private developer or sold as individual plots.

She added that she would also like to have a covenant on the land that would prevent any dwellings built being sold as second homes.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that to find out about the Notice of Motion through another County Councillor was very disappointing and felt it discourteous that Cllr Evans had not informed Tenby Town Councillors as to what his intentions were.

Cllr Evans explained that the purpose of his NOM, which he felt Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter had not quite understood, was to ensure that all land was retained for local housing in various forms. This idea had been totally accepted by Cabinet and the site was to be removed from the open market. To provide a development that would provide affordable local homes had been his goal, and the aspiration of TTC, all along. There had been lots of commercial confidentiality surrounding discussions with potential private developers which had excluded him and his fellow County Councillor for Tenby, Cllr. Michael Williams, from finding out what progress was being made. Cllr Evans said he had constantly asked for this land for locals and had been aided by the Town Council keeping the site on their agenda and slowly chipping away at PCC.

A range of affordable housing options including rental, shared ownership and self-build, coupled with local connection clauses, would put locals at the top of the list, and he urged local families to 'get on the register'.

Over the years hundreds of council houses had been sold within Tenby and this would go some way towards replacing that stock. Last year PCC had stopped the 'Right to Buy' so any new council houses would always be council houses.

In addition to rental, his proposal would also give the opportunity for joint ownership schemes and he would be looking for covenants to ensure that any of the self-build properties would be for main residence only not second homes.

These would suppress the value of the land to developers and give local youngsters the stepping stones into the property market.

Cllr Blackhall said that the town council's existing policy is that we support development at Brynhir providing that a significant proportion delivers local housing and affordable housing. Therefore we should continue with our policy and support this

development but keep a very close eye to ensure that it does deliver significant affordable housing and housing for local residents.

Cllr Blackhall proposed inviting the Cabinet Member for Housing and relevant PCC officers for an initial discussion with TTC on the way forward. Cllr Mrs Williams seconded this proposal

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the Cabinet Member for Housing to request a meeting to discuss the way forward.

413. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE

A meeting has been arranged for 2pm on 20th March 2018.

414. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall had attended a meeting with Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism where suggestions of Tenby branding on re-useable cups etc to reduce reliance on single-use plastic, possibly with local businesses offering discounts to people using them, had been mooted.

The Chamber were sample gathering. It would be far more cost effective to buy in bulk but money was needed upfront to buy in bulk. This may involve securing a loan in the first instance to get the scheme started. Cllr Blackhall told council that he will provide further details in due course.

Cllr Mrs Lane said that Tenby in Bloom had absorbed Keep Tenby Tidy when that committee had disbanded and she believed that Tenby in Bloom would be very interested in being involved as a partnership.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall added that the recent Plastic Free Tenby meeting had been very productive with discussions taking place about supermarket packaging and researching ways forward. She added that an official beach cleaning launch is to be held on 14th April at the South Beach.

Tenby was working with Surfers Against Sewage and the idea is to try and continue holding monthly meetings. In addition to big group cleaning events, part of the initiative was also to encourage people to 'Take your Rubbish Home'.

Cllr Hallett commented that caution and proper research was needed over replacement of single use plastic as not all products are as biodegradable as they claim to be.

415. TO CONSIDER ANY FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

- a. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The Clerk explained that this was an annual exercise but, as he had flagged up last year, there were certain changes whereby some discretionary payments were now mandatory. Unless a letter is received from the Councillor stating that they do not want the mandatory payment, the payment of £150 starts in April. His report also outlined other non-mandatory payments and that each individual point needs determination. Cllr Blackhall asked that if one was to write and decline their allowance could they suggest their portion go towards supporting a play area? The money would only be sitting in the budget symbolically if no councillor wanted it.

Cllr Evans suggested the decisions be adjourned to the next meeting saying that perhaps Councillors didn't realise they were expected to make a decision at this time. The Clerk however felt that the Report had been prepared and included within the Agenda and that if Councillors had read the Agenda it would have been quite self-explanatory – Councillors having undertaken a similar exercise at this time of year for a number of years.

Cllr Blackhall referred Councillors to the Town Clerk's Report and it was

RESOLVED

- Determination 47 Cllr Hallett recommended that we do not authorise this annual payment. Cllr Blackhall seconded this recommendation
- Determination 48 Cllr Blackhall proposed that these payments be authorised and Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall seconded this proposal
- Determination 49 Cllr Blackhall proposed authorising payment on such duties given prior approval from Council, Cllr Hallett seconded this proposal
- Determination 50 Cllr Blackhall proposed authorising payment on a case by case basis reviewed by the Council. Cllr Hallett seconded this proposal
- Determination 52 Cllr Blackhall felt that this, and Determination 53, required further consideration prior to a decision and asked for these two matters be deferred. Cllr. Hallett seconded.

b. IRPW Meeting

The Clerk explained that the IRPW had invited Clerks to a round table discussion on their framework of remuneration of town and community councillors. This would be held in Carmarthen on 11th April 2018.

Cllr Hallett proposed, Cllr. Blackhall seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Clerk attends this meeting.

c. Bridge Street

The road closure at Bridge Street had been extended until 23rd March due to unforeseen delays in the work being undertaken.

d. Thank You Card

The Mayor and Council had received a thank you from Victoria Walters following the recent donation TTC had made towards her trip to Lesotho with Hijinks Theatre.

e. Tenby Museum

An invite had been received by the Mayor and Tenby Town Councillors to attend Tenby Museum Trustees event being held on 28th March at 3.30pm. Councillors are asked to let the Clerk know if they are able to attend.

416. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Mr Bob Kilmister will be coming to speak to Council members about the allocation of second homes premium in Pembrokeshire.

417. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None proposed.

418. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS UNDER THE “PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT OF 1960”

419. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of 27th February 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

420. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Blackhall suggested Tuesday, 20th March, at 1pm for the Personnel Committee meeting. This was agreed.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____