

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
26th June 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor M Evans
Councillor L Blackhall
Councillor T Brown
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor T Hallett
Councillor W Crockford

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

The Mayor welcomed Sinead Henahan of PCC along with Chief Superintendent Cockwell and Chief Inspector Diggins of Dyfed-Powys Police

Chief Superintendent Cockwell explained that the Police and Crime Commissioner had instituted a cross force review of CCTV provision as there had previously been a patchwork service across the four counties covered by the force.

Some cameras were funded by local authorities, some by town councils and some were no longer funded at all and had been turned off. Some old cameras had fallen into disrepair. Technology has also moved on since many cameras were installed.

As a result the police were installing new, or upgrading, some 17 sites with 116 cameras across the force area. This included five in Tenby.

These new cameras would be the latest technology providing High Definition 360° images to their control room at HQ so officers can immediately review footage if a problem is reported.

Officers and PCSOs will also be able to access footage remotely from anywhere with their hand-held devices.

In Tenby the four existing cameras will be replaced and a fifth one installed at Bridge Street to cover the harbour area. It was estimated that by March 2019 the new system would be fully operational.

Cllr Mrs Brown commented that the existing cameras and the new one are all situated within town walls yet there are other areas she feels where they should be which are not so well policed such as the South Beach area and Skate Park.

She had heard that big boys and girls are allegedly taking drugs around the play park, while bonfires were also a problem on the South Beach. The North Walk was also a problem area.

The Chief Superintendent said that the locations of the cameras had been assessed and were based in areas of greatest need and demand. Chief Inspector Diggins said she would raise the other problem areas in town with the local station.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if the camera covering the harbour was to deliberately focus on the summer spectaculars and if all current cameras were working. The Chief Superintendent said that the camera at the Harbour was not specifically for the events and confirmed all cameras were working but the quality of footage was not as good as would be provided by the new system.

Cllr Blackhall asked if harbour camera was related to boat theft.

The Chief Superintendent said that the camera was not specifically there to combat boat theft although being sited on the pier approach it would assist harbour security needs and all the routes in and out of the town are covered.

Cllr. Blackhall also asked if locating a camera in Upper Frog Street had been considered. The Chief Superintendent said that this location had not come up and a number of properties have cameras outside their properties.

It was confirmed that the cameras were fully funded and there would be no cost associated for town council, meaning that the annual contribution currently made by TTC would no longer be required.

Cllr Mrs Brown asked if, by upgrading the cameras, it would lessen the police presence in town.

It was stressed that it would not and would support the increased police presence in the summer as footage could be shared on mobile devices and resources tasked more appropriately.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked our visitors for bringing good news that wasn't going to cost the council money but was in fact going to reduce our outgoings!

88. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Rees, Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall, Cllr Rapi and Cllr Mrs Williams.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr Evans declared their interest in item 9A. Cllr Evans also declared his interest in the Harbour items.

90. 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 Mrs Rossiter and seconded by Cllr 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.

91. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 12th June 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

92. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

63. Tenby Harbour

The Clerk distributed notes from the Harbour Meeting which had taken place earlier in the afternoon. Progress had been made with the aim of a land-based dredge in March being agreed. Options for a marine (sea-based) dredge in future years were also being explored.

75. Bins on the South Parade

Cllr Mrs Thomas told Councillors that a letter had been written to County Council but no response had been received. She suggested inviting a Pembrokeshire County Council member to come and sit next to the bins so that they can appreciate just how smelly the area is and how greasy the benches are. PCC should never have allowed this to happen.

The Clerk said that he had spoken to the trade waste department on the matter but they needed to speak to Mr Richard Brown as Head of Service.

Cllr Mrs Thomas called upon our County Councillors to help but Cllr Evans said he would have to declare a prejudicial interest on the matter as, as a business owner himself, he could not be seen to be advocating enforcement on another business.

Cllr Mrs Brown said she just didn't understand why bins aren't emptied every day and only emptied once a week especially as they were food bins.

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked who had given permission, with Cllr Mrs Brown adding that this was our premier street and in the past businesses were not even allowed to put out flower pots on the Parade.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter said many businesses sort these issues out for themselves and actually employ someone to take their rubbish away on a daily basis.

81. Castle Hill

Cllr Mrs Thomas thanked the two PCC gardeners who had done the best they could and had cleared the wishing seat now allowing children to go and sit on it.

She asked if we had received responses from the various Ministers and organisations seeking advice on grant availability as she was still concerned about the walls and amount of valerian growing.

The Clerk had written to all and while several had responded that they would look into it, the only substantive reply had come from Angela Burns. Cllr. Mrs. Thomas felt this letter needs to be passed to PCC to ensure our castle on the hill gets the care it needs.

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked that we write to Angela Burns and thank her and that any letters that we write in the future should be copied to her so that she may offer her support and possible help. This is a very important heritage site that needs protecting. It should be PCC as owners who should sort this out

The Mayor felt we really needed the input of Mr. Richard Brown, who was not only our link officer, but this, the weeds on the town walls and the bins on the parade, all fell under his responsibility.

Cllr. Mrs Thomas suggested a letter be written once again to Richard Brown asking for a meeting and if no response is received then the matter should be elevated to Mr. Westley, the Chief Executive Officer.

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

- a. NP/18/0355/LBA – Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Lexden House, Lexden Terrace, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby – Installation of three roof lights, boiler vent, insertion of window to gable end, construction of new gates and pipes, minor internal alterations – Lexden House, Lexden Terrace, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Thomas approved the application saying it was a beautiful old building. Cllr Crockford asked if the lead work would be replaced like for like and it was confirmed that it would be as the building is listed. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the approval.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.

- b. NP/18/0341/TPO – Mr. Richard Black, 2 St David’s Close, Tenby – Sycamore – remove rubbing limbs and reduce eastern lower limbs 3 metres from 10m to 7 m – Hafod Y Werydd, Heywood Lane, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Brown approved the application and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

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

a. PCNPA – Dark Skies seminar

Unfortunately Councillors were otherwise engaged and were unable to commit at this time.

b. Simon Hart MP - Update on his engagement on HDUHA consultation on changes to NHS services

Noted. Councillors felt this was an excellent letter.

c. HDUHB – General medical services at Tenby Surgery (copy of letter sent to householders)

Cllr Mrs Thomas urged everyone to make an effort to attend the information day being held on 2nd July 2018.

95. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LICENSING APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

a. J.J.E. Enterprises Ltd. – Premises licence - Units 1-3 South Parade, Tenby – Late night refreshment 11 pm to midnight Fridays and Saturdays

Cllr Evans left the chamber and Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if she could remain in the chamber but not take part in the debate.

The Mayor asked why this late night refreshment licence application had been made as it was already covered in planning permissions granted.

Cllr Blackhall told Councillors that he had sat in on the planning appeal for this site .The inspector had allowed the appeal but in recognition of the concerns of local residents had restricted opening hours to the public to 11 pm.

Domino’s had promised a Management plan showing how they would ensure people would not pull up outside for collection after this time and all deliveries would be serviced from spaces being bought in the multi-storey car park.

Now it appeared to him that they wanted to run until midnight. He did not know if this was a mistake on the application or purposely misleading. He felt that if a planning application is granted with restrictions that it should be binding for 3 years. Residents are upset at the apparent dishonesty and it’s really disappointing when a lot of those affected are elderly people.

Cllr Hallett felt that that this appeared to be a foot in door approach to extend opening hours.

The Clerk explained that the inspector had restricted hours that members of the public could walk- in off the street to 10pm Sunday to Thursday and 11 pm on

Friday and Saturday. From these closing times until midnight the outlet was allowed to deliver internet and telephone orders.

If members of the public were on the premises after these times the outlet would be in breach of their planning consents.

This application for a late night refreshment licence apparently was to allow them to service these phone and internet deliveries on Friday and Saturday. There was no reference to how these deliveries would be made during the earlier part of the week and he had queried this with the licensing officer.

When appraised of the situation the licensing officer was unsure if a premises licence was actually needed in this instance and was going to check with the legal team. The Clerk was still awaiting a response.

Cllr Mrs Brown commented that this was not a late night refreshment license but a premises licence application and was not just designed to be able to allow food deliveries to be made.

The Clerk commented that, since the Licensing Act 2003, all activities had been brought under one application form and stressed that there was nothing in the application to indicate that the applicants wanted to serve alcohol.

Cllr Blackhall said that if the application was a mistake by someone he did not want residents to pay for the mistake.

Cllr Brown proposed asking for clarity that this application is for pizza delivery only and also ask for a management plan to be supplied as previously promised. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

RESOLVED

That a letter be written asking for clarification with regard to the licensing application and also for Domino's Management Plan to be supplied to Tenby Town Council.

96. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

De Valence Pavilion

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that the DVP was doing well. The accountants had recently been in to inspect and a report would be available shortly. An application had been submitted to change to a Community Trust. There is a big event on Friday which is sold out (Craig Charles) and Hells Bells next week. All in all a very busy summer is coming up and it's all helping to pay for alterations being undertaken.

Skate Park

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that she had had another very successful meeting recently with parents, youths and volunteers and that a Constitution had been agreed. Named the Jubilee Play and Skate Park Association, a committee has been formed and it is intended to enter the Fireman's Carnival and gather sponsorship. The committee would be looking at ideas to access funding for the project.

Pembrokeshire County Council

Cllr Evans referred to the article in the Tenby Observer that a new pool and wet weather family entertainment centre could be built in Tenby as part of the Authority's proposals for the future of leisure services.

Also included in the proposal was a commitment to build a 4G pitch in the area. He felt The Clicketts would be an ideal location and he had already had preliminary discussions with representatives of Tenby RFC, Tenby AFC and the head of Games at Greenhill.

He hoped the town council would be able to support this and asked for the matter to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Armed Forces Day

Cllr Mrs Rossiter had attended Armed Forces Day at Pembroke Castle last Saturday and on looking around noted that the Walls, owned by a Trust, were immaculate. There were no weeds and it made Tenby's town walls look very shabby.

Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor has had an extremely busy couple of weeks. She had attended the Tenby United RFC annual dinner and awards evening and their Youth presentation as well as the Captain's Reception at Golf Club where many towns were represented.

She had attended a fabulous church service with the Masons and later in the week greeted cyclists who had cycled back from Snowdonia raising money for HAFAL.

The Tenby AFC presentation evening held at the DVP were very well attended with over 150 youths taking part and she congratulated all those involved including the coaches.

She had also attended the Lions hand over dinner, Armed Forces Day in Pembroke and St Teilo's School fete which had included the unveiling of the buddy bench in memory of Nicole Ferguson.

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

None at this time.

98. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)

Cllr Evans told Councillors that there is a report to PCC Cabinet next Monday. The report was in private session but he believes there is progress being made.

99. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE (IF ANY)

Councillors commented that it was lovely to see flowers on the Parade.

Cllr Mrs Brown questioned where we stood on flood-lighting the walls, did we form a committee or is it just Council members with input to PCC. She suggested that a meeting was urgently needed as no progress is being made.

The Clerk explained that the idea was to employ a project manager who would take the idea from a feasibility design right through to submitting a bid for Heritage Lottery. We were waiting for a tender for the contract to be set out, which PCC were going to input on.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown felt we should try and make progress ourselves we find someone ourselves. We roughly know what we want and need to get going by September or we will miss out on the funding available.

A Business Plan is needed said the Mayor.

The Clerk said he was to meet Sinead Henahan on the 16th July to discuss this and other matters.

101. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall reminded Councillors that there would be a performance by a theatre group on 27th July and that a giant plastic sea monster made from seaborne flotsam and jetsam would be with them. A public beach clean is to take place on the North and South Beach on 28th July 2018. The Two Minute Beach Clean boards will be arriving here in time for the main season. Cllr Mrs Brown congratulated all the efforts of the Plastic Free Tenby group but commented that whilst beaches are being tackled, it should be all of Tenby. Cllr. Blackhall replied that the group were also looking at areas where there were large plastic waste problems to be targeted.

102. REVIEW OF WHITSUN PARK AND RIDE PILOT SCHEME

The Clerk gave Councillors the figures from PCC regarding use of the Park and Ride over the Whitsun week which showed an average daily use over the week of 553 visitors transported.

Cllr. Evans felt that these figures show that the town is getting busier at different times of the year. A Park and Ride scheme takes the pressure off the town centre and on street parking areas. He was pleased PCC had supported a trial. Other towns put on Park and Ride at peak times and it helps residents over parking issues.

Cllr Blackhall told Councillors the figures equated to at least six coach loads of visitors a day and we needed to look at Whitsun being a critical part of the holiday season.

Cllr Mrs Brown proposed that PCC be requested to look at making the service at Whitsun permanent. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded as she agreed it is needed.

RESOLVED

That PPC be asked to consider the introduction of a permanent Park and Ride scheme from The Salterns at Whitsun in the future.

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

The Clerk told Councillors of a road closure taking place on 29th July to accommodate the Tenby 10K. Pedestrianisation will be in force but the closure of High Street will commence at 10.30 on that day rather than 11 am. There will rolling road closures along the route until all runners have cleared.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown asked if the council had received any information pamphlets on Long Course Weekend yet. None had been received.

The Clerk had received a letter from Phoenix Ageni Collins, Chairwoman of Tenby Youth Council, asking for a member of the Council to cook alongside her at the Great Youth Bake Off being held in Milford Haven in August. Unfortunately due to the seasonal nature of the Councillors' commitments and also the fact that it was being held on a Wednesday daytime, no Councillors were available. The Mayor suggested that a School Councillor may be able to accompany Phoenix.

104. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7.30pm.

105. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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106. 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"

108. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____