

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD 29th January 2013

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mr R Hamer	PCC
Mr G Howell	Capita Symonds
Mr I Morgan	Architect – Capita Symonds
Mr C Rees	PCC

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

363. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Lane, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Dr P Easy.

364. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None disclosed.

365. PRESENTATION BY PCC ON PROPOSED SCHEMES FOR TENBY

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance to present, view and discuss proposed schemes for St Julian Street and Upper Park Road, Tenby.

Mr Hamer introduced Capita Symonds and PCC representatives before outlining the two project plans on the table.

The first project - enhancement of Tenby Harbour and St Julian Street including:

- Widening of the pavement for pedestrian safety from St Julian Terrace (outside Morris Bros.) extending to Penniless Cove, Castle Square, Bridge Street and Crackwell Street junction. Materials to be used will match the recent Tudor Square enhancement scheme.
- Replacement of existing harbour street lighting and spot lights (cast iron).
- Cosmetic enhancement to the Sluice Bridge and railings (specialised painting products).
- Removal of excess and unneeded Harbour signage.

Tenby Town Councillors discussed the following concerns:

- The traffic turning angle problem that presently exists at the Crackwell Street/Castle Square/ St Julian Street junction could be increased due to narrowing of the road, specifically in relation to the visiting crane and other larger vehicles.
- Communication with Harbour users and Lifeboat crew should take place prior and during the work schedule.
- Castle Beach gates are superfluous having not been used for some considerable time. These could be removed.
- Pier gates to be replaced with removable bollards - various options highlighted.
- Quay Hill Steps were discussed in great detail as concerns have been highlighted many times by TTC in relation to safety issues. However this is not included in the present scheme but noted by Mr Rob Hamer PCC.

Funding is already in place for this project and work is scheduled to commence during February 2013, with completion before summer 2013.

The second project proposed was a development/enhancement to refurbish the Multi Storey toilet block/bus shelter area to include the Tourist Information Centre and provide a Glass lift and open external staircase to the multi storey car park.

The aim is to improve the bus focal point, making best use of the area and providing improved facilities. The key elements will include:

- Upgraded toilet facilities
- Improved bus passenger facilities
- Provision of a new Tourist Information Centre
- Relocation of the present Taxi rank to the bus bay outside Sainsburys
- Present taxi rank to become bus drop off area
- Improved Multi Storey Façade (painting)
- Improved bus stop on South Parade
- Improved pedestrian footway Upper Park Road (outside Four Seasons)
- External Passenger Lift and external stairs Multi Storey Car Park

Pedestrian safety is the principal benefit of altering the pavements, creating better access and usability with the added provision of the passenger lift/external staircase.

Funding was secured to assess, plan and design the project. A planning application has now been submitted to PCNPA for review and approval. However, grant funding is required to finance the project which is estimated at £1.1 million. Pembrokeshire County Council will be

presenting an application for grant funding to the Welsh Government; the grant will be spread over two financial years.

Tenby Town Councillors welcomed the enhancement scheme and fully supported the developments in Upper Park Road. They hoped the funding would be forthcoming to enable this project to proceed.

Councillor Mrs Thomas left the chamber.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____