

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th March 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Evans Mayor
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Mrs Brown
Councillor Mrs Lane
Councillor Mrs Thomas
Councillor Stock
Councillor Mrs Putwain
Councillor Mrs Rossiter
Councillor Blackhall
Councillor Hallett
Councillor Evans

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

ALSO PRESENT PCSO Mandy Goodland

Mayor Mrs Evans welcomed PCSO Mandy Goodland to the Tenby Town Council Meeting and invited her to join the table to present her police update.

PCSO Mandy Goodland thanked the Council for their welcome and started by giving apologies from the Inspector as she was unable to attend due to the timing of her shift pattern this week.

Firstly it was reported that an Officer acting on their instinct when routinely stopping a female from the Gwent area for questioning, had lead to a female and her partner being arrested along with the recovery of a large amount of Jewellery following a few incidents in the town.

The PACT meeting objectives outlined from the last update had been acted upon with 3 Section 59 warnings issued to boy racers in the multi storey car park. Also 6 ASB referrals made relating to under age drinking during this month. These objectives are ongoing issue and would be maintained. The next PACT meeting is on 6/04/11 at 7pm in Augustus Place with guest speaker Mr G Sutton PCC, Parking Enforcement Manager.

SUDDS workers have attended a meeting at the Rugby Club to deliver an alcohol awareness course to Youth Teams.

Also LVA met to discuss and agreed on a BOBB list for this month. They also requested to resurrect the Pub Watch scheme. The Police have agreed to provide the administration for this so it is with the Graphics department at the moment to produce a design for posters.

A burglary at Netherwood School had occurred and extensive work had been carried out by the police resulting in an offender being identified. This case is still in progress.

The Blue Light Disco was a success and further events are being planned to take place at Tenby Leisure Centre. Also a cheque from proceeds of crime of £130 was presented to Tenby Youth Club.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Mandy Goodland for her update and asked would she pass on to Inspector Griffiths congratulations from the council on the successful outcome of the recent crime incident.

Councillor Stock asked if they were monitoring the Car Park tonight as there were many youths present this evening when he parked his car. Councillor Mrs Thomas asked if there is CCTV in the multi storey car park and does it help, yes was the reply but to issue a Section 59 the incident needs to be witnessed in person. Also the Mayor explained while she was attending a meeting in Augustus Place on Friday evening she was aware of the amount of youths congregating around the multi storey and also of how much this is a disturbance to the residents in the area. PCSO Goodland said she was monitoring this area as much as she possible could but being the only PCSO at present it was difficult to be there as much as she would like. On 01/04/11 another PCSO was taking up post to help increase the monitoring. Councillor Mrs Brown asked for it to be clarified that a BOBB has photos and a Pub Watch is a list without photos. Councillor Mrs Rossiter enquired about an incident on 11/03/11 outside the Hope and Anchor that attracted a gathering of about 60 people. PCSO was unaware of the outcome but would look into the incident. Addressing the Graffiti in the multi storey stairwells has been discussed with a date arranged for painting on 26/05/11; a group of local youngsters will be helping. Mr G Sutton is providing the resources to allow the young people to carry out this task. PCSO was thanked again for the report and left the chamber.

474 APOLOGIES

Councillor Rapi and Councillor Mrs Williams.

475 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

22b Councillor Morgan.

476 ITEMS TO PRESS

The Mayor asked Councillors present could items 21 & 22 be moved into the public section from private as none of the information held confidential issues. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

477 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held on 1st March 2011 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment.

462 Llanelli Cross

Councillor Mrs Putwain expressed that the sentence in the minutes gave the wrong impression and she felt we should not be helping any of the Churches. The sentence would be removed and amended as requested.

478 **MATTERS ARISING**

455 Wales in Bloom

Councillor Mrs Lane informed Councillors she had attended a recent meeting and Wales in Bloom would be going ahead this year but on a very tight budget. They will then have a year to seek new sponsors for the following years to try and continue this event. All Councillors wished them well for the year ahead.

459 Poppy Appeal Party

The Clerk and Councillor Mrs Lane have downloaded a poster for this event and are in the process of wording this with relevant information. Also they are awaiting confirmation from Councillor Rapi about the music he hoped to provide.

460 Royal Wedding

Councillor Morgan requested that the council could commemorate this event by providing each child in the Junior and Infant schools with a mug. Councillor Mrs Evans felt this would be a lovely idea. Councillor Mrs Lane said we had purchased Welsh flag bunting but we really needed Union flags as well. Councillor Mrs Thomas had priced these and had reserved them pending a decision of Council.

Proposed for Bunting and Mugs to be purchased.

Proposed by Councillor Lane, seconded by Councillor Morgan.

Resolved for Bunting and Mugs to be purchased.

462 Llanelli Cross

The Mayor reported that the Cross would be purchased but with no Tenby Town Council involvement.

479 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a.NP/11/060 – Mr and Mrs Peter Morgan, Carmel Stud, Peart Farm, Norton St. Phillip, Bath – Garage, Carmel, North Cliffe, Tenby.

Discussion took place between Councillors during viewing of the plans.
Proposed by Councillor Hallett seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane.

RECOMMEND

Approval

b.NP/11/074 – Mr and Mrs R Sadler, 3 Rock Terrace, St Julian Street, Tenby – Alterations and repairs to existing basement floor accommodation, 3 Rock Terrace, Tenby.

Discussion took place between Councillors during viewing of the plans.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

480 **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

a. PCNPA – Trees at the Community Education Centre.

Councillor Hallett said he was involved and aware of the works that had been identified. Councillor Mrs Lane said the Clerk had been in contact with the Education Centre as we have some trees that could be planted in this area. An e-mail has been sent and we are awaiting confirmation to see if the Brownies can plant some here when they carry out their planting session on 30/03/11. Councillor Evans explained that some trees were dangerous but he would like to see the Cherry Tree replaced. He also requested for a letter to be sent agreeing to this correspondence but also mentioning that the right hand side as you enter this area, could be cleared and an amenity tree sited. Recommended approval by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Councillor Hallett asked if any silver birch trees had been delivered as the Civic Society would have liked some for Allen’s View. Unfortunately Councillor Mrs Lane said they have not sent any.

Resolved to recommend approval.

481 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – February Minutes

Minutes to be noted.

b. Mr and Mrs Frazer – De Valence

The Mayor felt this letter had many valid points. Councillor Blackhall felt that this letter should be noted and Councillors views discussed under the De Valence items.

Letter noted.

c. Chamber of Trade and Tourism – Copy of letter to Parochial Church Council

Councillor Evans explained that the Rectory Car Park is quiet Monday - Thursday and it may not be necessary to open 7 days a week at certain times in the year. He felt we should be liaising with the local hoteliers and the Church so the Church is not running at a loss keeping it open when quiet spells occur.

Resolved to liaise with the Rector of St Mary's Church.

d. Mr William Rogers – Tenby Proposals

The Mayor reported she had answered previous letters from Mr Rogers personally as he had sent them to her. In the last letter she suggested he send any concerns in the future to the Council. Councillor Hallett commented he had noticed no graffiti when he visited the station very recently, also Councillor Mrs Evans had not seen any Graffiti.

Resolved to note this letter.

e. Mrs Flavin – De Valence

Resolved to note this letter.

f. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – Notes of Pembrokeshire Business Network meeting with Dr Jones, PCC.

Councillor Blackhall commented that this is a complicated new system that we need to look at to help local tradesmen and businesses. He felt they should be able to sign up to a scheme where they can leave something in their vans to allow them to provide their services to local houses within the town walled area under the new parking regime. Otherwise these tradesmen are going to decline work in this area due to the parking restrictions. Councillor Blackhall said we should be going back to Pembrokeshire County Council with these concerns and ideas. Councillor Morgan said they have no flexibility with this new system. Councillor Hallett said we need to liaise and work with the people to gain the best outcome.

Councillor Mrs Putwain commented that as stated in the letter it is working in Cardiff for workmen to park in residents parking bays while attending clients' houses, so why can it not happen in Tenby? Councillor Evans said he made that comment and it is actually happening in Carmarthenshire. He also informed all Councillors he has been carrying out his own survey and observation around the streets and has various ideas and options to put forward. The information will be collated for the next agenda and he will forward his report to the Clerk in time to go out with the agendas.

For information Councillor Evans said Ian Westley and Jamie Adams are meeting with Chamber of Trade to discuss how the Parking is affecting businesses.

Also the Clerk reminded Councillors as mentioned earlier Mr G Sutton is attending the PACT meeting on 06/04/11 to discuss any concerns relating to parking.

Resolved to note the letter.

g. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – Copy of letter from Pembrokeshire Business Network regarding parking enforcement.

Resolved to note the letter as discussed under item f.

h. Mr Darren Thomas, PCC - -Parking.

Councillor Evans mentioned that there has been no demand for the 24hr tickets in the mentioned car parks; this is because they are not available.

Letter noted and await further information after discussions take place between County Councillor Evans and Mr I Westley.

482 ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2011

Councillor Mrs Rossiter asked whether we could research for cheaper dog waste bags, it is a very good service but perhaps we could save a little money. The Clerk informed Councillors that he had tried but unfortunately the dispensers used have specific bag they require and so more research should have probably been carried out prior to purchase. The Mayor suggested that when the time comes to replace the dispensers we need to address this matter and look for a cheaper option.

Councillor Evans asked specific questions to the Clerk who in turn answered them fully. Councillor Evans also mentioned it would be beneficial to look at the utilities for the next year to see if a different provider has any better deals available.

Proposed to accept the February Accounts by Councillor Hallett seconded by Cllr Morgan.

Resolved that the accounts for February be approved.

483 REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor explained she attended and chaired the SWAT meeting on 11/03/11. They outlined the proposals for moving some facilities from Withybush Hospital and centralising these services at Glangwili Hospital. Unfortunately no one attended from Hywel Dda. There is one more meeting planned in June for public to attend to express views and concerns. The Mayor urged everyone to take time to attend this meeting once the date is known.

Councillor Morgan attended the PACT meeting where discussions were mainly about the Multi storey car park and boy racers. The Mayor understood how disturbing the problems are to the residents of Augustus Place after spending an evening in Augustus Place Hall last Friday.

484 MEDIA ITEMS

None noted.

485 WHEELED PLAY PARK

The Clerk explained we had received one design for the wheeled play area but with no costings as yet. He also informed Councillors that on their Facebook site he had left a message to the skaters but again no replies had been added. Also Councillor Evans asked if the Clerk had found anyone to sand blast the shelters. Unfortunately there was only one firm who carried out this service on site and they had not returned the phone calls. Councillor Evans suggested contacting Douglas Fraser for contact details of another firm who may be able to help. Councillor Mrs Putwain said the shelters are modern the only original is on the bend by the zigzag. She also explained the original shelters are in Tenby Times Newspaper for anyone to view. Councillor Hallett also explained that the railings from the South Beach Development have been kept and can be used by the Council for another area in the town.

486 AUDIT OF VENUES

Councillor Evans said further discussion on this item depends on the De Valence outcome.

487 FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a). Horse and Carriage stand

The Clerk explained that the new gentleman taking over the long running business of Mr Dooner had needed to apply for a licence. In view of this it was suggested that they need a specific Hackney Taxi rank.

PCC are asking: a) Do we agree with a stand?
 b) Where do we think it should be?

Councillor Blackhall proposed it stays in the same place. It has never caused a problem in the past and has been in operation from this site for years. Seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved for the Horse and Carriage to be sited and remain in the present position.

b) Save Milford Haven Coastguard Station Event

The Clerk gave Councillors information that an event to support the fight against the proposed closures is taking place at Milford Haven Marina on Saturday 9th March between 11am – 1pm.

488 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 7.30pm.

489 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a) Parking – Councillor Evans.
- b) Dog Waste Bins/Golf Hill to Black Rock – Councillor Evans.
- c) Notice boards – Councillor Mrs Williams
- d) Staffing/In Private & Confidential – Councillor Mrs Evans.

490 REPORT INTO SETTING UP A TRUST – DE VALENCE

Full discussion took place into setting up a new Trust to manage and run the De Valence until the future of the building is decided.

The Mayor expressed that she still strongly felt a period of Public Consultation needed to take place as this is a very important issue. Silent World had also asked to make a presentation to the Council and she felt they should be given this opportunity. She continued to say that she was under the impression that if a Trust was set up the building would be run like a community hall, charging the hirer a price for the venue then they in turn would be responsible for everything else.

Councillor Mrs Lane felt that the public were unaware of all the facts and figures at this time to be able to make a decision. Also she felt that if we did decide to sell the building then a price should be decided on our terms of lease issued not the other way around.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt that the right offer had not been made as yet to purchase or lease the building at this time. So as it's a Community building it needs to fulfil what it is for and if we do not act soon we will lose events that are planned for Tenby this summer. This in turn will affect the local businesses of our town if we don't try to open this facility.

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt the two offers of interest were insulting to the people of Tenby and if a Trust was formed they could run the building until a decent offer is made.

Councillor Mrs Lane proposed a Trust be set up and a De Valence subcommittee meeting is schedule for as soon as possible, seconded by Councillor Brown.

Councillor Mrs Putwain explained that if we set up a trust they need funds to be able to run so how much will it cost TTC to open the doors.

Councillor Evans said that if a decision was made to set up a management committee the building could be run while a decision is made for the long term future of the De Valence, also he felt it was important to outline how Councillors are elected or de-selected for the Management Committee

.The Clerk was requested to schedule a sub-committee meeting for Monday 21st March at 7pm.

The Mayor proposed that Silent World be allowed to present at the next TTC meeting, seconded by Councillor Morgan.

Resolved to allow both expressions of interest to make a presentation at a future Council Meeting.

Resolved to set up a Trust to manage the De Valence and a De Valence sub-committee meeting be arranged on 21/03/11 at 7pm, to action the Trust application.

491 FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. Re-opening the De Valence

The Clerk felt the items he had outlined in relation to the re opening of the De Valence needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency. These included hiring charges, staffing, cleaning and general building preparation. He felt if these were all addressed, then when the Trust is set up it could all be handed over to them. Councillor Evans suggested that a management committee be set up then it could be transferred to the Trust. Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt it was unfair on the office to be taking phone call from potential hirers with no hiring fees decided; this needs to be address as soon as possible.

Resolved to discuss all the Clerks concerns at the subcommittee meeting on Monday 21/03/11 at 7pm.

492 PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett seconded by Councillor Morgan.

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.

493 MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council Meeting held 1st March 2011 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

494 MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

495 LEWIS, LEWIS & CO. – DE VALENCE

The Clerk reported the letter is self explanatory in relation to the Covenant figures.

Also the Clerk read out a letter he had received yesterday from Mr Neville Henstredge PCC in relation to the Covenant being lifted if the building was to be leased.

Councillor Mrs Brown said when of if we put the building on the open market could we include the finances for lifting the covenant in the price. The Mayor asked Councillors if they wished for the building to be re-valued. Councillor Blackhall explained that the valuation of the building really depended on what the purchaser wanted the building for. Each idea has a different potential valuation.

Discussion took place as to how or if the public needed to be aware of the covenant as it was public knowledge in 1980. Proposed to pursue the covenant situation further, proposed by Councillor Mrs Evans, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved for a letter to be sent to Mr N Henstredge to discuss and pursue the Covenant further.

Councillor Mrs Lane left the chamber.

496 FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

b. Cemetery Tender

Councillor Hallett declared an interest in this agenda item and left the chamber.
Councillor Morgan took no part in the voting.

All Cemetery Tenders were opened by the Clerk in the presence of all Councillors present.

Discussion on all tenders took place with the successful tender firm to be informed by letter from the Clerk tomorrow.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____