TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD 22nd June 2011

PRESENT Councillor T Hallett Mayor

Councillor Mrs S Lane
Councillor Mrs J Evans
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mrs P Putwain
Councillor D Morgan
Councillor P Rapi
Councillor L Blackhall

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A. Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer

Mrs L Hensman Assistant Clerk

ALSO PRESENT Mr T Harris

Mr Harris

112. APOLOGIES

None received.

113. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None disclosed.

114. <u>ITEMS TO PRESS</u>

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter, 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Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

115. PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed Mr Harris and his son on behalf of Tenby Town Council and invited him to the table to deliver his presentation.

Mr Harris thanked the Council for the opportunity to put forward his proposed option to convert the De Valence into a two screen cinema.

Outlining his background he explained all his life has been spent in the cinema field, his last big project was converting the Palace Cinema in Haverfordwest and running it until he retired.

He proposed to build tiered seating in the main hall with a screen 24' x 11', plus a smaller 2nd screen cinema on the balcony. Both projection rooms would have to be built and fitted out. Mr Harris explained he already has all the equipment for running the projection side, then described in detail how he would build the seating, allowing for fire exits and access to the balcony.

To convert the building Mr Harris estimated the cost to be between £70,000-100,000, explaining he had no experience in obtaining grants but had researched evidence of grants having been awarded in other areas.

He felt once converted the building could be used for theatre type shows or a comedian but dance events would not be able to function.

Cinema would need to be added to the present licence as no special licences are required now. The cinema would be run by his son and he hoped to have 3/4 staff on duty per shift.

Mr Harris asked if all councillors would like to adjourn to the main hall as he would like to explain his ideas further. Concertina seating and a motorised roller screen were discussed as a movable option but would have a cost implication.

The Mayor thanked Mr Harris for his presentation and explained no decision on the De Valence would take place until all interested parties have had the opportunity to present to the council.

Mayor	 		
Town Clerk			
Date			