

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
6TH DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter
Cllr C Dale
Cllr Ms L Attewell
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr J Rossiter
Cllr D Whitehurst

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

The Mayor thanked councillors for attending an early start.

157. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Lane, Cllr Rapi, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Ronowitz.

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

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST AND INDICATE WHETHER IT IS PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL

Cllr Mrs Rossiter item 12.

159. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING TONIGHTS MEETING AND WHICH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS ARE EXCLUDED

No members of the public present.

160. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES, EXCEPT THOSE MARKED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL, BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Rossiter and seconded by Cllr Ms Attewell.

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

161. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 1st November 2022 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

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

Item 143 Friends of Greenhill - Outdoor Gym Equipment: Cllr Blackhall had looked at the application further and had a discussion with the Clerk regarding the outdoor play equipment for Greenhill. Pembrokeshire County Council have approved the grant application but the Friends of Greenhill are seeking to raise some of the money as they are still looking at shortfall. Cllr Blackhall feels it is a reasonable request and suggested £2k in order to assist them securing the grant, Cllr Dale seconded.

RESOLVED

That under Section 19a LGA (Misc Provs) 1976, a donation of £2000 be made to the Friends of Greenhill school.

Item 146 Enhancement Works to the Paragon Gardens: The Clerk had some disappointing news to share with councillors as the gardens had been the victim of some minor vandalism last week. The poppy bench had been upended and dropped down in the lower garden. The new shelter had been graffitied. Fortunately, Smart Gardens had put the bench back in place and the Clerk had removed the graffiti using special spray. The police have been made aware of the vandalism and photos have been shown to authority. Cllr Rossiter mentioned the new railings which were loose on Iron Bar Sands and was concerned that this was part of the same incident. The Mayor confirmed that the railings have been reported to PCC and that they are being fixed this week.

Item 149 Sewage Spills from the Castle Beach Overflow: The Clerk told members that he had tried to arrange a visit from Dwr Cymru as suggested by Cllr Whitehurst at the last meeting but he had been passed from department to department and had not yet found the right person! He will continue to pursue this.

Item 150d Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Mrs Rossiter felt that the timing had been very tight for the service, acknowledging that it was the Rector who had wished for the proceedings to be held in reverse. She felt it put whole parade under pressure to get around and Mr Peachy had taken a fall. The Mayor acknowledged that timing was a bit tight but said it was a trial and timings would be looked at for next year. She hoped Mr Peachy was ok.

Cllr Whitehurst arrived.

150e Training for Councillors: The Clerk had been in touch with One Voice Wales who could offer modular training remotely with an on-screen mentor for £420 per module, there are 3 modules. Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels it is a rip off having been a councillor for a long time. Cllr Blackhall suggested this option was more affordable than individual sessions for each councillor and it would be good if all councillors went through the process together. This is the way forward and we have no choice as it is now part of statutory guidance for being a councillor.

Cllr Dale asked if we can do it in an evening, the Clerk confirmed he will arrange evening sessions in the New Year. Cllr Whitehurst seconded.

163. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 8TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Noted.

164. **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

a. **Mr J Cornwell – Town Crier**

The Mayor asked if all had had the chance to read the correspondence. Any comments with regard to Mr Cornwell's letter, she asked. Cllr Mrs Rossiter thanked him for his letter and for his years of service.

RESOLVED

That the letter be noted.

b. **Mr and Mrs Mckellar – Dog restriction changes on North Beach**

Cllr Blackhall referred to the correspondence in relation to the North Beach highlighting that it was TTC and not just Cllr Whitehurst who had agreed on a consultation, he wished it noted that this was a council decision and Cllr. Whitehurst should not be singled out.

Cllr Whitehurst had met Mr and Mrs Mckellar on the beach and had a lovely long chat.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter suggested it may be because of the letter in paper, if the letter had just been from Mr Duncan Whitehurst instead of Councillor it would have made a difference.

Cllr Dale had received complaints that the Iron Bar signage is negligible.

Members agreed that signage needed addressing.

Cllr Mr Rossiter queried if there could there be more dog litter bins. The Mayor said that, as county councillor, she has asked repeatedly asked this question of Richard Brown. His response was that all bins are suitable for dog waste and advisory stickers were suggested.

The Mayor told councillors that she and the Community Engagement officer are to look at obtaining dog waste bins with EPF for the gardens. PCC will not supply so we're looking for another way round the issue, she said.

Cllr Dale had received a complaint regarding a rubbish issue inside a lane leading onto South Parade, but the Clerk confirmed that the lane is private and gated off so there is little we can do.

Cllr Whitehurst confirmed that our local morning sea swimmers have suggested a bin at the bottom of 'Heart Attack Steps' and on the slip off North Beach.

Cllr Dale said he had recently been in a town in England where they had four-foot-high bins with 4 slots which were seagull proof. Perhaps PCC could look into supplying some of these.

The Mayor then spoke about the new commercial seagull proof bags which can hold 12 plastic bags of rubbish which cost about £20. This was not the solution to all the problems but it was a start as anything to help with rubbish issues in the town was a positive. She was open to any suggestions at the moment.

c. Cllr Neil Prior – Working Better Together seminar

Seminar on offer if members wished to attend

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

The Mayor asked if councillors had any questions. There were none. Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed accepting the accounts and Cllr Whitehurst seconded.

RESOLVED

THAT the accounts for November (including scheduled payments, unpresented cheques, receipts, account balances, budget monitoring to date and bank reconciliations) be approved.

166. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Pembrokeshire Vikings

Cllr Mrs Rossiter said that TTC support Tenby for grants and feels that having just given £2K to Greenhill School, we should just stick to Tenby.

Cllr Whitehurst wondered if there were any members from Tenby playing on the team.

The Clerk said that there appeared to be around five team members for the local area.

Cllr. Rossiter said that TTC do tend to look at grant applications later in the mayoral year and we should not use up all our budget yet as other applications may come in. We are already supporting our own school.

Cllr Dale suggested we respond saying that unfortunately we are not able to support this request at present but the application may be considered at a later date.

RESOLVED

That TTC are unable to provide grant support at this time but may reconsider later in the financial year.

167. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

SEPCHN: Cllr Whitehurst told councillors that it was all quiet at the moment but meetings had been rescheduled for February/March.

Heating Fund: Cllr Dale had spoken with Chris Hughes, Chair of the Tenby Charities, who will be taking the idea suggested by the Beynon family to the Trustees of the Tenby Charities. This fund is from those who are fortunate enough to not need the rebates etc offered by the utility companies and who wish to donate to those less fortunate. This may help also with the Warm Room initiative at Augustus Place.

The Clerk believes there is a meeting of the Trustees tomorrow.

Round Table Santa Run: The Mayor had attended the Santa Run on Sunday, the first in 3 years. It was really good and well done to all those involved.

Festive Saturday: The Mayor thanked Dave Jones, of the De Valence Trust and Cllr Dai Morgan for their swift organising of the event after the horrendous weather forecast.

They arranged to do it in the De Valence and it went like clockwork. The hall was very festive, Steve Briers kept everyone entertained as did Emma Sax. Everyone was so grateful. Well done to all involved, including Sharon and Anne.

Remembrance Sunday: As mentioned earlier, the Mayor acknowledged that there had been a few glitches but it had been a wonderful occasion. For the Poppy trail there were six organisations with about 70 children in comparison to last year with 12 children. All went down well; it was really lovely and humbling.

168. UPDATE ON THE BRYNHIR DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if she could remain in the chamber.

Before discussing the update from PCC, Cllr Blackhall wished to refer to the advert that had been placed in the local newspaper by the 'Greenspace' campaign. He feels that it is important that, when things are published in the media, we counter things that are not correct.

Firstly, there is no pot with £40m of money for spending on other services in Tenby if the development does not go ahead. This is HRA money and the only reason this figure quoted is because Cllr Williams asked a question. This money is only available for housing, it is earmarked.

Yes, the original plan was for 144 homes. The reason it is now going to be less is because PCC have listened to concerns and created a 10-metre buffer zone and walk way.

There is also a SUDS system which is in response to people who are concerned with flooding.

Some of the claims are unfair and it is important they are countered, he said.

The reason for the allocation of one bed dwellings is that it is in accordance with demand across the county. The greatest demand is for single person dwellings.

In response to the update from PCC, Cllr. Blackhall continued that there is a concern that this timetable has slipped slightly. We have people being made homeless now, and being sent to live further afield. The local need is now.

We should respond that we welcome the updated information, but we are concerned and would like to have some discussion with PCC to ensure that we will be back on track said Cllr. Blackhall

Cllr Whitehurst said the SUDS plan is an improvement but there is still an issue with drainage.

However, the plans are totally different from those originally provided and shows they have listened. It is looking positive, he said.

RESOLVED

That TTC write and thank PCC for the update and ask them for a catch-up meeting in the New Year.

169. TRAFFIC ON ESTATES IN TENBY – CLLR MS ATTEWELL

Cllr Ms Attewell showed members photographs of the parking situation around Tudor Way and Heywood Lane junction.

This is a busy crossing area for children and parents and there is a huge problem. Vehicles including 4x4's are parking right up to the junction. The junction is chaotic and visibility is appalling. Something needs to be done to stop cars parking as double yellows are not working, she said.

The Mayor advised councillors that she recently received a message to say that the police would like to come to the next meeting (January).

Discussion took place about the schools' car park. Cllr Mrs Rossiter recalled a previous meeting, adding that this is a hard issue to resolve. St David's Close is another that is always clogged. There is now no crossing person on this junction. They cannot seem to enforce double yellow lines.

The Clerk noted that when he had gone to pick up his granddaughter one day last week there had been plenty of parking in the car park yet people still chose to park on the two junctions.

Cllr Dale asked if this is only a pick-up and drop off occurrence, and if the parking problem is at specific times, then why not use traffic wardens?

Problems are also caused by parents talking outside the cars and children running around instead of just collecting and going, said Cllr. Ms Attewell.

Cllr Dale asked if PCC's traffic wardens could have a blitz. Cllr Blackhall agreed with Cllr Dale.

Cllr Rossiter asked if something like a zebra crossing could be placed at this point.

Cllr Blackhall feels the only other option, as in the Greenhill School side, is to look at extending the raised sections of road as this does help to slow people down. People would be more aware if they knew there was a pedestrian crossing too, he added.

The Clerk said he would raise the matter with Mr Marc Owen in the morning.

170. CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR NEXT EPF BID – CLLR BLACKHALL

Cllr Blackhall felt his briefing note is self-explanatory. Cllr Mrs Lane and he, as outlined at the last meeting, had been looking at future EPF bids. There was an amount of consultation needing to be put in place prior to putting in a bid. He asked for agreement to go ahead with consultation prior to putting the bid together. All agreed.

RESOLVED

That TTC start a community consultation exercise on the proposals for the next EPF bid.

171. REPORTING ON DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL – CLLR BLACKHALL

Again, Cllr Blackhall said the information is all there in his briefing. Previously we said we would have decision tracker. It will help all members to see progress, used on a continuous basis to see where things go. This will be an action plan to follow each meeting. Hopefully show what is being done and would be useful for next annual report. He would have the first ready for next meeting.

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

The Clerk had no items at this time.

173. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Mayor said that she had been contacted by the police who would like to attend the next full council meeting.

RESOLVED

That the next planning meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 7pm. Full Council on Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 at 7.00pm to allow for the attendance of the police.

174. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Rossiter – Progress report on the planning application for the old post office site.

Cllr Dale – Progress on the approved plans for the Royal Lion and former petrol station in Deer Park.

Cllr Dale - Query the use of tables and chairs in Greggs under A1 use.