

MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 10TH FEBRUARY 2026

Present: Councillor Dai Morgan Mayor
Councillor Tom Sloan
Councillor Laurence Blackhall
Councillor Sam Skyrme-Blackhall
Councillor Phil Spence
Councillor Tara Carmody
Councillor Jayne Badham
Councillor Anna Bolton

In attendance: Sharon Thompson Deputy Clerk

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179. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Hallett, Dale and Phillips and Lewis

180. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW

None.

181. 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 Skyrme-Blackhall, seconded by Cllr Sloan.

RESOLVED

That items of correspondence and committee minutes, except those marked private and confidential, be given to the members of the press present.

182. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13TH JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 13th January 2026 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

183. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Page 68 Item 165a - Surf Lifesaving: Both the DC and Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall had contacted PCC's Sports Development Officer and it was agreed that further funding

opportunities would be explored with the group. Cllr Blackhall said it is good to hear that there are other funding avenues out there.

Page 70 Item 169 – Asset Update: The kitchen in *Augustus Place Community Centre* is in need of new flooring and cupboards. Quotes are currently being obtained. After a quarterly inspection of the *Jubilee Play Park*, it was identified that a retaining wall is in need of reparation. Quotes are currently being obtained for this work to be carried out.

Page 71 Item 171 – Welcome to Tenby sign: PCC will be refurbishing the Welcome to Tenby sign located at the bottom of Lady Park. Additionally, the Crest also needs replacement. Graffiti on the Welcome to Tenby sign has been removed.

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

Cllr Blackhall would like TTC to look at cash reserves and check we are maximising returns. Agenda item for P&F Meeting.

Cllr Blackhall proposed and Cllr Sloan seconded that the accounts be accepted.

RESOLVED

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

185. GUMFRESTON FLOODING – CLLR DALE

Now superseded by actions in the community including the recent petition. May revisit it at a future date.

186. ASSET UPDATE – CLLR PHILLIPS

Covered earlier.

187. MAYOR ELECT – THE MAYOR

The agenda item was to enable the Mayor to explain the process to new members and to ask members to think about it with a view to choosing a Mayor elect soon. The Mayor explained that we do not have the same time pressures that we used to have when we had a formal Mayor's Ball which has now been scrapped in order to save money for key services. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Blackhall and seconded by Cllr Sloan.

188. BINS REMOVED FROM CASTLE HILL – CLLR BOLTON

Cllr Bolton praised PCC waste collection staff, adding they don't get credit they deserve. Her concerns were that the bins are slightly hidden and asked if it would be possible to move them so that they are more visible. Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall will look into it.

189. DOG FOULING – CLLR BOLTON

Tenby has become a popular dog friendly destination, growing year on year said Cllr Bolton. Unfortunately, a huge increase of dog fouling throughout the town has been noted. This is not just visitor.

There was discussion about developing a kite mark (A 'Paw' Mark). The ideas included promoting shops selling poo bags, having a map showing dog friendly businesses, beach information. It was also discussed giving a 'starter kit' for businesses signing up for the 'paw mark'. It was noted that it would be good to discuss with the Chamber of Trade.

Cllr Blackhall proposed that the idea be moved forward, then arrange meeting with Chamber. In time for summer. Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall seconded.

190. REVIEW OF TENBY TOWN COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS APPROACH – CLLR CARMODY

Cllr Carmody attended grants and personnel, themes coming through are different communications that we may have. It was noted the positive and prominent press coverage Herald and Observer Milford's town council funding of Milford Haven Library, commendable to give such positive coverage. Funding the library is also in our budget, we also want to celebrate and get better coverage.

Members discussed issues around events organised by TTC's CEO. Disappointed with attendance of quality products. Ways in which we may publicise events better was discussed.

It was suggested to get a small group to look at improving communication and promotion. The group would look at what we are currently doing and how it could be improved.

It was discussed how best to get messages out to social and mainstream media. It was noted that we need to promote the Council and its service better, together with details of What's on in Tenby.

A small group to take this forward was proposed by Cllr Carmody and this should include representatives of Greenhill School. Seconded by Cllr Blackhall.

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

- a. **Sergeant at Mace** has resigned due to his health. The Mayor has written to him to thank him for his support.

- b. **Tenby New Cemetery** Plotting of the new area for burial of cremated remains will be undertaken once RT has attended the beech hedges. Cllr Badham wishes to join the Cemetery working party.
- c. **Active Travel Consultation** at TTC Office Thursday, 5th March 2026 between 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- d. **Tenby Market Consultation** Wednesday, 18th February between 4pm – 7pm in De Valence Pavilion. Officers will be available with designs and plans.

192. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Planning Committee – Tuesday, 10th March 2026 at 7pm

Full Council – Tuesday, 10th March 2026 at 7.30pm

193. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Brynhir construction and accessible engagement meeting with contractors – Cllr Blackhall

Tradesmen access to town centre during pedestrianisation – Cllr Badham

194. 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”.