

MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 14TH JULY 2026

Present: Councillor Dai Morgan Mayor
Councillor Laurence Blackhall
Councillor Sam Skyrme-Blackhall Zoom
Councillor Phil Spence
Councillor Anna Bolton
Councillor Tara Carmody
Councillor Helen Keohane

In attendance: Sharon Thompson Deputy Clerk

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The Mayor welcomed Cllr Keohane.

58. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Phillips, Lewis, Sloan and Badham.

59. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW

None disclosed.

60. 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 Blackhall and seconded by Cllr Bolton.

RESOLVED

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

61. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH JUNE 2026

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 9th June 2026 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

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

Deposit Return Scheme - Cllr Carmody had noted a lot of press coverage following the meeting and thanked Mr Malone for taking the time to attend the meeting to update TTC.

Grant to Tenby AFC - The Mayor had received a note from Tenby AFC who were very grateful for the grant. Work has now started and they look forward to working with TTC in the future. There will be a dedication in memory of Adam Muskett.

63. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD 7TH JULY 2026

Noted.

64. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING (1) HELD 8TH JULY 2026

The Mayor had attended a meeting last night and provisional plans for 27th September at Tenby Harbour are, if boats still in, Sea Cadets from Tenby, Fishguard, Milford together with SC Band and Colours to parade to Harbour. Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, Miss Sara Edwards, will be in attendance. Will take Salute. A Gala dinner will be held on 31st October at the Giltar Hotel. Details to follow.

65. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING (2) HELD 8TH JULY 2026

Noted.

66. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDING AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. The Ground Tenby CIC – Supplies and set up costs for the outdoor area & community garden of The Ground CIC

After some considerable discussion it was suggested that representatives of the Ground Tenby CIC be invited to present more detailed plans to council members. Members are supportive in principle but require more detail on various aspects including land ownership/legal status, planning permission and project delivery plans before committing funds.

TTC understand the good intentions. Target earth based therapeutic approach to mental health, particularly men's mental health. A huge issue in rural areas such as Pembrokeshire. TTC are fully behind what the CIC is trying to do.

Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall will follow up with PCC to ascertain whether the CIC has received any grant funding.

Cllr Bolton proposed inviting representatives to the next meeting and that more details be submitted. Seconded by the Mayor.

RESOLVED

That the application for supplies and set up costs for the outdoor areas and community garden of the Ground CIC be deferred until further information is received.

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

The DC advised that the War Graves Commission payment had been received and that this amount is usually passed to the Sea Cadets who tend the War Graves at the Old Cemetery. Councillors agreed that last year's amount and this year's amount be passed to Tenby Sea Cadets as the payment for last year had not been made.

The Fireman's Carnival will take place on the first Wednesday in August and Tenby Observer ask if we wish to support the event. The cost will be approximately £50 plus vat.

The DC advised members that the invoice for the flowers had been received and that payment was to be made.

The previously agreed amount of £5,000 will be paid to the Eisteddfod y Garreg Las working committee.

Cllr Blackhall requested that an item be raised in private.

Cllr Blackhall proposed accepting the accounts, Cllr Spence seconded. All were in favour.

RESOLVED

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

68. ASSET UPDATE

Cllr Carmody raised the issue of Upper Frog Street toilets being closed. We are currently awaiting an update as to when they will be reopened said Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall who assured fellow councillors that TTC will receive an appropriate reimbursement in the next financial year.

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

Cllr Blackhall last night attended Years 7-9 end of year awards at Ysgol Greenhill. A fantastic presentation, celebrating achievements, school values and ethos. Not just about academic achievement, students rewarded for their endeavour. Continued sign of health of school. All wanting to share young people's achievements.

Time for Tenby working with PCC equipment, volunteers and businesses, now in operation on the High Street and slabs showing true colours. Acknowledgement that this is going on. Partnership is really positive. Something for discussion at future meetings. Recruiting volunteers.

TC LB and PS attended SEPCHN meeting and strongly encourage all to attend these meetings. An opportunity to get information on what is going on and to contribute to different dialogue

Next SEPCHN meeting 16th September at 2.30PM, New Hedges Village Hall.

TC and LB attended Sea Sunday ecumenical Harbour Service and the Tudor Festival including an evening of medieval music.

PS along with our CEO, had great pleasure attending two schools to hand out books to about 50 charming reception children. Powerful for young children to be seen clutching books. Whilst stock sufficient for next year, future budget consideration flagged. Legacy building.

AB over last couple of months attended Friendship Club at Augustus Place. Started attending after incident at train station, SSB and LB also attended. Part of Tenby Community. Friendship Club have requested a visit to Mayor's Parlour and this may be a good opportunity to get the old Observers out.

SSB Time for Tenby, litter picks regularly taking place and the washing of High Street with help of many volunteers. Thank you to all. Shows how much it was needed.

Attended along with TC and LB Sea Sunday at Harbour. Exceptionally hot.

Mayor's challenge at Long Course Weekend. This year was open to those who wished to run for wellbeing as well as a great fund-raising opportunity. The Mayor thanked LCW for contributing the 12 places which this year ranged from 5k to full marathon.

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

- a. To agree that any urgent matters during the Summer Recess will be considered under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.**

If urgent matters arise needing decisions, level of delegation that is given to the Deputy Town Clerk together with the Mayor.

Assigned, as in previous years, to transact any items of business in consultation with the Mayor and any items being communicated to the first council meeting after the recess. Cllr Blackhall proposed, seconded by Phil Spence all were in favour.

RESOLVED

That any urgent matters during the Summer Recess be considered under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

71. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Planning Meeting – Tuesday, 8th September 2026 at 7pm

Full Meeting -Tuesday, 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Policy & Finance Meeting – 29th September 2026 at 7.30pm

72. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

73. 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”