

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
13th FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor
Councillor Mr P Rapi
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mr T Hallett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk
Mr Steven Richard-Downes PCC Link Officer

The Mayor welcomed Mr Richard-Downes to the meeting.

360. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Brown, Mrs Rees, Mrs Williams, Mrs Ward and Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall. The Clerk added that County Councillor Michael Williams had offered his apologies for this meeting but that it was his intention to attend at least one TTC meeting per month.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared interest in 6a and 6b.

362. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Proposed by Cllr Hallett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

363. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 30th January 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

364. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

325. b. Pembrokeshire County Council – Budget Consultation 2018-19

The Clerk advised Councillors that the closing date for online responses to the Budget Consultation was 16th February 2018. The Mayor asked the Clerk to ensure Cllr Mrs Brown was made aware of the date as she had queried the closing date at the last meeting.

346. c. Appeal Decision Units 1- 3, South Parade, Tenby

The Clerk had received a response from PCNPA and they were more than happy for Councillors to see, and input, on the suggested code of conduct for delivery drivers. .

He also read correspondence from Mr. Darren Thomas, head of service, explaining that the Highways Department had to consider the application based on the fact that the premises already had A1 permission and the potential traffic movements such use would generate. He rejected the view that his officers had not been rigorous in their assessment.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter said she could not believe their response. The traffic survey was carried out by the applicants during the winter at the quietest time of the year. She went on to ask who will monitor restrictions in the summer when it is busy, she just cannot believe their reasoning.

Cllr Hallett commented that it was the nature of the people to drive to bed if they could. He felt the delivery people will be on a late penalty and they will be under pressure to make sure food arrives hot. It was naive to think they will drive round the town, park in the multi storey and then walk back up to the shop.

Cllr Rapi said more serious is the fact that during the summer there are buses on the South Parade which, if cars are parked in the bus bay, will pull up in the middle of the road to off load and load passengers causing obstruction.

The Clerk said unfortunately the argument was that this could possibly have happened anyway under the existing A1 retail use granted previously.

The Mayor commented that PCNPA had managed to secure reduced opening hours at A3 premises in the past which had been successfully tested on appeal.

Cllr Blackhall apologised to Mr Thomas but years ago when the Co-op's application had been submitted on The Green there were concerns voiced by TTC and others regarding the car park and vehicle access. However, the Highways Department had assured TTC that there would be no problem. He said that every single evening there are traffic problems relating to this premises and again questioned how robust PCC's traffic assessment had been.

Cllr Hallett asked if there had been any input from the Police and Fire Brigade in relation to the application on South Parade. The Clerk said there had not been any objections to the applications. Cllr Rapi asked how the fire engines were going to make it past the vehicles parked on the South Parade.

The Clerk said that PCNPA would enforce any breaches to conditions and Mrs Gibson had asked that the people of Tenby become the eyes and ears to monitor the situation and report back to them.

Cllr Blackhall hoped that it is made very clear as to whom and where photographic evidence need to be sent. Cllr Hallett suggested that the CCTV that is contributed towards by the TTC situated on the South Parade at the War Memorial be closely monitored.

347. SEPHCN Walk in Centre

Cllr Mrs Thomas reported that there is a meeting next Tuesday, 20th February at 2pm in New Hedges Village Hall at which Simon Thomas AM will speak. There will also be questions on the Health Transformation consultation. She urged everyone to attend as there will be information on the services provided at Tenby Cottage hospital with more being provided. It was been noted that there is a good attendance from Saundersfoot and New Hedges but less from Tenby and this has been commented upon. Cllr Mrs Thomas added that these are important meetings offering opportunities to ask questions and raise concerns.

365. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter declared an interest in the following planning application and left the Chamber

- a. NP/18/0042/FUL – Mrs Julie Evans, 1 Albert View, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby – Works to rear wing including alteration of fenestration and provision of roof lights – 1 Albert View, St Julian’s Street, Tenby
- b. NP/18/0043/LBA - Mrs Julie Evans, 1 Albert View, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby – Works to rear wing including alteration of fenestration and provision of roof lights – 1 Albert View, St Julian’s Street, Tenby

Councillors agreed to consider the two items together. Councillors also queried the surname of the Applicant. The Clerk had already posed this question and had been advised that, even if not correct, this does not affect the planning application. PCNPA would however, bring the matter to the attention of the agent who had submitted the application on behalf of the applicant.

Cllr Mrs Thomas could not see any problem with the application. The Mayor said she believed that the work was already under way. Cllr Hallett suggested that the work is possibly three quarters done and that this application should be a retrospective planning application. This again is not sending out a very good message to the people of Tenby. Cllr Rapi enquired if PCNPA is aware of the alleged work already being undertaken. It was very disappointing that this problem of retrospective planning had arisen once again. Cllr Mrs

Thomas could see nothing to object to and proposed accepting the application. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

After considering the application, giving weight to the policies within the Local Development Plan, members have no objection to the development. However, members express concern that this again appears to be a case where the development is already being undertaken prior to planning permission being granted.

Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter returned to the Chamber.

- c. NP/18/0060/TPO – Mr. Graham Powell, St John’s Church, C/o 22 Gibbas Way, Pembroke – G1 – 3 Norway Maple – prune trees to reduce height by 2-3 metres and spread by approximately 1 metre. Remove branches directly encroaching area around street light – St John’s Church, Warren Street, Tenby

Cllr Hallett proposed accepting this application saying this was necessary work as falling leaves could cause a slippery surface on the pavement beneath. He added that this pruning will not destroy the shape of the tree. Cllr Rapi seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

In the interests of public safety and good tree management practice members have no objections to the work being undertaken.

366. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

- a. Tenby Civic Society – Civic Society comments on NP/18/0042 and NP/18/0043

Noted.

- b. Medical Hall, Tudor Square, Tenby

The Clerk informed members that, when alteration works had been carried out to Medical Hall in Tudor Square, PCNPA’s conservation officer had identified that a number of listed internal features had been removed without permission. He had subsequently served an enforcement notice seeking their reinstatement. The owner had appealed against this notice but the Clerk had been informed that a Planning Inspector had recently dismissed the appeal, agreeing that the missing features should be returned. A copy of the Inspector’s determination was available in the office for members to read.

367. 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 asked if one of the items within the accounts could be discussed in private and proposed acceptance of the January accounts. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal thanking the Clerk for all his hard work.

RESOLVED

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

368. TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL RISK FOR 2018/2019

The Clerk told Councillors that this is an annual exercise and that this is when potential risks are identified. Cllr Hallett proposed acceptance and Cllr Blackhall seconded.

RESOLVED

That the Council's Financial Risk Assessment for 2018-2019 be accepted and actions identified be implemented.

369. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report at this time.

370. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE

Members' attention was drawn to a Facebook group which had recently been set up claiming to be 'The Real Tenby Town Council'. Members felt this was unacceptable and asked if the Clerk could seek its removal from Facebook.

Cllr Hallett had seen a lovely photo of Tenby with daffodils announcing spring had come early.

The Mayor said it was 14 years ago since the disappearance of James Nuttall and this has never been addressed by the Town Council. The Mayor asked that, although a long while had passed, a letter of support from the Council be sent to the family of James.

371. TO RECEIVE UPDATES TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)

No further news at this time.

372. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE (IF ANY)

The Clerk said that there was nothing further to report at this time as he was still waiting on Mel Stevens for the lighting design.

373. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall reported that the meeting was very positive with about 50 attendees and lots of ideas discussed. Notes from this meeting will be passed on the Clerk. There is a beach clean planned for this Sunday being organised by the White Stuff and Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall is

looking into coordinating a beach clean involving local schools, hopefully at the beginning of March. Details will be available on online.

There had been many ideas for plastic replacements and hopefully there will be more and more folk getting involved. The Mayor congratulated Cllr Blackhall on getting this initiative off the ground. The local milkman and Tenby Post Office are now offering milk in glass bottles and there is also a possibility of milk bags being supplied to cafes etc., together with fridges which cost about £1 to run a week – it is important that we are promoting businesses who are actively pursuing Plastic Free Tenby.

The Clerk told Councillors of the ‘2 minute beach clean’ stations which were available to coastal towns and villages which included bags and litter pickers. The idea was that people out dog walking or just strolling along the beach could take equipment with them and collect rubbish.

Unfortunately when potentially suitable businesses had previously been approached to look after the stations in Tenby there had been no interest. It was important the business be close to the beach so that these stations could be put out first thing in the morning and then taken in at night. PCC had asked if TTC could assist in finding suitable locations.

At the moment all the stations PCC had in stock had been allocated to other coastal towns and villages but the Clerk had been told that the authority was bidding for funding to supply more and Tenby would be high on the list if suitable business partners could be found.

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

a. Road Closure Order – Carriageway reconstruction, Lower Frog Street, 5th March 2018 for two weeks

b. Road Closure Order – Water main replacement work, Bridge Street – 26th February for six weeks (original scheduled start of 5th February delayed)

Cllr Mrs Thomas enquired as to access to Upper Frog Street when works were being carried out in Lower Frog Street but the Clerk had received assurance that work would not commence on this project until the St George Street work is finished. The Mayor hoped that the companies would be sympathetic to residents as it proves very difficult to get around with restrictions in force.

c. PCNPA Annual Local Development Plan Monitoring Review

The Clerk told Councillors that a hard copy is available to look at in the office.

d. License Variation for Tenby Rugby Club

The Clerk informed Councillors that an application to vary the license of Tenby Rugby Club had been received including to extend hours and remove certain conditions relating to the employment of registered door staff.

Cllr Mrs Thomas and Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared interest and did not take part in the discussion.

It was commented that this is not a Club but a pub with the Rugby Club name.

The Clerk outline the amendments requested.

The Mayor was concerned that leaving it until 8pm on a Saturday to decide whether or not door staff were required was not going to work as you could never tell how busy you are going to get. This was not a feasible amendment.

Cllr Blackhall wondered if residents of the street were aware of the application. When another premises in the street had submitted an application to extend their hours a letter was written to all residents in the area explaining the process on how to object to, or support, the application. He would happily help to distribute a similar letter in this instance.

Cllr Rapi questioned starting serving alcoholic drinks at 9 am and the Clerk told Councillors that a number of other licensed establishments have similar hours. He was also not aware of any objections from neighbours.

Cllr Hallett felt that just because one premises has certain hours it should not automatically mean all can. He felt we should strongly object to changes in the requirement for door staff. He was aware of anecdotal evidence of noise problems outside on Saturday afternoons in summer and this is not acceptable.

Cllr Blackhall asked how long outside area remains open to the public for the consumption of alcohol. It would not be acceptable at 1am in the morning and he suggested that this area be restricted to an outdoor smoking area only after 10 pm.

Cllr Rapi asked if anyone could write personal letters to the Licensing panel, he was advised that people could.

He felt the Council should object to the variations. As it stands he had had complaints about noise/swearing late evenings from outside these premises, this is not going to help and will possibly escalate the situation.

Cllr Blackhall proposed that the Council should oppose the proposed variations, particularly the change in door management as it could result in a potential increase in crime and disorder and noise nuisance contrary to licensing objectives.

It was further proposed that no consumption of alcohol take place in the outside seating area after 10pm to preserve the amenity of neighbouring residents.

Cllr Rapi seconded

RESOLVED

That, under the Council's obligations placed on them by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Clerk write to Pembrokeshire County Council objecting to the proposed variations in the licence as being contrary to licensing objectives relating to crime and disorder and public nuisance.

375. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

The Mayor gave her apologies.

376. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

377. 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"

378. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of 30th January 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.