

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

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Lane
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor W Crockford
Councillor P Rapi
Councillor L Blackhall
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mrs T Evans
Councillor T Hallett
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

254. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs S Williams and Cllr T Brown.

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

Interest declared in item 8a by Cllr Mrs Rossiter, Cllr Mrs Brown and Cllr Rapi.

The Mayor then took the opportunity to welcome Cllr Mrs Tracey Evans to Tenby Town Council saying she hoped she enjoys the experience.

256. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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 Mrs Rossiter and seconded by Cllr Rapi.

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

257. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

258. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

240. Castle Hill/Town Walls Trust

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked if there had been any more interest from organisations wishing to form a Trust especially reading about how well Pembroke's Walled Town Trust was doing. The Clerk said no further responses had been received.

243. Tenby Walk-In Centre Implementation

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked if any Councillors had managed to catch up with the Report that was being broadcast but unfortunately no one had.

250. Closure of Tenby Tourist Information Centre

Cllr Mrs Brown asked if the Clerk had received any further news. The Clerk told Councillors that he had emailed Paul Ashley-Jones asking for discussions and he was told he would get back to him. Cllr Mrs Brown asked that this matter be chased up.

259. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Mr Darren Thomas, PCC – 20 mph speed limit

The Clerk said that this was Mr Thomas' response to us supporting the Civic Society's request for a 20mph speed limit for town. The Mayor asked if a 20 mph zone for the whole town was not possible was it possible to specify a particular road?

The Clerk said that it appeared that it would need to be self-enforcing and the police have serious concerns if it could not be.

The question was asked if they were referring to the new enforcement officers but it was confirmed that only the Police are able to enforce traffic.

Councillors identified Park Road as a problem area and it was suggested asking that a 20mph speed limit be introduced here. Cllr Hallett felt that speed enforcement is needed especially on St John's Hill around the school areas.

Cllr Mrs Brown asked who currently enforces the speed limit around the schools. The Clerk said he was aware that the mobile camera van occasionally visited the area.

Cllr Blackhall suggested that two 20mph signs be positioned, one at the Norton and one at the bottom of Greenhill and then the whole of the town would be 20 mph. Again it would be hard to enforce. Cllr Hallett asked if we knew the amount of people caught going down Park Road over the existing 30 mph limit. He added it would be interesting to see the results of any speed monitoring PCC had conducted in the town.

RESOLVED

That Mr Thomas be asked if PCC would consider the introduction of a 20 mph zone in Upper and Lower Park road due to the number of junctions and concealed entrances. Further that TTC would welcome the findings of any traffic speed monitoring conducted in the town by PCC in recent years.

260. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UN-PRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING

Cllr Hallett proposed accepting the accounts and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for October (including scheduled payments, un-presented cheques, receipts, account balances, budget monitoring to date and bank reconciliations) be approved.

261. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

- a. Tenby De Valence Pavilion Trust – Annual Grant Contribution

Cllr Rapi, Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr Mrs Brown left the Chamber.

Cllr Blackhall congratulated the De Valence Pavilion saying what a fantastic good news story this has been. This building was almost sold off to Weatherspoons about 8 years ago due to difficulties and now it is offering a tremendous amount of activities, entertainment, a home for Ironman and generally supporting the town, what a turn around.

Cllr Mrs Christine Brown and all those who volunteer are responsible and should be congratulated and a huge tribute paid to them. He said, however, that a good funding strategy is to agree funding a year ahead, providing a cushion if you like. He therefore proposed accepting the reduction in funding proposed by the Trust but that it is kept at this level for the next two years unless another reduction is proposed. Cllr Hallett seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council continues to provide grant assistance to the De Valence Trust for the next two years at the amount proposed by the Trust (£26,000) unless the Trust propose a further reduction for 2020/21.

Cllr Rapi, Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr Mrs Brown returned to the Chamber.

262. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

DE VALENCE

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that the week before last had seen a brilliant Beer Festival by the Round Table. Lots of hard work by the few Tablers. It was a marvellous weekend. On Saturday the De Valence hosted the Battle's End Concert which was amazing. A lot of hard work had gone into organising the evening but it had been a very emotional evening. She thanked Tenby Male Choir, Whitland Male Choir and Goodwick Brass Band for supporting the event. Cllr Mrs Brown also thanked the Mayor who gave a Civic reception for our prestigious guests including the Lord Lieutenant, Simon Hart MP and the Chairman of PCC but to name a few prior to the concert. She also thanked the Tenby Sea Cadets for their support. Cllr Blackhall added that it had been an extraordinary evening and Cllr Mrs Skyrme Blackhall also said it had been very emotional evening.

REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATIONS

The Mayor then offered her thanks to Mr John Griffiths for all his hard work with seeing the new memorial wall project through, saying he has done a phenomenal job. Thanks also to Tenby Freemasons, PCNPA, Mr Neil Webb and Abbey Masonry for all their support and hard work. The wall was a wonderful legacy from Tenby.

The Mayor went on to mention Remembrance Sunday, thanking all who took part and to St Mary's Church for the church service that followed. She felt it was one of the best sermons she had heard in many years of attending the service

The Mayor went on to express her disappointment that, while all Councillors had been invited to attend the Cenotaph and then to go on to the Church service, only 3 members actually made it as far as the Church. So many had given up their lives for our future and she felt it was important that town councillors recognised this.

The Mayor offered her thanks to Cllr Mrs Brown for organising such a fantastic Battle's End concert evening. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall asked, with so much positivity after the event, if this could possibly be an annual event. Some years ago there had be a 40's evening remembered the Mayor and if anyone would like to organise such an event, they were welcome. Cllr Mrs Rossiter thought it was so very special, it just couldn't be repeated. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall felt that such a moving concert may not be able to be repeated but was thinking that something along similar lines to mark Remembrance Day should be held annually.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter, a Daily Mail reader, had found in a special remembrance edition dated October 10, 1918 an advert 'For Spring & Summer Holidays, come to Tenby, The Gem of the West'!

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

The Clerk had recently had a meeting in County Hall and had spoken with Cllr Mrs. Pat Davies who confirmed that the HRA have acquired the land at Brynhir. PCC have also been given permission to reassign part of the site so still there is the idea of mixed housing. Consultants appointed are looking at access roads, working with NPCPA.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels that now may be a good time for the North Residents Association to be reformed, suggesting that someone take on the Chair. The development of these fields may then be monitored.

Cllr Blackhall feels that now is the time for constructive dialogue with PCC, to have a say in what is to happen. Discussions are needed before February. TTC need to be clear in policy. We are obviously in support of the development providing that social and council housing are delivered – we need to be a part of the decision or it lacks legitimacy. We must request a meeting ASAP to find a solution that is best of the whole of the town, for future generations and for Pembrokeshire.

Cllr Hallett said that between the three types, private, council and social housing the cost of the infrastructure needs to be divided between them and not put on to the rate payer. The Mayor agreed that this is what is needed.

Cllr Blackhall said balance is needed and proposed that we write and ask for a meeting. He was aware of potential commercial confidentiality issues and suggested that any discussion take place in private initially so wider financial implications could be considered that would not compromise discussions. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Cllr. Mrs. Davies requesting a meeting between her, TTC and PCC officers at the earliest convenience.

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

The Clerk told Councillors that moving forward, he and Ms Henehan were working together to devise a tender to find someone to undertake a feasibility study and project manage a scheme to provide town wall lighting and public realm enhancement.

Ms Henehan has confirmed that the draft he had prepared looked fine but both wanted it checked through by Mr Darren Thomas and Mr Richard Brown at PCC as any project would be encompassed by their respective departments.

Once this was signed off the tender would be posted on Sell2Wales.

Cllr Mrs Brown raised the fact that a committee had been formed initially to deal with this matter and now we are dealing with messages through the Clerk.

She felt PCC officers are needed to come and sit at our table to move progress on this. It's been over a year with little achieved and little communication. She said that when flower troughs were being removed from the Parade, many members of the public had asked her if there were to be lights.

The Mayor commented that County Council forget that they own the town walls and it is they that should be picking up the pieces. There are so many events throughout the year and it would lovely to see the walls lit up perhaps in the colours of the event of that time.

We shouldn't be scrabbling about trying to do this on our own, she continued, questioning why PCC did not appear to be offering much help with town walls and the enhancement of the Parade.

Cllr Blackhall said the Town Regeneration Team was a collaboration between several local organisations and perhaps it needed to reconvene to move forward.

Cllr Mrs Brown added that TTC were told we were to lead the project, if so, why aren't we? We need information from PCC to see progress and to apply for funding. This has been on our agenda for ages and is not moving forward.

The Clerk explained that the lighting of the town walls was one of the ideas identified in the recent Masterplan for regeneration and it had been felt by PCC that the Town Council and the Regeneration Team would be better placed to secure grant funding. However, he admitted that due to all the technicalities involved in such a large project – including sorting out the Parade after the removal of the trees – he was having difficulties moving forward on his own.

Cllr Blackhall felt a Town Regeneration Team meeting needs to be called within the next 3 weeks. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded this.

Cllr Rapi suggested, as a contingency the town's two County Councillors, the Mayor and Town Clerk discuss the matter with the relevant PCC Cabinet members and officers.

Cllr Blackhall suggested convening a Town Regeneration Team meeting first, to which Ms Henahan would be invited.

Cllr Rapi agreed but felt that his suggested option should be considered if no progress was made in the next six weeks.

266. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall told Councillors that a new meeting date was to be announced shortly. Members are now ready to move forward and he is hoping to take a back seat from the day to day organisation. However he will continue to be Council representative. Cllr. Rapi wished to thank Cllr Blackhall for doing so much work with the plastic initiative and also thanked Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall also for her hard work on the initiative.

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

a. NP/18/0629/FUL- Regularisation of Existing Residential Unit

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared her interest at this point.

The Clerk told Councillors that this application had been received which needed a decision by 15th November. The Mayor asked if this was a retrospective matter but was told that an application had been made on this site previously but for a different reason. Cllr Blackhall suggested accepting the regularisation as proposed and Cllr Mrs Thomas said she had no objection and seconded.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.

b. Road Closure - Church Street – Junction with Tudor Square to junction with Cresswell Street

The Clerk had received notification that there was to be a road closure from 19th November for 3 days to allow for new water and electricity services into a property.

Unfortunately these are relatively newly laid cobbles but the Clerk told Councillors that work like this cannot be pre-programmed. Mr Marc Owen is aware and will endeavour to ensure all goes back as was.

268. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

269. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The condition of the area at the top of South Beach Bar and Grill/Water's Edge. Site meeting to take place prior to next meeting - Cllr Rapi.

Maintenance of the Band Stand – Cllr Crockford.

270. 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"

There were no items to discuss.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Date
