

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
15TH OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllr T Brown Mayor
Cllr Mrs C Brown
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr H Whitehurst
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr M Evans
Cllr M Ronowitz
Cllr P Rapi
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Cllr Mrs T Evans

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

212. **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”**
213. **TO MEET WITH CLLR BOB KILMISTER AND MR PAUL ASHLEY-JONES, PCC TO DISCUSS TENBY TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF TENBY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE IN MORE DETAIL**

RESOLVED

The Clerk and the assistant to the Clerk assess a suitable date and time for a meeting with councillors to discuss PCC’s proposals with a view to developing a business plan. The Clerk to inform councillors when this has been arranged.

214. **TO RESOLVE BACK INTO OPEN SESSION**

215. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Lane and Cllr Hallett.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared interest in items 12a and 15. Cllrs Mrs Brown, Rapi and the Mayor declared their interest in item 15.

217. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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 Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall.

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

218. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 1st October 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

219. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Page 94 item 195b - Ironman

The Clerk told councillors that no response had actually been received from PCC but he knew that the letter had been received by Mr Westley's office as Mr Marc Owen had thanked the Council for their kind words.

However, a letter had been received from Dame Eluned Morgan, Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language as Major Events formed part of her portfolio. This letter was read to councillors.

Cllr Blackhall suggested inviting the First Minister to attend the 10th Ironman anniversary saying that it is such an iconic event, attendees are 'blown away' when experienced. Cllr Mrs Rossiter agreed it was a good idea saying that they will see where their money goes.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed writing the letter and Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Council write to the First Minister inviting him to attend the 10th Ironman Event in Tenby next year.

b. Page 94 item 195b – Serpentine Road

Further to the parking issue raised from a concerned Tudor Way resident, Cllr Ronowitz wished to address the issue of parking outside the schools. The traffic wardens have been up to keep an eye on things but he felt that this was not sustainable in the long term and perhaps more signage is needed warning how much danger parents are putting their children in when parking their cars irresponsibly. Limiting the amount of parking around the school may also be a solution.

Cllr Rapi said, as a governor of one of the schools, he had previously suggested staggering the opening times to ease congestion saying that bigger gaps were needed between the start and close of the schools in such close proximity. Now this is a much more serious problem he added.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall said that this has been tried previously. Cars are sometimes parked up at the school from 2pm to secure a parking space. Perhaps an introduction of a five-minute waiting time could be introduced. Cllr Evans said the schools are a victim of their own success. Folk turn up early and read a book while waiting for their children but would more yellow lines be a solution?

Outside Greenhill Schools bays were created and quite often these are empty as parents insist on driving as close to the primary schools as possible, he continued. Draconian measures have been suggested by Mr Darren Thomas, PCc but are they needed.

A limit on staff parking time was suggested.

The Mayor suggested writing to schools as, although they are aware of the situation, the matter needs to be elevated.

Cllr Mrs Evans said she is not sure of the answer but it is chaos and an accident waiting to happen.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that some parents were car sharing and this seemed like an excellent idea.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter that speed bumps were introduced eventually but when officials came to monitor the parking/traffic situation it was on sunny days and didn't truly represent the issue that was exacerbated on rainy days.

Cllr Rapi will mention this problem at the next governor's meeting of Hafan y Mor.

It was then suggested that a letter be written to Kate Evan-Hughes to ensure the matter is receiving the attention it deserves as the schools are already aware of the problems.

Cllr Blackhall suggested in light of the childhood obesity crisis that people could be encouraged to walk to school.

Cllr Evans said this is not a new problem, with bollards introduced at the entrance to St David's Close 5 years ago to prevent parking on verges, it is the sheer volume of people choosing to educate their children in Tenby.

RESOLVED

That the Council invite Mrs Kate Evan Hughes, PCC Director for Children and Schools to meet with members on site to discuss possible solutions to the issue.

220. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE TENBY CHRISTMAS FESTIVITES MEETING HELD 11TH OCTOBER 2019

Cllr Blackhall suggesting noting but Cllr Mrs Brown felt that she wished to say something that needed saying and should have been said at the meeting of 17th September:

The Christmas Festivities Committee has over the past 8/9 years been made up of not just councillors – it is a separate entity to council but supported by TTC. Therefore, these notes and any in the future are not for ratification and not for a resolution. The notes presented to TTC are for information only. Previously and now, the committee has been headed up by the mayor in office but that doesn't mean that it is a TTC event, there are other organisation involved. The original concept of the committee was to work together with any organisation that wanted to support a Christmas event. The notes given to TTC on September 17th were for information only and also included two particularly apt comments from the committee. Phil John, RNLI, said "right from the start it had always been the committee's intent to build the event, the mayor's proposals was going the right way" he said. Sue Roberts, a business owner in the town, felt that things were needed to attract and keep people in the town. We have to do something different, offer more to people to make them want to come in to Tenby and hold them here so they use the shops.

Help from other organisations and businesses in the town is vital for the committees to progress this event. At present the help given is from Tenby House Hotel, Dales Music, Fecci's Fish and Chip Shop and the Chamber of Trade (Christmas tree).

There is little or no help from the shops that Cllr Lane keeps mentioning and as far as the 14 multi nationals go, forget it – they are just not interested.

Neither was it ever the purpose of this committee to hold this event to "benefit the town's traders" and "to bring people into the town to spend money in the shops".

The event is to bring joy to the community and their children at a special time of the year.

Had the plans of the Festivities Committee gone ahead and given the boost to the event that is badly needed after 8/9 years of the same, I am sure it would have proved more successful – what a shame.

By the way, funding for tents and events could have been raised from TTC or a loan i.e. £1000 Christmas festivities budget and the balance from special events in the community budget as the Town Clerk indicated at the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter said that a vote was taken and the majority won. She will stick by her guns and 'if it ain't broke don't fix it'.

Cllr. Mrs Brown commented that the Mayor was bringing new ideas to the table, we cannot keep going as usual. The vote went against what was decided, but this was not a TTC committee and it should never have gone to a vote as the festivities committee is not a constituted committee of the Council. These notes were only to be noted.

The Mayor perhaps may have taken the wrong approach on the day and the potential financial aspect should have been the only issues to be voted upon.

Cllr Mrs Evans asked then if the vote was illegal as it was not done properly.

Cllr. Mrs Brown said that the vote on funding the market stalls was legal, as the Festivities Committee had requested that TTC consider this. She felt that the Council should not have gone against the Committee on the proposed day of the event.

Cllr. Mrs. Evans commented that she loves Christmas and would like to be involved on the Festivities committee in the future.

Cllr. Mrs Brown commented that various separate groups put their notes forward to the Council for information only. The Christmas Festivities is an outside body.

Cllr Blackhall said all were just trying to be helpful, 9 years ago he had stood in the square putting tents up and had done every year since. Let's look at how it works this year, he said, suggesting all attend the event this year, and come together in the New Year to see what can be done for next year.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall agreed saying she has been to many and sung at most. She believes that the Rector was relieved that it is not being held on the Sunday. Although the Mayor had spoken to the Rector who indicated he was okay with the Sunday event as long as it did not clash with the Advent Service, she was aware that the Rector likes to please everyone and tends to 'go with the flow'.

She personally was happy that a vote kept the event on Saturday.

Cllr Rapi said it was a privilege of being Mayor, an exciting time being part of the Christmas Festivities Committee. He felt it should be up to the Mayor, saying he should stick to his guns and that plenty will offer their views.

The Mayor admitted he had never attended the event before. He was looking forward to participating this year and welcomed Cllr. Blackhall's suggestion for a meeting to start on next year's plans early in the New Year.

RESOLVED

That the Notes of the Festivities meeting be received and noted.

221. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

- a. NP/19/0407/FUL – Two storey rear extension – part retrospective – 2 The Green, Tenby

Councillors had previously passed early plans that had now seen slight alterations. Cllr Mrs Rossiter felt that this work was necessary to modernise a building that was in its original build state. Cllr Rapi seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members consider this proposal to be acceptable.

Following up on the previous Lexden Terrace planning application, the Clerk told councillors that he had been unable to arrange a meeting and that Murray John, the scheme architect was leaving for London the following day. Cllr Blackhall said he was available on Wednesday morning for a meeting if it was not too late.

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

Cllr Mrs Brown asked what the final column sum on page 4 ‘Town Maintenance - Special maintenance projects in the community’ was and what will happen to this sum if it is not used. The Clerk outlined what this budget was designed for and explained that, at the end of the financial year, any unused sums would go into general reserves.

Councillors thanked the Clerk for his hard work.

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

RESOLVED

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

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

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

Cllrs Mrs Rossiter, Mrs Brown, Rapi and the Mayor left the chamber.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall proposed that Cllr Blackhall take the chair and Cllr Mrs Evans seconded the proposal

Cllr Blackhall praised the Trust saying that they were operating on a grant of £10,000 less than 3 years ago and he felt willing to accept their current proposal.

Cllrs Mrs Evans proposed accepting and Cllr Evans seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That, under Section 145 of the LGA 1972, a grant of £26,000 be made to the De Valence Trust for 2020.

Cllrs Mrs Rossiter, Mrs Brown, Rapi and the Mayor returned to the chamber.

223. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Plastic Free Tenby Initiative

Cllr Whitehurst told councillors that he had now taken over the Plastic Free Tenby initiative, along with Mr Gary Tapley, and hopes to get some momentum tackling current environmental issues. The aim being for Tenby to be a 'green' town. There will be a meeting at 6pm on Monday, 21st October, in the De Valence Pavilion. Cllr Blackhall wished them every success, saying that he was delighted with their achievements so far and looked forward to them going from strength to strength.

Dementia Friendly Tenby

Cllr Mrs Evans has agreed to be Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall's 'wing woman' and they are both finding that this is a bigger task than anticipated but they are determined to get there. A meeting will be held for Dementia Friendly Tenby at 6pm on Wednesday, 23rd October at the Imperial Hotel. Letters are currently being circulated. Sherry from PAVs and Marcia from Alzheimer's UK will be giving talks and it is hoped that an Action Group will be formed. Once the Group is organised then fund raising will commence.

Outside bodies

The Clerk reminded councillors that some outside bodies still had vacancies as, at the AGM, there were council vacancies and it had been agreed to await the appointment of new councillors to see if they would be interested in joining any of the outside bodies. This will be put on the Agenda for next meeting.

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

The Mayor told councillors that Cllr Dai Morgan had raised over £9056 for the British Heart Foundation.

225. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)

Nothing new at this time.

Although not related to Brynhir, Cllr Evans asked if anyone had noticed the progress on the development of the former Reeves Calendar site behind Knowling Mead. He

anticipated that the houses would be ready for occupation by 2021. These were ATEB houses to be let under the Local Lettings Policy and he urged local people to put their names on the housing list.

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

None at present. The Mayor asked if the flowers were soon to be removed as they were looking rather weather worn.

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

A letter of thanks had been received from the Sandy Bear Bereavement Charity for the recent donation made by the council.

The contract for the erection of the town's Christmas Lighting comes to an end this year. A new tender had been prepared and the Clerk asked councillors that an advertisement be placed in the Tenby Observer. The tenders needed to be in by 8th November as figures need to be included in the next budget deliberations.

Environment Advisers will be at the De Valence Pavilion between 3pm and 7pm on 28th October to advise on the new rubbish regime! Cllr Mrs Brown believes this will be a good platform for councillors to drop in.

St Matthew's Charter Fair will open this Thursday at 5pm and councillors are invited to join the process along with the Mayor from the De Valence. Meeting approximately 4.30pm.

228. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29th October 2019 at 7.30 pm.

229. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None at this time.

230. 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"

231. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 1st October 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Date
