

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
16th July 2019

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

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Clerk swore the new councillors in and the Mayor welcomed them.

113. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr Hallett.

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

None declared.

115. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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 Lane and seconded by Cllr 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That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

116. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 2nd July 2019 be amended at item 106 at the very last paragraph to read ‘as well as the departed’ then be confirmed and signed as accurate.

117. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

41. South Parade - Bins

Cllr Mrs Lane commented that the situation with regards to the blue bins is absolutely disgraceful. The smell was awful, horrifying and just dreadful. This is not good enough and must be addressed. Cllr Mrs Lane had taken photographs.

The Clerk told councillors that TTC's concern over the position of PCC in relation to these bins had been raised with the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ian Westley, but no reply had been received to date.

Cllr Rapi reminded councillors that a new domestic waste routine is being rolled out from September which will be very interesting to observe. Sunday night collections had been suggested but this had not been taken on board.

Cllr Mrs Brown agreed that writing alone to PCC is not good enough. She asked if TTC were at liberty to write to individual businesses and plead to their good heart to find a way to address the situation even though permission has been given.

Cllr Mrs Lane said that many businesses have the same problem but clear their own rubbish daily so why can one business do it and not the other. She felt it would be a very different matter if domestic rubbish was left on the Parade all week awaiting collection.

Cllr Mrs Brown believed it is worth trying individual businesses, as she was concerned as to what the situation was going to be like at the height of the season. The Clerk reminded members that some of the businesses concerned had asked if the side alley next to the De Valence could be used by them instead as they felt disposing of their waste daily was impractical. Members had declined the request pointing out that the alley was a fire escape and could not be used for this purpose.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown asked if we were allowed to remove bins as we can fly posters. The Clerk said this could not be done as the bins had permission from PCC.

The Mayor asked if anything could be done from a health and safety point of view.

Cllr Blackhall suggested that we await a response from Mr Westley believing that he will return to us within the requisite time span as laid down in the Charter between PCC and town and community councils.

He also suggested that the item is put on the agenda and the relevant officers invited to attend.

The Clerk reminded councillors that a recent response from Mr Paul Watkins from PCC was that, as far as PCC were concerned the bins were presented in an

appropriate manner for collection and that he is not prepared to comment any further. It would therefore be unlikely that an officer would attend.

Cllr Rapi asked who owns the lane next to Ruby Ruby as one of the businesses concerned could place their bins there. The Clerk said that this lane had been gated off by the owners to deter fly tipping.

Cllr Evans said he has a personal interest as, being a business owner he also has to deal with disposal of trade waste, but backed the Clerk saying that as far as PCC were concerned it is an operational matter. On it PCC have a totally different view from that of TTC.

Members agreed to wait until the next meeting to see if a response had been received from Mr Westley.

101. Tenby Tourist Information Centre

The Clerk told councillors that a response had been received from Lord Ellis-Thomas the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism as follows:

Responsibility for the funding of Tourism Information Centres rests with Local Authorities, Tourism Associations, National Parks and Welsh Water rather than with Welsh Government.

I know that many of these managing authorities have had to make savings on budgets which has resulted in changed in the way visitor information is provided. For example, some have moved their premises or closed their TICs, whilst others have linked their TICs with local libraries and/or local businesses.

The move towards visitors seeking information from digital sources has also resulted in authorities providing visitor information via websites or interactive information points. This change is taking place in other destinations as well, for example Scotland has also significantly reduced the number of its TICs as it moves to arrangements such as those mentioned above.

I note that you are in ongoing discussions with Pembrokeshire County Council about this matter and I trust that these talks will be constructive.

Cllr Blackhall commented that there are only a few places in the whole of the UK with the attraction and appeal of Tenby and that Tenby is not just your run of the mill tourist town.

He proposed that we ask for a meeting with the Minister so that the particular situation of Tenby may be explained. This will be not only a loss to Tenby and Pembrokeshire but Wales and its jewel in the crown. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write back to the Deputy Minister requesting a meeting whereby members could explain the situation face to face and seek his support.

104. Beach Wheelchair

The Clerk told councillors that the beach wheelchair was now in situ at the Castle Beach. Cllr Evans commented that it was already being well used. Cllr. Blackhall was aware that the wheelchair for North Beach had also been delivered.

118. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD 9TH JULY 2019

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed that the minutes be received seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Tenby Town Council held on 9th July 2019 be received and noted.

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

Cllr. Evans declared an interest as a member of the PCNPA Development Management Committee and indicated that he would not vote. However, he would remain in the Chambers to assist in answering any PCNPA policy and procedure questions that may be raised.

a. NP/19/0342/FUL – Single storey rear extension – Larchlands, Serpentine Road, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Lane asked if it was in keeping with other properties on the road and proposed accepting the application, Cllr Rapi seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

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

b. NP/19/0344/FUL – Installation of new machine, replacement of surrounding glass and glass sprayed black – HSBC Bank, Tudor Square, Tenby

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

RECOMMEND

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

- c. NP/19/0361/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for 102 affordable residential units, 8 shared ownership residential units and 34 open market residential units together with associated access, drainage and landscaping – land at Brynhir, Tenby

Cllr Blackhall said that many discussions have taken place over a long period of time and TTC has had a long standing policy. He simply proposed approval as the plans have been drawn up in consultation with the LDP, fits in with the Affordable Housing Policy, local housing needs and the ambitions of the Welsh Future Generations and Well Being Act. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded the proposal.

Cllr Whitehurst raised a number of questions including seeking confirmation that the 102 affordable houses allocated were council houses, whether the 35 dwellings could be covenanted to stop them becoming second homes and why was there no full environmental impact assessment undertaken as it was a partial and not full assessment in the application.

Cllr Blackhall confirmed the allocation of council houses but the open market homes could not be so covenanted. He said this was at the outline planning stage and whilst a whole number of surveys had taken place some were still to be conducted. The Clerk commented that some surveys need to be conducted over a period of time.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the Local Development Plan members consider this proposal to be acceptable:

- **The application site has been allocated as suitable for residential development in a succession of Local Development Plans. Tenby Town Council has long supported this allocation.**
- **The application meets affordable housing delivery policy.**
- **The application goes some way in meeting local housing need and the ambitions of the Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Cllr. Whitehurst abstained.

120. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

- a. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on recent applications

Noted.

- b. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on NP/19/0361/OUT – Brynhir

Noted. Cllr Rapi thanked the Civic Society for the valuable input in to matters.

121. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Mr. Marc Owen, PCC – Long Course Weekend feedback

Cllr Mrs Lane asked if this request for feedback was being passed around the community as she feels it is important that all have a say.

Cllr Mrs Brown was concerned over the road closures as, all though plenty of time was given in the lead up to the event, not all had prepared properly for the closure and there was still a lot of confusion on access right up to the event.

Marshalls, she felt, didn't know enough suggesting that, like Ironman, a volunteer/Marshall briefing meeting be held before the event.

Some town Marshalls were reported as being abrupt and bossy and Cllr Mrs Lane had overheard one saying that Tenby was closed for the day.

Cllr Mrs Evans added that on Sunday she had needed to go out and the Marshalls that she approached were unable to give information or directions. She felt that they could have been better informed.

Cllr Ronowitz, on listening to comments from various folk, felt that the Saturday road closure had pushed people over the edge commenting that many people felt it unfair that they were subject to two days of road closures.

The Mayor said he had been out on the course on Saturday as a participant and felt very safe. The Marshalls he had come across outside of town were extremely helpful.

He felt there is lots to learn from this weekend but from a safety aspect the road closures were definitely needed. Pre-briefing is also extremely important. To say that the area was disrupted massively is not entirely true he commented, feeling that with pedestrianisation in place there was actually less disruption.

Cllr Mrs Lane pointed out that actually town is only pedestrianised from Floral Corner to the bookshop. The Parade is still accessible. The Mayor said that there were ways of accessing most area.

Cllr Ronowitz said that he had spoken with Mr Marc Owen during the weekend and felt that signage was poor. Northbound/Southbound/Westbound does not mean a great deal to many people.

Cllr Whitehurst suggested better dissemination of information but commented that most were in favour of the event.

The Mayor commented that this was the first time there had been closures on the Saturday. The organisers will learn from this and no doubt adapt for the future. Ironman had not got it right first time.

Cllr Mrs Lane also raised concerns about the noise in Tudor Square, it being both early and loud. Surely LCW need to be a little bit aware of the residents and she suggested a slightly later start. Cllr Mrs Brown was pleased to report that when the cyclists set off from the Salterns there was very little noise.

Members asked if the Clerk could feed these comments back to Mr. Owen.

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

Councillors raised a few queries on budget headings which were answered. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if TTC had contributed to the Park and Ride scheme yet. PCC had not requested payment yet.

The Clerk told councillors that a cheque for £204 had been received from the War Graves Commission in relation to the Old Cemetery. Lt Broxham together with Tenby Sea Cadets have historically cared for the graves and in return the monies received from the War Graves Commission has been passed on to the Sea Cadets to aid them in the work. The Clerk asked if councillors were in agreement for this to happen once again. Cllr Mrs Lane proposed acceptance and Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

RESOLVED

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

FURTHER RESOLVED

That the £204 received from the War Graves Commission be donated to Tenby Sea Cadets to aid them in their maintenance of these graves.

123. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

DE VALENCE PAVILION

Cllr Mrs Brown told councillors that the De Valence had had a terrific weekend with Martin Kemp attracting 650 to the venue. The Trustees were now deciding on further different ways of improving the property including the front and foyer.

TENBY IN BLOOM

Cllr Mrs Lane signed off a student who is working towards his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh by weeding and tending to an area by the zig zag South Beach even though his efforts have been severely hampered by dog fouling. Any other students needing to work in the community for their Welsh Baccalaureate or Duke of Edinburgh awards would be most welcome to please come forward.

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Mayor told councillors that he had attended the Ysgol Greenhill School awards which had been a brilliant event and it was great to see the children to being rewarded. He had also attended the school fete and the TenFoot Swim event which had been very well attended.

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

The Mayor had seen the new Google advert 'all roads lead to Tenby' which was being used to promote their SatNav feature!

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

Covered earlier in the meeting but to be kept on the Agenda.

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

Nothing to report. However the Clerk informed members that Mr Marc Owen had received a request from Mr A Gardner of 'Oh My Cod Fish and Chip Shop' to site day benches on South Parade opposite his take away for people to sit and eat as he felt there were not enough benches in the area. Mr Owen sought member's views on the proposals.

The Clerk added that Mr Gardner had separately emailed to ask what the Town Council's view were over siting tables and chairs on the Parade. As this was different from the request via Mr Owen, the Clerk had emailed Mr Gardner back for clarification but had not received a response to date.

At this stage Cllr Mrs Lane, Cllr Evans and Cllr Ronowitz declared their interest and took no part in the debate.

Cllr Blackhall felt there are plenty of places to eat and allowing benches for takeaway businesses in such a prominent location in our iconic landscape would open up a whole raft of applications.

He said there were plenty of places for people to eat take away food but added this does not include the Memorial Gardens of St Mary's Church. He urged people to please think where you are eating and have some respect. Cllr Blackhall proposed refusal and Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That Tenby Town Council would not support the siting of benches or tables and chairs for eating out on South Parade by this, or any other, business as it would detract from the historic town walls.

127. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Nothing to report.

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

The Tenby Observer had been in touch asking if we would like to advertise in the special feature for the 100th Fireman’s Carnival on August 7th. Quote for a 5 x 2 advertisement was £41.20 plus vat. Cllr Mrs Lane proposed accepting and Cllr Rapi seconded. Cllr Mrs Brown added that the De Valence have acquired bunting which will be draped on the front of the building to support the carnival.

RESOLVED

That Tenby Town Council place an advertisement in the Tenby Observer in support of the Centenary Carnival.

129. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 30th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

130. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Seagulls – Cllr Rapi.

131. 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 private and confidential items to consider

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____