

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
17th SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllr T Brown Mayor
Cllr Mrs C Brown
Cllr H Whitehurst
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr M Ronowitz
Cllr Mrs S Lane
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Cllr Mrs T Evans
Cllr T Hallett

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk
Cllr Michael Williams North Ward County Councillor

172. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Rapi and Cllr Morgan.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared interest in item 12 and the Mayor declared interested in item 7a.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

175. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 17th September 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

176. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Additional Community Governor, St Teilo's Catholic Primary School

Cllr Whitehurst told councillors that he had had time to consider the role and would be happy to be nominated to take on the position of community governor at St Teilo's. Cllr Mrs Lane proposed and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Whitehurst be nominated for the vacant post of additional community governor at St Teilo's School.

b. 155a Tenby Mosaic

Cllr Mrs Evans told councillors that tomorrow she should have plans and costings for the proposed Station Mosaic and that she would bring them before councillors at the next meeting. She asked that this matter be added as an Agenda item.

177. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Cllr Blackhall asked that, for accuracy on page 2, it be noted that, although he asked the questions to which Cllr Mrs Lane answered No to all, he agreed that the answer should be No also, he just wanted to ask these questions to rule them out.

The Clerk told councillors that Paul Ashley-Jones had received TTC's proposals and that they would be put before PCC Cabinet.

178. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL:

The Mayor declared an interest and left the Chamber. Under Section 12 of the LGA 1972, the deputy mayor took the chair.

Cllr Blackhall said although this not quite related, he would mention a letter in the press last week and pointed out that we do get notification of plans and are provided with the link to the PCNPA website on their agenda to study the plans prior to the meeting so that idea that we have not looked at the plans is untrue.

a. NP/19/0484/FUL – Construction of proposed new single storey, two bedroom dwelling in garden plot – Cysgod Y Celvn, 74 Upper Hill Park, Tenby.

As the plan meets with local needs, is a spacious plot and is of a consistent design to other local properties Cllr Mr Rossiter recommended approval and Cllr Ronowitz seconded. Cllr Hallett felt that the retention of the beech hedge should also be considered as suggested by the Civic Society.

RECOMMEND

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

The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the chair.

Tenby Civic Society – Comments on recent planning applications

Noted.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter commented that it was nice to see Gunter Clock working again.

179. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

DE VALENCE PAVILION

Cllr Mrs Brown told councillors that Ironman Race Control had been housed at the De Valence and that the briefings and presentations had also taken place. The boys had done well and the organisation had been brilliant and very speedy to resolve any issues that had arisen. Special thanks was asked to be passed on to the Emergency Services and PCC by the Ironman staff.

Cllr Hallett congratulated Ironman on a very successful event and said he was looking forward to something special to celebrate the 10 year anniversary next year.

Cllr Blackhall said that when it came to talking about events like Ironman, he almost feels lost for words. This year was beyond extraordinary. He had seen Marc Owen, PCC at 8 pm on the Sunday evening and he had joked about taking part in the competition next year saying it was probably easier than the work undertaken by Marc!

Cllr Blackhall proposed writing to Mr Ian Westley, Chief Executive of Pembrokeshire County Council to thank Marc Owen and his team for all their hard work, thanks also to the Town Clerk and all those at the De Valence.

This is not just about the competitors but about the people of Pembrokeshire.

Next year, said Cllr. Blackhall, we need a long term commitment that Ironman Wales's home is Tenby and Tenby is where it should stay. He proposed we write to leaders of the Political Parties in Welsh Government and ask for their support to keep Ironman Cymru Wales in Pembrokeshire and not support any moves to relocate the event anywhere else, e.g. Cardiff.

He then referred to Princess Diane and the moment she touched the hand of someone with HIV saying that she changed the attitude of many. When former Welsh and British Lions rugby player Gareth Thomas crossed the finishing line, just hours after announcing that he had HIV, he was cheered to the rafters. It was such a humbling moment but Gareth's comment to Tenby and the watching crowd had been 'it's not about me, it about you and you delivered.' Who could add to that? asked Cllr. Blackhall

The Mayor said he had never seen Ironman from this perspective before and the cheer was tremendous when Gareth Thomas crossed the finishing line.

The whole event was fascinating and fantastic.

Apparently 20 members of PCC will be competing as a team in the Ironman event next year and there were already many ideas on how to make the 10th anniversary extra special.

Cllr Hallett added that many contestants say this is the one to do, the real challenge, the toughest course in the UK.

Cllr Blackhall proposed a letter be sent to Mr. Ian Westley thanking him for the contribution Mr. Marc Owen and PCC staff had made to make Ironman a success.

He further proposed that TTC write to all the political leaders in Welsh Government asking for their ongoing commitment to keeping Tenby as the home of Ironman Cymru/Wales. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Mr. Ian Westley thanking him for the contribution Mr. Marc Owen and PCC staff had made to make Ironman a success.

Further that the Clerk write to all the political leaders in Welsh Government asking for their ongoing political commitment to keeping Tenby as the home of Ironman Cymru/Wales.

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

The Clerk told councillors that Ironman had been streamed live on Facebook and the average was 7000 viewers at any one time. By Monday morning there had already been over a million hits with expectations of the event eventually reaching in excess of 6 million viewers.

The Mayor mentioned that he had received a thank you note from Kiko Matthew saying that during her tour of the British Isles to date, 3.6 tonnes of waste had been collected from the country's beaches. The expectation is that there will be over 15 tonnes collected in total.

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

Cllr Evans had attended a site meeting with the National Park and currently an ecology report is awaited. This can take up to 12 months to produce and should be available around October/November time. It will then go out to public consultation. This is an open and transparent process. More detail on the application should be available for all the community to see in the early part of next year.

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

None at present.

183. TO CONSIDER REFUSE BINS IN TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR RNOWITZ

Cllr Ronowitz said walking through town before 7 am on collection day the state of the town was appalling. He noted that a lot has been going on since the last meeting and soon all will change again when PCC introduce their new collection regime. The town needs to be sorted out before the new system starts he said.

Cllr Brown said that he had attended an early morning walkabout with the Clerk and Nick Young, PCC area maintenance supervisor.

One of the problems that was evident is that trade and domestic refuse is being mixed.

PCC were collecting the trade waste but, as it was not a black bag domestic collection day, the black bags were being left and Mr. Young's team were being left to deal with them.

Black bags appearing on top of trade waste needs to be addressed. He felt the issue need to be publicised

Cllr Mrs Lane agreed that the biggest problem is domestic waste being put on steps of businesses. Cllr Ronowitz said people must be responsible for their own waste.

The Mayor told councillors that on the walkabout it was noticed that PCC were picking up early but other companies leaving it until later in the day to collect which meant that waste was being attacked by seagulls.

Those businesses who use waste companies other than PCC should ask the respective companies to collect earlier in the day and this should be down to the owners to ensure bins are filled correctly and lids down.

Cllr Evans declared an interest as he had a trade waste agreement with PCC but said that members of PCC are aware of the good work being done on the ground to try and resolve the problem.

The Clerk has worked closely with PCC and small victories have been made. Businesses have been targeted, a number of those that put out early are now using builders' bags to cover waste and notices have been served on those that do not adhere to the rules.

Cllr. Evans felt that we still have a problem but we must keep liaising through the Town Clerk and Mr. Young until Tenby changes its ways. Black bags are being gone through and warnings issued. Problems are being resolved but these problems are not unique to Tenby, they are arising in other towns around Pembrokeshire.

Bins are being examined for addresses and culprits will be eventually caught up with.

184. TO CONSIDER PARKING ISSUES IN SERPENTINE ROAD AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR MRS ROSSITER

Cllr Mrs Rossiter told councillors that she is most concerned that cars are parking on the bend of Serpentine Road. This narrows the carriageway and it is really very dangerous especially with cars being parked on the opposite side of the road too. She wondered if it was possible for double yellow lines to stop the parking. The Mayor added that perhaps both sides of Serpentine Road would benefit from double yellow lines.

RESOLVED

That PCC be asked to consider the introduction of double yellow lines in Serpentine Road.

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

The Clerk had nothing to report.

186. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 1st October 2019 at 7.30pm.

187. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Dementia Friendly – Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall

Tenby Station Mosaic – Cllr Mrs Evans

188. 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”