

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
18TH FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: Mrs C Brown
Cllr H Whitehurst
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Cllr Mrs T Evans

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

372. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Rossiter, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Mrs Lane, Cllr Ronowitz, Cllr Rapi and Cllr Morgan.

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

Cllr Blackhall declared interest in item 9a.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

375. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4th February 2020 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

376. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Page 187 Item 354a – Parking Issues

The Clerk had prepared a Report from the recent meeting held, this was placed before councillors present.

Cllr Mrs Evans asked if there were any further plans to meet with emergency services following on from this meeting. The Clerk said he would pursue the matter as he had yet to hear from the police in response to his letter.

Cllr Mrs Evans said it had been a successful meeting and hoped that progress would be made. Cllr Mrs Brown raised the issue of parking on the Croft which had been mentioned in the press. This was due to choir members parking for about 2 hours on 2 nights of the week. She understands that there are many holiday lets on the Croft but that this was not the holiday season and it hadn't caused a problem previously. Cllr Blackhall agreed that there should not be an overreaction to one anonymous letter. This has never been a problem before and large businesses on the Croft also struggle with pull-ins and vehicles needing to unload. To restrict to a no stopping area is an overreaction. He agreed with more resident parking seeing this as a positive. The emergency services are quick to say if there any problems. It was suggested that changes be made with regard to residents parking and to see what effect this has. Consultation on the proposal will begin next week and there will be an opportunity to respond. It was suggested by Mr Owen and Mr Blake that a quarterly meeting be held here in Tenby in order to assess any parking issues that may arise or have arisen. Cllr Mrs Evans said she would very much like to see this quarterly meeting take place and to be involved. Councillors thanked the two committed officers for their time and this suggestion.

b. Page 189 Item 356 – Tenby Railway Station

The Clerk told councillors that a meeting had been arranged with Mr Cole but unfortunately Mr Cole did not receive the email from the Clerk confirming the time and had made alternative arrangements for the day. Mr Cole is more than happy for councillors to send their concerns to him and he will raise the matters with Network Rail however Cllr Mrs Evans asked if it would be possible to arrange another meeting as she feels it would be more beneficial to meet with Mr Cole personally. The Clerk said he would contact Mr. Cole to arrange this. It was suggested that, due to it being complicated to arrange a suitably convenient time for all councillors and Mr Cole, that Cllr. Mrs. Evans and the Clerk meet with Mr Cole initially and report back to council.

c. Page 191 Item 363 – South Parade

The Clerk had heard from Cllr Baker who confirmed that, having met with Mr Thomas, PCC had been slightly confused over the situation with the South Parade. They were not really sure as to what was happening and what exactly was expected from PCC due to TTC's town wall lighting ideas. Cllr Baker said that now that PCC understand that, to begin with, it is the areas where the trees were removed that need urgent attention, they will look into remedial work.

d. Page 191 Item 364 – 75th Anniversary of VE Day

The Clerk told councillors that the British Legion had been in contact suggesting a small gathering at 3pm at the War Memorial on 8th May. They felt a bigger parade could be difficult as it was a Bank Holiday.

Cllr Blackhall thanked the British Legion for their proposal which he felt could be accommodated. He added that former Mayor Caroline Thomas has found some old notes on past events that she is to pass on. She had also come up with

an idea that people share memories of the war which could be read out at a special event, possibly at Church House.

Cllr. Blackhall felt this was a nice idea allowing people to meet and share their own memories of the war.

Cllr. Blackhall added that conversations have taken place and the Scooter Rally organisers who would like to embrace the fact that the National Rally was taking place in town over that weekend.

Further conversations were to be had in relation to incorporating a way of marking the occasion as part of ride out, possibly featuring a blessing by the Rector and the Scooterers carrying poppies to represent each Tenby resident lost to the war.

Memories compiled under Mrs. Thomas's idea could also see a booklet created.

Cllr Brown asked if there is a special service planned at the church and also checked that this would be a separate ride out to the big ride out usually held on the Saturday. Cllr. Blackhall said that these ideas would form part of continued conversations.

Perhaps photographs could be collected and displayed in the De Valence Pavilion foyer.

Cllr Blackhall said he would speak further with Mrs Caroline Thomas and the Rally organisers.

e. Page 191 Item 365c – Licensing sub-committee Bar 10 Application

The Clerk told councillors that Cllr Rapi had attended the meeting this morning.

Prior to the meeting there had been a mediation meeting between the applicant and the police which proposed an amendment to the application to allow sale of alcohol until 1am with closure at 1.30 am Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays only.

Current hours would remain for the other days of the week. Two door persons would be required on each of the nights when the later licence was in operation, doors and windows were to be kept closed and sound was to be monitored.

The committee accepted these proposals and had granted the licence under these conditions.

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

- a. 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 – additional information

Cllr Blackhall commented that this is work in progress, not a final scheme. Although he felt the final scheme was not far away, now is the time for scrutiny of final plans as they come forward.

A full, open, rigorous, public consultation was needed for all to see the proposals to have opportunity to express their views.

This new information before members now was not a huge amount, mainly additional surveys which materially doesn't change his view on the application.

However, he appreciated that the volume of information online relating to the site was large and complex and he felt a public meeting was needed to talk through the plans and consider all views if consultation was to be open and transparent.

People need to see some real proposals so they know what is being signed up to, he commented. Just saying that the information is available on line is simply not enough. Views on all sides need to be considered via an open public consultation, Cllr. Blackall continued.

He was disappointed that Cllr Mrs Bateman has still not returned to us with a possible meeting date between TTC and PCC and suggested a letter be written to the Leader at PCC to ask that a meeting be facilitated. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Members consider this to be a very large, complex and controversial application and feel that the time has come for the applicants and/or their agents to hold an open public consultation to fully appraise the town and its residents of the proposals and the potential impact on the area.

- b. NP/20/0057/FUL – Removal of defective windows and replace with new – Bali Hai Café, Upper Frog Street, Tenby

Councillors commented that the windows were quite rotten and needed replacing. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall proposed accepting the application and Cllr Mrs Evans seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies in the Local Development Plan, members feel the proposals will have no adverse effect on the character of the building or its position within the Conservation Area.

- c. NP/20/0058/LBA – Proposed internal alternations and installation of mezzanine floor in main chapel – Ocean Commotion, Lower Frog Street, Tenby

After considering the plans Cllr Mrs Brown proposed accepting the application and Cllr Blackhall seconded the application.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies in the Local Development Plan, members feel the proposals will have no adverse effect on the character of the building or its position within the Conservation Area.

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

- a. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on recent planning applications

Noted.

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

- a. Ruby Woods – Take Me Too! Project

Cllr Blackhall left the Chamber.

Councillor were very positive and Cllr Whitehurst commented saying it is a great project.

Cllr. Blackhall returned to the Chamber.

- b. Wales Audit Office – Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements for Community Councils in Wales

The Clerk explained that currently it was a light touch audit, with a limited amount of paperwork requested. Unfortunately, a number of councils in Wales have failed to provide necessary documentation and the Audit Office is proposing what they feel is a more robust system.

There will still be a light touch audit for 2 years but one in every three years there will be a full open audit with all relevant documentation scrutinised. Wales Audit Office would also no longer be using an independent audit firm but would keep it ‘in house’.

Cllr Blackhall asked if the Society of Local Council Clerks or One Voice Wales have expressed their view on the proposals The Clerk said that he had not been made aware of any formal submissions yet but he was aware that a large number

of smaller councils were concerned that this system would be excessive and time consuming.

380. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT REQUESTS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL:

a. Tenby Techno Team

Cllr Mrs Evans congratulated Greenhill School's Tenby Techno Team saying she cannot pretend to know much about robotics herself but this was a fantastic achievement by these young students. Greenhill is the only team in Pembrokeshire going through to the next round.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall proposed donating £250 to the team towards the costs incurred in attending the semi-finals in London and Cllr Mrs Evans seconded. Cllr Blackhall proposed that if there were insufficient funds remaining in the grants budget, a virement be made from reserves to pay this donation. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That, under Section 2 of the Local Government act 2000, a contribution of £250 be made to assist Tenby Techno Team with the costs incurred in attending the semi-finals of the national competition in London.

381. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

De Valence Pavilion/Skate Park

Cllr Mrs Brown told councillors that the bids for both projects had been submitted to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund panel.

The De Valence were sorting their books to be VAT ready. The last event with Bad Manners brought in an audience of 650 with the highest bar take taken in a short 4.5 hours. These events are really putting Tenby on the map. April sees Trevor Nelson, May sees Newton Falkner, and the Scooter Rally. DJs from the Scooter Rally group had come down and supported Bad Manners.

Cllr Mrs Brown also announced that a concert featuring Robert Plant, formerly of Led Zeppelin, would be taking place in the De Valence on 19th March 2020. Tickets were flying out since their release a short while ago. Everybody benefits from events like this which are really good for the businesses of Tenby and Pembrokeshire.

Cllr Blackhall recognised the benefit of the Pavilion to the business community as well as local residents and and congratulated the team for securing such a big name as Robert Plant.

Plastic Free Tenby

Cllr Whitehurst told councillors that they are on the verge of plastic free accreditation. Although the town council had already given support to the proposal, an additional requirement for accreditation was a pledge to remove all single use plastics from council buildings. He therefore proposed that the council make this pledge. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That Tenby Town Council reaffirm their support for Plastic Free Tenby and work towards removing the use of single use plastic from all council-controlled buildings.

Dementia Friendly

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall told councillors that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th February at 6pm in the Mayor's Parlour of the De Valence. A letter will be going out later this week encouraging businesses to get on board and ask that a member of each business become a Dementia Friend. In future this will be important to the tourist trade, as visitors will know that someone is designated to assist and identified by wearing their pin. This project was so very important to the town and this ties in with TTC's desire to improve access for all including those with invisible disabilities. All councillors are invited to attend next Wednesday.

RNLI Pancake Race

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall had attended and was absolutely over the moon with the turn out. She was very proud of the RNLI and the fundraising committee who did an amazing job. She had been thrilled to learn that approximately £500 had been raised. Thanks were expressed to all involved from the ladies doing the collecting to the local crew.

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

None.

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

This matter had been dealt with earlier. Cllr Blackhall had proposed inviting PCC to host an open public consultation in the De Valence to give everyone the opportunity to see plans and have input into the meeting. He suggested the Leader and Cabinet Member for housing at PCC be informed of our request. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded.

384. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

This matter had been dealt with earlier and Cllr Mrs Brown commented that it was very good that Cllr Baker was helping move things along.

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

a. The Clerk had received a telephone call from Dr Kelly of the Tenby Soroptomists to say that Stephen Chapman, Welsh Government's Anti-human Trafficking co-ordinator would be giving a talk on Combating Modern Slavery at the Giltar Hotel on 31st March 2020 at 11am. An invitation was extended to a representative of council to come along. If interested in attending please let the Clerk know.

b. Western Power are looking to renew a substation currently located at Leachway. Plans showing the suggested locations were shown to councillors indicating that the proposal was to move the substation to the verge at the entrance to Rosemount Gardens.

PCC and PCNPA had been informed and WP hoped to carry out the work in April.

Cllr Blackhall asked if WP had consulted with the residents and he suggested that residents were welcome to view the proposal at the TTC office to allow us to gather their responses and respond accordingly.

386. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Tuesday, 3rd March at 7.30pm for the next full council.

387. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Dementia Friendly – Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall.

388. 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"

389. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4th February 2020 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Date
