

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Brown Mayor  
Cllr Mrs C Brown  
Cllr P Rapi  
Cllr L Blackhall  
Cllr Mrs S Lane  
Cllr Mrs T Evans  
Cllr T Hallett

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

**72. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs T Rossiter and Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall.

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

None declared.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**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**That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.**

**75. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

**76. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

478. Tenby Harbour

The Dredging Meeting has now been confirmed as taking place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 10 am at the Harbour Master's office.

41. South Parade - Bins

The Clerk had received a letter from the De Valence Pavilion Trust following complaints over rubbish on Upper Frog Street. The CCTV has now been checked and the Trust noted the volume of both trade and domestic rubbish being placed out in the vicinity of the Pavilion from late afternoon on a Sunday.

The Clerk told Councillors that no response had been received from Mr Wesley to date regarding issues raised by members.

Cllr Mrs Brown personally feels there are not enough trade waste agreements for smaller businesses. Black bags are being used instead of blue, orange instead of clear. It is quite clear who is not complying.

Cllr Mrs Brown proposed that Mr Paul Watkins, waste improvement manager should visit Tenby between 7 and 10am on a Monday morning or on Sunday evening to witness himself the mess, a number of areas are disgusting and it is down to the volume of trade waste with domestic waste being added. The gates to the De Valence are often blocked and this is a fire exit servicing The Mews as well as the De Valence. On a number of occasions the Trust have been unable to open the gates.

The amount of waste left by the Five Arches, sometime until midday on a Monday is shocking and cardboard should be flattened and tied up, Cllr. Mrs. Brown added. If premises are paying for Trade Waste then is the PCC solely responsible or is the responsibility that of the business. Domestic waste is being placed with trade waste, perhaps in a bid to get around the fortnightly black bag collection and the whole situation needs addressing.

Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the proposal to invite Mr. Watkins to visit the town.

Cllr Rapi asked if there was any news from Richard Brown regarding a change in collection of the rubbish time.

**RESOLVED**

**That Mr. Paul Watkins, PCC Waste Improvement Manager, be invited to visit Tenby to assess the waste situation for himself.**

43f. Wheelchair Beach Access

Cllr Blackhall told Councillors that Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall was still in hospital but she was delighted to pass on to members news had been received that there will be second wheelchair for the town, this one on North Beach.

Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall would continue to work on this project and more would follow.

The Clerk said the café on the North Walk had generously agreed to accommodate the wheelchair and it is hope that they would be delivered to here and the Castle Beach soon.

Cllr Mrs Lane reminded Councillors that this issue had not been ignored or neglected previously but support for housing the beach wheel chairs had not been forthcoming at that time.

#### Banners on The Norton

Cllr Rapi asked if there was any news on the A frame problem in Tenby. The Clerk said that he was aware that Mr. Marc Owen had discussed the matter with Mr Darren Thomas but nothing formal has been agreed.

### **77. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

- a. NP/19/0284/FUL – Replacement of timber sash windows in front elevation with white Upvc – 1 St Mary’s Street, Tenby

Cllr Blackhall feels that it is not consistent with guidelines for properties within the Conservation Area and recommended refusal. Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the proposal. Cllr Rapi commented that perhaps it is the PCNPA who makes the informed decision. Cllr Hallett added that we are consultees in Tenby and offer guidance only.

#### **RECOMMEND**

**Refusal. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members consider the proposed materials to be unacceptable within the Conservation Area and contrary to Policy 15d of the LDP.**

- b. NP/19/0304/FUL – Garage extension – Ryecroft, Narberth Road, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed acceptance as it does not appear to be affecting anyone else. 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/19/0264/LBA - Demolish existing lean to study and external w.c., construct single storey flat roofed rear extension with balcony over – Walmer House, Deer Park, Tenby

Cllr Blackhall proposed approval in line with Council’s previous decision. Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the proposal.

## RECOMMEND

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

**78. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:**

- a. PCC – 19/0178/PA – Variation of conditions 3 and 4 on planning consent 15/1224/PA to allow an extension of time for the submission of Reserved Matters (relating to the extension of existing Park House Court (Class C2) healthcare premises to provide 132 mixed tenure serviced care units with associated communal facilities and access to form a cohesive healthcare campus – Park House Court, Narberth Road, Tenby

The Clerk told Councillors that this was for information only as it fell outside the remit of TTC. Noted.

**79. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:**

- a. Firefighter Lee Simmons – Copy of letter sent to local businesses in relation to Tenby Firefighters Centenary Carnival 2019 (for information)

The Clerk told Councillors that Firefighter Simmons had provided this information to Council so that everyone is aware what is going on. Cllr Mrs Lane said she has spent some considerable time with Firefighter Simmons as the theme for Tenby in Bloom this year is 100 years of Carnival. Together they have visited local schools and Lee has worked hard on a book which will be coming out soon. She encouraged everyone to get behind them. Cllr Mrs Brown through the Chair asked if Cllr Rapi would support bunting outside the De Valence to which he replied that happily he would support this. In fact he would support bunting all the way down Frog Street as it would stop the seagulls getting to the bins. Cllr Mrs Lane added that the first and second placed winners of the Tenby in Bloom poster competition would, this year, be displayed in the Fire Station.

**80. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING LICENSING APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS**

- a. Street Trading Licence – Catering trailer

The Clerk told Councillors that PCC have received a request to position a Tex-Mex style taco catering unit in town 7 days a week from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm. Four possible locations were being suggested which the Clerk read out.

Cllr Mrs Lane felt that this is another example of mobile catering united seeking to operate in town to the detriment of local businesses who have to pay high rates and should be opposed.

Cllr Blackhall absolutely agreed, none of the venues suggested are suitable.

He commented that TTC have a long standing policy regarding this type of trading and we need to make it clear that TCC firmly expect this to be rejected.

Cllr Mrs Brown also agreed saying that we should not even be asked.

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed that we write with our concerns saying these are genuine concerns and we cannot support it.

The Clerk pointed out that PCC's Street Trading policy laid down criteria for considering applications and competition with existing businesses was not included. Each application was to be considered on its own merits.

Cllr Blackhall asked for the Clerk to read out the criteria guidelines which he did. Cllr. Blackhall felt that, under these criteria, TTC could object to the application as this type of activity was not compatible with any of the proposed locations.

Cllr Mrs Brown agreed saying that this activity just does not fit in.

Cllr Blackhall proposed rejection as inconsistent with PCC's stated policy.

Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That, considered against PCC's Street Trading criteria, members feel they cannot support the application as they feel it would not be compatible with the character of any of the areas in which it is proposed to be situated.**

b. Harbour Brewery – Premises Licence - Supply of alcohol

Cllr Blackhall and Cllr Mrs Lane took no part in this discussion.

The Clerk explained that this application was for a new licence to cover both the existing brewery and the new extension. The Mayor proposed acceptance.

Cllr Hallett asked what the hours requested within the licence application were. He was informed that they were 9 am to 12.30 am.

Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

As an aside, Cllr Hallett asked if perhaps the brewery could stop storing the malt sacks unprotected on the pavement outside the premises in Sergeant's Lane as it is unhygienic and creates a strong odour.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That, as members find the application acceptable, no representation is made to the licensing sub-committee of PCC.**

## **81. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

### Skate Park

Cllr Mrs Brown regretfully told Councillors that two committee members had resigned because of bullying taking place at the skate park. These parents accompany their children and have not only witnessed the bullying of other children but has also suffered verbal abuse. This is jeopardising all the work done so far including the fundraising. Parents of these bullies need to take their children in hand and also teachers at all the local schools need to be speaking with students. Under 9 year olds being bullied by Year 6 and 7 students.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown said she hopes to carry on but at the moment does not feel the bullies deserve a new park.

Although progress is slow, there is a lot of work being put in to this project and the committee feel very upset.

Cllr Rapi said you cannot punish all because of one or two youngsters, adding that we need to sort out who the actual bullies are as this is not fair. Can we get names and possibly approach parents he asked and if not, then what about the Police.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that the police are aware of incidents but she has not seen any such bad behaviour herself while passing the park.

The Clerk said that sadly anti-social behaviour is becoming a real issue and that the PCSOs regularly visit.

Cllr Mrs Evans agreed with Cllr Rapi saying that the bullies should be identified but added that she was absolutely shocked by the appalling language she heard from some of the youngsters whilst up at the park recently. Her concern is that there were lots of holiday makers present and this gives a bad impression of our town.

### Tenby in Bloom

Cllr Mrs Lane told Councillors that the Tenby in Bloom judging will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. She hopes that all who took part last year will do so again with there being over 55 entrants.

### SEPCHN

Cllr Mrs Evans had attended her first meeting and reported that there will be a new GP in Tenby Surgery from September of this year.

Consultation was ongoing on the 'health hub' around Gas Lane that includes the doctors and dentists surgeries, the walk in centre and the pharmacy but she raised the question of facilities being open on weekends. With the influx of visitors she feels this is necessary.

Cllr Mrs Brown asked if there had been a paramedic presence at the meeting but was informed that there was not.

Cllr. Mrs. Evans felt it was an extremely informative meeting. She reiterated that the walk in centre must be used or it will be lost.

#### Mayor's Engagements

The Mayor had attended the Lions Charter dinner last Friday. He found it fascinating in that he was not aware of the all the good work they did. He thanked them for inviting him along. He urged people to go and find out what it is all about. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, thank you.

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

#### LCW

The Clerk had, on the council's behalf, taken part in a telephone interview with a national magazine regarding the effects that LCW has had on the town and local economy. He spoke of sports tourism and local health and wellbeing all being positive effects in addition to the economic benefits.

### **83. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)**

The Clerk had attended the meeting with PCC recently along with Cllr. Blackhall and our two county councillors. Unfortunately it wasn't a convenient time for many councillors due to work commitments but he had prepared notes on the meeting for members. He also presented members with the views of the Civic Society on the application.

Cllr Mrs Brown asked what exactly the 15m buffer was and also asked what area the tree planting scheme was located. She was informed that it would follow the walking path.

The Clerk talked Councillors through various points raised.

Cllr Hallett was concerned at where the 15m buffered started. Both footpaths are being retained confirmed the Clerk. Play areas and games areas were also pointed out.

Cllr Blackhall said it was important, particularly in light of letters published in Tenby Observer, to note that PCC have listened to concerns. Seventy percent of this development will be council homes and this means that under PCC rules this will ensure that there must be a Tenby connection on letting. These houses are for Tenby people.

PCC have listened about walkways, have created urban parks and have moved sites due to ecological issues, Cllr. Blackhall continued. Drainage studies have been undertaken with further work to be done. Every concern has been listened to, he said and urged objectors to look closely at the proposal. Lots of consideration has been given to

concerns raised. PCC have responded to serve the people of Tenby and to protect the environment.

Cllr Hallett asked how the border will be marked out so that no claim is made on the communal land by residents. Cllr Blackhall said this is another point raised with county. Initially there will be fences while Pembrokeshire style hedges are introduced and become established over time.

The Mayor added this this is great for Tenby and feels there have been some very short sighted comments made on 'unsocial' media adding that perhaps people should read more before taking to media with comments. Cllr Blackhall agreed.

**84. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE (IF ANY)**

Nothing to report at this time apart from the flower tubs now being in situ.

**85. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES**

Nothing to report at this time.

**86. TO CONSIDER PUBLIC SAFETY IN RELATION TO SOUTH BEACH AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR. P. RAPI**

Cllr Rapi suggested that we inform PCC that the season is upon us and the South Beach looks like an area of devastation. There is signage everywhere warning of problems. This needs to be sorted he said, we are a holiday resort. The sand is shifting and he believes it is because the groins are no longer in place. Work needs to be done.

The Mayor told Councillors that he knows of a gentleman who is surveying the beaches for a thesis he is undertaking and this will be available to Council once he has completed his work.

Cllr Mrs Brown told council that she had been to the food fair held over the past weekend down at the South Beach Car Park and she had been stopped by many locals who questioned her repeatedly as to why nothing can be done. She suggested that that maybe they would like to join the council and be a strong voice to PCC.

One of the traders who had been at the previous food fairs down the South Beach could not believe the state this year. He was aware of the movement of the sand and reckoned it will take about 10 years to fix.

Something has to be done, she continued. No one sat on the beach she said.

Cllr Mrs Lane wanted to make clear to all that the South Beach is not the only beach in Tenby, there are three others.

Cllr Hallett attributes strong and changing winds to the sand movement mentioning other areas that are also being effected around the coast.



Cllr Rapi also went on regarding the Water's Edge development on South Beach which is doing nothing to improve the look of the area. Weeds have taken over and cross the pathways, the site has been left just as it was after it was built he felt.

Cllr Mrs Lane told council that a young student was undertaking his Duke of Edinburgh and had volunteered to weed and tend an area very close by, unfortunately he had given up due to the amount of dog mess left by irresponsible owners not clearing up after their dogs. People are quick to moan she said.

Cllr Blackhall asked that we write to the management company and ask for their proposals.

**87. TO CONSIDER LUGGAGE STORAGE FACILITIES ON LOCAL TRAIN SERVICES AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR MRS S LANE**

Cllr Mrs Lane told council that she had returned recently from London on one of the new trains. The train was very nice she said but luggage space was minimal and from Swansea down to Tenby there was no luggage storage area at all. She asked that council write to Transport for Wales with regard to the new trains asking what their proposals are for the future and if there is a plan to provide suitable trains on this route – this is a holiday destination and travellers need luggage areas.

Transport for Wales are slowing upgrading all trains and car parks are currently being re-lined and cleaned on a monthly basis. Once or twice a week there is a direct train from London to Pembroke Dock, councillors were told. The smaller trains will eventually be phased out.

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

a. Road Closures

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Crackwell Street from 6pm for new water connection.  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July rolling closures between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm for Tenby 10K

b. The Clerk told council that One Voice Wales have provided on-line learning modules for Councillors if members wanted a refresher course on duties and responsibilities.

c. The Mayor and Mayoress had been invited by Haverfordwest Town Council to attend the Beating of the Bounds in July but unfortunately they were unable to attend. HTC had confirmed that another councillor and their guest would be more than welcome to attend in the place of the Mayor but an RSVP would need to be forwarded on. Cllr Hallett would like to attend but it depends on transport available.

d. ESAG Meetings

The Clerk had attended two Event Safety Advisory Group meetings on behalf of the council over the last week.

One was in relation to the South Beach Street Food festival which had taken place at the weekend and the other in relation to the Long Course Weekend coming up the first weekend in July. The LCW road closures had been slightly amended and the cycling event was starting half an hour earlier to aid accessibility to Tenby. He had been assured that a dedicated mobile phone number would be available to answer any access issues arising on the date.

Cllr Blackhall recognised that this event was born in Tenby and the organisers have always tried to respond to issues raised. There may be more issues, he said, but he is confident that views will be heard.

The Clerk told council that the bags issued to participants this year will be made of recycled coffee sacks and tyres. The organisers hope that this event will be plastic free in two years' time.

Ironman

The Clerk had also attended a meeting with representatives of PCC, the Fire Service, the Police and Ironman to look at improving crowd safety measures at particularly popular viewing points. It was felt this was needed this year as athlete entry was now 2800 and the rule of thumb is that each competitor brings along 3 supporting family/friend spectators. The Clerk felt the meeting had been very positive.

St Matthew's Charter Fair

The Clerk had met with Mr Dean Deakin of the Showman's Guild and Mr Marc Owen of PCC to discuss St Matthew's Fair and possible locations as last year's venue unfortunately was not available. After much discussion, possible sites were whittled down and Mr. Deakin was going to work on the ideas discussed before coming back to Mr. Owen with some firm proposals for consideration.

2020 Mayor Making

The Clerk reminded members that they had agreed to Mayor Making being moved back one week to accommodate the Welsh National Scooter Rally which wanted to use the De Valence on that date.

However, on the announcement of the government's plan to change the early May Bank Holiday for the anniversary of VE day, the WNSR have asked to move their event to the new bank holiday weekend which meant that the date would again clash.

The Clerk also pointed out that the new Bank Holiday would be Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, (the revised date for Mayor Making) and was a statutory day off for TTC staff under the NALC agreement.

He therefore asked councillors, as per Standing Orders, whether Mayor Making should be moved to the week earlier (1<sup>st</sup> May) or the week later (15<sup>th</sup> May). It was agreed by all councillors that 15<sup>th</sup> May would be the new date for Mayor Making in 2020.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Mayor Making and Annual General Meeting take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

**89. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7pm. Mr David Astins will be in attendance to discuss PCC's community delivery project.**

**90. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None at this time.

**91. 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"**

**92. TO CONFIRM PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Hallett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans.

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

**93. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Tenby TIC

The Clerk had written to stakeholders and had received very little response. It was decided to go ahead with the arranged meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm regardless as clearly the Tourist Information Centre is currently not 'washing its face'. Cllr Hallett reminded councillors that not all are on the internet and having a Tourist Information Centre was vital to the area.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_