

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor  
Councillor Mrs C Brown  
Councillor P Rapi  
Councillor T Brown  
Councillor Mrs C Thomas  
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall  
Councillor T Hallett

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr A Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer  
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

**175. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Crockford, Cllr Blackhall, Cllr Evans, Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr Mrs Williams.

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

None declared.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**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**Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.**

**178. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

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

The Clerk told Councillors that the Casual Vacancy had been declared and that the closing date for a call for election would be Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. After this time, a date would need to be set for co-option if no election has been called for.

Mr Mark Davies of Tenby Sharks Boxing Club then arrived to address Councillors, Cllr Rapi proposed adjourning the meeting and Cllr Hallett seconded.

Mr Mark Davies told Councillors that he had been running the club in the De Valence for over a year and it had become busier and busier. However, due to the number of

events now taking place in the De Valence the club was now desperately in need of a permanent home.

Mr. Davies was looking for support, to get more people behind him and to bring more people on board. He had been hoping that perhaps help could be given to liaise with PCC about using the hall in the Community Education Centre.

The Mayor wondered about Greenhill but felt storage would prove to be an issue.

Mr. Davies said that he had hoped that some club members would be ready for championships in October but due to lack of training space this had now been pushed back.

Cllr Rapi suggested the Scouts and Guide Hall and also wondered about the Leisure Centre Mr Davies said that he had approached the Leisure Centre but, although there has been some positive conversations, this had come to nothing as permanent space could not be guaranteed and hire fees were too high making it unviable.

He did not want to charge families too much to participate as he wants the club to be affordable to all. The De Valence is a fabulous location and Tenby Sharks have been very spoilt by what the Trust had provided for them but sadly, if the club was to continue, it was no longer feasible as a permanent venue. People needed to be able to train weekly and, due to events in the De Valence, the use of this facility three nights a week could not be guaranteed.

Cllr Mrs Brown feels that the leisure centre should be the place and perhaps he should consider approaching Cllr. Mike Evans, the county councillor for the South Ward for assistance. The Community Education Centre was also in the South Ward.

The former Night Owl club was suggested but this apparently is being converted to sheltered accommodation.

Mr. Davies said he needed a venue with the space for a boxing ring and punch bags which ideally could be left up. Various church halls were discussed as possibilities.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall pointed out that Church House has a sizable basement that was not used very much and said she would speak with Canon Grace.

Cllr Brown asked if Mr Davies had considered renting a unit at the Salterns. He had but these were again too costly. He had gone somewhat forward in trying to rent the former National Park office on South Parade but this too had fallen through.

Establishing a thriving boxing club in the town was something Mr. Davies was very passionate about but he was now finding trying to establish a permanent home very stressful.

Cllr Mrs Brown said she loved to see the enthusiasm of club members when in the De Valence and would hate to see the club close. She said she will approach the Leisure Centre. Classes at the De Valence had been held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday and Mr. Davies really doesn't want this to stop.

The Mayor reiterated that what was needed was a space where kit could be left up and costs could be kept low and members would try and assist in achieving this.

Mr. Davies then thanked Councillors for giving him the opportunity to come in and speak at the Council meeting before leaving the Chamber.

The meeting then resumed.

157. Castle Hill/Town Walls

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked that, in order to move forward with an earlier idea, the Clerk write to all organisations to enquire if they would be interested in forming a Community Trust. This Trust would not be Council led but a Community led project. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded Cllr Thomas's suggestion.

**Resolved**

**That a letter be written to organisations to gauge interest in forming a Community Trust.**

159b. One Voice Wales

The Clerk told Councillors that he had forwarded apologies and in return he had received an open invitation for Tenby Town Councillors to attend as observers at their convenience.

165. South Parade

Mr Richard Brown of PCC said that he would help and ask Sarah Edwards and Katy Daly to assist but as of yet there had been no further news. Mr Brown is currently away on holiday until 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

169e. Showman's Guild/Charter Fair

The Clerk told Councillors that advisory signs had been delivered and were to be put up at the agreed crossroad locations when the windy weather subsided. The dates for St Matthew's Charter Fair are confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October.

171. District Enforcement Team

The Clerk told Councillors that the District Enforcement Team had started work last week and Mr McCarthy had tried to get specific figures on enforcement action carried out Tenby for us but had not got back to him yet. Figures he did, however, have indicated that in the first two days of operation 83 fines had been issued across the county. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if it was a set amount and was told that the fine is £150, reduced to £75 if paid within a certain timeframe. The Clerk had been asked by the Team if there were any particular areas of concern and listed these target areas to Councillors. Less litter has been noticed but then there are fewer visitors in town at this time. Cllr Rapi commented that the clean up after Ironman had been brilliant. The

Clerk asked Councillors if they had any problem areas they wished to address to let the Environment Crime Department know. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if District Enforcement pick litter up and was told they do not.

The Clerk also told Councillors that areas outside of businesses such as public houses who repeatedly have rubbish or cigarette butts left outside could be held responsible and may be fined as the onus will be put on them to resolve the matter. A list of frequently asked questions is available at the office. Cllr Hallett asked if the firm were making money and the Clerk confirmed that it is purely self-funding.

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

- a. NP/18/0520/FUL - Proposed side extension and roof dormers, provision of two parking spaces and ramp and terracing of rear garden – Crud Y Awel, 16 Merlin’s Court, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Thomas could see no problem with this. Cllr Rapi proposed approval and Cllr Brown seconded.

**RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.**

- b. NP/18/0521/FUL – New shop front and dormer windows to front and rear, change of use of part first floor, second floor and attic to one apartment – 9 High Street, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Thomas commented that it looked great and Cllr Brown remarked that the property needed upgrading. Cllr Hallett asked if the marble slabs had been mentioned as some are loose and need to be removed. The Mayor commented that it was nice to see a business being expanded. Cllr Brown proposed approval as it is upgrading and improving the aesthetics of the town. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

**RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.**

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

- a. Dan Shaw, Pembrokeshire County Council – Charter between Pembrokeshire’s Town and Community Councils and Pembrokeshire County Council

Cllr Mrs Thomas questioned if these were the statutory duties that are being taken over. The Clerk said that this was a Charter outlining how the County Council and Town and Community Councils would work together in the future.

The Mayor said that this had been coming for a long time. Representatives of PALC One Voice Wales and PCC have been working together to devise a charter as an accepted and approved way of working in the future. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if TTC actually have to do anything and stressed that we would still not be joining OVW as their fees were too high. Cllr Mrs Thomas thought if assets are coming back that's great but the Mayor asked where the finances are coming from if the assets are handed back.

- b. Darren Thomas, PCC (via e-mail) – New waiting restriction proposals, Tenby

Cllr Rapi commented that these were much needed.

### **Resolved**

**That the Town Council have no objection to these proposals.**

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

### Jubilee Play and Skate Park

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that the committee had been busy writing letters to hopefully gain funding. There was to be a table top sale on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October in the De Valence Pavilion between 10am and 4pm.

### Battle's End Concert

The Battle's End Concert featuring Tenby and Whitland Male Choirs and Goodwick Brass Band will be compered by Roy Noble. The concert is to take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the Mayor will hold a Civic Reception for honoured guests prior to the start of the concert.

### De Valence

There is a Queen Tribute Band, the Bohemians, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for which tickets are selling fast. Work and repairs include renewal of doors in main corridor and disabled toilets, refurbishment of the upstairs bar and electrical work being finished off.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank Cllr Mrs Brown for all her hard work with the De Valence. The public don't understand that there is no payment for all the work done by Cllr Mrs Brown with De Valence and Skate Park, 'hats off to you for what you've done for the town', she said.

### Museum Exhibition

Cllr Rapi had been to the exhibition of Nicky Wire's work held at the Tenby Museum and Art Gallery and commented that it had been a great atmosphere and a fabulous evening.

### SEPCHN

Cllr Mrs Thomas had recently attended an extremely busy meeting of SEPCHN and was very pleased by the amount of people that had turned out. There was also attendance by two senior members of Hywel Dda University Health Board who listened to concerns. She told Councillors that there were lots of young doctors in training who would soon be ready to practice. The Patient Participation Panel has proved popular giving a voice for those concerned about the surgery. There will be a more detailed report to come later.

### Ironman

The Mayor told Councillors that the Ironman had been a fantastic event and thanked the organisers, helpers, marshals, stewards and all those involved, saying that it effects so many people and is such a fantastic event. Congratulations to all, especially the locals who took part.

### Tenby in Bloom

Tenby in Bloom awards took place last Wednesday. Unfortunately the Mayor had been unable to attend due to a clash of engagements but Cllr Mrs Rossiter had stepped up. Those with trophies are welcome to take them into Rembrandt to get them engraved and Tenby in Bloom will pay.

### Tide Whisperer

Cllr Hallett said what a fantastic setting the Tide Whisperer had in Tenby. The write up and press publicity put Tenby on the map, congratulations to all who took part.

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

None at this time.

**184. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE SALE OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)**

No further updates at this time.

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

This matter had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

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

Matter deferred until next meeting. Cllr Rapi asked who the lady he saw each and every day on the beach picking up plastic was. This is Michelle Watkins who recently was presented an award by the Civic Society for her services.

**187. IRONMAN 2018**

Cllr Mrs Brown congratulated Ironman on their organisation and Pembrokeshire County Council's superb road safety. All was well taken care of with well manned crossing points at key locations. The event was pleasant and safe to watch. She then questioned why similar events are not able to match this, asking why there are so many open road events allowed. Important safety aspects for crowds of spectators and athletes were being overlooked in her opinion. There are several events where organisations need to address the safety aspect. The Clerk said that he will be attending a 'wash up' meeting on Ironman in the near future. The Clerk then read out an email received from an Ironman competitor saying what a fantastic experience Ironman Tenby had been for him.

**188. WAR MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Cllr Mrs Brown was very disappointed recently at the abuse and disrespect shown to the War Memorial Gardens. There were local dog walkers, children playing and people eating fish and chips. These gardens should be given the respect they deserve she said. Next time it will be name and shame.

The Clerk said that the gates to the War Memorial have now been locked and access can be gained by visiting the Tenby Town Council office where a key will be given upon request. The gates would however be opened during November for placing of Poppy Crosses.

The Mayor commented that these gates were locked in the past. Cllr Brown had tackled someone in the gardens and he suggested that signs be put in place advising on suitable behaviour.

The Clerk mentioned that Tenby was once considered one of the best kept War Memorials in the country. Cllr Hallett was in favour of a clear sign on the gate. There were also incidents in the grounds of St Mary's Church where people were picnicking.

The Clerk then told Councillors that a number of antisocial behaviour complaints relating to various gardens around Tenby had been received over the last few weeks.

Mr McCarthy will be arranging for the locks to be changed on Brother Thomas's Garden and there will be no more access.

The Lions Gardens were also suffering with antisocial behaviour where, in addition to lots of litter, wooden borders had been kicked off and burnt. Only solution put forward by Mr McCarthy was to remove the benches making it a less attractive area for groups to gather. This approach had achieved some success in solving a similar problem on The Croft.

Cllr Mrs Brown said perhaps to have another word with the Police to encourage them to keep an eye on these gardens along with the Play Park.

Cllr Hallett asked if benches were to be taken away could one bench be placed back on the Croft, where one was damaged by a coach. The Clerk will follow this up as he had been told there was a bench in PCC's yard which would be replacing the bench damaged by the bus.

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

a. Pedestrianisation

The annual Pedestrianisation had finished last Friday and the trial scheme for extended weeks at the beginning and end that was operated this year was now to be evaluated. It would be on the next agenda and members were asked to gather their thoughts on how to respond.

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

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**191. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Extended Pedestrianisation scheme evaluation – the Clerk.

**192. 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"**

**193. MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

**194. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_