

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
1ST OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllr T Brown Mayor
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr Mrs S Lane
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Cllr Mrs T Evans
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr T Hallett

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

Councillors observed a minute's silence prior to the start of the meeting as Mr Eileen Hodgson, a previous Tenby Town Councillor and Mayor of Tenby, had recently passed away.

The Clerk said that he would inform members as to the date and time of Mrs Hodgson's funeral once this had been arranged.

190. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Brown, Cllr Ronowitz and Cllr Whitehurst.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared interest in item 10.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

193. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

194. TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A MOSAIC MURAL AT TENBY RAILWAY STATION AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPECT TO PROPOSALS – CLLR MRS EVANS

Cllr Mrs Evans asked for item 12 to be brought forward as Mr Paul Webb was in attendance. The Mayor and Council were in agreement.

Cllr Mrs Evans then introduced Mr Webb to councillors and he talked through some of the ideas he had come up with to feature iconic images of Tenby in his design for a Welcome to Tenby mosaic on the wall as you exit to the car park off Platform 1.

As this is a community-based project it is hoped to include the Princes Trust and all local schools in creating the mosaic. Mr. Webb had some projected costing and a central point was needed to work on the mural before the panels were then erected on site.

Cllr Blackhall suggested contacting Transport for Wales. They now operate the rail franchise and are committed to improvement of stations but ultimately, they would have the final say.

He felt TTC could support the mural in principal and ask for support from Transport for Wales as part of their enhancement programme for station throughout Wales.

This could be a model project for enhancement throughout the country as it was a fabulous idea.

More ideas were then put forward for inclusion in the mosaic including the floral aspect as Tenby is well known for its floral displays and Tenby in Bloom amongst others.

Cllr Mrs Evans asked that a letter be written to Transport for Wales saying that TTC agreed in principal and that this could be a good way of supporting their Station Enhancement Programme.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Transport for Wales to outline TTC's in principle support of the mosaic proposal and ask for TfW's input.

Councillors thanked Mr Webb for attending the meeting.

195. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Page 173 page 86 item 177

Paul Ashley-Jones had emailed the Clerk as he wished to discuss TTC's proposition to Cabinet relating to Tenby Tourist Information Centre in more detail. Cabinet had now postponed their decision until November and he and

Cllr Bob Kilmister would like to come and talk to councillors as soon as was convenient.

It was suggested that the meeting take place at 6 pm on 15th October before the next town council meeting.

Councillor Blackhall was hugely encouraged that the decision had been delayed and feels that council should go along with the idea and definitely agree to a private meeting, adding we need to be clear as a council how much we are prepared to put in before the meeting.

It was agreed that TTC should offer no more than the £5,000 originally proposed. Councillor Mrs Lane seconded the proposal on the proviso that we definitely do not go above that amount.

RESOLVED

That the Council meeting with Mr. Ashley-Jones and Cllr. Kilmister at 6 pm on Tuesday 15th October and that, as confidential or sensitive information may be discussed, the public be excluded from this meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act Of 1960

b. p.88, item 179 Reports on Outside Bodies

The Clerk had written to political leaders and had received a reply from Welsh Conservative leader, Mr Paul Davies AM. The Clerk read the letter to councillors in which Mr Davies pledged to support the Ironman event staying in Pembrokeshire after the initial 5 year contract had ended. Cllr Blackhall asked that councillors receive regular updates with regards to responses received from the various bodies written to. He feels it is important that the pressure be kept on and he is particularly keen on receiving a response from Mr Ian Westley.

Item 184 – Serpentine Road

Although not relating to Serpentine Road, the Clerk had received an email regarding parking from a concerned Tudor Way resident together with supporting photographs.

The resident was concerned about dangerous parking in and around Tudor Way and its junction with Heywood Lane during mornings and afternoons when children were being dropped off and collected from the schools.

The Clerk was surprised to hear that the resident had contacted PCC who had replied by asking her to contact TTC in order for something to be done.

He had forwarded the email to both county councillors, Ben Blake and Marc Owen at PCC and, as it is a public safety matter, the police. PCSO Rayner had spoken with the Clerk subsequently and the situation was to be assessed by Sergeant Rodriguez.

Cllr. Blackhall thanked the Clerk and endorsed his actions.

196. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE TENBY CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES MEETING HELD 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The Mayor briefly précised the meeting for councillors. He was aware that since the decision had been taken to hold the event on the Sunday, it had been discovered that it would clash with the Candlelit Advent service in St Mary's Church. He had spoken to Canon Andrew Grace who had agreed to the festivities event being held on the Sunday on the condition that Father Christmas arrive before the start of the service. He was also in favour of a suggestion that the carols from the church service could be piped outside to the crowd as part of the event.

Although noting that Canon Grace appeared to be in agreement, Cllr Mrs Lane was concerned that the timing of the service and the arrival of Father Christmas may prove too noisy especially with the huge crowds that traditionally attend the event. She also expressed concern that children have school on the Monday. She added that this event had been going on for 9 or 10 years and it would be really sad to change a format which had proved so successful.

The Mayor said he was keen to have a Christmas market to further enhance the event but the Saturday clashed with Pembroke Castle Christmas Fair, hence the reason for proposing the event move to the Sunday.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter noted that shelters would need to be purchased for the market and asked what had happened to the pop-up tents that had previously been used. The Clerk replied that they were not actually owned by the Town Council but the Chamber of Trade and Tourism. She also asked, if tents were purchased, where they would be stored.

The Mayor explained that the De Valence Trust had very kindly offered to store the tents and also mentioned that the tents would be hired out to recoup initial outlay This would also enable the Town Council to be aware of their location at all times.

The Mayor suggested that markets may also be held at other times of the year, Easter and Autumn for example.

Cllr Mrs Lane said she is, and always has been, very much against markets. She feels that business rates in the town are so horrendous that trade should go to local businesses. At previous markets people had been selling food, jewellery etc all of which was available in local shops.

The Christmas events were to bring people in to the town to support spend in local businesses.

The Mayor said he felt a market would bring people in and keep them in town which would help support local businesses.

Cllr Mrs Lane asked if the Mayor had actually been to one of these events to see how congested things were when Father Christmas arrived and he replied he had not. She felt a market would cause far more congestion.

The Mayor hoped to apply to Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund to buy the equipment needed for the market.

The Mayor proposed that, even if the date changed to the Saturday a Christmas market still be held.

Cllr Blackhall said he was concerned over genuine financial implications of some of the proposals and asked if the matter could be moved into private as sensitive information could be discussed. Cllr. Mrs. Lane seconded

RESOLVED

The public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act Of 1960.

RESOLVED

That the arrival of Father Christmas take place on Saturday 30th November.

RESOLVED

That there would be no market during the Christmas Festivities event on Saturday 30th November and that the pop-up shelters and associated equipment therefore not be purchased.

The meeting resolved back into open session

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

- a. NP/19/0499/LBA – In tandem with proposed cliff consolidation, demolition of derelict workshop and rebuilding of new lower brick wall in replacement; additional glazing with a pair of French windows and one new window to vault – Lexden House, St Julian Street, Tenby

The Clerk told councillors that the full application had now also been received and asked if councillors would take them together. Cllr Blackhall proposed a site visit with the applicant and Mr Scourfield as this is such an iconic site with tremendous overview. Cllr Morgan seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

That due, to the location of the application site, TTC defer commenting until a site meeting can be arranged with the applicant and the relevant PCNPA case office.

198. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None noted.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter expressed her wish that the press were present as there were a few things she had noted.

Firstly she wished to correct the report in the Tenby Observer regarding double yellow lines on Serpentine Road. She had requested double yellow lines on the bend in Serpentine Road as so many times there have been cars parked there causing problems for moving traffic, not all the road. It had been the Mayor who suggested double yellow lines all the way down. The TTC Minutes were accurate she said.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter went on to say that when she joined the town council over 24 years ago there were no Facebook opinions posted, only letters in the Observer with name and address supplied. She finds it hard to understand when people cannot put their name to letters stating their opinions. Now councillors are confronted with abuse on Facebook. She said everyone has a right to their opinion, councillors do not always agree on matters but matters are debated and voted upon after which any disagreement is forgotten. Every time there are vacancies on the council these people who voice their opinions are nowhere to be seen, she added. Councillors do not receive any money in payment, it is done to give something back to the town that we love, Tenby.

Cllr Rossiter said how disappointed all were to see our local Star Baker, Michelle Evans -Fecci voted off the Great British Bake Off. Michelle did her family and Tenby proud.

Former rugby international Shane Williams gave Tenby a mention when he was commentating the Welsh rugby match against Georgia, talking about Ironman Wales!

Cllr Blackhall referred to a letter in the Tenby Observer relating to planning in which it was alleged that councillors had not seen plans and yet had agreed to them in a previous meeting. Councillors do access the plans on line prior to the meeting and no decisions are made blind.

Cllr Mrs Lane told councillors that people write to the press or on Facebook as if they are superior or more intelligent than others. There are elections every few years, why don't these people put themselves forward for council. She believes they prefer to be keyboard warriors and bully and belittle people who care about the town and try to do the best they can for Tenby and community. Councillors' time is given for free, they are not paid and receive no expenses.

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

None reported at this time.

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

None at present.

202. TO CONSIDER MAKING TENBY A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall told councillors that she had a meeting tomorrow evening with a member of PAVS to discuss ways of making the town more dementia friendly. This person had been heavily involved in setting up a similar scheme in a town in Worcester.

She told councillors that Sainsbury's also now had 'invisible disability' staff who were identifiable with the daisy patterned lanyards. These members of staff have been trained in assisting with tasks.

There was another meeting at 6pm on 23rd October. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall will also be speaking to various organisations about dementia friendly initiatives and will report back to council.

203. TO CONSIDER ALTERING THE START TIME OF TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

The Mayor had been asked previously if the meeting time may be altered to 6/6.30pm, during the winter months.

Cllr Mrs Lane was not in favour as it is meal time and suggested keeping it at the usual time, Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal. Cllr Mrs Evans said personally it would meet with her personal circumstances if it were to move to 7pm.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels that if people are working, they need to come home and have dinner before venturing out again. The Mayor mentioned that the councillors who had suggested the time change were not actually present at the meeting but that the reasoning had been that the meeting be held before getting comfy at home and having to go out again. Cllr Hallett feels that councillors need to make the effort to attend.

RESOLVED

That the start time of meetings remain unchanged during the winter months.

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

Mr Carl Willett

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Willett an applicant for a Tenby Town Councillor at the last co-option, to say that his invitation letter had been sent to the

wrong address and by the time he had actually received the letter, the meeting date had passed. He wished councillors to know that he had simply just not turned up. The Clerk mentioned that he had recently been having issue with his computer and email to which Cllr Blackhall suggested the Clerk researching additional back up equipment should this issue arise again in the future.

Crackwell Street Closure

Crackwell Street will be closed on the 15th and 16th October for gas service installation.

Environmental Advisers

With the new waste management regime coming in, the Clerk told councillors that Environmental Advisers were hoping to organise a meeting/demonstration in Tenby. The Clerk shared his concern with councillors that many residents of Tenby may not be aware of the changes afoot. Venues to be considered were De Valence or Tourist Information Centre. Dates need to be checked with these and, once availability was known, a drop-in event would be arranged.

SEPCHN

The secretary of SEPCHN, Mrs Caroline Thomas, had asked the Clerk if it would be possible for SEPCHN to receive some administration support from TTC staff as Planned were unable to assist in the future. Cllr Mrs Rossiter approved and Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the approval.

RESOLVED

That TTC offer administrative support to SEPCHN as and when required.

205. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th October 2019 at 6pm. The first part of the meeting will take place in private with Paul Ashley-Jones and Councillor Bob Kilmister of PCC and it was agreed by all that the full council meeting commence after one hour.

206. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None at this time.

207. 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”

208. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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

209. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

210. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY GOLDEN CYMRU CHOIR TO USE AUGUSTUS PLACE COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLVED

That under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, a ‘start-up’ donation be awarded to Golden Cymru Choir equivalent to the cost of six months hall hire at the Augustus Place Community Centre.

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

- a. Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications)(No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

RESOLVED

That tenders be sought for a new website.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____