

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
24th APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor Mr M Evans
Councillor Mr P Rapi
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mr T Brown
Councillor Mrs A Rees
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs C Thomas
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Councillor Mrs S Williams
Councillor Mr T Hallett

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

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Sue Lane, the Clerk requested that under Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Brown take the chair.

481. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Lane.

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

None declared by Councillors.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Press not present.

484. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 10th April 2018 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

485. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

474. Tenby's Gardens

The Clerk told Councillors that he had had no need to write to Mr. Westley as he had been contacted the following day by Mr Neil McCarthy, Area Manager, to arrange a meeting between Cllr. Mrs. Lane, himself, and Mr Nick Young, the

Area Supervisor. At the meeting Cllr Mrs Lane was told that a further £100K had been cut from the gardens maintenance budget for the County. As such Cllr Mrs Lane would like reconvene the Gardens Committee as soon as possible with plenary powers to see what TTC could put in place to assist PCC to ensure gardens are maintained this summer. PCC had engaged a new sub-contractor and, while the new staff started on Monday, the arrangement did not appear to be as flexible as under the previous contractor. Cllr Mrs Brown said a long time ago the Gardens Committee were able to make decisions and report back. She said Cllr Mrs Lane is worried as things may be very difficult/different for us to do without having to pay. We need to pin down PCC soon to establish what they will pay for. Decisions need to be made quickly. Tenby in Bloom committee was now only made up of Cllr Rossiter, Cllr Mrs Lane and Sian Waters and was not strong enough on their own for what needs to be done. The Clerk suggested the Gardens Committee could be made up of full Council which would allow as many councillors to be present, depending on work commitments. Cllr Mrs Brown suggested that perhaps the Gardens meeting could be held before Council meetings allowing more members to attend. It was suggested that The Clerk liaise with Cllr Mrs Lane and an email could be sent out advising members of the first meeting.

475. Grant Criteria – Enhancing Pembrokeshire

Cllr Mrs Thomas asked where this meeting was to be held and it was confirmed to be at County Hall, Haverfordwest.

Cllr Mrs Thomas is happy to go to the meeting but would like company. Possibly Cllr Blackhall would be available.

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

- a. NP/18/0164/FUL – Mr. Neil Evans, West Wales Properties, 12 Victoria Place, Haverfordwest – Alterations to ground floor bank premises to create Estate Agency, alteration to existing 2nd and 3rd floors to form one residence and extension to Church Street elevation – Natwest Chambers Annex, Tudor Square, Tenby
- b. NP/18/0165/LBA - Mr. Neil Evans, West Wales Properties, 12 Victoria Place, Haverfordwest – Alterations to ground floor bank premises to create Estate Agency, alteration to existing 2nd and 3rd floors to form one residence and extension to Church Street elevation – Natwest Chambers Annex, Tudor Square, Tenby. NP/18/0146/TPO – Mrs Torkington, Rosemont House, Heywood Lane, Tenby – Beech tree reduction of limbs growing towards Rosemont House – Rosemont House, Heywood Lane, Tenby

Members agreed to consider both items together.

Cllr Mrs Thomas felt that Tenby Town Council should go along with Civic Society recommendations and recommended approval of the application. Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels that PCNPA will keep in check and is happy so long as the

outside remains the same as it is an attractive building. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members feel this is a sympathetic development which brings a long empty building within the centre of the town back into use.

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

- a. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on NP/18/0165/LBA

Noted.

488. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UN-PRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING

Cllr Mrs Brown asked if TTC is making any money on the seagull proof bags and the Clerk replied that TTC were not. We were supplying them at cost price. Cllr Evans suggested that the TTC buy 100 bags and target hotspots where TTC could present them to residents free of charge. Cllr Evans is setting up a meeting with the Clerk and PCC refuse officers to discuss possible options on tackling the problem.

Cllr Hallett felt it is the holiday letting agents and property owners who need to be educated as to when and how they should be putting refuse out. Cllr Evans said some areas including Newell Hill are absolutely shocking and it was locals putting black bags outside out of collection periods not just holiday makers.

Cllr Mrs Williams agreed it is a problem as she too has seen rubbish being put outside other properties by people. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall said that at 6.30am on Monday the Parade was strewn with rubbish and it was heart breaking. Cllr Mrs Brown felt that one bag of rubbish left out at the wrong time led to others being clustered around it.

Cllr Mrs Rees suggested asking PCC for a discount on seagull bags if TTC were to buy in bulk.

Cllr Blackhall told Councillors that Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism is currently in discussion about addition collections for businesses and they are looking at possible days.

Cllr Rapi suggested business waste collection in the evenings as is seen on the continent but Cllr Mrs Rossiter said this was discussed years ago with PCC but they would not consider evening collections due to access problems over the landfill site at night.

Cllr Evans said that there will be changes before Whitsun. Trade waste is being split internally and that PCC were now operating full cost recovery. There were opportunities for towns to compete on costs. There had been fixed prices previously but now there was more flexibility.

Cllr Mrs Brown said domestic waste is quite often put with trade waste and many businesses do not have trade waste agreements – an exercise should be undertaken to ensure that all businesses have the correct waste agreements. Cllr Evans said PCC had started last year when registering properties as second homes for tax and are writing to all registered holiday homes and other businesses to ensure they have a Trade Waste Agreement in place.

Cllr Hallett proposed accepting the accounts and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for March (including scheduled payments, un-presented cheques, receipts, account balances, budget monitoring to date and bank reconciliations) be approved.

489. TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION TO THE CASUAL VACANCY ON THE SOUTH WARD

The Clerk asked Councillors if they had all had the opportunity to review the applicants' letters and all had. He then distributed ballot papers and Councillors voted.

Mr Will Crockford was the successful candidate gaining a substantive majority.

490. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Hywel Dda

Cllr Mrs Williams and Cllr Blackhall had attended the presentation by the NHS. Dr Phil Claw explained the current fragmented services situation which are not sustainable and that there were three proposals on the table. Tenby walk in centre as a hub featured in all 3.

There were plans to build an Acute hospital between Narberth and St Clears providing primary care. The consultation ends on 12th July and easy read and technical documents are available. Consultation meetings are being held all over the county with ours being held in Saundersfoot on 11th May in the Regency Hall.

Cllr Blackhall felt the consultation was well thought out with structured conclusions devised by the consultants who were ultimately responsible for delivery. Tenby Hospital was to be a Community Hub in all proposals and it was vital that TTC and SEPCHN pushed for more delivery at a local level.

He was aware that that there was a debate about the future of Withybush which was important but a new facility in the Narberth area was more favourable to the Tenby area

as it would reduce the travelling distance to A&E. The focus of the consultation was around local facilities, better equipment and a better served hospital.

Cllr Rapi felt making Withybush a community hospital with community beds eases bed pressure at the proposed new hospital as it meant that 'bed blocking' would be reduced. He felt it was fantastic that it was clinicians taking the helm and these proposals were a vast improvement from previous consultations.

Cllr Hallett said that bed blocking was a problem only because the Trust keep removing beds and so there are not enough to cope.

Cllr Mrs Brown felt it is a win/win development for the Tenby area and thanked Mansel Thomas for all his amazing work put in to SEPHCN and local health over the years, suggesting TTC write to him after consultation.

Cllr Evans said Tenby Cottage was now a fabulous asset with increased services being delivered from there. By making it needed you protect it.

Cllr Mrs Thomas has many questions to ask on expanding services in Tenby and she would keep driving this forward as a necessity. Cllr Blackhall felt clarity was needed over what is in a Hub and he hoped Tenby's would have a minor injuries unit.

Cllr Mrs Thomas said that the hospital beds at Park House were only guaranteed for 15 years and that this term is coming to an end. We need to ask are we keeping these beds as it appeared Pembroke Dock will lose their beds. She would be asking these questions at a stakeholder workshop in Whitland on Friday.

Cllr Mrs Thomas then informed Councillors that, due to his workload, Cllr Jonathan Preston who had recently taken over as Chair of SEPHCN is stepping down and a replacement is sought.

De Valence Pavilion

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that Films4Tenby were now collaborating with the De Valence and 2 films are planned per month.

She has often been asked why the De Valence does not open for films when it's raining but Cllr Mrs Brown explained to Councillors that it is unrealistic to think that the venue can open at short notice when preparing for upcoming events. Films4Tenby have all their own equipment and hope that the new move will bring success.

The De Valence will host the Scooter Rally on 4/5th May and, following on from this, is Mayor Making on 11th May. Numbers attending Mayor Making would be appreciated as soon as possible in order to make things easier on the arrangements leading up to it.

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

None at this time.

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

Cllr Mrs Brown asked what progress has been made. Cllr Evans told Councillors that the sale of the land had stopped there and then following the Cabinet's decision. Any future intention to continue with the sale of the land had been taken out of the hands of officers and was now the purview of Cabinet pending a full review.

Cllr. Evans explained that he had put forward the Notice of Motion to preserve the affordable housing provision on the site as there were examples elsewhere around the county where private developers had 'chipped away' at the allocation and in some instances only delivered less than 5 % when the allocation had been 20% or more.

This gave more control over the outcomes for the site and there was a strong political will at PCC to see the building of more social housing around the county.

The Clerk asked what the impact of PCNPA's proposal to remove the site from the new LDP unless brought forward during the life of the current LDP would be in relation to this review. Cllr Evans felt that, as the site had been in the LDP for 35 years PCC could make a good argument for it remaining on appeal. However, he was optimistic that the land would be brought forward long before this. PCC had a large HRA surplus and the political will was that this should be spent on building social housing. If it was not spent it would be returned to Welsh Government and could be reallocated to other Unitary Authorities which Cabinet were adamant was not going to happen.

Cllr Blackhall felt the LDP proposal was a 'fishing exercise' to promote movement on the site and he felt we needed to make sure that TTC had an input into the forthcoming Cabinet review.

Cllr Evans proposed TTC write to Cllr. Mrs. Pat Davies asking that TTC participate in her review. Cllr Blackhall seconded and commented on Cllr Evans passionate advocacy for local housing on the webcast of the Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Cllr. Mrs. Pat Davies asking that TTC be included in discussions as part of the review of the land at Brynhir.

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

The Clerk told Councillors that he was waiting for Sinead Henehan to return from holiday for an update. Cllr Hallett has noticed that there are more roots that need to come out but it is believed that County are not considering any more work at this time. Flower tubs will be returned to the Parade for the summer and Tenby in Bloom have agreed to pay for flowers.

494. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall said that the beach clean had been a great success with over 150 people involved and 30 sacks full of litter collected. Consumption, capture and collection are

the focus of the initiative. Plastic Free Tenby had over 800 members on Facebook with great debate and ideas coming forward. A steering committee would be formed at the next meeting

495. BEACH EROSION AND REPLACEMENT OF SAND

Cllr Rapi told Councillors that he was still collecting information and asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

496. BINS ON BEACHES

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall told Councillors that whilst at the beach clean she had been approached by a number of people asking where the bins were.

Cllr Blackhall had spoken about recycling bins for the Plastic Free Tenby initiative at a recent meeting with PCC, but what is the position regarding general waste bins and what can be done? Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall suggested that perhaps traders would be willing to sponsor or buy a bin.

Cllr Mrs Brown said in summer time we have bins all across the beach but none in winter. Our handyman is keeping the slipway clear of rubbish currently but PCC have no statutory obligation to clean the beaches or provide bins during winter months. Come 1st May the bins will returned.

Cllr Evans reminded Councillors that this was the case for the whole of Pembrokeshire.

Cllr Blackhall suggested giving serious thought on how to introduce bins or maybe collection points. Collection is paid for during the summer but there is no point in collection if rubbish is scattered back on to the beach.

He suggested TTC could fund placing of bins if we ascertained how much this would be from PCC. We could also approach PCC for some bigger forms of recycling units on the beach as they are frequently overflowing. Larger ones were needed for plastic and glass.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall felt the situation was very frustrating as a lot of hard work was being done by local people to help try and keep the beaches clean.

Cllr Evans suggested TTC consider including provision in the precept as we need winter bins.

Cllr Mrs Brown suggested that sponsorship could be sought towards emptying costs when these were known.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk ascertain costings from PCC for the provision and emptying of bins on the beaches during the winter months.

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

The Clerk told Councillors that he had received an update from PCC regarding work on St Georges Street and Upper Frog Street as it was felt that, with the Bank Holiday and the Welsh National Scooter Rally in town it would be problematic to have the St George Street, Frog Street junction closed to traffic.

The proposal was to stop work end of next week and restart after the Bank Holiday weekend. However, this would mean that the works may overrun the planned completion date and PCC wondered what TTC's views were.

Cllr Hallett said it was important to keep the town moving over the Bank Holiday and supported the proposal. Cllr Blackhall suggested finishing on the Wednesday night as the scooters start arriving on the Thursday. Cllr Evans said that work could still be carried out around Pipers and Joys without impinging on deliveries or having to close the road and it was likely that the team would move offsite on the Thursday evening. He added that it should also be noted that the standard of work was excellent.

The Clerk explained that he had been made aware of a Licensing Application from The Cranny since the sending out of the last agenda. He had emailed Councillors prior to the meeting to advise them of the matter as any response the council wished to make was required by PCC before the date of the next Council meeting.

Members agreed to consider the application as a matter of urgency and Cllr Evans and Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared an interest at this point and left the Chamber.

The Deputy Mayor said that while she was licence holder for the De Valence Pavilion, she did so in a volunteer capacity and gained no income from the post. As such she felt she had no prejudicial interest to declare.

The Clerk explained that The Cranny currently had an off licence to allow sale of gift packs of beers and designer gins etc. They held occasional tasting evenings which they operated under Temporary Events Notices but they were now seeking a full on licence to make this process easier as the number of TENS was limited. Admission to these events would be by ticket only.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that she has attended one of the gin tasting evenings which was hosted by the Cove in the High Street and it had been very good. However she is greatly concerned that if one retail shop is allowed a full license then firstly it becomes a pub and secondly the floodgates could be opened for other retail premises to make similar applications.

Cllr Rapi queried the fact that the council had not raised objections to the granting of a licence to another retail premises at the last meeting but it was explained that the previous application granted was for an off sales licence like the one currently held by The Cranny.

Cllr Mrs Rees felt this application should not be allowed as it could encourage other retail businesses with off licences to apply for on licences and there are enough places

to drink around Tenby and proposed that we write to PCC opposing it. Cllr Hallett seconded this proposal.

Cllr Brown commented that he understood that this was just for gin events taking place in the evenings and these were ticketed events only. However, it should be remembered that the licence was for the premises not the applicant and this premises could be turned into a small bar under different management if this licence was granted.

It was felt there were enough public houses and other 'on' licence outlets currently in Tenby.

Cllr Blackhall questioned what specific terms of the Licensing Act this could be seen to be contrary to. The Clerk said that, due to the cumulative impact area of the town centre, the creation of another premises allowing 'on' sales would have to be considered under all four licensing objectives, particularly crime and disorder and public nuisance.

It was felt that granting the licence could give scope for the development of another bar/public house and would have an adverse impact on the four licensing objectives.

RESOLVED

That TTC make representations to the licensing committee in that members feel that the granting of what will be a full licence to a retail premises within the cumulative impact area of Tenby could set a worrying precedent for the future. Members feel that such a licence would give scope for the development of another bar/public house within the commercial/residential core of the town and could therefore have an adverse impact on the four licensing objectives.

Cllr Mrs Williams and Cllr Blackhall abstained from the vote.

Cllrs Mrs. Rossiter and Evans returned to the Chamber.

498. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and Mayor Making which will take place on Friday 11th May 2018 at 6pm.

499. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Gardens – The Mayor
Skate Park – Cllr Mrs Brown
Battles End – Cllr Mrs Brown
Plastic Free Tenby – Cllr Blackhall
Beach Regeneration – Cllr Rapi

500. 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”

501. MINUTES

None.

502. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____