

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Brown Mayor  
Cllr Mrs C Brown  
Cllr H Whitehurst  
Cllr L Blackhall  
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall  
Cllr D Morgan  
Cllr T Hallett

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

**233. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Evans, Cllr Rapi and Cllr Mrs Rossiter.

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

None declared.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**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

**RESOLVED**

**That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.**

**236. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

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

a. Page 108 item 219a - Ironman

The Clerk told councillors that, whilst it had been suggested that we invite the First Minister to attend the Ironman celebrations next year, it was not our place to do the inviting. The Clerk had therefore written to Ironman asking if they would like to consider this.

- b. Page 109 item 219b – Serpentine Road

The Clerk had received a reply from Kate Evan-Hughes of PCC. The matter had been passed to Highways to investigate and report back to her. Subsequently Mr Ben Blake of PCC had been in contact with the Clerk to organise a site meeting with councillors. It was suggested that Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm would be a good date and time. The Mayor asked that councillors attend if in a position to do so.

**238. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE TENBY CHRISTMAS FESTIVITES MEETING HELD 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Noted.

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

- a. NP/19/0530/FUL – Replacement toilet and shower block incorporating relocation of unpermitted reception building – Meadow Farm, North Cliffe, Tenby

Cllr Hallett told councillors that much of this work had already been undertaken and that the hedges had been removed without permission. The Mayor asked if there was more information or history regarding the reception building. Cllr Hallett asked for further sight of the proposed plans and the Clerk displayed for all to see. The Mayor recommended approval as long as the hedge is reinstated and further screening carried out. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal. Cllr Mrs Brown abstained from the vote.

**RECOMMEND**

**Approval, considered against the Local Development Plan members have no objection to this application on the proviso that, due to the prominent location of the site, hedges are replaced and the buildings are suitably screened.**

- b. NP/19/0545/TPO – Works to trees in woodland under TPO60 – 3 Haytor Gardens, Tenby

Ash die back is prevalent said Cllr Hallett and moved that the work be carried out. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal

**RECOMMEND**

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

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

- a. Steve Shaw, Power for the People – Council motion request national community energy campaign

This is a not for profit organisation looking for support from local authorities. The aim being to give more power to local councils to enter into schemes to supply renewable energy to local people. Members felt that this seems a good initiative. Proposed by Cllr Whitehurst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brown subject to meeting local government guidelines.

## **RESOLVED**

### **That Tenby Town Council**

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;**
- (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;**
- (iii) further recognises**
  - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,**
  - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and**
  - that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;**
- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and**
- (v) further resolves to**
  - inform the local media of this decision,**
  - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and**

- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.

**241. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS OUTSIDE BODIES AND COMMITTEES**

Due to absence of councillors at this evening's meeting, the Mayor proposed that this item be carried over to the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall seconded the proposal.

**242. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

De Valence Pavilion

Cllr Mrs Brown told councillors that the Tenby Round Table will hold the Beer Festival this coming weekend. The bar opens at 8am on the Saturday for the Rugby World Cup final and there will be bacon butties to accompany the match. All monies raised will go straight back to our community. Tenby Blues Festival will take place the weekend after and then the Christmas season will start.

Dementia Friendly Tenby

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall told councillors that the Dementia Friendly meeting was very positive and she is hopeful, with the wonderful people on-board to support this project, it is moving forward. The next meeting will hopefully be arranged within the next couple of weeks. The Facebook site is now up and running, please watch out for updated posts, everyone is welcome she added.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall had attended the Dementia Friendly Pembrokeshire meeting and found it to be both informative and interesting. There were representatives from police and fire service who have already undergone training with dementia sufferers and also present were representatives from PCC, carers and public alike including those different towns and communities that are already trying to highlight the awareness and share the ways in which they are doing this.

A collective link of websites was suggested as unfortunately, as many people know when the diagnosis is first made, they have to do the research for help and support and the stress needs to be removed for the carers and families who are affected by being able to access in one area. This is something that PCC are looking into.

The bottom line is that people suffering from the illness and their carers still want to visit the cinema, theatre, café, go swimming, go to the pub for a game of darts, etc. A group will be visiting the Qube for coffee tomorrow and then going on to the Cove to lunch with the possibility of further monthly meetings being held at this venue.

The intention is not to change everything but to 'tweak', to make our town welcoming and accessible. Aspects that will be looked at include the use of different colour doormats as to black, different size fonts, quiet corners, not using white seats in disabled toilets. Sainsbury's are already looking at different ways to support Dementia Friendly

Tenby so as not to label those sufferers. It will take a very long time to get it right as an individual approach is needed.

Cllr Blackhall asked when the greatest challenges are and it was deemed once to be June through to September with intense noise and disruption brought by the busy tourist season. However Tenby is now an all year round resort, not having the lulls that Tenby used to have. Simple achievable initiatives were being proposed for the first 12 months.

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall is grateful to all those who attended the first meeting and to those traders who emailed saying they would like to be involved, so it's all very positive. She thanked Cllr Ronowitz for his offer of the Cove and Qube as venues.

#### Carew Airfield

The Mayor had attended a Memorial unveiling service out at the Control Tower at Carew. He said it had been beautifully done and well done to all involved include the gentleman who had sourced the Commemorative stone. There was mention made that another Commemorative stone may be organised in memory of the Dutch Servicemen based at the airfield. The Mayor wished to thank all involved personally for their wonderful achievement.

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

Cllr Mrs Brown had seen the RNLI statue 'Sandy' carved from a tree trunk found on the beach. She wished to write and thank the sculptor. Cllr Blackhall suggested that a small interpretation board be positioned and asked that TTC offer to pay. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Mr. Raschke be thanked for the sculpture and that the Clerk liaise with the RNLI over the possible provision of an interpretive panel.**

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall, through social media, had seen the closure of Bali Hai and she wish to say a big thanks for all the years of service to the people of Tenby the operators of this premises had given.

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

Nothing new at this time.

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

None at present. The Clerk told councillors that the flowers had now been removed and the flower containers were soon to go.

#### **246. TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF TYSSUL COURT, TENBY AND CONSIDER ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR MRS BROWN**

Cllr. Mrs Brown said that Tyssul Court is on the road going out of Tenby for those who don't know and is currently in a bit of a mess. Considering the fact that this is a block of flats for the elderly of our community, it is in need of a major tidy up. A boundary wall facing Park Road is need of repair/replacement. An old gentleman lives in the flat very close to the collapsed wall and it is frightening for him. The whole building is desperately in need of a clean and paint or even a power wash. She urged councillors to go and take a look.

The flats that face Station Road have their lights on all day as the shrubs block day light, this garden area is overgrown with weeds and nettles and looks disgusting. The grass is not cut regularly. Apparently Augustus Place is cut fortnightly so why not Tyssul Court?

Shrubs should be removed and the area cleaned or cut down, these shrubs should not infringe on the residents right to light. We are letting the residents of Tyssul Court down if we do not do something to tidy up this area.

Cllr Mrs Brown proposed that TTC write to PCC/Ateb/Housing Association and ask them to investigate and take action to rectify. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall seconded the proposal.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk write to PCC raising the concerns outlined in relation to Tyssul Court.**

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

a. The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – Biodiversity

Cllr Mrs Brown proposed accepting the draft copy, we are fulfilling our obligations. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Environmental and Biodiversity Report be adopted by the council.**

b. Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

As this is the last council meeting before Remembrance Sunday, the Clerk asked that councillors meet at the De Valence Pavilion at 10.30 on Remembrance Sunday in order to walk down to the Hazelwell Club for the Parade and Wreath Laying ceremony.

c. Environment Advisers

The Clerk said that open meeting with the Environment Advisors had been held yesterday afternoon and although not all who attended were still not 100 per cent happy with the new scheme on leaving, they did leave better informed as to what would be expected.

Some areas of town will stay on the orange bag scheme and anyone with queries is urged to contact PCC. Unfortunately, PCC have been inundated with phone calls. Many have been unable to get through causing a great deal of frustration but all the Clerk could advise them to do was to persist.

Cllr Mrs Brown told councillors that the office had been flooded with queries, adding that it is a frightening prospect for a certain age group. It's the understanding of what now had to be done she said, adding that she expected the street bins will be full for a while! However, this is a learning curve for everyone and hopefully any teething problems would soon be ironed out.

Cllr Blackhall said it is different and a huge change but all must accept that the previous method is no longer sustainable, we cannot continue to put rubbish in to landfill.

PCC is working really hard and offering plenty of support and there does need to be a certain amount of flexibility in first few months Cllr. Blackhall commented.

Surplus orange bags can be returned to the office to be reissued to areas that would be remaining on the original scheme initially, said the Clerk adding that kerbside sort is the preferred method of recycling collection by the Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire will be the 14<sup>th</sup> unitary authority in Wales to go over to the scheme.

Cllr Hallett remarked on the fact that Carmarthenshire has a different recycling colour scheme which also confuses the public.

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

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm.**

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

None at this time.

**250. 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"**

**251. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

**252. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none as any relevant issues to be considered were on the agenda as separate items.

**253. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE TENBY TIC SCOPING MEETING HELD 25TH OCTOBER AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk contact Mr. Ashley-Jones informing him that TTC agree in principle to the asset transfer of Tenby TIC from PCC subject to Heads of Terms and clarification of the level of tourist information services that were required to be provided by the Welsh Government.**

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

- a. To consider tenders for the upgrade of Tenby Town Council's website to meet the requirements of the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

**RESOLVED**

**That Victoria Brace Marketing be appointed our preferred tenderer and that she be invited to meet with the office staff and Cllr. Whitehurst to discuss the council's requirements in more depth.**

- b. Town Council Broadband Package

**RESOLVED**

**That TTC enter into a new 24-month contract with Talk Talk for the provision of unlimited Fibre broadband at the offer price.**

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_