

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
2nd April 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mr T Brown
Councillors Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mr T Hallett

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

443. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Brown, Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall, Cllr Mrs Evans, Cllr Mrs Williams, Cllr Mr Perry and Cllr Mr Crockford.

- 444.** The Mayor asked if Councillors were agreeable that item 6c be brought forward as the applicant, Mr. Rossiter, and his architect, Mr Morgan, were in attendance. It was also brought to the attention of Councillors that new correspondence which superseded the correspondence in the Agenda had been received from Mr and Mrs Woosnam from the neighbouring property and this needed to be considered. Councillors agreed to bring the matter forward.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter left the chamber.

The Mayor told the applicant and his architect that speaking on behalf of the Tenby Town Council that all concerns previously raised have been addressed. Mr Morgan believes that the neighbours appear happy with the amendments and these are just being finalised. The Mayor said that all aspects had to be taken in to account. Mr Morgan added that planners are currently looking at the proposal to add an extra one metre of footage to the ground floor and this will be revisited if necessary. The Mayor commented the office may be approached if anyone has concerns.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter returned to the chamber.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared her personal interest in items 6c and 11.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

447. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 19th March 2019 be amended at paragraph 1 of item 426a to read ‘Perhaps Fecci’s should be responsible for a bin’ then confirmed and signed as accurate.

448. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

316b. Tenby TIC

The Clerk had prepared a Report for Councillors following a meeting that had taken place on 29th March. The Clerk suggested that the item be put on the next meeting’s agenda for discussion when hopefully there would be more TTC attendees.

388. Boundary Wall at Lexden Terrace

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if there had been any response and the Clerk confirmed that, having written to all the Lexden Terrace occupiers, he had received a couple of emails responding to Councillor’s concerns. First to notify that matter would be dealt with and secondly to confirm that a painter had now been sourced and the work would be undertaken shortly. Councillors were delighted and wished to thank Mr Jones CBE for his swift response.

426a. D. Fecci – Rubbish in Tenby

The Clerk told Councillors that a further letter had been received from Mr D Fecci and proceeded to read this to Councillors. Following on he told Councillors that he and the Mayor had met with Mr McCarthy and Mr Young of PCC and they confirmed that they would be happy to remove the bin currently situated outside Joys. They just required confirmation from TTC that members would be in agreement. Cllr Brown proposed asking them to remove the bin adding that it may encourage folk to move further away from the restaurant with their rubbish. The Mayor said it would be nice to keep that area clean and clear, adding that there were a number of other litter bins in the vicinity. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That Mr. McCarthy be informed that Tenby Town Council were in agreement with the litter bin being removed.

429a. All Pembrokeshire Cruse

The Clerk read a letter that had been received from All Pembrokeshire Cruse thanking Tenby Town Council for their kind donation.

435. Tenby Market Facade

The Clerk and Cllr. Evans had met with Mr Sullivan and Mr Bullock of PCC and Mr Scourfield of PCNPA to look at the concerns raised by Cllr. Mrs. Williams. Mr. Sullivan was putting an action plan together to address the issues. Signage being upgraded is also to be considered. Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if the leaking roof was being addressed and the Clerk replied that PCC were aware of the problem but that it is all a question of costing. Cllr Hallett commented that it was seagulls' nests blocking the drains and holes that were causing problems.

437. Cave below Paragon

The Clerk told Councillors that he had visited the cave and the sand was smooth, with no signs of the trench mentioned by Cllr. Rapi. However, the situation will be monitored. Cllr Hallett once again reiterated the redirection of the storm drain overflow from the mains sewerage which may result in occasional excess water creating the situation which caused Cllr. Rapi concern. The tide would restore matters.

438. Tennis Courts

The Clerk told Councillors that he had written to Greenhill School but had yet to receive a reply. However he was aware that they were liaising with Mr Young of PCC in relation to re-lining the courts.

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

- a. NP/19/0141/FUL – Change of use of the ground and lower ground floors of the application property from a former dental practice to 2 number of 2 bedroom self-contained flats – Aces Court, Warren Street, Tenby

The Mayor and Cllr Mrs Rossiter both agreed that it was a great improvement. Cllr Hallett proposed accepting the application and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members consider the proposal acceptable.

- b. NP/19/0109/S73 - Variation of Condition 1 of NP/15/0255/S73 to allow extended opening hours –3/4 Upper Park Road, Tenby

The Clerk gave Councillors some background on the application saying that there is no alteration to their original conditions except that they are seeking to open until 10pm with last orders being taken at 9pm. Cllr Brown proposed accepting the proposal adding that the area has been looking rather grubby and

that it is nice that someone is trying to making a go of it. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

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

- c. NP/19/0026/FUL – Two number second storey extensions, addition of dormer windows, rear flat-roofed extension – 12 St David’s Close, Tenby – AMENDED PLANS

Cllr Mrs Rossiter left the chamber.

The Mayor told Cllr Hallett, as he had arrived after the item had been discussed, that Mr Rossiter, applicant, and Mr Morgan, architect, had spoken at the start of the meeting and although TTC had accepted the plans they had been unable to vote at the time. Cllr Blackhall now proposed accepting the application and Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Having reviewed the amended plans and further correspondence from neighbours it appears that the amended plans address the initial concerns expressed and members can now support the application.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter returned to the chamber.

- d. NP/19/0167/FUL – Two storey gabled rear extension – 1 White Lion Street, Tenby

The Clerk read correspondence from Tenby Civic Society highlighting their concerns over the possible effect on light to the neighbouring property. On a side note, Cllr Blackhall asked if something could be done to the window which is currently boarded up and looks extremely untidy, adding why not use the opportunity to advertise local events. Returning to the matter the Mayor asked if the owners of the neighbouring property were aware of these concerns and it was confirmed that a member of the Civic Society had spoken to the owner. Cllr Hallett was concerned that there may be neighbouring wall issues. Cllr Brown proposed accepting the application and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

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

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

- a. Mr and Mrs Woosnam – 12 St David’s Close

This matter had been dealt with previously.

- b. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on recent applications

This matter had been dealt with previously.

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

- a. Long Course Weekend – Closed Road Expansion

Cllr Brown welcomed the closure, thanking the organisers for the addressing the matters raised previously and not shying away from the issue. Cllr Hallett felt it was good from a health and safety perspective.

The Mayor then went over the closures concerned.

Cllr Blackhall commented on the fantastic contribution of LCW to Tenby and surrounding area bringing many other large sporting events with it. However, many residents are expressing concern over the Narberth Road/New Hedges bypass closure especially in terms of change over days.

He asked if this was still open for debate. If traffic problems are created there is a danger that this may have an effect on support for the event in the future and he felt sure this would not be wanted. There is a need for accurate information to be available to visitors and residents alike.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter agreed saying that perhaps the self-catering business and hotels should advise visitors to be aware that there could be some travel disruption.

Cllr Hallett added that this information should not just be on the internet. Cllr Blackhall said that companies should make sure to get it well advertised.

The Clerk told Councillors that PCC are aware of the proposed closures. There will be a robust consultation and all concerns raised will be considered, although it must be noted that time is short.

The Mayor said we must observe the situation closely for this year and seek amendments for future years if there are problems.

Cllr Blackhall agreed that timing makes it very difficult to totally revisit the proposals for this year’s event and it is a case of how best to manage adding that he was concerned that Devonshire Drive could get very clogged up.

Cllr Brown proposed that TTC support the proposals for this year and see how it pans out as a trial and error exercise. Cllr Blackhall asked that local major

holiday firms be contacted to ask that they ensure visitors arriving on Saturday 6th July are made aware of the event and road closures. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That TTC support the proposed closures on the proviso that the effect be monitored and the closures amended where necessary for future years. Further that LCW organisers ensure that all holiday letting businesses are aware in order that they can inform their clients.

b. Mrs R Batchelor – Disabled Access, Tenby

The Mayor asked if Mrs Batchelor was aware of the Pembrokeshire Access Group. She said it may be beneficial to let her know and suggested she contact them directly to help the family move forward. Cllr Mrs Rossiter told Councillors that she understands Saundersfoot has a large wheeled wheelchair for use on the beach.

The Mayor said that one for Tenby had been looked at previously but storage and ongoing maintenance was a concern at the time. The Clerk recalled that the Lions had been prepared to buy a wheelchair at the time but finding somewhere where it could be accessed for use seven days a week had been problematic. The Mayor said that perhaps they could return to us with some suggestions.

Cllr Blackhall felt that this letter was helpful, it is incredibly difficult to manoeuvre round the town with a wheelchair as well he knows when his mother visits. It can be problematic negotiating the A boards, and narrow pavements. Obviously during pedestrianisation it is easier but, in the long term, thought needs to be given as how access can be improved. Many towns are calling themselves Dementia friendly and we could look at objectives going forward including parking issues. We need to be working with groups to make our town inclusive and accessible to all.

Cllr Blackhall proposed inviting Pembrokeshire Access Group to come and talk to TTC and also to invite Mrs Batchelor along. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That a representative of Pembrokeshire Access Group be invited to a future meeting of the Town Council.

c. Mr Craig Girling-Jones – Tenby Sea Cadets

Cllr Blackhall asked if anybody could give the Sea Cadets support it would be fantastic. So many Tenby youngsters had been through the Sea Cadets and it helped to develop self-confidence. So many have given tremendous commitment over the years, it would be a shame if this group was not able to

attract help. He added that if training was needed for volunteers he felt sure TTC would be able to lend support.

452. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Cllr Blackhall commented that bins appear to be creeping back on to the Parade and he asked that PCC be written to and ask that they take look.

456. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Nothing to report at this time.

457. TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF PLAY AREA PROVISION IN TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLR M EVANS

This item to be carried over to the next meeting.

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

a. Town Walls Preservation Project Terms of Reference

The Clerk asked Councillors if they were happy with the Terms of Reference as provided by Cllr Perry. Cllr Perry was thanked for his in-depth report and Councillors look forward to him moving the idea along.

Cllr Blackhall said it was a helpful start but that we must be careful not to broaden the scope too much. This presents the right way forward, there are bigger issues. He felt a Regeneration Team meeting is needed as there were a number of things to discuss and this would be a good place for the matter to be discussed.

Members of various bodies provide a huge amount of knowledge and we need to be harnessing all of this. He felt the Terms of Reference were most helpful but stressed that the focus should be on the setting up of the Trust. He also

remarked that Lower South Parade is mentioned in the document. He suggested that this was a typographical error and it actually referred to St Florence Parade.

Cllr Blackhall proposed convening a meeting of the Regeneration Team at the earliest opportunity. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That, as chair, Cllr. Blackhall would seek to convene a meeting of the Tenby Regeneration Team at the earliest available opportunity.

b. Temporary Road Closure, St John's Hill

The Clerk advised Councillors that St John's Hill will be closed between 23.00 hrs and 06.00 hrs from 10th April for 2 nights to facilitate bridge maintenance.

c. Kik-Plastic Tour

The Clerk had been contacted by Caroline of the Kik-Plastic Team with regard to the Kik-Plastic Tour which will see world record ocean rower Kiko Matthews cycle 7200kms of the Great British coastline participating in over 70 beach cleans along the way. Each day, Kiko will be joined by local cyclists ready to dust off their bikes and helmets and come out and cycle. The tour will be coming to Tenby on the evening of 28th May and they are looking to connect with local businesses, groups and schools that might want to get involved. The Clerk has put Caroline in touch with PCC for any equipment that may be needed regarding the beach clean. Cllr Brown offered to contact Tenby Cycling Club and Sainsbury's while the Clerk would inform Tenby Aces.

The Mayor then offered condolences on the passing of former councillor and Mayor of Tenby, Mr John Griffiths, and Councillors held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Cllr Blackhall said John Griffiths showed great kindness to many on the Council and that he was plentiful with his advice. Although quiet he also had a wicked sense of humour.

His work on the War Memorial Wall project had been meticulous in detail with great care and concern in gathering information to ensure no one was missed out. This was typical of John. He always liked things to be done the right way from process to final outcome.

He was held in high regard and considered the Clerk to be a great friend. Cllr Blackhall believed the Clerk also had a great affection for John. All were always grateful for his advice. John wished for no publicity and no fuss; always working away behind the scenes for the benefit of the town.

The Clerk told Councillors that he had known John before he became a councillor and would miss his friendship. True to form John had made all necessary arrangements in the event of his passing. It was to be a strictly private funeral with no mourners. Family friends have organised a celebration of John's life to take place at St Bride's Hotel on Saturday, 6th April at 2pm.

459. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

460. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Long term plans for dredging Tenby Harbour– Cllr Blackhall
- b. Town Gardens – The Mayor

461. 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”

There were no private matters to consider.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____