

264b. PCNPA – Date of Appeal NP/17/0178/FUL

Cllr Hallett asked if there had been any further news. The Clerk said there was none.

283c. Mr Charles Fecci – Christmas Festivities

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if we had received any contact from Mr Fecci asking to join the Festivities Committee so that any gripes about the lights etc. could be addressed. She added that Tenby is a town while Saundersfoot is a village which has an arena for their display. Tenby has many streets to light. If Mr Fecci joined the committee he would be able to see for himself the difficulties faced. The lack of support from ‘multiples’ located in the High Street also exacerbates the problem she felt.

The Mayor felt that the council were within their rights to respond to what she considered to be unjust criticism. People were unaware as to how much time had been spent on the preparation of the Christmas Festivities and how much time was put in by a small band of people on the day. Before having a go, perhaps help and support could be offered instead. The council was not averse to criticism so long as it is constructive.

Cllr Blackhall had attended the recent Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism meeting where similar conversations were taking place. He had suggested that more people should be involved. Cllr Hallett felt that the Tenby community needed to join together to improve things rather than criticising from the side-lines.

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

- a. NP/17/0706/FUL – Mr. G. Birt, Five Arches Car Park Ltd., Lock House, St Julian Street, Tenby – Change of use of land fronting South Parade (former commercial garage, workshops and car parking) to car parking to enable use of the entire site (including 7 Picton Road) as a permanent car park together with works to the entire site comprising associated pay machines, electric charging points, lighting, signage and planters – Five Arches Car Park, South Parade, Tenby

Cllr Hallett proposed accepting the application saying that this was a splendid idea providing parking and electric car charging provisions. Cllr Brown seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. The temporary permissions afforded to this site over the years have proved it to be a valuable asset to the town with no adverse impact on LDP policy, particularly policies 14, 15, 30 and 53.

The Mayor suggested that the next two applications be considered together.

- b. NP/17/0709/FUL – Mr. Jamie Williams, 1 Golden Valley Cottages, Gloucester Road, Staverton, Cheltenham – Replacement of existing lean-to structure connecting two

separate buildings which form part of the same property – Flat 7, Newton Croft, 8 The Croft, Tenby

AND

- c. NP/17/0710/LBA - Mr. Jamie Williams, 1 Golden Valley Cottages, Gloucester Road, Staverton, Cheltenham – Replacement of existing lean-to structure connecting two separate buildings which form part of the same property – Flat 7, Newton Croft, 8 The Croft, Tenby

Cllr Hallett asked if any neighbours had commented. The Clerk said that whilst one neighbour had visited to look at the plans and had mentioned his concern over the storm water drainage, no formal written remarks had been received. Cllr Brown proposed accepting the application and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

- d. NP/17/0707/S73 – Mr. Robinson and Ms Finnegan, Sea Haze, Heywood Lane, Tenby – Variation of Condition 2 and removal of Condition 3 of NP/17/0348/FUL – Sea Haze, Heywood Lane, Tenby

These plans showed that Condition 2 was revised internal plans from the previous planning application that had been submitted, while removal of Condition 3 sought to allow that the owner to sleep in the building. Cllr Blackhall felt that, as this was never meant as a dwelling property, Condition 3 should be upheld and that any changes to the nature of the building would require fresh planning consent. Cllr Brown seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval of the variation of Condition 2. Members however feel that Condition 3 should remain to prevent back land development of a new independent dwelling house.

The Mayor suggested that the next two applications be considered together.

- e. NP/17/0735/LBA – Mr. Jason Rossiter, Hope and Anchor Inn, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby – Some internal alterations to listed building, replacing existing windows with new sash windows, installation of escape doors to existing stairwell landing – Hope and Anchor Inn, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby

AND

- f. NP/17/0734/FUL – Mr. Jason Rossiter, Hope and Anchor Inn, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby – Installation of escape doors to existing stairwell landing; replacement of modern windows with sash windows – Hope and Anchor Inn, St. Julian’s Street, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Rossiter left the Chamber.

Cllr Brown believed that this was a retrospective application as neighbours have complained. The Mayor said suggestions had been made that the premises are using the door to access next door's garden for use as a beer garden and neighbours living next to that house have concerns. The Clerk advised that none of this was referred to in the application and no correspondence from neighbours had been received. Members had to determine the application based on the information before them.

Cllr Blackhall had no issues with the works but suggested that care must be taken that it does not become a garden for the public house and that the flat roof space is used only as a means of escape. He proposed approval of the application with a suggested condition that any accesses created be only used as a means of escape. Cllr Brown seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. While members feel that the proposed alterations are acceptable they do suggest a condition to ensure that access onto open space from these alterations is restricted to emergency use only to reduce any potential adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties in line with policy 30 of the LDP.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter returned to the Chamber.

- g. NP/17/0739/FUL - Danfo Ltd., Unit 53, Honeyborough Business Park, Neyland – Proposed alterations to toilets to include public toilets, changing place facility and sale kiosk/shop: also to include change of use – Public convenience, The Green, Tenby

Cllr Brown proposed accepting and Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval.

- h. NP/17/0469/FUL – Amended plans for new dwelling with detached garage and multi gym above and reinforced concrete retaining wall to western boundary of the plot – Plot 3, The Paddock, Haytor Gardens, Tenby

RECOMMEND

Approval.

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

- a. Law Commission – Planning Law in Wales consultation (full consultation summary available for review in the office)

Cllr Blackhall remarked that this was predominantly cleaning up legislation. However, he did feel that the council should comment in relation to their concerns over retrospective planning and the possibility of introducing greater penalties/fines for those doing it.

- b. Tenby Civic Society – Comments on planning applications

Noted.

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

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council (via e-mail) – Consultation on proposed changes to car parking charges

The Mayor suggested that councillors inform the Clerk of their views for him to collate a response to PCC. Cllr Blackhall questioned some information regarding the Seagull Pass. He noted that it costs £150 but you could not use Tenby multi-storey car park in July and August. He wondered if Tenby residents purchasing a pass would therefore receive a discount. He felt the same about the proposed Residents' pass, although this was a good idea. He noted that the proposal was to increase the visitor permits to £25 but he felt this should be increased to £100 as this system denied permanent residents the ability to use permit spaces. While he welcomed the proposal to increase the hourly charge of 50p across the county he noted that the same was not true for the four hourly charge with increases of up to 66% suggested for Tenby but not in other towns of Pembrokeshire. There was therefore still inequality across the County. The Mayor commented that the income from Tenby car park was used county wide and felt this was wrong. Cllr Hallett also thought the twilight pass conditions were unclear.

- b. Mr. Steve Stretch, Governors' Support Services, PCC – Governing body of Tenby Church in Wales VC Primary School

Although Cllr Mrs Thomas was not at the meeting the Mayor knew that Cllr Mrs Thomas was happy to be put forward for this role. Cllr Hallett proposed putting Cllr Mrs Thomas' name as Governor at Tenby Church in Wales VC Primary School and Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That Cllr. Mrs. Thomas' name be put forward.

- c. Mr. Anthony Price, PCC (via e-mail) – Update on works to improve access at Ysgol Greenhill School

The Mayor and Cllr Mrs Rossiter wished to express their thanks to PCC for the update. Cllr Brown was concerned at the removal of the trees thinking initially that they were to be re-sited not completely cut back and removed. Cllr Hallett confirmed that the trees were diseased. Only the Oak was not but it was unviable to replant.

- d. Mr. Owen Roberts, PCC – Copy of letter sent to Mr. Westerman, of Tenby Civic Society regarding the public transport network

Cllr Hallett commented that he had been asking for this for a long time. It was pleasing that they were reinstating the town service but the public must use it or lose it. The Mayor asked if we were contributing to this. The Clerk said we were not.

Cllr. Hallett felt thanks were due to Mr Westerman for all his endeavours. Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if this information could be put in to the Tenby Observer so everyone would be aware that this service was now running again.

- e. Mr. Neil Hamilton AM – Copy of letter to Mr. Hamilton from Lesley Griffiths Am, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

The Mayor was pleased the matter was being looked into. She said that sometimes mistakes were made when people did not have a full understanding of how the planning system works. However, when people who did know the system made retrospective applications it was unacceptable and embarrassing. Councillor Blackhall was also of the opinion that the majority of professional builders or their agents fully understand the planning process. Cllr Brown said he felt it very difficult to say no to a retrospective application once the building is in place. Cllr Hallett said the law is not fool proof. Cllr Brown thought it nice that the town council's views were being taken seriously.

- f. Dwr Cymru – Copy of letter sent to residents regarding Rising Main works, Castle Square and Bridge Street

Cllr Hallett said this was essential upgrading as leaks were causing instability in the cliffs.

The Mayor suggested that the next two letters be considered together.

- g. Mr. Jon Haswell, Director of Finance, PCC – County Council Budget Reductions and Medium Term Financial Plan – Cost of Elections North Ward

AND

- h. Mr. Jon Haswell, Director of Finance, PCC – County Council Budget Reductions and Medium Term Financial Plan – Cost of Elections South Ward

Mayor remarked that we are now to pick up the tab for future elections. While calling for a bye election was a democratic right, people needed to be reminded that there is a charge and that the local council tax payers now have to pay.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if the letter had been received before setting the Precept. The Clerk said that at a recent meeting Mr Ian Westley had said the County Council were thinking about going down this route but he had not expected for it to be put in writing so quickly. However, the letter had not arrived before Council agreed their budget for the year. By 2022 there must be approximately £5,750 within the budget to hold an election in each of the town's two wards – i.e. approximately £11,500.

As the council had already agreed their budget, he suggested that members take a phased approach and set aside a sum each year from 2019/2020 until the total was reached. Cllr Blackhall agreed with this proposal. He commented on this raising questions of the viability of smaller Councils in the future. The Mayor felt that the public needed to be aware that PCC were making savings to their own budgets by passing on costs to towns and community councils.

i. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – October minutes

Cllr Blackhall had attended this meeting and felt that new members of TCTT were trying to do things but were facing difficulties at this time.

306. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Victoria Walters, Hjinx Theatre

The Mayor said it was a hard situation as Victoria is known personally to her and TCC receives a huge volume of requests for support. Cllr Blackhall suggested offering a grant of £50 as a gesture of goodwill. Cllr Brown seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That under the powers of the Local Government Act 2000, as extended by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, a cheque for £50 be forwarded to Victoria.

307. TO CONFIRM THE BUDGET FOR 2018 – 2019 AND SET THE PRECEPT FIGURE

The Mayor said that this was a formality as all had previously been agreed. Cllr Blackhall proposed accepting the Budget figures and Cllr Brown seconded. Cllr Hallett thanked the Clerk for his hard work.

RESOLVED

That the budget and the precept requirement for 2018 – 2019 be confirmed.

308. TO IMPLEMENT THE CO-OPTION PROCEDURE TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT FOR THE NORTH WARD OF TENBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Clerk told Councillors that the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr James could now be advertised.

RESOLVED

That the council's intent to fill the casual vacancy in the North Ward by co-option be advertised.

309. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Blackhall had attended the Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism meeting as previously mentioned.

The Mayor had attended the Christmas Festivities on 2nd December and thanked all those involved especially the hard work of the Clerk, saying that now is the time to put things in place for next year, getting dates sorted etc. whilst things are still fresh in everyone's minds. Consideration may be given to paying someone to take some of the work load off the Clerk on the day.

The Mayor had also attended the following:

Rotary Club Service in St Mary's Church – 5th December

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner – 6th December

Townswomen Guild Regional Carol Service - 9th December

Quarterly Reception on 12th December

The Nook presentation for best festive window display - 13th December

Tenby Fire Fighters Christmas Dinner at the Imperial Hotel - 15th December

Visits to Gumfreston, Belmont, Belvedere and Park House Care and Nursing Homes on Christmas Eve

Boxing Day Swim

The New Year's Eve Firework display hosted by the Tenby House was fantastic and the Mayor requested that a letter be sent to Lesley, Eric, Martin and Kelly congratulating them on their hard work in making New Year's Eve such a success. The strategically positioned gritting lorries was also an excellent idea, helping to keep the revellers safe in a traffic free environment.

310. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN REPOSE

Cllr Hallett felt there had been good coverage of all the town's activities in the local press.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

314. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

315. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Plastic free initiatives – Cllr Blackhall

Tree Pruning at St John’s Hill update – Cllr Hallett

316. TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC TO RESOLVE FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS UNDER THE “PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT OF 1960”

317. MATTERS ARISING

The Mayor asked when the next meeting had been arranged with Mr. Brown but was advised that any proposals had now to go before Cabinet for approval so this could take a while. The trees on the South Parade that have roots could possibly be kept for next year and if new tubs were needed then Tenby in Bloom would be in a position to fund them. The triangle at the new cemetery where the poppies have been planted was a suggested location for the trees to be replanted. The Clerk said he would email Katie Daly to ask if Mr. Brown wanted another meeting in the near future.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____