

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
2nd OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Lane Mayor
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor P Rapi
Councillor W Crockford
Councillor Laurence Blackhall
Councillor T Brown
Councillor M Evans
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Councillor T Hallett

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

195. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Thomas and Cllr Mrs Williams.

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

The Mayor declared her interest in item 8c.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

198. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 18th September 2018 have a grammatical error amended on page 91 and then confirmed and signed as accurate.

199. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

157. Castle Hill/Town Walls

Cllr Hallett asked if there was any update on this. The Clerk told Councillors that he had not yet written to the organisations as he wished to speak with Cllr Mrs Thomas so that the appropriate organisations could be targeted.

200. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUSTUS PLACE COMMUNITY CENTRE SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Cllr Mrs Rossiter told Councillors that it had been a very constructive meeting covering many issues of concern. Councillors felt they had no choice but to raise the rent a little and work is planned in the near future. The price is not, and will not be, extortionate. The Clerk told Councillors that proposed refurbishment and repair works had not been budgeted for in this financial year and asked Councillors to agree to use monies from the reserves. Quotes for the work are currently awaited. Cllr Blackhall wondered if Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund may be applied to but Councillors felt that work needed to be done as a matter of urgency and it may take quite a while to get funding through this avenue. Cllr Hallett moved that the monies be used from reserves as this was necessary work.

RESOLVED

That funding be vired from reserves to carry out refurbishment and repair work in the community centre.

201. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER

The Mayor told Councillors that this had been a very productive meeting and in previous years this Christmas event day had worked very well. Steve Briers had lots of ideas and the day was coming together very well. The next meeting will take place on Friday, 5th October at 11am. If anyone is interested please come along.

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

Cllr. Evans declared an interest as a member of the PCNPA Development Management committee but remained in the chamber to offer advice on planning policy.

- a. NP/18/0540/FUL – Rear dormer extension, roof lights to front and rear and roof extension to existing flat roof side wing – 30 Lady Park, Tenby

Councillors asked if there had been any enquiries from neighbours. There were none. Cllr Brown proposed acceptance and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.

- b. NP/18/0549/FUL – Single storey extension to provide new gymnasium, construction of double garage and balcony - Hafod y Werydd, Heywood Lane, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Rossiter commented that it was a lovely extension on a lovely property. She proposed approval and Cllr Rapi seconded.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal.

- c. NP/18/0524/FUL – Alteration of existing shop front to include new entrance to proposed first and second floor flats; existing first floor and second floor maisonette adjusted to form a 1 bedroom self-contained flat at first floor and a second 2 bedroom self-contained flat on the second floor; internal ground floor alterations to refurbish the existing A3 usage to create a bar, restaurant and kitchen facilities; demolition of first floor rear storage building, altium roof light to ground floor and extension to form a first floor dining area for restaurant. – Feccis Ice Cream Parlour, St George’s House, St George Street, Tenby

Cllr. Evans declared a prejudicial interest and left the chamber.

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest and proposed that the Deputy Mayor take the Chair for this item and Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal. The Mayor then left the Chamber.

Cllr Brown commented that the plans looked good. The Clerk advised Councillors of the Civic Society’s comments and concerns over the frontage design. Cllr Mrs Rossiter voiced her concerns over the interference of the Civic Society questioning why they should be listened to when they had seen nothing wrong with plans for a property across the road which was a listed building in a conservation area. She feels this application would see the frontage of the property undertaken in a far more tasteful way than the other application.

Cllr Brown proposed accepting the proposal as it is enhancing the road and feels the property is in need of attention. Cllr Crockford seconded the proposal.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members have no objections to this proposal as it will maintain the viability of the business and upgrade its visual appearance.

The Mayor and Cllr. Evans returned to the Chamber. The Mayor re-took the Chair.

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

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council – Evaluation questionnaire on extension of duration of Tenby Pedestrianisation

Cllr Evans declared his personal interest as he is a permit holder.

The Clerk advised Councillors that a collective response from Tenby Town Council well as individual responses was expected.

Cllr Mrs Brown, speaking as one who lives outside the town walls, felt that this year's pedestrianisation had gone well and that she had received no complaints. She strongly agrees to the extension of Tenby Pedestrianisation suggesting perhaps Whitsun to end of September and other holidays. This benefits businesses in town and creates a more vibrant atmosphere.

Cllr Crockford agreed with Cllr Mrs Brown and said it would be great at Christmas. Cllr Mrs Rossiter was concerned for residents inside the town walls having access restricted at other times and also felt that the running of additional times would be more costly. She felt the system works as it is.

Cllr Rapi suggested, as has been suggested before, that an application be made for a permanent set of traffic lights and permanent bollards, as the existing temporary set up looks messy. Cllr Crockford agreed on the process being a labour intensive with a twice daily operation to actually set the pedestrianisation up.

Cllr Brown does not agree with the extension from Whitsun saying it interfered with locals going about their daily business. The time scale this year was ample.

The Mayor declared her interest as a walled town resident and said that she finds it very difficult to access her home and she is totally against any extension. She suggested that the hours be reduced back to school holidays only.

Cllr Hallett commented that you can't talk to bollards if there's a problem and felt it was best that they be left alone.

Cllr Rapi said we would still need people on duty.

Cllr Blackhall said a scheme designed previously incorporated one set of rising bollards which would be a long term cost saving hence a benefit.

Cllr Crockford proposed same time block but with an extension on bank and key holidays to include Easter, Whitsun and Christmas. The Clerk told Councillors that the order could be tied to named holidays when it was raised by Cllr Hallett that holidays are not always the same time each year e.g. Easter.

Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal saying that we cannot go back, only forwards.

The Mayor commented that at Christmas time it may be problematic with weather, children and shopping and, in response, it was suggested perhaps the week between Christmas and New Year be pedestrianised.

Cllr Mrs Brown commented that pedestrianisation is between 11am, when most trade deliveries are out, and 5.30pm. This was perfect timing, business relies on visitors and disruption is minimal.

Cllr Brown said he was not happy about closing off town to locals.

Cllr Blackhall said that if Cllr Crockford agreed then his proposal be withdrawn and instead each question on the Evaluation of Trial be approached individually and a proposal made for each. The Mayor said that Councillors could complete the form individually and hand it in to the Town Clerk who could compile a consensus of opinion but Cllr Evans told Councillors that these decisions need to be made in Chamber whilst the meeting is in session. It was therefore agreed that a Council response be made to each question.

Q1. Cllr Blackhall proposed that this was acceptable and Cllr Mrs Brown seconded the proposal. All in favour except Cllr Hallett who was against.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council found the trial extension running from the first Monday in July to the second Friday in September to be acceptable.

Q2. Cllr Blackhall proposed supporting that the trial become permanent. Seconded by Cllr Brown.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council agree with the trial becoming permanent.

Q3. Cllr Blackhall proposed agreeing with an even longer extension of the scheme. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Brown. At vote 5 Councillors voted for and 5 voted against. With the Mayor have the casting vote it was therefore

RESOLVED

That the Town Council disagree to an even longer extension of the scheme (eg Whitsun to the end of September).

Q4. Cllr Blackhall proposed extending the scheme to include other school holidays and Cllr Crockford seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council do agree with consideration being given to extending the scheme to include other school holidays e.g. half terms, Easter and Christmas.

Q5. The Town Council add a caveat that any consideration for making the trial permanent or extending the operation should also include consideration for the implementation of proposals discussed some time ago for the erection of permanent traffic lights at either end of Crackwell Street and the installation of permanent rising bollards at the entry points to the exclusion zone. These,

they feel, would not only assist in the implementation of pedestrianisation by bringing about cost savings in the longer term but would also be beneficial when other road closures of the central core of the town are required.

Further they feel that it is essential that a park and ride service should run concurrently during any pedestrianisation period relating to the town centre.

Q6. No

Q7. Tenby Town Council

204. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

- a. PATCH – Christmas Toy Appeal (latest PATCH accounts are available in the office for inspection by Councillors prior to the meeting)

Some discussion took place at possible ways of helping PATCH including offering to be a collection point. Cllr Blackhall proposed giving a donation of £200 and Cllr Rapi seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That under Section 137 of the LGA 1972 Tenby Town Council make a donation of £200 to the PATCH Christmas Toy Appeal.

205. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

De Valence Pavilion

Cllr Mrs Brown told Councillors that CCTV was currently being installed and that the foyer doors were being renewed. The Arts Festival had had 2 successful nights and was very good. All had worked hard to put on good performances. Films4Tenby were building in numbers.

Jubilee Play and Skate Park

Cllr Mrs Rossiter had attended the skate park meeting and fund raising is getting under way together with grant applications. The children are keen to get involved in the fund raising and any and all ideas are welcome to the table. Cllr Mrs Brown then mentioned Facebook as the table top sale has been shared for 20 October. A reply had been received asking if we should be fund raising for this sort of thing and the money would be better spent sorting out the litter problems in the park.

Cllr. Mrs. Brown pointed out that the park is cleaned every day by our handyman and 4 or 5 children from the Skate Park committee clear the glass up on a Saturday morning before using the park. Those who are being antisocial and leaving the mess will be reported to the police naming names. Whoever wrote the Facebook comment was

asked to note that this is a busy park that is used well. She commented that the youth of our town are our future.

Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor thanked Tenby Freemasons for the tremendous donation toward the Memorial Gardens. The Mayor had attended the retirement of Lt. (SCC) Roy Broxham RNR and this wife, Carina, who after many years have stood down from their respective roles in Tenby Sea Cadets. They are still planning on helping out however she would like a letter to be written from TTC thanking them for the dedication to all in the community. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

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

Cllr Mrs Rossiter noted a letter received by Tenby Observer from Mr Revell who complimented the new Greenhill school uniforms commenting on how smart the children looked and how they were a credit to the school. Well done all. Cllr Hallett also thanked all those who had been involved with implementing the new school uniform.

It was noted that an American made 5 minute YouTube video all about Ironman Tenby was currently doing the rounds on Facebook. There had also been an article on the event in the New York Times who had renamed Tenby the 'Iron Town'.

Cllr Blackhall then brought up what he called an old media story, that of Cllr Michael Williams being a representative on County level for 50 years. He thanked Cllr. Williams for his distinguished service for the town.

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

No further updates at this time.

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

The Clerk told Councillors that he was waiting from Mr Brown to return from his holiday to pursue this.

209. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Cllr Blackhall apologised to Councillors but due to illness he had nothing to report at this time.

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

a. Road Closure

The Clerk had received notification that Upper and Lower Park Road would be closed between 1800 and 2200 on 10th October 2018. Cllr Hallett asked what

provision had been made for the buses and coaches using this section of the road at this time. The Clerk said he would clarify this and inform Cllr. Hallett.

b. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk told Councillors that there had been no call for election and he would now advertise the casual vacancy for co-option.

211. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

212. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No items proposed at this time.

213. 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”

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____