

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MEETING HELD 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY IN LINE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Brown Mayor  
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter  
Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall  
Cllr L Blackhall  
Cllr M Ronowitz  
Cllr D Morgan  
Cllr T Hallett  
Cllr Mrs T Evans  
Cllr H Whitehurst  
Cllr Mrs S Lane  
Cllr M Evans

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

**Sergeant at Arms, Rev John Morgan, gave an Opening Prayer.**

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies Cllr Mrs Brown.

**2. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021**

The Clerk asked each councillor if they wished to be Mayor for 2020/2021, Cllr Blackhall, Cllr Ronowitz, Cllr Mrs Evans, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Mrs Lane, Cllr Mrs Rossiter, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Whitehurst declined. Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall said she would consider it an honour to be Mayor for 2020/2021 and asked that she be considered. The Clerk then asked the Mayor if he would like to serve a second year. He declined.

Cllr Mrs Lane said it was her pleasure to propose Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall saying that she is a local girl with Tenby at heart. In 2016 she became Mayoress to her husband Laurence. She then joined Tenby Town Council in 2017 and has proved herself hard working ever since. Now times are different and we don't know what is around the corner and I feel that she is the person to help steer us through these times. I propose Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall be Mayor of our beautiful town of Tenby for 2021.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded Cllr Mrs Lane's proposal.

**Resolved**

**That Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall be elected to serve as Mayor of Tenby for 2020/2021.**

**3. THE RETIRING MAYOR IS INVITED TO SAY A FEW WORDS**

The Retiring Mayor thanked all for attending this evening saying that he thoroughly enjoyed the last 12 months adding that it was not quite the year he had been expecting. It has been a great experience, an honour to serve the people of Tenby. He has thoroughly enjoyed meeting many along the way and working alongside the British Heart Foundation, Tenby Fireman, and all the local organisations who arrange the Summer Spectaculars. It has been a great year and he has loved working with councillors. The end of his year had been strange but he wished the incoming Mayor the very best of luck. Hopefully one day in the future, he may stand again for Mayor. He hoped for a lovely Christmas time and all the events to return, opening up the town and making it a special year, something to lift the people of Tenby.

**4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Mayor read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

She then undertook the Oath of Office.

The Clerk congratulated Madam Mayor and countersigned the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021**

The Mayor thanked the outgoing Mayor Cllr Tony Brown for his kind words and wished him all the very best for future.

Cllr Mrs Evans congratulated Madam Mayor and explained that she was having a few technical issues. She would temporarily leave the meeting and re-join again shortly.

The Mayor then proposed Cllr Mrs T Evans as Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

Cllr Mrs Evans has become one of her dearest friends. There were times when they appeared to be thinking and speaking in harmony as they worked together towards making Tenby a dementia friendly town and community.

Cllr. Mrs Evans was all for community spirit and getting things done, the Mayor continued. She wanted doers by her side and Cllr Mrs Evans will be a tremendous asset. Together they have laughed and cried, she is a loyal friend and supporter and a great wing woman. She is a school governor, for the people and a person who wants the best for all, she will make an excellent deputy.

Cllr D Morgan seconded the proposal congratulating the Mayor, saying it will benefit the town with both councillors up front. The Mayor thanked Cllr Morgan. The Mayor then went round all councillors with all in favour of the proposal.

**Resolved**

**That Cllr. Mrs. Tracey Evans be elected deputy Mayor for 2020/21.**

The Clerk then explained that, when the Mayor is unavailable or incapacitated, the deputy Mayor takes on those mayoral responsibilities and duties, so will also make a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk explained that other councils had made this move due to the slightly bigger responsibility held by the deputy Mayor over other councillors, and he had consulted with the Mayor before including this on the agenda. This was in answer to Cllr Mrs Lane who was querying why this was undertaken this year as the role had not changed from previous years.

**6. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Mrs Evans offered her warmest congratulations to Madam Mayor and wished her every success for the future year saying she feels sure she will do a fantastic job.

She then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk said that he would countersign when the hard copy was delivered back to the office.

**7. TO APPOINT A SERGEANT AT ARMS, SERGEANT AT MACE AND TOWN CRIER**

Cllr Whitehurst congratulated the Mayor and wished her a brilliant year. He felt sure she will adapt and react amazingly in these unusual times.

Firstly, he proposed Rev John Morgan for Sergeant at Arms saying not only has he done an excellent job but is a dear friend of the Mayor. As Sergeant at Mace, he proposed Mrs Denise Cousins who has done an excellent job and Mr Jim Cornwell he proposed as Town Crier adding that he is one of the most enthusiastic people he has met and feels sure he will continue to do the job well. All will do a brilliant job as they have done in the past. Cllr Ronowitz seconded the appointments.

**Resolved**

**That Rev John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms; Mrs. Denise Cousins be appointed Sergeant at Mace and Mr. Jim Cornwell be appointed Town Crier.**

**8. TO PROPOSE A VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Proposer for the retiring Mayor, Cllr Morgan, congratulated Cllr Brown saying well done. What he did and the way he did things turned a few heads and not just because of his Hawaiian shirts. Cllr Morgan recognised that the retiring Mayor was disappointed with the fact that some of his projects were unfinished due to the current situation but feels sure he will return in the future.

Cllr Hallett seconded Cllr Morgan congratulating the retiring Mayor and welcomed him to the fold, reiterating what has been said and thanking him for the guidance he has given us. The Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor again for all his hard work done personally throughout the year saying all he has done has been his way and done with a smile. The retiring Mayor replied saying he has enjoyed his year and thank you again.

## **Resolved**

**That a Vote of Thanks to the retiring Mayor be recorded.**

**9. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN, MAYOR'S CONSORT AND DEPUTY MAYORESS BY THE INCOMING MAYOR**

The Mayor said this year's handover was not how it was meant to be but thanked fellow councillors for their support. She said it is a huge honour but acknowledged that it will be a challenging and daunting time under current circumstances with lots of changes. She said there was anxiety amongst the local people, and their priority will be our own. The business community had been there to support us and we must support our own. She encouraged residents to shop local, saying our town relies on tourism and we need to keep our town in a prosperous partnership.

She asked that visitors please respect the guidelines and respect this place you come to because it is beautiful. Help keep it so and protect and support our community. She said that we know visitors love Tenby as much as we do. This is not the time for complacency, we need to learn to live with the virus, this year ahead will be different but it will be all about Tenby. She said she was giving fair warning that this year we would be going to town on supporting our beautiful town.

The Mayor said that unfortunately Rev Canon Andrew Grace could not attend. He had once again become a grandfather to Rosy Cynthia born early that morning and she passed on her congratulations to Canon Grace's daughter Bethan. The Mayor had spoken to Canon Grace earlier, saying she is part of the church community. She is a long-standing chorister and the church pays a big part of her life. She felt honoured that Canon Grace has agreed to be her Chaplain. The Mayor went on to say that the Mayor's Consort honour goes to Cllr Blackhall who is her 'other half.' He has had lots of experience having been Mayor himself in 2016 and being his Mayoress during that time was a wonderful experience. She will learn from his knowledge. She added that she loves him very much and knows he will be there for her in the coming months. She appointed the new deputy Mayor's daughter, Saffron as Deputy Mayoress. Saffie has attended a number of events Cllr. Mrs. Evans has supported in her capacity as a councillor and never moans or is bored. If and when the Deputy Mayor needs reassurance, Saffie will be able to provide that.

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

Cllr M Evans and Cllr M Ronowitz declared their interests 13b.

**11. 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 seconded by Cllr Blackhall.

**12. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

It was noted that on page 222 and 223 that there were two items numbered 432. The Clerk advised councillors that these will be amended.

Cllr Blackhall said he was more than happy with the resolutions taken but is very aware that this has been a difficult time for staff in the office. He asked if any more support needed to be given to the office at this time.

Cllr Mrs Lane asked if this point should be raised under Matters Arising and not during confirmation of minutes. The Mayor reminded councillors of the need to move on and also the need to raise a hand to indicate the request to speak.

### **13. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **219 242 highlighted in matters arising**

##### **a. MARKET TRADERS AND HARBOUR BOATMEN**

The Mayor asked if there were any updates. The Clerk told councillors that he had written to the Minister as requested and copied in MSs, our MP and the Chief Executive and Leader of PCC. An acknowledgement had been received from Mr Skates' department saying that they will provide a substantive response in due course. The Clerk had also received replies from Simon Hart, Angela Burns and Neil Hamilton who have all confirmed that they are fully aware of the issues and are continuing to press Mr Skates on the matter.

The local businesses deserve all the support they can get, said Cllr Hallett, although he believes they have had some relief on their rent. More importantly we must look at how they survive in this climate. Cllr Evans congratulated TTC for bringing this up and thanked the Clerk for his efforts. Speaking to traders, there is progress with the market and some 'light at end of tunnel'. Cllr Evans asked the council to continue to support also asking the Clerk to go and chat with the marketeers. Mr David Simpson has been very proactive in his support, attempting to turn around the ludicrous decision on these grants. Cllr Evans would like a letter written to Cllr Simpson to thank him on behalf of our town, adding that the market is an important part of our town.

The Mayor said she had spoken to one of the traders on and off basically repeating Cllr Evans' 'light at end of tunnel' sentiment. They may have found a way to apply for grants she said, also making reference to Cllr Mike Williams who has been a great help. They are keeping everything crossed and hopefully something good will come out of this.

With regard to support for the harbour, the Mayor has spoken to a number of the harbour boys, many are aware of what is going on with social media, trying to set up different ways of operating their business due to Caldey not opening this season to salvage something. The plan is to do trips around the bay and she wished them all the best as they are all trying very hard. Cllr Hallett said that the town is realising that working together gets the best results.

b. SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY

The Clerk told councillors of the email with regard to the possible purchase of hand sanitizers, Cllr Mrs Evans asked for us to follow this up, she felt that it would be supporting the community by providing these stations around the town and would help avoid any further spread of the infection. She asked if all had had a chance to look, at the email went out earlier in week? Any feedback would be appreciated so that we can move on this as quickly as possible.

The Mayor asked if all had seen the email. Cllr Lane had read the email and had initially wanted to know more. She is not sure if it is the right thing for our town saying she feels it may be more important to educate people and encourage them to carry their own, sanitiser. Education is more important. With the town opening up hand sanitizer stations should be in place by properties and businesses. She proposed not purchasing these stations but rather highlighting everyone's own personal awareness and hygiene responsibilities.

She suggested the town council supply local children with sanitiser packs.

Cllr Brown said he is in the same mind as Cllr Mrs Lane saying that if this had been suggested back at the end of March it may have been a different matter but now every shop has its own sanitiser station. Three months down the line these stations may just be another eyesore in the town.

Cllr Evans supported Cllr Mrs Lane saying that guidance has been given for the opening of the town and the guidance for cafe and bar establishments is to have to hand sanitizer on entrance. There will be many stations throughout the town. A number of people were involved in a meeting with PCC earlier and hopefully the Clerk will fill you all in, it is important to educate everyone and for visitors to respect our town in order for us to stay COVID free. Visitors should observe social distancing and respect hands hygiene guidance.

PPC have a duty of care too and have started to put signs up all round the town, Cllr. Evans added. He said there may be too many signs but if it helps so much the better. The Clerk has already been sent a plan of the signs being installed and their locations and PCC must be applauded.

Whilst he feels this is an excellent idea, he believes that businesses will already be providing sanitiser stations. Cllr Evans agreed with Cllr Mrs Lane that we as a town council do not need to be involved.

Cllr Whitehurst understood what is being said and agreed education is most important but people in general love convenience and, as a tourist town, we need to be making every allowance to have sanitizer available. With lots of people visiting it is important to make hand sanitizer accessible. It would be giving them the easy option and he is strongly in favour of hand sanitizer stations around town.

Cllr Mrs Lane whilst appreciating this, felt there will be plenty of sanitiser stations in situ, with every single store housing a station. Cllr Mrs Lane felt the

money would be better put towards a scheme to provide small children of the town with a small sanitizer pack which they could clip on and educate/teach them proper use. This could be backed up with additional posters.

Cllr Ronowitz agreed that posters are a great idea and we need to be doing that, but with regard to the hand sanitizer he believes that people are more likely to use if they see them on the streets. He really was not sure who carries their own sanitizer in their pocket and argued that if they see a hand sanitizer station, they are more likely to use it.

Cllr Hallett agrees it is a great idea but it needs to be controlled and monitored. He referred to the council providing dog waste bags which were abused as people were emptying the lot out instead of just taking what they needed at the time. Sensitive education on how to use stations to be of benefit to all was needed.

Cllr Mrs Evans thanked all for their comments, saying she appreciated them all. She said she really like Cllr Mrs Lane's idea of education, it is a brilliant idea, but not really what is being talked about, this is for the visitors to reinforce the importance of good hygiene practice.

Cllr Blackhall thanked for all the comments and asked if there is a compromise of a reduced number at strategic gateway points and then go with additional signage as suggested.

Cllr Ronowitz said that the town may be used as a marketing ploy to say to all that TTC played a big part in helping by providing hand sanitizer stations, signage etc to help keep locals and visitors safe.

Cllr Evans offered a compromise. Picking up a thread from PCC, they are wishing to do a lot with Tenby to protect residents and visitors alike. PCC have asked what are we able to help them achieve? Perhaps defer the decision tonight to allow the Clerk and Mayor to communicate with PCC as to what will help achieve them most in achieving safety for locals and visitor alike.

He said PCC had also asked if TTC had finances to help them. He had jokingly informed officers no, but he noted from discussions that we are willing to put funds towards the safety of our town. He said that it may not be all down the hand sanitiser route and he wanted to give the Clerk and the Mayor the freedom to talk to PCC and email out to members any ideas to help provide a mutually beneficial outcome.

Cllr Mrs Evans really liked the idea of finding a compromise and it was a good idea to defer but she was worried about leaving the decision for two weeks. She would like to see something in place ready for the anticipated easing of the five-mile travel restriction.

Cllr Blackhall happily seconded Cllr Mr Evans suggestion to defer for now and invite discussions with PCC the Clerk and the Mayor along the lines suggested.

Cllr Evans confirmed his proposal to defer the suggestion of Cllr Mrs Evans but in principle to allow Mayor and Clerk to contact PCC and see in which way we can help them with the safety of residents followed closely by visitors to Tenby. Any financial commitment to be agreed by this council either by email or in two weeks' time if full process could not be completed before that time.

Cllr Mrs Lane said that Cllr Evans proposal is an amendment but she will take her proposal off the table. Cllr Brown, who had seconded Cllr. Mrs. Lane was happy to remove the proposal in favour of further discussion.

Cllr Ronowitz felt that Cllr Mrs Evans was looking out for best interests of the town, trying to put various things in place, just trying to do the right thing. Our own local community comes first, thanks those to all those who have helped and put a lot of effort into it so far.

Cllr Mrs Lane asked if there is a small elite committee of councillors who are dealing with this. She does not feel that this is quite right for TTC adding that all councillors were elected and should be involved in discussions.

The Mayor responded that a small group had looked in to the idea to relieve workload pressure on the Clerk. Emails were sent out with the best intentions as we needed to move forward. Costings were sent via email to members by the Clerk as a proposal being brought to the table, which was why we were discussing it now.

Cllr. Mrs. Lane felt that every council should be involved in these discussions from the beginning not just be sent an email with information. As a point of order, she felt it was not right to have 3 or 4 people looking into things. There are 13 councillors who should all be invited to join in.

In the beginning, when councillors were shielding, this may have been the easier way forward but now all councillors should have the opportunity to join in.

Cllr Blackhall said that information had been emailed to all councillors for their consideration and there was no elite group looking at things and making decisions for council.

Cllr Evans felt there was a slight misunderstanding and he was more than happy for little working groups to come up with ideas. If matters were urgent, the Clerk could email the ideas of any group over to all 13 councillors and, if there was consensus of opinion, authority to go ahead could be granted under the council's delegation schemes.

He understood where Cllr Mrs Lane was coming from but he welcomed initiatives from all councillors. We need to be open minded and views of all members on any proposals could be sought via email due to urgency. He felt the Mayor and Cllr. Mrs. Evans were to be applauded for their initiative and it may be the case that a compromise way forward could result in hand sanitisers being agreed either by email consensus or in two weeks' time at the next meeting.



Cllr Mrs Evans wished to clarify far as she is aware there was no elite group making decisions. She assured councillors that she was not going off and trying to make decisions and that the matter was brought to council at the earliest possible opportunity.

After seeing what Saundersfoot had provided she had then spoken to the Clerk and he had looked into the matter. This information was then sent out by email and brought before council as soon as was possible.

### **Resolved**

**That a decision on the purchase of hand sanitisers be deferred for the Clerk and the Mayor to liaise with PCC to see what further social distancing proposals they were putting in place. The Clerk and the Mayor factor the PCCs proposals into any potential compromise which would be emailed out to councillors for their views. Action to be taken under delegated authority based on the consensus of opinion.**

### **b (i) RE-OPENING OF THE TOWN CENTRE TO MORE PUBLIC AND CAFÉ CULTURE**

The Clerk had attended a meeting with Mr Marc Owen today as pedestrianisation starts on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Owen is looking at introducing café culture as part of pedestrianisation from 13<sup>th</sup> July but only if legislation allows. Some discussions had taken place about how we could support businesses and the local community whilst allowing people the space to socially distance to use take away facilities and also prevent ‘flash’ situations with large group of people using the town centre.

The potential of extending pedestrianisation until 8pm in evening which would allow café culture to continue and shops to stay open while maintaining safe social distancing was considered. Discussions continue but Mr Owen would appreciate the town council’s’ thoughts.

Cllr Blackhall has done a lot of work to take to the Regeneration Team and added that it had been a really positive meeting. Cllr Mrs Lane had spoken with Cllr Blackhall yesterday with her concerns that any street traders/hair braider etc would hamper social distancing especially for people queuing to get into shops. This year the police and county council must focus on them and not turn a blind eye. This is not to be forgotten and should be treated as a matter of urgency for this season, it will seriously hamper those trying to socially distance.

Cllr Blackhall agreed with Cllr Mrs Lane saying this had been mentioned in today’s discussion, forming an essential part of keeping social distancing. We need to make sure there is no illegal street trading.

The Clerk said that Mr Owen was keen to ascertain what TTC views were with regard to extending pedestrianisation by 2.5 hour from 5.30pm to 8pm every evening which will to help facilitate social distancing measures.

Cllr Mrs Lane said if it helps traders then she is all for it and proposed that we advise the council that we go along with it. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal. All councillors were in agreement. Cllrs Mr Evans and Ronowitz abstained.

### **Resolved**

**That Tenby Town Council agree that Pembrokeshire County Council be asked to look into the possibilities of extending the town's pedestrianisation scheme to 8 pm in the evening.**

c. SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES

Cllr Mrs Lane thinks it is a nice idea, that if Round Table are unable to fund the senior citizens' Christmas that Tenby Town Council provide support but she is concerned that many organisations raise funds for other organisation. TTC need to wait for people to approach TTC and then fill in the appropriate forms and provide the usual documentation. We should not be naming charities she said, this could be opening a can of worms. We are open for applications and details need to be supplied.

Cllr Hallett agreed with Cllr Mrs Lane saying he would like to see TTC support Tenby Round Table for the senior citizens' Christmas meal.

The Clerk explained that TTC will still be following normal procedures in relation to applications for grant aid from charities. However, members had been concerned that there was not much of a budget to meet potential demand. The idea was to make more money available from reserves so, if charities write in, money would be there to enable support to be given.

Cllr Blackhall thanked the Clerk for his explanation, saying that this was always the intention.

**14. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

Cllr Hallett proposed that items 14a, 14b and 15b be taken together on health and safety grounds.

a. NP/20/0306/TPO – 25 ash trees and 1 sycamore to be felled to ground level – woodland to east of Butts Field car park, Tenby

Cllr Hallett told councillors that on health and safety grounds, this work needs to be undertaken. Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the proposal.

## RECOMMEND

**In the interests of public health and safety Tenby Town Council has no objection to this proposal.**

- b. NP/20/0307/TPO – 1 weeping ash to be removed to ground level – Sandygate Gardens, The Norton, Tenby

Cllr Hallett told councillors that, on health and safety grounds, this work needs to be undertaken. Cllr Mrs Lane seconded the proposal. Cllr Mrs Lane told councillors that Tenby in Bloom wish to replace this tree and Cllr Hallett said he would bring his tree book to the office to choose a suitable replacement.

## RECOMMEND

**In the interests of public health and safety Tenby Town Council has no objection to this proposal.**

15. **TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

- a. Tenby Civic Society planning sub-committee – comments on NP/20/0306/TPO

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed noting this.

- b. PCNPA – Conservation Area Tree Works – Remove Holly Tree, Lexden House, St Julian’s Street, Tenby

Cllr Hallett told councillors that there are health and safety concerns, as the holly tree at Lexden is pushing the wall out and causing potential danger to pedestrians.

## RECOMMEND

**Having considered the effects of the root structure of the tree on the adjacent listed wall, and taking account of the potential risk to public safety should this wall fail, Tenby Town Council see no merit in the introduction of a Tree Preservation Order on this tree.**

16. **TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

- a. Phillipe Goffin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Defence, Kingdom of Belgium – Letter of thanks and appreciation to the town and people of Tenby

The Mayor asked if all councillors had read the letter and if there were any thoughts. Cllr Blackhall said it was lovely to receive this letter and the people of Belgium would always be welcome to our town.

Cllr Mrs Lane recalls that she went to Belgium for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WW1 and laid a wreath on behalf of the people Tenby at Menin Gate which was a wonderful experience.

Cllr Hallett said that the Belgium army was grateful to us for our support during the war, suggesting a day of remembrance for them in our town?

Cllr Evans thought it a beautiful letter and with such a rich history. There are many photos and mementoes proudly displayed in the Mayor's parlour and this is a letter of thanks from the Belgian government to Tenby. He suggested that perhaps a visit to Belgium for the Mayor could be arranged.

Cllr Mrs Lane told councillors that there are people from Tenby buried out at Ypres and that Belgians look after all of these British graves. There are thousands she said and they are all looked after, we should thank them for doing this. The Mayor agreed adding that it is very humbling.

Cllr Blackhall agreed saying that TTC should make an ongoing connection which would be great and an important part of our history, it is precious and should be celebrated.

He took on board what Cllr Evans suggested.

The Clerk said that he did speak to the son in law of the commanding officer of the Brigade Prion in Tenby. It had been a rather disjointed conversation as French and Flemish were not his strong points and the gentleman had limited English but it appeared that the Belgian forces were planning a big celebration in Brussels to celebrate the occasion to which the Mayor was to be invited but COVID-19 had put a halt to this.

There was however a possibility that when times are better, they may come with their military band to put on a thank you concert for the town.

Cllr Hallett offered thanks and wished that they come across saying they would be welcomed wholeheartedly.

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed TTC write back and Cllr Hallett seconded.

Cllr Mrs Lane said that the Mid and West Wales Fire Service colour party travelled with her to Belgium and still do the trumpet call every night at the Menin Gate. She asked that they be considered in any plans for a visit by the Belgians. Cllr Hallett said they do a tremendous job.

### **Resolved**

**That TTC write back to Mr Phillippe Goffin, thanking him for his letter and extending a warm welcome to the Belgian forces to the town when it is safe.**

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

The Mayor proposed no change to representatives at this time.

**Resolved**

**That those representatives on outside bodies remain in position for the time being.**

**18. CONFIRMATION OF SIGNATORIES FOR BANKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2020 - 2021**

The Clerk explained that the signatories are usually the Mayor, the immediate past Mayor and two further signatories. The current signatories are Cllr Tony Brown, Cllr Mrs S Lane, Cllr Mrs T Rossiter and Cllr Trevor Hallett. The Clerk told councillors that it is preferable to have signatories who are able to come into the office more frequently. It was suggested that Cllr Mrs Rossiter be removed and the Mayor be added as a signatory.

**Resolved**

**That the council's signatories for 2020/21 be confirmed as Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Mrs. Lane and Cllr. Hallett.**

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

No items to be considered at this time.

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

The next meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

None proposed at this time. The Clerk asked that if councillors wish to add anything to the next Agenda to please contact the office.

**22. 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"**

**23. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH JUNE 2020**

Cllr Blackhall proposed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Morgan seconded.

**Resolved**

**That the private and confidential minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 16th June 2020 be signed as accurate.**

**24. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Mrs Lane commented how sad it was that Mrs Putwain had passed away saying it was a lovely tribute to her and a great honour to be invited to attend the graveside service considering the circumstances. The Mayor agreed saying it was so lovely to see so many people lining the streets on the day, a lovely gesture but very sad.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_