

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MEETING HELD 8th SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor
Cllr P Rapi
Cllr Mrs Evans
Cllr T Brown
Cllr M Evans
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr T Hallett
Cllr Mrs Brown

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Davies Clerk
Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk
County Councillor Michael Williams

56. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Lane, Cllr Mrs Rossiter, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Whitehurst.

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

None declared at this time.

58. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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 T Hallett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans.

59. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH JULY 2020

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Brown to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans.

60. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

P29 item 46 Cllr Blackhall asked the Clerk for an update on the possibilities of holding future meetings ‘around the table’.

The Clerk told councillors that an update from One Voice Wales, which was backed by SLCC, stated that legislation was still that meetings indoors outside of personal bubbles were prohibited and that meetings should still be held remotely or by telephone conferencing where possible. These regulations, coupled with HSE guidelines state

that meetings can only be held in a building for voluntary purposes, weddings or funerals. They did not indicate that council meetings were possible at the moment. If councils had systems in place to hold meetings remotely then they should continue to do so.

He was aware that some councils in England were holding hybrid meetings with some members in the chamber and some accessing remotely but OVW were very specific on steps that would need to be taken to protect councillors, employees and any member of the public wishing to attend physically (including social distancing, masks, TTP, and ventilation) while also ensuring that councillors who do not want to attend in person could still access the meeting.

He did not feel that TTC has the technical capabilities or space for adequate social distancing using the Council Chamber and the use of the main hall would ultimately be down to the Trust, who did not envisage being in a position to re-open the building to the public for some time yet.

While he understood the frustration of not being able to meet around the table, it appeared that all guidance seemed to point to legislation not allowing meetings in halls with people who are not in your ‘bubble’.

Cllr Blackhall proposed that, on basis of the Clerk’s advice, current arrangements to hold meetings remotely be maintained until such time as the advice has changed. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded.

RESOLVED

That, based on guidance received as to current Covid-19 regulations, and until such time as these regulations change, meetings continue to be facilitated remotely.

P33 item 50b The Clerk had, as requested, been in touch with Mr Steven Richards-Downes of PCC and an email was received by return.

Both he and officers in Darren Thomas’ department, were looking at the problems and he had also asked PCC’s Schools development officer and their safety advisor to contact the school heads to arrange a joint meeting to look at the situation from a risk assessment point of view.

This meeting had been held last week and they are putting together some ideas to ascertain whether possible solutions discussed were an option.

Cllr Rapi’s suggestion that the start and finish times be further staggered had not been possible to implement in time as they would have to be considered and agreed by the Governing Bodies of the relevant schools before the start of the school year.

He had also received an email indicating that there were a couple of problems relating to parking and access in Tudor Way at the beginning of term.

Cllr Rapi stood by his previous comments that if the school day was staggered across the schools, this would alleviate problem. Since Greenhill now finished early and the

primary schools had staggered start and finishing times due to Covid-19 restrictions, he had experienced no problems at the primary schools. In fact, there have been plenty of parking spaces, which seemed to indicate to him that Greenhill parents must be taking up more spaces than thought.

Cllr Brown said that the last two days it had been ‘bliss’ getting in and out of the primary schools. He agreed that the first day back had seen difficulties but he put this down to it being the first day. There had been no problems on subsequent days.

A PCSO had also been spotted moving cars along which could help alleviate the problems. This system appears to be operating in many schools and working very well said the Mayor.

Cllr Mrs Evans asked if we could send another email to relevant parties sharing councillors’ experiences, showing that staggered start and finishing times really does work and perhaps they could look at the matter in greater detail along with their other proposals.

The Mayor seconded this proposal.

Cllr Hallett asked who paid for the PCSO. The Clerk said he believed they used to attend the area regularly as part of their normal routine and have returned now.

Usually when PCSOs leave the area problems return to normal said Cllr Hallett, adding that he was also still concerned about parents having children in different schools and how the staggered times would affect them.

Cllr Mrs Evans commented that this update was for information only and that TTC would look forward to further communication from Mr. Richards-Downes.

RESOLVED

That PCC be asked to give consideration to the possibilities of further extending the different start and finishing times at the schools as part of their investigations into possible solutions to the problems being caused.

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

The Mayor asked if councillors were happy to take items a and b together as they related to the same property. All were in agreement.

As a member of the National Park Development Management Committee, Cllr Evans took no part in voting, but remained in the meeting to offer advice on planning policies.

- a. NP/20/0399/FUL – Construction of single storey extension – Stretton House, Lower Frog Street, Tenby

- b. NP/20/0400/LBA – Conversion of single storey rear extension, redesign of internal layout of ground and reconfiguration of upstairs bathrooms – Stretton House, Lower Frog Street, Tenby

The Mayor asked if councillors had any comments.

Cllr Blackhall had had a conversation with various locals who were unaware that they were no longer able to view the physical plans at the office and that they had to access the National Park website to look at details. Local residents who cannot access National Park website are unable to accurately comment on proposals made and he suggested that TTC say that no approval be given until PCNPA were confident local residents have been able to assess the plans and pass comments.

He added that TTC also need to make sure that they can access the plans. Ordinarily residents have been able to come into the office. Cllr Blackhall asked if the Clerk could come up with ideas on how residents without internet access could view plans at the present time. Cllr Hallett seconded.

RECOMMEND

That no consent be granted until PCNPA are certain they have been given a clear opinion from neighbouring residents. Members of the town council are aware that some residents have not had the ability to view the plans online nor make alternative arrangements to view the plans in an office setting.

62. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

- a. Mr D Thomas, PCC – Notice of Variation (No 8) – Parking Place Charges

Cllr Blackhall said that he understands that PCC faces many challenges in terms of reduced income but feels that the proposed parking increases are focussed around short term i.e. parking for 4 hours or less. This will affect local residents coming to shop locally and perhaps they should be looking at 24 hour parking rates being increased. Short term visitors need to be encouraged in to town to spend in local shops and, as such, these charges should lower. We should be asking for a standstill on any parking charges of 4 hours or less he said and suggested that TTC write to PCC asking them to have a look at rebalancing these charges and, if necessary, asking for a meeting.

Cllr Rapi believes Tenby still has the cheapest car parks in the area, particularly compared to other counties. The Multi storey car park is looking after our locals, charges were cheaper than privately run car parks in town and in the winter the charges are even cheaper. PCC were looking after locals he said and he believed Tenby seems to have come out quite well from the new charges.

Cllr Evans said he is not in agreement with Cllr Rapi and that Tenby should not be compared to other counties. If you speak to businesses and compare

proposed charges within similar demographics there is no fairness or equity in charges. A more pragmatic approach should be taken with PCC to ensure their understanding of pressures on Tenby. The closest car park to the town centre is the Multi-storey and it can often take upwards of two hours to do everything needed in town. He proposed a meeting with Marc Owen to talk through both sides and reach a happy outcome. PCC can still get their revenue and we can safeguard local people shopping locally.

The Summer season, according to PCC, is March through to September but Tenby is not always full and we are competing with various other shopping towns, this is a chance to improve. The principal of parking charges is accepted but it must be fair and equitable across the county – parking is half the charge in Narberth, commented Cllr. Evans

Cllr Blackhall would accept Cllr Evans' proposal, suggesting a meeting with PCC on the basis of what is suggested.

Cllr Rapi said Tenby has at least 2 private car parks and locals don't always park in the multi storey car park just because it is the cheapest. Locals will park where convenient for them, such as the Five Arches car park which is dearer than the multi-storey. He feels that Tenby is cheap. Carmarthen and Swansea are extortionate but people still go there to shop.

Cllr Mrs Evans agreed with Cllr Blackhall adding that the one-hour parking should be kept at 50p. The proposal for two hours is a large increase on a stay. TTC need to be supporting the local businesses and people.

Cllr T Brown said this was a difficult balancing act as everything has to be paid for. He pointed out that the biggest jump in charges is for the 4-hour period and that even this is not a massive jump.

Cllr Blackhall agrees that yes things have to be paid for but we must find a balance for local shops and businesses. Let's have a meeting to get a balance between the need to encourage shoppers in to Tenby and balance income generated from car parks. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded. Cllr Rapi abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED

That PCC be informed that TTC feels that the proposed increase in charges disproportionately affects those attending for a short-term period. This will affect local people coming to council car parks whilst shopping locally. We propose that a meeting be held with Mr. Marc Owen to look at how the balance of charges can be re-adjusted so that short term visits – 4 hours and less – are maintained at last year's charges. This will support visits to our town centres for local people using local shops. To balance those standstill charges, we would agree to an increase in the 24 hour and weekly parking charges.

Further that we write to all members of the PCC Cabinet, all Tenby County Councillors and relevant local authority officers to express our views and to explain that we feel the burden of increased fees should not be paid by those making short term visits of 4 hours or less.

- b. Jane Logan, Governor Support Officer, PCC – Community Governor, Hafan y Mor

Cllr. Rapi's tenure as Additional Community Governor was coming to an end and TTC were being asked to nominate a replacement.

The Mayor asked Cllr Rapi if he wished to continue while also asking if any councillors would also like to be considered. Cllr. Rapi indicated that he would like to continue in the role. All councillors were happy for Cllr Rapi to continue.

RESOLVED

That Cllr. Rapi be put forward as TTC's nominee for the post of Additional Community Governor at Hafan Y Mor.

The Mayor asked if councillors were happy for items 63 and 64 to be taken together and all were.

63. **TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JULY (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UNPRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING**

64. **TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UNPRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING**

Cllr Evans believes that PCC have tapped into several Covid-19 mitigation grants. As he looked through the accounts, he noted the various Covid-19 costs for hand sanitizer and banners and asked if TTC had been advised of any grants available to help with these costs. The Clerk said he would investigate it. Cllr Evans believes that Darren Thomas is a good point of contact and that large amounts of money may be available towards various Covid-19 related matters.

Cllr Hallett congratulated Andrew for once again doing a splendid job and moved approval. Cllr Rapi seconded

RESOLVED

That the accounts for July and August (including scheduled payments, unrepresented cheques, receipts, account balances, budget monitoring to date and bank reconciliations) be approved.

65. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM PCC AND DYFED POWYS POLICE ON THE SUMMER SEASON – CLLR P RAPI (TO BE TAKEN WITH APPENDICES A AND B)

Cllr Rapi had read both reports and found them to be interesting especially that from Dyfed Powys Police. He was not aware of what had happened down the harbour.

The Clerk explained that there had been issues with gatherings and potential antisocial behaviour with the Police having had to attend at times.

The Mayor said she and Clerk have been liaising closely with police and PCC on various issues over the last 6 to 8 weeks. All have worked hard and tried to assist where possible.

She said it has been exceedingly difficult at times with all the negativity on social media but in her eyes, all have done as much as can be done.

Cllr Rapi commented on the presence of hair braiders in the square. Also, he could not understand why a one way system had not been put in place. The Five Arches were horrendously packed at times. Cardigan changed things and this has been an opportunity missed. People were being put in an awkward position in the Five Arches due to the narrow bottle neck. There could be one way in and one way out. It was absolutely horrendous trying to get through the Five Arches and the only way to avoid this means going to the bottom of Lower Frog Street or the top of Upper Frog Street.

He also felt that better use could have been made of the Town Welcome Team who he had seen standing in a group in the Five Arches on their phones rather than walking around advising people to socially distance.

The Mayor said that the Welcome Team were spoken to, asking them not to gather in Five Arches and that they needed to disperse. They were not as spread out around the town as perhaps they could have been but there were some good things coming out of their presence though including a quick and helpful response by them to a man having a heart attack in one of the gardens.

However, she was aware that others had also mentioned what Cllr Rapi said.

Cllr Blackhall agrees with Cllr Rapi saying that we should be looking at one-way systems. We also need to be thinking about the current position relating to social distancing when there was still an awful lot of people in town.

He asked if the council had a view on the extension of pedestrianisation? Various options had been discussed previously, but now the town is looking at a completely different set of circumstances. We should be looking at this from a safety and distancing point of view and some form of traffic restriction is needed within the town.

Cllr Mrs Brown agreed. In general, she walks through the town twice a day and thinks that the police, locals and all involved have helped and we would be in a mess if we did not have the police presence.

She congratulated the Clerk, the Mayor, the Town Crier and everyone in the town for all their hard work in getting the message across. Yes, we need to continue to point things out that need changing. Every local organisation has contributed to try and keep Tenby safe. Let's carry on this way and continue to discuss ways forward.

Cllr Rapi said he cannot argue with the way that the people of Tenby have worked, often up against some very aggressive people who were not wanting to social distance. He praised everyone for managing to keep their cool in the face of such appalling attitude, but he felt the situation could have been improved by one-way systems.

The Mayor commented that sadly the situation is the same in many towns, all seem to be experiencing raised levels of hostility. She added that we've all done our best to get through, town is very busy and all have tried to keep business going.

Cllr Mrs Brown said the situation is nationwide, and sadly we cannot prevent everything that is happening.

Cllr Blackhall agrees with Cllr Mrs Brown, she is absolutely right he said, but we need to continue to explore ways of making it safe for Tenby and Tenby residents.

He felt a way to make it safer with regard to social distancing would be to extend pedestrianisation for a further couple of weeks.

Cllr Evans echoed thoughts of others, many efforts had been undertaken by everyone on our behalf to make us all safe. Many were going above and beyond. PCC has a hotline with all services working together, (parking, rubbish, antisocial behaviour etc). This service has avoided people going 'round the houses' to get action taken and, going forward, maybe this service should not just be for the summer reason. At the moment it was easy to make a phone call and find out when a problem can be corrected and why it cannot be.

Tenby this week is busier than a normal week in July, he felt. Having spoken to accommodation providers, there is 100% occupancy going forward for all of September. He had concern over PCC proposals when the pedestrianisation scheme finished. Already between pedestrianisation hours, Upper Frog Street and St George Street saw people shoe horned on to narrow pavements due to it being a live carriageway. If it is difficult currently then on Saturday, with no pedestrianisation anywhere in the town, people will have to social distance on all existing pavements. He felt we have three days to try and correct the situation, this is a public protection issue he said.

We have a duty of care even if PCC is not aware of this, and he was personally very worried.

Cllr Mrs Evans agrees this matter urgently needs addressing, it is scary before 11am with vehicles accessing the town. It will be an absolute nightmare with people only crowding on pavements.

Cllr Mrs Evans went on to say she would like to congratulate the Mayor on her absolutely outstanding efforts, she has really gone above and beyond, she is doing an excellent job she added. Cllr Hallett seconded.

Cllr Rapi then went on to question the definition of Café Culture saying it is all about providing a place to eat, what about those establishments who do not sell food yet still had tables and chairs outside.

Cllr Evans said he would not want to confuse the two issues.

For him public protection is much more important in allowing people to safely travel through town. There were small shops where only 2 customers are allowed in at a time, and they have had up to 40 people outside through July and August, queuing just for essentials. He felt it was busier today than July.

This is about making pedestrians safe. He believed PCC may suspend the taxi rank and parking bays in the town to create safe social distancing zones to help deal with the volume of people but his view was that extending pedestrianisation would be a better option.

Cllr Rapi said he was not referring to this and again asked what was the definition of Café Culture? St George Street is too narrow to allow tables and chairs and it was still a live carriageway.

He said that only a week before pedestrianisation started it did not appear that we would be having café culture. He felt café culture creates bottle necks. If we are going to keep social distancing, tables cause obstructions. He personally was in favour of an extension of pedestrianisation until end of September but without the tables and chairs.

Cllr Mrs Brown commented that Café Culture came about as it was asked for by resident businesses and she felt all those serving food had controlled it very well. Tenby presented itself very well and long may it continue.

Cllr Brown said that there were issues relating to café culture on narrow streets that were not just unique to this year. Cllr Rapi agreed and asked if Mr Marc Owen could meet with the council to talk to us about café culture in general.

The Mayor said that she and the Clerk had spent a lot of time with Marc Owen over the summer and he had been really good and helpful in trying to make positives out of the negative. We are in the middle of a pandemic and PCC have tried to see what has worked. Finding a balance is always going to be difficult she said agreeing that a meeting with Mr. Owen would be useful.

The Clerk explained that the start of the pedestrianisation scheme coincided with when lockdown restrictions were partially lifted and premises could open outdoor areas under their control to the public. It was deemed these outdoor areas met the terms of the legislation and, if they could create a safe space these areas could be used for service. It was also felt that it would draw people away from gathering in public spaces to eat take away. Mark Owen and Clerk walked around and had spoken to many businesses to look at how it could be done. Several meetings had been undertaken to see what

could be accommodated while allowing social distancing and 3.2 metres to allow fire engines through.

During various meetings he and Mr Owen had chatted at what was going to happen when pedestrianisation finished and a number of ideas had been mooted. The Clerk was aware that the highways department were looking at a raft of suggestions including suspending parking bays, creating a one-way traffic system and an extension of pedestrianisation.

He had tried to ascertain the final plan for tonight's meeting but when he had spoken to Mr. Ben Blake he said that the proposals were with Darren Thomas and hopefully they would get them to him by the end of the day. Nothing had been received by the close of the day but he believed the idea was that PCC may try something first and, if not effectual, then they would look to introduce something different.

Cllr Blackhall said he supported the principal to extend pedestrianisation to the end of September to support community safety and that TTC should have further discussions with PCC and colleagues as to best way forward. He would also welcome a meeting with Mr Owen at the earliest opportunity. Cllr Brown seconded.

Any proposals should include consultation with residents said Cllr Hallett.

RESOLVED

That PCC be asked to consider extending the 11 am to 5.30 pm pedestrianisation scheme for September and that Mr. Owen be invited to meet with the town council to discuss social distancing options, car parking and Cafe Culture.

Cllr Mrs Brown said she had heard that PCC's Chief Executive is leaving. Mr Westley had been very friendly towards Tenby. He had been part of the team Tenby 2020 consulted with about pedestrianisation and how we could develop it in Tenby back in 2002. For 2 years he agreed to a series of trials and nursed us through to a scheme that is now broadly acceptable to everyone.

She would like the town council to thank him for all he has done for Tenby. Cllr Hallett seconded.

The Mayor said she had first met Mr Westley when she was Mayoress 3 years ago and he had actually sent her a personal email congratulating her on her becoming Mayor this year. She said it spoke volumes about Mr. Westley as a person and highlighted his big connection to, and love of, Tenby.

RESOLVED

That TTC write to Mr. Westley thanking him for all he has done for Tenby during his time at PCC and wish him the very best for the future.

Cllr Evans asked for the Clerks' views on the hotline wondering if this something that PCC should instigate permanently.

The Clerk said that he had not had cause to use it as he was fortunate in being able to contact relevant officers directly, but he felt a permanent arrangement would be a good idea going forward.

66. **TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS USUALLY HELD IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION – CLLR T BROWN**

Cllr Brown would like to find out about what we are doing through autumn and winter. Usually there are various events taking place but we should not be in support of mass gatherings. He asked, what TTC will be doing to alleviate gatherings. Other towns are cancelling events but we have not touched on what we are thinking to do.

Cllr Blackhall said this is an important question raised, we need to think about how we will deal with these occasions. Can we ask the Clerk, Mayor and joint organisations to have a joint conversation and come back to TTC as to how we move forward?

The Clerk told councillors that normally we would be preparing for the different events like Armistice Day and the Christmas Lights Switch On but legislation does not allow for gatherings of over 30 people in the open air.

With regard to the Armistice Day parade, he has been talking to Graham Phillips of the British Legion who was waiting on directives from British Legion head office. He is aware that Pembroke Dock have already cancelled their parade and he was attempting to get clarification from the Pembroke Dock town clerk as to what their alternative plans for wreath laying will be.

The Christmas Lights Switch On needed a decision soon as entertainment, road closures and the like needed to be arranged.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that as far as the De Valence Trust is concerned, they will not be putting anything on until well after Christmas, including the post-switch on grotto and party.

She added that we must think really hard, we must consult with public protection as to what we should do if this carries on, we need to protect Tenby. She has noticed on social media that lots of businesses are taking bookings for the Christmas period and people coming to Tenby in December will be expecting something. She was aware that Tenby House Hotel has already declared that they will not be holding their usual New Year's Eve event and we need to discuss with people what sort of situation we will be in.

She told councillors that all De Valence bookings for this year have been cancelled including the Beer and Blues festivals and January and February events are not looking good at the moment.

Cllr Blackhall agrees with Cllr Brown, let's have a conversation with the relevant authorities and come back to the next meeting with a firm agreement.

Cllr Brown asked Cllr Evans for his point of view as he had heard that some places were not planning to open on New Year's Eve due to the restrictions on numbers and the usual hire staffing costs on the night.

Cllr Evans said he does not know at present. There is now a new way of operating licensed premises, these businesses have been opening 365 days of year and these days can be long stressful hard days, as seen this summer. Most premises have been responsible, calling time at 9 pm on a Saturday for example.

This however does not just represent our age group, he said. Whilst they shouldn't be socialising, 20 to 25year olds are feeling excluded and we have seen totally uncontrolled gatherings. Licensees have control within their premises but people are able to meet in various places in the open air resulting in 'flash parties' and other gatherings. We must look at other people to take responsibilities for their actions too, not just publicans.

Cllr Brown said publicans are doing a fantastic job under difficult circumstances but we also needed to act responsibly to protect the public. He wondered if there is anything that can be done, for example blocking off Tudor Square on New Year's Eve to prevent a gathering.

The Mayor said we just do not know where we will be in relating to what regulations will be in place in December relating to public gatherings. It was clear that, unfortunately, the number of infections from Covid-19 were going up again. It was important to have discussions now.

Cllr Brown proposed that we bring organisation together to discuss what could happen over Christmas to make a plan. Cllr Blackhall seconded.

RESOLVED

That contact be made with the relevant authorities and organisations in relation to forthcoming events over the Autumn and Winter period and their views to be reported back to the next Town Council meeting.

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

a. Jubilee Skate Park

The Clerk told councillors that work is progressing. Work started on the extension at the end of July and contractors should be in position to install ramps tomorrow or Thursday. They were working towards completion next week.

With regard to the broken roundabout, 2 quotes have been received to replace and we are waiting for a third. There is a massive disparity between the two quotes already received.

The Clerk said he was concerned that the skate park project had taken focus off the rest of the park with wear and tear on Toddler Park resulting in us losing a

lot of activities. There is no basket swing, the twister couldn't be removed from the skate park area without breaking it and the roundabout has been broken beyond repair. This week one of the springers also broke. This was reducing the offering for the under 11s and perhaps we needed to take stock of this in the near future.

68. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on 22nd September 2020 at 7.30pm. This meeting to be held remotely. Cllr T Brown gave his apologies.

69. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Meeting with Marc Owen, The Clerk would see if he is available for the next meeting and suggested a 7 pm start if so. Cllr. Blackhall commented that he would hope that a meeting with Mr Owen could be arranged sooner than that.

70. 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"

71. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH JULY 2020

Cllr Blackhall declared this to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Hallett seconded.

72. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Mayor referred to the Just Giving Page she had set up to raise funds for the RNLI, the Shipwrecked Mariners and Dennis Café following recent thefts. She asked if TTC would mind if it is distributed through the Town Council. She felt that this was the easiest way to get the money out as at the moment the funds are just sitting in the Just Giving account.

Cllr Hallett felt that TTC needed to make sure this could be done legally. Cllr Mrs Brown was also concerned as it will need to go through the books and be compliant with External Audit. The Mayor said she just wants to give the money out and thought that this would be the easiest way.

Cllr Brown asked if we can price match the funds raised but the Clerk pointed out Denis' café not a charity and this would not be possible.

Cllr Mrs Brown wondered, if the fund-raising was done under Mayor's name, we could explain an 'in-out' payment. She wondered if it could go through the Mayor's Budget. Cllr Blackhall felt this could be the way forward.

However, he also felt a bigger conversation was needed about setting up a proper Mayor's Charity fund to support local charities going forward. Cllr Hallett felt that we

should allow the Clerk to work out the legalities on how this money could be distributed.

The Mayor agreed, commenting that she just wants the money distributed. She had hoped to raise £1500, making £500 for each of the three but fund-raising had stalled on £1000. Cllr Brown offered to make up the shortfall of £500.

The Mayor thanked councillors for a highly successful meeting.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____