

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT:	Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall	Mayor
	Cllr Mrs Tracey Evans	
	Cllr P Rapi	
	Cllr T Brown	
	Cllr L Blackhall	
	Cllr T Hallett	
	Cllr H Whitehurst	
	Cllr D Morgan	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr A Davies	Clerk
	Mrs S Thompson	Assistant to the Clerk

The meeting was held remotely due to coronavirus restrictions

117. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Ronowitz, Cllr Mrs Brown and Cllr Evans. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Michael Williams.

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

None disclosed at this time.

119. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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.

120. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20TH OCTOBER 2020

Proposed by Cllr Hallett to be a true and accurate record of the meeting seconded by Cllr. Blackhall.

121. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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The Clerk has emailed NRW indicating that the Tenby Harbour Users would like a meeting with Seaweedology but is still awaiting a reply. In relation to the marine conservation zone, the Clerk has been in contact with Dan Crook, Lead Specialist Advisor: Marine Ecosystems Policy for NRW and read the correspondence as follows:

I should be open from the outset and say there is no process for converting a Special Area of Conservation to a Marine Conservation Zone as they are designated under different legislation and for different purposes.

The waters around the eastern part of the island (excluding St.Margaret Island and Sandtop Bay) are within the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC which stretches to Port Eynon Bay on Gower. The SAC is designated for a range of habitats and species of European importance. The island sits wholly within the Bristol Channel and Approaches SAC, which is designated for harbour porpoise.

The responsibility for designating MCZs lies with Welsh Government, but we would be happy to discuss your interest in the MCZ designation and could set up a Skype meeting upon my return from annual leave.

Maps of the SAC are in the town council office Cllr Hallett said.

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A small service has been arranged and it has been suggested that those councillors wishing to attend meet at 10.30am at the De Valence. A number of organisations have acknowledged that they will go in after 11.30am to lay their wreaths. The Clerk asked that all those attending to make sure that masks are worn.

Page 74 109a Tenby TIC

The Clerk had sent members meeting notes from last Friday's meeting with officers of PCC. PCC are not giving much time to make decisions and Cllr Blackhall has a proposal to utilise the building as community resource initiative under a Community Asset Transfer which needs further consideration. This is a discussion to have in private and wondered if tonight was an appropriate time or would members rather more time to digest the notes and the Mayor call an extra ordinary meeting for next week to discuss the matter more fully.

Cllr Blackhall would suggest that the Clerk is right and a separate meeting may be more appropriate.

He felt member needed to agree, in principle, if they should enter into further discussion. We need to ensure that there are no extra costs other than those identified previously if TTC wanted to continue to develop the building into a community resource hub to be used by PCC, TTC and by local community organisations.

Full details need to be before council before we progress, he said.

Cllr Hallett queried whether Augustus Place should be used, let's fill this first he said, adding that he believes the TIC to be a white elephant.

Cllr Blackhall said he absolutely agreed with this and this is why there should be no additional costs to council, but he does not want this valuable resource to be handed over to private enterprise.

This could provide a resource for PCC, TTC and the local community and should not be given away without serious thought.

Cllr Brown said that a good meeting was had but he was concerned to say yes to a CAT yet as a proper discussion is needed involving full council.

He said that it appeared that TTC have until 11th November to give PCC an answer as to our future interest in the building. He felt tonight was not the time to make that decision as the community resource hub proposal needed further thought and detailed discussion.

Cllr Blackhall agrees that full appraisal of the proposal and agreement is needed and should not be rushed. He also agreed with Cllr Hallett that we should not be committing to using the building to provide something we haven't already got elsewhere.

He felt that PCC were appearing to try and set a deadline that we have to agree to but do PCC have an alternative for the building he asked? TTC have still not received the full operating costs to enable us to work up a plan that will not cost TTC any more than previously budgeted for.

We asked to enter into constructive dialogue and we haven't got that, he opined. What if we tie into something that is going to cost us? We should be really clear that we may be interested in continuing with the CAT but at no further costs to this council.

The Clerk said that the initial understanding was that TTC would be given a licence to take over the building for the summer for a trial period operating it as a TIC and hub while exploring further community uses for the building. This would allow us to gauge costs.

PCC had said that a proposed community resource hub alters the dynamics and may give more time to work up the idea but at the end of the day they need to know if we are still interested in the building as it appears others are too. They needed to have an idea as to the future of the building after March next year.

Members will need to consider Cllr Blackhall's idea in full before making that decision.

Agreeing with the Clerk's understanding of the situation, Cllr Blackhall said he hadn't had a chance to catch up with Cllr Brown to firm up the proposal on paper and would also want to talk to the town clerk, but he felt we should not be pushed into PCC's agenda of making a final decision by 11th November.

However, we should try and be in line with the timetable.

The Mayor felt that the best option was for her to call a special extra-ordinary meeting to discuss the matter as soon as possible and proposed Tuesday evening 10th November at 7.30. Cllr, Brown seconded.

Cllr. Blackhall said he would make arrangements to discuss the proposal with Cllr. Brown on Saturday and would forward details to the Clerk to pass on to members before next Tuesday evening.

Page 75 Item 109b The Clerk apologised to councillors that he had left it too late to speak to market traders before the Firebreak Lockdown. Only one operative was in situ when he had gone into the market. He would canvas the Traders' views when they resumed activity next week.

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

NP/20/0490/TPO – 1 Sycamore – reduce canopy by 20% and raise crown over road – Woodside, North Cliffe, Tenby

Cllr Hallett believes there are dead branches and would be a health and safety hazard if they fell. He felt this work was needed as, in his opinion, it did not appear to be a very healthy tree. Cllr Blackhall seconded.

RECOMMEND

No objections on the grounds of public health and safety.

123. TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S AUDIT CERTIFICATE AND OPINION ON TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2020 AND AGREE ACTION ON ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN

The Clerk told councillors that the Auditors have been through the Annual Return and their opinion, to be found on the fifth page, is that they have no cause for concern as all legal requirements have been met. The Mayor thanked the Clerk and assistant for their work.

Cllr Hallett moved and also thanked staff for their work.

RESOLVED

That the External Auditor's Audit Certificate and opinion on Tenby Town Council Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2020 be received.

124. LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS POLICY – CLLR M EVANS

As Cllr Evans was not at the meeting it was suggested that this be held over until the next meeting.

The Clerk told councillors that Choice Homes do have Local Connection policies within their allocation criteria. Cllr Blackhall proposed that this be shared with members for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred until the next meeting of council

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

The Clerk had received correspondence from PCC in relation to the cost of bedding plants for next year. This is up on last year as, due to the fact that some of the flowers didn't work well last year the proposal is to go back to vibrant non-stop begonias in certain beds which are marginally more expensive.

The cost is £8,420 and PCC need to know if we are happy to proceed as the flowers need to be ordered. Cllr Hallett said that these are an asset for our town and moved accepting. Cllr Brown seconded.

RESOLVED

That TTC inform PCC that the projected cost of bedding plants for next season is acceptable.

126. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be the agreed Extra-ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

127. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Rapi asked who is responsible for the area at the Paragon as, after recent weather, stonework has come off exposing the wall. The Clerk said that Pembrokeshire County Council is responsible and, whilst it used to fall under the remit of Mr Emyr Williams, he has now retired. He will find out who the new officer is and bring it to their attention, adding that this cladding has been replaced a number of times.

128. 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"

Moved by Cllr Hallett, seconded by Cllr Rapi.

129. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20TH OCTOBER 2020

There were no Private and Confidential minutes to consider.

130. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none

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

a. The Clerk said that the broken roundabout from the Jubilee needs replacement. Three quotes had been sought which were outlined to members.

RESOLVED

That the quote from Dragon Play to provide a new roundabout at the Jubilee Play area be accepted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____