

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 17th NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor
Cllr Mrs Tracey Evans
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr L Blackhall
Cllr M Evans
Cllr T Hallett

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

The meeting was held remotely due to coronavirus restrictions

136. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Ronowitz, Cllr Whitehurst and Cllr T Brown.

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

Cllr M Evans declared prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 9. None disclosed at this time. In relation to Agenda Item 9, the Clerk is a close friend to the applicant and will not be taking part.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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

139. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

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

140. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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The Clerk had now had the opportunity to speak to the Tenby market traders and had spoken to 8 in total. All are in favour of the concept of a Community Fridge but there were mixed responses about it being located in the market. Some asked how it will be managed and how waste would be disposed; some felt that it may draw folk into the market but some were worried it may impact traders who are selling similar products that may be available in fridge. Some market traders felt it may be better to let the unit to

another retailer to add to the attraction but traders are also aware that a unit has been empty for a long time so something would be better than nothing.

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With regard to Cllr. Rapi's concern over the Paragon sea walls, the Clerk had heard from Mr Paul Morgan, PCC engineer, who is aware of the issue and will continue to monitor any deterioration. The Clerk does not believe that any remedial works will be undertaken until after the storm season has passed.

The wall above the Paragon had also been brought to Clerk's attention and a second PCC engineer, Mr Neil Morgan, had said, following his visit, that he has no significant concerns at this time but he will continue to monitor.

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

a. NP/20/0511/LBA – Replacement of Stop Logs with Sluice Control – Tenby Sluice Gates, Tenby

Cllr Hallett felt it will be a nice refurbishment but must ensure there is enough keel space. He felt it was important to improve the entrance to the sluice in order to protect boats in winter but they must make sure there are no protrusions which could damage boats.

Cllr Evans declared his personal interest as mooring holder. However, he welcomes this development in the harbour area seeing it as beneficial to those who operate 12 months of the year. There are many jobs all year round within the fishing industry and while there are, and will be, positive and negative views, this will allow commercial boats to easily access the sluice. There may be some reservations but he only sees job opportunities and support for the fishing fleet.

Cllr Blackhall echoed Cllr Evans. People had been working on this for a number of years and he offered congratulations to all those who have been involved. Mr Angus Dunlop has lead a lot on this and should be congratulated as without his input this project may not have got the funding.

He proposed approval of the application as an environmental enhancement to the harbour and its amenity, as an enhancement of a listed building and for the benefits it could bring in relation to economic development. He was seconded by Cllr Hallett.

RECOMMEND

Considered against all the relevant policies in the LDP, with particular reference to Policies 2(d), 18, 30 and 43, members recommend approval of this application as it will protect and enhance the harbour area, sustain harbour activities, improve the amenity of the harbour and sustain local employment opportunities.

142. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UNPRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT

BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING

The Clerk had no issues to bring to members attention. This was a splendid job as ever commented Cllr Hallett who proposed acceptance. Cllr Morgan seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

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

143. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Tenby Round Table – Annual Senior Citizen’s Christmas Dinner

The Clerk said that Mr Uka apologised that there were no updated accounts accompanying this application but Tenby Round Table have not had meetings to sign them off due to Covid-19.

Cllr Blackhall said that right at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we committed additional resources to assist charity events that may have been affected and this was one particular event members had had in mind.

Round Table had been denied opportunities to raise monies towards the dinner as they would have in normal circumstances. Perhaps some more details as to how they were planning to operate the provision this year would be good but he felt that we should agree this funding.

He felt we could then liaise as a whole community to show that in spite of all challenges we are still able to do things. As many may know, he said, he is part of the St Mary’s Soupermen group who are delivering meals on Christmas Eve to those in the community who may not be preparing a Christmas meal for themselves. This shows that, as a community we still can come together and deliver services. We should support the Round Table.

Cllr Morgan totally agrees with Cllr Blackhall saying these have been horrible times, many people the Round Table support with the dinner have been cut away from others and kept in their homes for a long time and, even if it is just delivering a cooked dinner, we need to support the community. TTC should support this 100%.

Cllr Hallett thinks it is good idea, the Round Table have done splendid things for the town over the years and hope they will be able to carry on for the benefit of the people of the town.

Cllr Evans echoed the comments and fully support fellow members. However, he asked the Clerk if there was a way of TTC purchasing the meals. This would save the VAT. He wondered if we could agree a limit the Round Table could spend and pay the provider directly.

Clerk said he would have to check as, as far as he was aware, Cllr Ronowitz is co-ordinating the provision of the meals with Round Table via his outside catering business.

We must ensure that we are aware of this interest and that TTC can pay the provider under these circumstances when a fellow councillor is involved.

Cllr Blackhall highlighted the fact that Cllr Ronowitz is absent and has not been involved in discussions. He felt it is perfectly reasonable to proceed as Cllr. Evans' suggests, adding that there are all sorts of ways of managing this effectively.

Cllr Evans proposed that TTC support Round Table in the provision of a door-step delivery of Christmas meals to the town's senior citizens but that TTC look to pay the provider of the meals directly. Cllr Blackhall seconded.

RESOLVED

That TTC support Round Table in the provision of a door-step delivery of Christmas meals to the town's senior citizens but that TTC look to pay the provider of the meals directly.

144. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LICENSING APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

a. Will's, 26/27 High Street, Tenby – Variation to remove embedded conditions to allow on and off sales and change authorised hours to allow sale of alcohol until 2345 hrs Monday to Sunday

Cllr Evans declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion.

Prior to withdrawing, the Clerk explained that Will's is the proposed new name for Blueberry's and he outlined the existing conditions that the applicant sought to vary.

He also answered a question from Cllr Blackhall as to whether there were any issues in regard to planning relating to the number of similar establishments close to each other in the core commercial area. Councillors were advised that the premises already has Class 3 use in terms of planning so this would not be an issue. The Clerk also reminded members that the licence applied to the premises not the applicant.

Cllr Morgan was concerned if the license will allow on/off sales of alcohol like a pub this could cause problems during pedestrianisation in the summer.

Cllr Mrs Evans noted the variations but was not entirely sure if the intention was for the premises to remain a restaurant. The Mayor said that the application indicated that the predominant use would remain as a restaurant and also noted that the hours for sale of alcohol were actually being cut by a quarter of an hour on 6 days of the week. Is it usual to have sale of alcohol to that time asked Cllr Mrs Evans adding that she thought Blueberry's closed earlier?

Cllr Blackhall commented that what is on a license is often different to what the operating hours of a premises are.

Cllr Blackhall understood that as a town council we could only object if we had representations from residents or businesses, have we had any he asked? It was explained that, while not statutory consultees, the Town Council was an 'interested party' and could make representations on their own behalf.

Cllr Hallett raised his concern about the possible effect on nearby premises, feeling that 'restaurants' should have food as well as drink.

Cllr Mrs Evans said she has concerns but that she feels she is not enough of an expert to comment.

Cllr Blackhall said he did not feel strongly one way or another and felt sure that the licensing committee would have given some thought as to how revised operations will work, particularly around pedestrianisation and outdoor sales of alcohol.

He proposed that TTC notes the application, acknowledge the fact that the licensing committee will consider the application under requirements of the Licensing Act and that we offer no firm opinion one way or another. Cllr Mrs Evans agreed.

RESOLVED

That members note the application but that no representations be made to the licensing committee on the matter.

Cllr. Evans and the Clerk re-joined the meeting.

145. LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS POLICY – CLLR M EVANS

Cllr Evans noted the attached Ateb leaflet and thanked the Clerk.

What a long journey for Tenby this had been he said. Under the old corporation Tenby had been blessed with a large number of council houses - now called affordable homes.

A large number had been sold and none had been built to replace them. Now, thanks to Ateb we were seeing this type of housing again being provided. This development has not gone without problems, he continued, thanking Tudor Way and Knowling Mead residents for their forbearance. However, Ateb promised from the outset that these 29 properties would be local homes for local people and they have kept that promise.

The name of the new development is Hafalnod which means 'Equalities' Cllr. Evans continued. This is exactly why we have supported Brynhir. We want equality, we have been fortunate to have a secure home and all we want was for other people to enjoy the same privilege. We must thank Ateb but now must work hard towards the same commitment for Brynhir. Cllr Evans said TTC should write to Angela Sainter, of Ateb to thank her for the local need policy at Hafalnod and find out how we can assist to take it forward and help those in need to get these properties.

Cllr Blackhall said we do need to pay tribute to Cllr Evans for the work done over the years, development and making sure that there is a local letting scheme in place and

ensuring things like this happen. He recalled the first time he spoke in council was in relation to issues on how to secure vital local housing for local people.

He also endorsed Cllr. Evans' comment relating to Brynhir. The Hafalnod scheme was a trail blazer and a similar set up was needed for this. He felt we needed to make sure we get this information to the local people. He suggested we contact the local to make sure that all are aware of the process for applications and offer support to make sure that those that need it are able to access it. This really does need our endorsement and support for people needing that information.

Cllr Hallett said Hafalnod was a job well done and wished everyone every success.

The Mayor thanked to Cllr Evans for doing such an amazing job.

Cllr Blackhall felt we must resolve to take whatever endeavours needed, be it writing to officers and cabinet member responsible to congratulate them on what has been proposed for Hafalnod and saying that we look forward to the same local housing for local people provision for Brynhir. Cllr Evans suggested the Clerk write to the Tenby Observer and offer town council help and support to local people as this is the biggest opportunity locals have had to secure local housing for a long time.

Ateb were formed in 1981 and there had been some lots of animosity to them in the past but they now had 2500 homes for local people in the county. They have gone over and above to identify need and we are seeing the results of their efforts. Even if people were unsuccessful in the bids for these 29 homes at Hafalnod, this would assist us in proving the need for delivery of 104 local homes for local families at Brynhir. What a legacy we would be providing for the town.

Cllr Blackhall accepted Cllr Evans' changes and proposed the Clerk write an open letter to the Observer on the Mayor's behalf encouraging local people to ensure they are in a position to bid for these homes at Hafalnod. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded.

It was also suggested that Ateb also be sent a letter of thanks.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write an open letter to the Observer on the Mayor's behalf encouraging local people to ensure they are in a position to bid for these homes at Hafalnod.

146. COUNCIL WEBSITE – CLLR L BLACKHALL

Cllr Blackhall said that, following on from the meeting last week regarding the Tenby TIC when it was agreed that TTC would not progress the asset transfer, he felt that websites would now be critically important in delivering information to the public.

He would like to look at how we use our website and how we can use it more effectively. He felt congratulations were due to all those involved in setting up our new site so far but wondered what more can be done to make it viable and how can we link it to other

social media and websites. Where are we, what more can we do, how can we support more to take it forward, he asked?

Cllr Mrs Evans said she had looked at the website prior to the meeting and admitted that it was not quite how she thought it would be. Is it quite functional, how easy is it to navigate, does it have simple functionality, she asked?

The Clerk then gave councillors a guided tour of our website.

Cllr Evans said that whilst website is functional, while he was not at the meeting, he suspected that our youngest member (Cllr Whitehurst) would be giggling!

He felt we should not be overly worried but he did feel we could be missing a revenue opportunity. He suggested we could go back to our provider, to see if log on addresses could be harnessed in some way to make it self-sufficient. He suggested we seek input from Cllr. Whitehurst and put the matter on a future agenda.

Cllr Blackhall endorsed this, seeing it as a positive step. There are great potential opportunities for linking different sites that are available in town. He endorsed the suggestion we have a conversation with Cllr. Whitehurst and suggested that conversations also be had with those still involved with Tenby Wi-Fi and other Tenby related sites to make sure it is all connected. We have made a good start and we must continue.

Cllr Hallett said he was happy to encourage conversations between different partners and those who can provide support.

Training for office staff on how to further develop the website would also be supported, commented Cllr. Blackhall.

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

- a. The Clerk had received an email from Jude Stamp, PCC, regarding traffic concerns at the local schools in Heywood Lane and read email as follows:

I just wanted to give you a quick update regarding the traffic concerns raised at Hafan y Môr and Tenby VC School.

PCC Traffic Officers have visited the sites at peak times but at the time reported no issues but will continue to monitor.

There have been some logistical changes in terms of staff parking at Tenby VC which has resulted in more obvious parking spaces for parents easing congestion in the car park.

A small gate will be put at the entry of the school to allow the school to control access to the car park and discourage parents from attending school early and causing congestion when collecting pupils, there will also be bollards sited in the drop off area to discourage unsafe parking.

Our Transport department have been in touch with the bus companies who have reportedly been using the wrong route outside the primary schools on occasions, they have been reminded of the correct protocol.

Ultimately, we need parents to behave responsibly and safely and we continue to encourage this through regular communication between the schools and parents.

Please be assured that we continue to monitor the situation and work with the schools.

I will continue to keep you informed, if in the meantime you have any queries or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Clerk said that, as yet the impact of these measures on Tudor Way and St David's Close is not known. The Mayor thanked the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Evans said that while Greenhill School finishing earlier is making a big difference at the moment this is very positive and she was very pleased to hear this.

- b. The Clerk told councillors that the Christmas lights are being erected this week and that the Christmas tree is due this Sunday. The Clerk thanked Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism for their sponsorship of the tree once again this year. The Christmas lights will be switched on Friday 27th November.

He and the Mayor have also been considering what else we could do to try and still make Christmas a magical time for the town's children. There is some thought that, instead of children coming to Father Christmas in the Square, we take Father Christmas to the children. Thought is being given to Father Christmas and the Mayor utilising a float to drive around estates on the last Saturday before Christmas, 19th December.

As we came to the end of the summer, all were unsure of the situation going forward, added the Mayor. This situation is very sad for the children and it would be wonderful if we could do something with Father Christmas going on a socially distanced tour of the town's estates. After all he is a key worker, she added.

The idea was to start at the Clicketts moving back in to town with children coming out on their door steps to give him a wave.

Hopefully a local contractor was already onboard with a flatbed vehicle that could be used.

Cllr Mrs Evans said this year in particular, with all the usual events such as pantos, winter wonderlands, concerts and carol services not happening, this festive season would feel very different year. She was in 100% support for a community event, would like this to happen and felt sure the children will hugely appreciate it.

Cllr Evans was also in 100% support, subject to costings.

Cllr Blackhall felt that this is a really positive thing and that the contractor has offered to help at no cost. There may be some minor expenditure in terms of decorating the float but nowhere near the cost of what we normally put on in the square.

He suggested that we go ahead with this on the basis that the budget doesn't exceed what we would normally have spent and that we start working with those people who have kindly offered their time to help put a smile on the children's faces.

Cllr Morgan said it has been an awful year and it will be worth doing to see the little children's faces light up.

The Mayor said she was delighted to receive such lovely positive feedback on the idea from fellow members and said that any assistance would be gratefully received.

Once things had been finalised, a press release would go to the local papers.

148. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30pm.

149. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Evans felt that the town council has to drive the Agenda for Tenby and proposed the following items:

1. Tenby Market/Community Asset Transfer
2. Five Arches, creation of gateway into our walled town
3. Newell Hill residents parking scheme
4. Bourne Leisure working partnership with TTC
5. Local housing policy for Brynhir.

Cllr Mrs Evans said she would like a chat with Cllr Evans regarding Newell Hill prior to the next meeting.

150. 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 Mrs Evans.

151. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

152. ANY MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk explained that work on the new roundabout at the Jubilee Play Park will not start until after the New Year. There is an eight-week lead-in time for delivery which will be affected by the Christmas break.

153. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTE OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING TENBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020

Cllr Blackhall moved that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Evans seconded.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____