

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
13TH APRIL 2021

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor
Cllr Mrs T Evans
Cllr Mr P Rapi
Cllr Mrs S Lane
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter
Cllr Mr M Ronowitz
Cllr Mr T Hallett
Cllr Mrs C Brown
Cllr Mr M Evans

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

The Mayor wished everyone a good evening. Before starting tonight's meeting, she said she was sure that, like the rest of the nation, members were saddened to hear of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. The Council sends their condolences to Her Majesty, The Queen and her family. Councillors were then upstanding for a minute's silence.

314. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Blackhall, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Whitehurst.

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

None disclosed at this time.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

317. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 30th March 2021 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

318. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. **Page 200 Item 302c – Bank Signatory:** Cllr Mrs Evans asked if she needed to sign any documentation. The Mayor has the documents for signature as she too has to sign and would pass them on to Cllr Mrs Evans.
- b. **Page 201 Item 303a – Queens Quarry:** Cllr Hallett asked if there was any further news on this application. The Clerk confirmed that further to the representations being passed on to PCNPA, he had received no further information.
- c. **Page 201 Item 302c - Casual Vacancy:** The Clerk told councillors that the applications would close on 15th April 2021 and councillors would be in a position to consider candidates for co-option at the next council meeting.
- d. **Page 202 Item 303b – Storage Tenby:** Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if any further information regarding what was to be stored under the planning application for Unit 4, The Salterns had been received. Cllr Ronowitz confirmed to councillors that the building was now owned by Mr P Evans and that it was being used for storage. The Clerk is still awaiting clarification.
- e. **Page 204 Item 306 - Newell Hill Parking:** The Clerk had received information from Cllr Mrs Bateman to say that Expression of Interest applications will open shortly asking for PCC's HRA to consider residents parking schemes on estates. The closing date for submission will be 30th April.

Cllr. Mrs. Bateman had advised that applications could be made by the town council or the local county councillor and the Clerk asked if the town council should make the submission.

Cllr Evans felt that, although he would make a submission as the county member, it would be prudent for the council to do so too as this will strengthen the case. Cllr Mrs Evans asked if the Clerk could therefore make a submission on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk submit an Expression of Interest to PCC asking them to give consideration to a parking improvement scheme at Newell Hill.

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

- a. **NP/21/0094/FUL – Amended fenestration and internal layouts of 3 flats; replacement of flat roof with pitched roof including attic rooms and terrace – 1-3 Cwrt Yr Wylan, Bridge Street, Tenby – Amended plans**

The Clerk reminded members that this application had been discussed not so long ago and that councillors had no objections at that time. The original plan had included 3 bay windows to ground level but it had been subsequently

pointed out that the proposed bay window at ground level would cause pedestrian obstruction to the walk way. The plan had therefore been amended to show a normal window at ground level and with bays remaining on the first and second floor.

Cllr Mrs Brown felt it was a shame the plan had been altered as she had been in favour of the original design. Cllr Hallett asked if the original plan had showed a terrace and the Clerk confirmed that it had. The only proposed amendment to that original submitted is to the ground floor window.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed accepting the application commenting that it was an ugly building and that this was a marked improvement. She was seconded by Cllr Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Members see nothing in the proposed amendments to alter their opinion that this application, when considered against all the relevant policies in the Local Development Plan, will deliver improvements to the aspect of the building and have no adverse effects on its setting within the town's Conservation Area.

320. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

- a. Sinead Henehan, PCC – Crime and Disorder Survey

The Mayor asked if all had had a chance to look at this and asked if this should be a collective response by Council or an individual response. Cllr Mrs Lane proposed responding individually and the Mayor seconded. Cllr Mrs Rossiter said she would need help to do this.

RESOLVED

That members respond to the consultation individually.

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

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed accepting the accounts for March and Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for his work.

RESOLVED

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

322. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES ON TENBY TOWN WALLS AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

The Clerk confirmed that although he had asked Mrs Suzie Adams for an update, he had yet to receive a reply. The Mayor asked if it was worth asking again.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact Mrs Adams again seeking an update.

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

The Clerk told councillors that he had been made aware by residents of the Harbour area of a licensing application for the Castle Cafe on Castle Slip.

There had been nothing on the licensing website when the Agenda had been sent out last week and the application had appeared on-line on Monday. However, although the application had been submitted to PCC in March, the delay in appearing on the website meant that there was now only one week to make any representations should members wish to do so.

The Mayor asked if councillors would like to discuss the application and members agreed.

Cllr Evans, Cllr Mrs Rossiter, Cllr Mrs Lane and Cllr Ronowitz declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion.

The Clerk then outlined the application which was for an on/off licence from 9 am to 8 pm daily.

Cllr Rapi felt the premises was too close to Castle Beach and felt it would encourage drinking on the beach. He asked how this will be policed.

The Clerk said that the premises is opposite to Dennis Café and would be operated by Dennis Café. They have had a license for a number of years.

Cllr Mrs Brown said people were already drinking on the beach consuming alcohol bought from shops and supermarkets.

She could see no problem at all with the application.

Cllr Rapi again asked if members were happy if this is the type of environment we wanted to create in Tenby. Over the last few months, it appeared licences were being given to anyone who asked for one. He still felt this particular premises was too close to the beach.

Cllr. Brown felt market forces would decide. We would not object to an application to sell newspapers or ice cream, why should it be different for licences she asked? She

felt it was a risk on the part of the applicant who was fully aware of the licensing objectives and she felt competitiveness was good for the town. She felt everyone needed opportunities to try and recover from the loss of income from the pandemic.

Cllr Rapi said not everyone was aware of the anti-social behaviour problems related to alcohol in town and felt we need control to ensure that we did not deter the family holiday trade. Police resources were already stretched and we needed to draw a line somewhere.

He recalled a time when drinking was banned on the beach. The Clerk said there was what is known as a Public Space Protection Order in place which gave the police the opportunity to confiscate alcohol but this had not been renewed as the Police had little evidence to prove it was necessary.

Cllr Hallett recommended approval of the application. The Mayor agreed, all businesses are trying their best in a difficult time she commented seconding Cllr. Hallett's proposal.

Clerk reminded councillors that if a problem does develop with this, or any other premises, then the licence can be called in for review.

RESOLVED

That as the majority of members had no objections to the application and that, as the applicants had systems in place to address all four licensing objectives, no representation be made to the licensing authority.

324. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

325. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None proposed.

326. 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"

327. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30TH MARCH 2021

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 30th March 2021 be confirmed and signed as accurate.