

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor  
Cllr Mrs T Evans  
Cllr J Cornwell  
Cllr P Rapi  
Cllr L Blackhall  
Cllr Mrs C Brown  
Cllr Mrs T Rossiter  
Cllr Mrs S Lane  
Cllr T Hallett  
Cllr D Morgan

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

The Mayor welcomed Councillors.

**121. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

None received.

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

None.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**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

**RESOLVED**

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

**124. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

**125. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

a. **Page 59 Item 109a – Tetra Tech Planning:** After a couple of pages of discussion said Cllr Mrs Brown, it was resolved that we would ask for a meeting

with representatives. Cllr Mrs Brown asked the Clerk if Tetra Tech and PCNPA had been invited and are they coming to talk to us. The Clerk told councillors that he had not received a reply from Tetra Tech at all but Nicola Gandy of PCNPA had replied. She feels it is not appropriate for PCNPA to meet with TTC at the moment and they are the decision makers. The question was then asked will PCNPA join us for a meeting if Tetra Tech agrees to meet. We need to know more said Cllr Mrs Brown. The Clerk read the reply he had received from Nicola Gandy to councillors. Cllr Mrs Lane said surely this is a reason to meet before we decide. Surely our views are important. Can we not push for a meeting? The Clerk repeated that PCNPA don't want to be seen to be influencing any application by participating at this stage. Cllr Blackhall agreed with Cllr Mrs Brown, saying he understands what PCNPA are saying, but that doesn't stop us meeting with the Applicant to exchange views and ask/answer questions. TTC should press for a meeting whether PCNPA are there or not. Cllr Blackhall proposed writing again to the Applicant, asking if they grant us the courtesy of a meeting. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

### **RESOLVED**

**That a further letter is written to the Applicant requesting a meeting.**

### **126. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

- a. NP/21/0400/LBA – Alterations in association with proposed change of use of ground floor to two-bedroom flat – Bayview, 5 The Norton, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Lane doesn't see a problem with this application and proposed acceptance. Cllr Mrs Rossiter seconded.

### **RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all relevant policies in the Local Development Plan members feel that there will be no adverse impact from this proposal on the proviso that the conversion adheres to the streetscape's Listed status and location within the Conservation area.**

- b. NP/21/0517/S73 – Conversion of second floor and attic to self-contained residential unit with new separate access door from street. Re-roofing and addition of two dormers on front roof, and various internal alterations – 10 High Street, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Brown asked where this property is located and the Clerk advised that it is situate where the Card Factory used to be. The Clerk reminded councillors that TTC had no objections to the original application. Cllr Mrs Lane did not see a problem, adding that it was

previously an unused part of the property and that it is good to see properties being upgraded and being used. Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

### **RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all relevant policies in the Local Development Plan members have no objections to the proposed amendments.**

- c. NP/21/0501/LBA – Installation of log burner and flue on north-east elevation – The Cemetery Church, Narberth Road, Tenby

Cllr Hallett moved no objection saying the property is out of town and cannot be seen, believing it to be a good move. The Mayor seconded.

### **RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all relevant policies in the Local Development Plan members feel that this proposal will not impact adversely on this listed building.**

## **127. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:**

- a. Sarah Edwards, PCC – Holiday let waste disposal

Cllr Hallett feels it is high time that this is sorted out. It is sad we have to put up with seagulls ripping bags to shreds and no bins. Cllr Blackhall felt PCC's actions were a start but was not sure it is being taken with the level of seriousness that the problem demands. Cllr Mrs Brown believes it to be a 'shut up' letter, feeling that it is not being taken seriously at all. They should take our advice and test these properties to see who is domestic and who is trade and then sort that matter out from there. Surely PCC could work with their own trade waste department. Cllr Rapi added that he has witnessed the bins being filled up by locals and certain businesses early in the mornings and PCC have been taken bins away because of this. PCC have now placed big green bins that are open to seagulls. It just doesn't make sense he added. TTC need to put pressure on PCC to sort these issues out. Taking away bins is an excuse, he felt. Cllr Mrs Lane said that, while majority local businesses deal sensibly and legally with their waste, businesses have been reported putting black bags out when no one is looking. Details of these offenders are known to PCC so why are they not being fined. PCC don't seem to be doing anything about it.

Cllr Cornwell agreed with Cllr Mrs Brown that the letter does not say anything at all. These large green open bins have bags inside with a metal ring around the top and he has actually seen gulls right down inside the bins trying to get food out. This it is just asking for trouble.

PCC are blaming the situation on staycations but this is just a big excuse, commented The Mayor. Cllr Mrs Evans agreed with all that had been said and suggested counteracting this letter with a far more strongly worded letter including what has just been said. Let's invite them to a meeting to allow us to express our concerns, she added. Covid is still here said the Mayor, who knows how long it will last. Cllr Blackhall agreed but felt that this is not a complex issue at the end of the day. Simply look at houses in a street, check if they pay council tax and if not, ask to see their trade waste agreement and ask them to demonstrate how they are disposing of their waste. The majority are doing it but there are too many examples of who are not. These issues should be taken to County Hall by our county councillor representatives as they know who to speak to at County Hall said Cllr. Rapi. Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams could contact county to get things moving. Cllr Mrs Lane suggested asking for the meeting on a Sunday evening or 6am on Monday morning first thing so that the situation can be witnessed first-hand. The Mayor asked County Councillor Michael Williams for his comments but he explained that, as the problem appears to be mainly in the Tenby South Ward, he cannot interfere with matters outside his Ward. Cllr Williams suggested liaising with Cllr Mike Evans. Cllr Hallett suggest looking at CCTV cameras in town to see who is doing this. The Clerk commented that, while Sunday night/Monday morning was the worst period, due to mid-week breaks etc this is an ongoing daily problem. It was proposed that the Clerk liaises with Cllr Mike Evans to see if he could co-ordinate a meeting with Mr Brown or Sarah Edwards. Cllr Hallett seconded.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk liaise with Cllr. Evans to see how this problem could be addressed, possibly by arranging a meeting with PCC Waste Management officers.**

- b. John Phillips, Arcadis – Tenby Pedestrianisation Study – Executive Summary

Referring to findings, the Mayor commented that Tenby councillors had suggested automated bollards some years ago. Cllr Rapi and Cllr Blackhall agreed pointing out that TTC had a big debate years ago discussing, amongst other things, bollards that TTC could control, enabling us to close roads at other times too and make cost saving each year. Cllr. Rapi felt gates are a 'stupid' idea, but rising bollards would be a step forward. Cllr Blackhall agreed commenting that these are all ideas of Tenby Town Council and we have the Minutes that would prove it. This survey was commissioned without consultation with us and as far as he could see it was 'money for old rope'. Cllr Hallett commented that any barrier system would have to allow emergency service vehicle access. The Mayor asked the Clerk if a meeting with Mr. Phillips of Arcadis would be appropriate. The Clerk commented that Mr. Phillips had been very accommodating in attending a Zoom meeting on the consultation relation to a possible tunnel from The Salterns to South

Beach so he could see no harm in asking. Cllr Mrs Brown said that TTC needs to speak with them directly with as many councillors as possible to put forward their views. Cllr Mrs Rossiter believes that surveys cost money and this is something that could have been done by talking to us. Could we write and ask why they spent money going through Arcadis, she asked. Councillors live in the town, it is stupid that they have not come to us, she added. This survey has only outlined what TTC have already outlined previously said the Mayor. Are all in favour trying to arrange meeting with representative from Arcadis., she asked? The Clerk commented that TTC has been talking about a more permanent fixture for controlling pedestrianisation for some considerable time. However, he understood that rising bollards had logistical issues as, due to cellars and voids under the main town centre, roads mains services are so close to the surface there may not be the required depth to install them.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Mr. Phillips of Arcadis be invited to meet with the council to talk through the results of his findings.**

**128. 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**

The Mayor asked if all had had a chance to look at the accounts. Cllr Hallett thanked the Clerk for a splendid job done on the accounts and moved acceptance, Cllr Mrs Brown seconded.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

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

The Clerk told councillors that there had been no further action since the last meeting as far as he could see and he had contacted Suzie Adams for an update. However, he had received no response by the start of the meeting. He was under the impression that the arborist team was coming back on 26<sup>th</sup> July to start working on accessible areas inside the town walls but no one had been seen. Cllr Mrs Brown felt it was probably due to the fact that the town was too busy and perhaps things would recommence as visitor numbers declined. But what is the next step asked Cllr Mrs Brown? Are we proceeding with lighting up the Five Arches, flags? She doesn't want it to be another three years before anything further happens. She feels PCC have done a good job on the weeds but can TTC do anything further. Is it Suzie's job to advise on what we can do, she asked? The Clerk believes that Mrs Adams' remit is the maintenance side. It

is down to TTC to progress any lighting scheme. Cllr Mrs Brown felt that TTC need another follow up meeting. We must not let it go or rest on our laurels, let's make the Five Arches an area of special interest, she said.

We are in danger of letting it slip agreed the Mayor. We need end results.

Cllr Mrs Brown suggests finding out from Mrs Adams what direction we go in. Have we ever been told that we cannot attach lighting to walls for example, she asked?

The Clerk commented that, as far as CADW was concerned, attaching anything like lighting to the town walls was a red line they would not cross but floor mounted lighting may be permissible.

Cllr Mrs Lane agreed with what the Clerk had said, TTC have always been told there could not be lights on the wall but they could be up lit from the floor. CADW, PCC and PCNPA are prepared to work with us but they want to know what we want to do.

Councillors were reminded that an open consultation with various members of the community had taken place and many suggestions had been put forward.

It was suggested that members wait a couple of weeks to see if the weed removal is completed and then look to convene a meeting to progress some of the ideas put forward.

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

- a. The Clerk feels that TTC should start looking towards Christmas and associated festivities. He will look into calling a meeting next week to start planning as we need to put things in place sooner rather than later.

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

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

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

None proposed at this time.

**133. 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"**

**134. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

Mayor

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Town Clerk

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Date

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