

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor  
Cllr Mrs T Evans  
Cllr Mrs S Lane  
Cllr M Ronowitz  
Cllr J Cornwell  
Cllr D Morgan  
Cllr Mrs C Brown  
Cllr T Hallett  
Cllr. L. Blackhall

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

The Mayor offered condolences to the family of Sir Ray Tindle, proprietor of the Tenby Observer. Sir Ray had purchased the Tenby Observer in 1978 when it was struggling, and with a focus on local interest, had ensured its survival to this day.

The Mayor was also saddened to hear of the passing of David Hughes after a long illness. Most will know of David Hughes, his family business having been in the High Street for over 114 years. The Mayor has personally known him all her life, and whilst out walking their dogs, was always greeted with a smile.

Her grandfather and he were members of the Chamber of Commerce and held each other in mutual respect. He was the ultimate gentleman, and she was sure members would join her in sending condolences to David's family.

**407. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr P Rapi.

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

Cllr Blackhall as member of the St Mary's Committee disclosed his personal interest in the additional planning item. An email had been sent out to all members advising of a planning application which required a response before the next meeting of this council. All agreed that the matter be taken this evening.

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 TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**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

**RESOLVED**

**That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.**

**410. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

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

- a. **Page 220 Item 397 – Tenby Town Walls:** Cllr Mrs Brown asked if any response had been received from PCC. The Clerk said there had been none.

Cllr Mrs Brown is most concerned as White Lion Street is in a shocking state with weeds and pigeon droppings everywhere. Cllr Blackhall had previously said that we may be getting something done shortly but it is almost May.

Is there anyone we could contact to try and get something done she asked?

Cllr Mrs Lane said that in the past TTC have written to the Welsh Office, suggesting that perhaps we should write to Simon Hart MP. Something has got to happen, she said, they need to work for us.

It is the entrance to our town said Cllr Mrs Brown. Cllr Blackhall said we could get funding, but as of yet no progress. We need to have a plan, who do we need to speak to?

The Clerk said that Helen McLeod Baikie is Head of Department but, due to the pre-election period, very little will happen now. We would have to double our efforts after the election.

Cllr Mrs Brown said, if you read through the minutes, it's like PCC have been shut.

Cllr Mrs Lane commented on the weeds that are almost 4foot high around the benches and asked that Area Maintenance be asked to deal with them. The Clerk advised that, as this is the Highways Department and not the Grounds Maintenance Department, he would contact them.

Cllr Mrs Lane and her daughter have asked many times over the years to access weed spray training but nothing has materialised.

Cllr Blackhall agreed that the matter seemed to drag on with no answers but he understood the Clerk about the pre-election period.

Hopefully our new council will have this matter as an urgent agenda item. We need to give the relevant authorities another blitz, call a meeting to invite all to attend. Tell them a month in advance when the meeting is.

The Clerk has done everything he can, commented the Mayor but the pre-election period made things difficult. Once elections are out of the way, we can take it from there.

Cllr Mrs Brown agreed with Cllr Blackhall. We should arrange a meeting and we tell them what we want, she said.

- b. **Page 222 Item 402 – Boy Racers:** The Clerk told members that he had informed the police and Marc Owen in relation to boy racers in the multi-storey. This will be monitored and car registrations will be taken. The police may use powers available to them to seize the vehicles of persistent offenders.
- c. **Page 222 Item 403 – Ice Cream Kiosk:** Cllr Mrs Brown feels that that PCNPA are not having an election so they have no excuse in not replying to us. This has all been discussed before, and we cannot get anywhere. PCNPA are not even answering our letters and it is insulting.

Cllr Mrs Lane agreed with Cllr Mrs Brown it is insulting. After the elections TTC must hit the press about this, she said. We have embarrassed them before and, if we do it again, we may get a response.

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

- a. **NP/22/0217/FUL – Proposed holiday let/Airbnb accommodation - @ No 6 Powys, Clement Terrace, Tenby**

Cllr Ronowitz feels this application should be refused as there is too much holiday let/Airbnb accommodation already. Cllr Mrs Lane feels this is over development. Looking at the plans, it is actually touching the walls of the house she commented. Work has been finished it is retrospective.

Cllr Morgan believed the single carriageway access was not suitable for this type of operation. Cllr Mrs Brown agreed, commenting that it often became congested and residents had to pay to park in the adjacent railway station car park as there is limited space.

Cllr Cornwell confirmed that this is retrospective.

Cllr Ronowitz proposed refusal and Cllr Mrs Lane seconded.

Cllr Mrs Lane believes that too many similar premises in town was not a valid reason for refusal but over development was. Cllr Blackhall believes too many similar premises is valid in relation to retail within the core commercial area.

**RECOMMEND**

**Refusal. Members view the proposed accommodation as an overdevelopment of the site and question the suitability of the single carriageway access road for this type of operation.**

- b. **NP/22/0228/FUL – The erection of a temporary coastal defence system incorporating gabion baskets and ‘mattresses’ made of steel frames and filled with stone, to be set out in front and laid on top of the existing dune system for an approximate length of 200 metres to protect the dunes and golf course adjacent to them from storm damage and erosion for a period of up to 10 years – Tenby Golf Club, Battery Road, Tenby**

Cllr Mrs Lane believes this to be a very important issue. Tenby links club is the oldest in Wales, dating back to 1888. There have been problems with erosion years ago, Cllr. Mrs. Rossiter’s father designed three new holes, because of the erosion. She feels Tenby Golf Club must be supported to ensure their future as a golf club.

The Mayor was aware club members were very concerned that the course would be lost if nothing was done to mitigate against the erosion.

Cllr Hallett is not in favour of the proposal, referring to a village in North Wales that was left to go back to the sea.

Many things have been tried in the past but Neptune will do his work and every solution will only be temporary, he commented.

Cllr Cornwell feels there is no alternative to approve the works or Tenby golf course will be lost.

Cllr Mrs Lane proposed accepting the application. She acknowledged Cllr Hallett’s knowledge but, not wishing to be disrespectful Tenby Golf Club must be supported. Cllr Cornwell seconded.

Cllr Hallett believes that this area is partly owned by the army and partly by the golf club. He asked who would pay for these measures. It should not be the rate payers he stressed adding that he believed that the army are not interested in paying.

Cllr. Blackhall supported the application but felt Cllr Hallett’s remarks should be passed on to PCNPA alongside our recommendation.

## **RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Members feel these measures are vital to help to mitigate the effects of coastal erosion on the viability and attraction of a links course considered to be the birthplace of Welsh golf.**

Cllr Blackhall took no part in the following item having declared his personal interest.

- c. **NP/22/0238/FUL - CCTV cameras and supporting posts to an existing car park – Seafont Car Park, Southcliffe Street, Tenby**

Cllr Cornwell is in favour of this application believing this to be essential. He proceeded to show the positioning and direction of the proposed cameras some of which would cover the skate park.

Cllr Hallett believes this to be essential for safety and security and proposed approval. He was seconded by Cllr Ronowitz.

## **RECOMMEND**

**Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP, and taking the obligations placed on the town council by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to have regard to the effect of its actions on preventing crime and disorder, members support this application in the interests of public safety and security.**

Cllr Blackhall returned to the meeting

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

Item covered earlier.

### **414. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES ON THE PROPOSED BRYNHIR DEVELOPMENT**

The Clerk advised members that he has heard nothing further although PCC are happy with the meeting date of 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm. Those in attendance will be the officers that attended the previous meeting together with the cabinet member responsible for housing following the elections. Whilst current cabinet member for housing Cllr Mrs Bateman, is unopposed, nothing is guaranteed that she would retain that position.

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

#### **a. To Agree the Annual Report for 2021/22 for Publication in Accordance with The Local Government And Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (To Follow)**

The Clerk said, as members may be aware, only Councils above £200,000 expenditure were required to produce an Annual Report. Now all councils are required to publish an Annual Report on their activities over the previous 12 month.

This report explains what we have been doing in 2021/22, and the Clerk is grateful to Cllr Blackhall and Cllr Cornwell for helping to prepare this report.

We used some examples of reports from other councils as a basis for formulating ours. This Annual Report to be published as soon as practicable after 1<sup>st</sup> April but has to be approved by Full Council first.

Cllr Mrs Brown had read it all and although there were a few bits she didn't quite understand, she was grateful all those involved in preparing the report and proposed accepting and publishing. Cllr Cornwell seconded.

Cllr Blackhall feels the report goes some way to show the extent of what council does and it was a good way to try and promote what is done by the council.

It had been an interesting document to work on with The Clerk and Cllr Cornwell and he hoped the public would feel the same.

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Annual Report for 2021-22 be approved for publication.**

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

Annual General Meeting FRIDAY 13th May 2022 at 6 pm

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

It was felt that it would be inappropriate to propose any items for the agenda of the new, post-election, council at this time.

However, Cllr Blackhall said we were all aware that some councillors are standing down at this election.

Cllr Whitehurst is standing down and it is nice to note his contribution during his time on the council, said Cllr. Blackhall.

Cllr Mike Evans is also standing down, both as county and town councillor, Cllr. Blackhall continued. Given the length of his service in both roles. we should note this and thank him for his contribution to our town.

Cllr Evans, while full of good ideas, was also prepared to get his hands dirty and help out organising events. He for one remembers he and Cllr. Evans in Tudor Square at 6 am setting up stalls and tents for the Christmas Festivities.

He thanked him for his contributions and wished both departing members all the very best for the future.

**418. 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"**