

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
2ND MAY 2023

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr S Skyrme-Blackhall	Mayor
	Cllr D Morgan	
	Cllr L Blackhall	
	Cllr C Dale	
	Cllr T Hallett	
	Cllr D Whitehurst	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Mr A Davies	Clerk
	Mrs S Thompson	Assistant to the Clerk

The Mayor welcomed all.

267. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

The Clerk advised councillors that Mr Rossiter had resigned from the South Ward of council a fortnight ago so the electors' rights to call for an election to fill the vacancy has been posted. We will know if an election has been called after 5 pm on 16th May. If no call for an election by this date, then the position will be filled by the co-option process.

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

The Mayor declared an interest in Item 13. As a member of the National Park Committee she declined to take part.

Cllr Hallett declared a personal interest in Item 10 as he was related to one of the co-option candidates.

269. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING TONIGHT'S MEETING AND WHICH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS ARE EXCLUDED

a. To meet with prospective co-option candidates

Of the 10 candidates, nine were present.

All gave a brief presentation and members asked questions.

To allow the candidates to leave if they so wished, the Mayor proposed bringing Agenda Item 10 forward. Members agreed.

Cllr. Blackhall proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow for voting to take the form of a written ballot rather than a show of hands. Cllr. Morgan agreed.

Following the counting of the votes it was:

RESOLVED

That James Phillips, Emma Lewis and Laura Crockford be co-opted to fill the three vacancies in the South Ward.

Further that Tom Sloan and Joe Criddle be co-opted to fill the two vacancies in the North Ward.

270. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT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 Blackhall and seconded by Cllr Morgan

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

271. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 4th April 2023 be amended on page 149 to read that it was ‘Cllr Blackhall’ not ‘Cllr Dale’ who ‘suspected...’ then confirmed and signed as accurate.

272. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. **Page 146 Item 253 – Notes of Tenby Events Working Party:** The Clerk had had another meeting relating to the visit of the Belgian Veterans and another was planned in the near future. He would update members at the next meeting. The Clerk had also received a quote for a metal tree, so another meeting of the Events working party was needed to consider this and make a recommendation to council.

273. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 4TH APRIL 2023

Cllr Blackhall proposed and Cllr Morgan seconded accepting the Planning Committee minutes.

274. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH MR MARC OWEN TO DISCUSS PARKING CONCERNS IN THE TOWN.

Cllr Blackhall accepted and asked that this be an agenda item for the next meeting of full council. Cllr Dale seconded.

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

Cllr Hallett moved that the accounts be accepted and Cllr Morgan seconded.

RESOLVED

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

276. TO CONSIDER AND PROPOSE CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL VACANCIES AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THOSE PROPOSALS

Dealt with earlier in meeting.

277. TO AGREE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Councillors had been furnished with draft copies and were asked if they were happy with the contents for publication. Cllr Hallett moved approval and the Mayor seconded.

RESOLVED

That the draft annual report be accepted for publication

278. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Morgan told councillors that Tenby AFC had been promoted to the top division. A brilliant job he added. He asked that TTC write and congratulate them and wish them every success for next year.

Cllr Whitehurst has contacted the Health Board with a view to 2 meetings with SEPCHN, one in May and one in July. He will keep us posted.

Regarding the Dwr Cymru working party meeting, Cllr Whitehurst had sent minutes around. The meeting, he believed, was very educational.

Cllr Whitehurst briefly outlined some facts including that there are 4 outlets around Tenby, an over spill is not a pollution incident.

In relation to the Blue Flag on the North Beach – this is a 4-year cycle so Tenby now needs to wait another 2 years. The question of what pollution had caused the North Beach to lose its Blue Flag status could not be answered.

The Ritec is a secondary sewage overflow. What protects Tenby sewage works is having an overspill that goes into various water courses. Dwr Cymru work on 37,400 peak summer population for the district being dealt with at the sewage works. He had pointed out to Dwr Cymru that Dyfed-Powys Police DPP work off a summer population of 60,000 for Tenby alone.

Cllr Blackhall said it had been a fascinating meeting and thanked Cllr Whitehurst. The organisations involved felt it valuable for the stakeholders to be pulled together in this way. They were making a change and working together to try to find a solution. It was nice to find an outside body wishing to engage and be keen to work with us.

The Mayor Elect and the Mayor, together with Cllr. Blackhall as ‘photographer’, visited the three junior schools last Friday to deliver the Coronation wild flower seeds. They had spoken to students and listened to ideas; students promised photos to show the wildflowers’ progress and all were really engaged with the idea. The Mayor thanked Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Blackhall for their support.

279. CLLR. BLACKHALL - TO DISCUSS THE NATIONAL PARK DECISION RE POST OFFICE SITE AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS FOR PLANNING DECISIONS. PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- **To request feedback on the planning application for the old post office and sorting office site, which was opposed by Tenby Town Council**
- **In the light of the decision, to ask for a meeting with National Park to discuss their policies relating to new housing development and proportions of affordable housing that should be expected. Further to ask for their view on progress towards targets laid out in the LDP and to invite them to discuss if current policies and assessment of planning applications are compatible with Welsh Government approach to Housing and second homes.**

Cllr Blackhall feels that, in light of the decision to grant planning permission for the former sorting office site with so few affordable units TTC should formally request PCNPA provide written sight of the decision.

To have a potential site of this size and not to enforce policy in relation to affordable housing, given the housing challenges in this town, is incredibly disappointing, he said. They had the opportunity to do far, far better.

This was not a decision in the best interests of Tenby and we must see that this does not happen again.

Cllr. Blackhall proposed arranging a meeting with PCC, PCNPA and ATEB to ask what the policies are, how can we do more to put policies in place and put them into practice.

All of this site could have been affordable if this had been done properly, he commented. Let's try and get together and see how we can make a difference via a round table discussions. Cllr Dale seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That PCNPA be asked to provide a written outline as to why they came to their decision relating to the former sorting office.

Further that TTC look to facilitate a meeting with PC, PCNPA and Ateb to look at how planning policies can be devised and implemented to help tackle the shortage of affordable housing in the area.

280. CLLR. BLACKHALL – CONSIDERATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2023/24

The proposal is:

- **In line with discussion at previous meetings, work is ongoing on the draft business plan. It was initially envisaged that we would discuss this plan this month. However, with 5 new Councillors being co-opted, it seems appropriate that we wait until these new members are in place before making further commitments for the coming year.**
- **Given the importance of this, it is proposed to arrange a specific meeting to discuss business planning once new members are in place. This will also act as a good induction into the work of the Town Council.**

Cllr Blackhall proposed and Cllr Dale seconded.

RESOLVED

That the proposal as outlined be accepted.

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

- a. To consider a support advertisement in programme for Air Ambulance fundraising concert, St. Mary's Church, Tenby, July 7th 2023**

A request has been received for TTC to place a support advertisement in the programme for a Wales Air Ambulance Charity concert in St Mary's Church featuring Cor Meibion De Cymru and Serendipity Ladies Choir. The cost was £50 for a half page.

Cllr Hallett moved accepting and Cllr Morgan seconded.

RESOLVED

That a support advertisement be placed in the concert programme.

- b. **Coronation Civic Service, St Mary's Church, Tenby at 10.30am, Sunday, 7th May 2023**

Could councillors please be at De Valence Pavilion at 9.45 am.

282. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Extra-ordinary meeting – Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7 pm

Annual General meeting and Mayor Making – Friday 12th May 2023 at 6 pm

Adjourned Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Planning committee – Tuesday 6th June at 7 pm

283. To propose any item for the next Agenda

Consideration of the Town Council's Business Plan – Cllr Blackhall

284. 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"