

**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**Present:** Councillor Dai Morgan Mayor  
Councillor Laura Crockford  
Councillor Emma Lewis  
Councillor Michelle Evans  
Councillor Laurence Blackhall  
Councillor Sam Skyrme-Blackhall  
Councillor Tom Sloan  
Councillor Duncan Whitehurst

**In attendance:** Mr Andrew Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer  
Sharon Thompson Deputy Town Clerk

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**37. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dale, Philips and Criddle. The Clerk read members a letter received from Cllr Hallett requesting dispensation on council meeting attendance due to ill health. The Mayor proposed acceptance and wished Cllr Hallett a speedy recovery. Cllr Blackhall seconded.

**RESOLVED**

**That under Section 85 of the LGA 1972 Cllr. Hallett be granted dispensation from attending council meetings on health grounds.**

**38. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW**

The Mayor declared interest in Item 13 and suggested, as there was a member of the public in attendance in relation to that item, it be brought forward. Councillors proposed that Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall chair during this item. The Mayor left the Parlour.

Miss Morgan was asked to come forward and welcomed to the table. Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall asked if she could tell councillors why she wished to be our Town Crier. Miss Morgan introduced herself saying that the Town Crier was a big part of the community and she wants the youth to be more involved with our town. She is a member of Guides and a young leader.

Cllr. Blackhall felt it would be a fantastic signal to have a young person in the role of Town Crier. He hopes, in the future, to see more youngsters sat around the table. He felt Miss Morgan could develop the role and move it forward.

Cllr Lewis asked what Miss Morgan would look forward to most in the role.

She replied that it would be drawing the community together by informing people of what's going on.

Cllr Whitehurst said she would be great if she would accept the role.

Cllr. Skyrme-Blackhall commented that many males had filled the role, including the late great John Thomas, who had been an amazing ambassador for the town and council.

However, she felt it was now time for some 'girl power' and proposed the town council accept Miss Morgan for role of town crier.

She was seconded by Cllr Whitehurst. All were in favour.

### **RESOLVED**

**That the town council appoint Miss Erin Morgan to the post of Town Crier.**

The Mayor returned to the Parlour and took the chair.

39. **PUBLIC PARTICIATION: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING TONIGHTS MEETING AND WHICH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS ARE EXCLUDED**

40. **TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES, EXCEPT THOSE MARKED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL, BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT**

Proposed Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall, seconded by Cllr Lewis.

41. **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

42. **TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Page 12 Item – Policy and Finance Committee** : Cllr Crockford has asked if she can withdraw from the Policy and Finance Committee due to difficulty in attending meetings. Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall said she would be happy to replace her. Proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Whitehurst.

### **RESOLVED**

That Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall replace Cllr. Crockford on the Policy and Finance committee.

43. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24TH MAY 2024**

Councillors were happy to receive.

**RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

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

Precept is an estimated figure, is it coming in as expected asked Cllr Blackhall. The Clerk confirmed that it was. Cllr Morgan proposed accepting the accounts thanking the Clerk for his hard work and Cllr Blackhall seconded.

**RESOLVED**

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

45. **TO RECEIVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2023-24**

The Mayor asked if councillors had any questions.

Cllr Blackhall highlighted the heading of administration and felt it was worth noting that, this covers all face-to-face work with people including community engagement, support and activities, and is not just purely administrative.

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Blackhall seconded.

**RESOLVED**

**That the accounts for 2023-2024 be received.**

46. **TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE 2023-2024 ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND AGREE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

The Mayor noted that there was nothing of concern to note in the Internal Auditor's report and thanked the Clerk for his work in preparation of the annual accounts.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Internal Auditor's report be noted.**

**47. TO AGREE THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

The Mayor proposed and Cllr Lewis seconded.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Annual Return for submission to the External Auditors be approved.**

**48. TO CONSIDER WRITING TO PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE CLOSURES OF THE AVENUE CENTRE, TENBY; THE ANCHORAGE, PEMBROKE DOCK AND THE LEE-DAVIES CENTRE, NARBERTH AND THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLIENTS USING THESE FACILITIES – CLLR. DALE**

This item was brought forward from the last meeting as Cllr. Dale was not in attendance. Unfortunately, he had again had to give his apologies. The Mayor felt we cannot really put this off very much longer or the facilities will all be closed. Cllr Blackhall proposed the Mayor and Town Clerk speak with Cllr Dale and take on board his comments. Also involve our County Councillor in that conversation and that a letter then be drafted by the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor under delegated authority.

**49. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR THE ROLE OF TOWN CRIER AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS**

Dealt with earlier in meeting.

**50. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Whitehurst had attended, along with Cllrs Blackhall and Skyrme-Blackhall, the Living Well in Wales roadshow held in Saundersfoot.

This was an excellent event and it had been fantastic to see so many attendees.

Reports were positive and encouraging. Hopefully another one will be held soon, possibly in Tenby.

There will be a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June of SEPCHN, although the venue has yet to be confirmed.

Cllr. Blackhall also felt the event was successful. Our Community Engagement Officer and Deputy Clerk had attended and spoken to many there. He felt it had been useful as it added ideas as to what information we want to hold or signpost people to at community hub when finally developed.

He will try and converse with the health board on the promotion side to see how we can link in and provide information and resources through the hub. There are so many services available that you do not have to see a GP for, he pointed out. If we can work together to get that information out there it will ease congestion on the doctors. Even those who know health services do not fully realise the extent of services available to them, he said.

Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall agreed it truly was a fantastic event on every level and there was so much engagement with lots of organisations present.

She felt thanks were due to Cllr Whitehurst and Cllr Blackhall for their hard work within SEPCHN into getting it organised.

Cllr Sloan updated members on the Arts Event starting tomorrow. He was hoping for a good day. It has been a rollercoaster to arrange involving more time than first envisaged, but there are lots of excited Tenby artists engaged and committed.

Cllr Blackhall added the event was important not just to the schools involved, but to artists and artisans craft makers by providing an outlet to promote their goods. It's about not just supporting the community and businesses but supporting economic development, he said. There is huge talent in Tenby and this can be a real feature of the town going forward.

Cllr Sloan said he had received 17 messages today alone from attendees, vendors and creative people so excited to see something like this in the town.

Cllr Evans is attending a Chamber of Trade meeting on Thursday and will have an update at the next meeting. Jolyon Craig has asked that staff at the De Valence be thanked for all the help received for the football awards, it was a great evening.

The Mayor said it was brilliant to see the effort put in at the football awards. There were so many volunteers involved and the joy on the faces of the players was lovely to see.

He also congratulated Tenby United RFC on their achievements this season in winning both the Pembrokeshire cup and promotion.

He felt that the WRU's decision not to allow Tenby United Seconds to join the league was ridiculous. How was that supporting rugby at grass roots level when there was a team being denied an opportunity to play the game he asked.

Cllr Blackhall agreed with the sentiment and proposed TTC write to the WRU to state our concern about what has happened.

Tenby United has done so much work to build the number of youngsters involved in the sport and the WRU's response had not been a supportive response and was hugely disappointing. It is counterintuitive to building the game, he felt.

**RESOLVED**

**That TTC write to the WRU questioning their decision relating to Tenby United Seconds.**

The Mayor commented that, since being sworn back in, he had received a couple of charity requests.

The Old Chapel will continue to be one of the Mayor's Charities due to the unbelievable work being done. However, he has decided he will officially support a second charity during his year. It is Tenby based and supports Tenby, he said. It is Tenby Sea Cadets.

Cllr Skyrme-Blackhall said it was a fantastic choice; they are self-funded and do so much for the youth and our community.

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

The Clerk reminded members of the D Day 80 commemorations on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. There will be the laying of a wreath on behalf of the town at 11am. The Beacon lighting ceremony will take place in the evening, councillors to meet at De Valence at 8.30pm then walk down to the harbour where we will be joined by local cadets and the British Legion standards. All will then walk up to Castle Hill where the International Tribute will be read prior to the lighting of the beacon at 9.15 pm.

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

Planning committee – Tuesday 2nd July at 7 pm

Full council meeting – 2nd July at 7.30 pm

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

None proposed.

**54. 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"**