

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 31st January 2012

PRESENT

Councillor T Hallett Mayor
Councillor Mrs Lane
Councillor Mrs Rossiter
Councillor Mrs Brown
Councillor D Morgan
Councillor Mrs Thomas
Councillor P Rapi
Councillor Mrs Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A. Davies Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs L Hensman Assistant Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor welcomed Mr Graham Fry who had attended to present a photograph of his father Mr Fred Fry, Mayor of Tenby 1972. This photograph was missing from the archives of the Mayors Parlour and was gratefully received by the present Mayor Trevor Hallett.

Mr Fry also gave an update on the Royal Gate House development situation. Unfortunately due to the high cost of borrowing for this project the financial backers require, as one of their clauses, to have pre sales of the properties in place before the project can commence. So with the cinema not being a viable concern despite marketing they have submitted amendments for this part of the project to PCNP planning department. He continued to say all other cinemas in Pembrokeshire are subsidised at present, proving that it is a sign of the times that multi screens like Carmarthen are taking the business. The planning amendment will be reviewed on 22/02/2012 and if National Parks do not support the amendments to the plans it would have to go to appeal and delay the project even further. He agreed that Tenby needs to see this project started to improve the site and bring something to the top end of town. The Mayor thanked Mr Fry for his update before Mr Fry left the chamber.

377. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Evans, Councillor L Blackhall and Councillor M Evans.

378. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None disclosed.

The Clerk asked the Mayor if a letter received from Angela Burns AM, relevant to Agenda item 8d could be circulated for Councillors information. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that the letter be circulated and discussed with Agenda item 8d.

379. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor 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Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

380. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 17th January 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

381. MATTERS ARISING

343d Grit bins

The Mayor requested an update on the grit bin situation. The Clerk reported he had received no further communication from Mr Hunt.

152f – Hywel Dda Health Board closure of Minor Injuries Unit

Councillor Mrs Thomas provided a report from the recent visit to the Hywel Dda Health Board meeting in Carmarthen; a copy of which was circulated to Councillors by the Clerk. She explained that Mr Martin apologised for the way the closure was handled and stated that lessons had been learnt. A provisional date for re-opening of the unit on 1st April 2012 had been received from Mr Tony Wales, but it depended on there being a safe and sustainable solution to the A & E services in Withybush Hospital.

Councillor Mrs Thomas conveyed her thanks to the TTC for supplying, and the Clerk for arranging, the bus to Carmarthen stating it was good to see so many attending including representatives from Pembroke Dock and the Avenue Centre Tenby. Health Board officials were made aware of the strong feelings of support to turn the closure decision around.

The Clerk reported he had received a reply to the TTC question proposed by Councillor Mrs Evans, as to who made the decision to close the minor injuries unit. Mr Martin stated in the letter the decision to close the Minor Injuries Unit was an operational decision made at managerial level and had been supported by the Chief Executive Officer. Party to the decision were Executive Directors, County Management and Senior County Clinicians. This clarified that it was not a decision of the board.

364c – Debbie Gradwell, PCC – Traineeships and Modern Apprenticeships

The Clerk reported following his meeting with Ms Gradwell that two NVQ levels courses are available.

Level 1 NVQ for 16-18 year olds – Business Administration and Customer Service. This would be on the job observation with one day release a week for training.

Level 2 NVQ for apprentices 18+ - cost would be £91 per week. £50 paid by WAG the remaining £41 by the employer. This is also available for existing staff. Customer services covers Box office and Bar Staff.

It is a rolling programme with a commitment of 14 months with no obligation to keep the student employed at the end of the course.

Councillor Mrs Lane felt this was a good opportunity for all 16 – 18yr olds to benefit in our area and should be widely publicised.

163f – Tenby Connect Meeting

Councillor Mrs Thomas outlined that the Historical Society are hoping that Tenby Connect can work together to develop a vision for Tenby. The Clerk informed Councillors he had arranged the Tenby Connect meeting for 7th February 2012 at 7pm in Augustus Place.

163g – Purple Routes Play Project

The Clerk updated Councillors. Mr King has carried out a taster session for children at Tenby Junior School last week and has planned a similar session for Tenby Infants School to promote the activities available at the Purple Routes Play Project and encourage children to attend.

366 – De Valence

Councillor Mrs Brown expressed concern in relation to the heating system at the De Valence. It is proving difficult to get companies in to assess the options available. The Clerk reported he has looked into the possibility of grant funding for the assessment as suggested by Councillor Evans but unfortunately there are no stand alone grants available, they are only available in conjunction with a complete refurbishment. appraisal

Councillor Mrs Brown felt a figure should be agreed on, to allow the Clerk the ability to obtain a heating survey. Councillor Mrs Lane proposed £2000 be allocated to carry out a survey to provide options available to heat the De Valence, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that up to £2000 be allocated for the survey/assessment of the De Valence heating system.

367 – Reports by Councillors on outside bodies

Councillor Morgan gave an update on the meeting held with Tenby School Governors in relation to the possible changes being recommended for primary school provision in Tenby. At the staff meetings the preferred option appeared to

be a status quo of the school sites but at the meeting with PCC the feeling was that the preferred option was for a primary Welsh medium school on the Infant school site and primary English medium school on the junior school site. The recommendation is being taken to PCC Cabinet this week and following this it will go out to public consultation. Councillor Mrs Thomas felt the town's general public need to be aware of all that is happening and not pushed into anything they really did not want to happen.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt we need to know now what is going to happen rather than wait. Councillor Mrs Brown agreed that the Town Council needed a meeting now as we have already lost the MIU in Tenby and we do not want to lose anything else. The Town Council needed to arrange a meeting with someone from the education department at PCC. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown to request a meeting with Mr G Longster Director of Education PCC at his convenience to inform TTC of the planned future of Tenby Infant/Junior Schools Education, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr G Longster, Director of Education PCC to request a meeting to discuss the planned future of Tenby Infant/Junior School Education.

382. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Mrs Williams declared a personal interest in the following planning application and took no part in discussion or vote.

a. NP/12/0020 – Mr P Wight, Cresswell House, Cresswell Quay, Kilgetty – Replacement of existing flat roofs to rear single and two storey extension with pitched roofs, 1 Harding Street, Tenby.

All remaining Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application, proposed approval by Councillor Mrs Rossiter as it will enhance the amenity of the property, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval as it will enhance the amenity of the property.

Councillor Mrs Williams rejoined the meeting.

b. NP/12/0030 – Mr Tim Lemon, Tenby Taxis, 5 Brook Meadow, Sageston – Certificate of lawfulness for use of building as taxi office, 1 Rocky Park, Greenhill Road, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application; the Clerk gave a background into why this planning application is for use of the office for the taxi operations only. Councillors discussed concerns related to noise levels when people walk to use the taxi services. Councillor Mrs Lane felt that all parties needed to be considered, this was a long standing family business and also we

needed to be aware of the concerns expressed by the local residents, ultimately needing to make a fair decision. Councillor Mrs Brown felt passengers for the taxis should be re directed to the taxi ranks and they eventually would get used to not just turning up at the office. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane to approve the use of the taxi office for administration purposes only, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval to the granting of a certificate to use the premises as an administrative office for the business. However, members are mindful of the longstanding complaints from neighbouring properties in Deer Park and Rocky Park as to noise nuisance and disturbance from taxis operating out of the premises especially in the early hours of the morning and therefore request that the certificate only be granted for use as an administrative office and that no picking up or dropping off of customers be allowed in the vicinity. The council asks that the applicant be required to direct all customers to the taxi ranks within the town to wait for taxis and not to congregate within the vicinity of the office.

383. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA – Application for tree works TP092 Pantiles, Narberth Road, Tenby.

The Mayor felt this work was essential on health and safety grounds. Proposed to note the information by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the information be noted.

b. PCNPA – Treeworks, west of Dingle Cottages, Waterwynch.

The Mayor felt this work was essential for health and safety reasons due to the close proximity of a public footpath. . Proposed to note the information by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the information be noted.

384. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – December minutes

Councillor Mrs Rossiter wished to thank the Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism for the minutes. Councillor Mrs Lane felt they could support the request to improve the hoardings around the Royal Gate House site due to the proposed delay.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Brown would feed back at the next Chamber of Trade and Tourism meeting.

b. PCNPA – Celebrating the opening of the Wales Coast Path

Councillor Mrs Thomas explained that pirates are an important part of our heritage and it would be a good idea to use the pirate theme for the celebration event. Councillor Mrs Lane felt all the town could be involved with this theme. Councillor Mrs Brown added several public houses have pirate related names and if arranged at the end of a school term pupils from the local schools could also get involved. It was

Resolved that the pirate theme and provisional date of 10th July be forwarded to PCNPA to be registered for the Celebrations to mark the opening of the Wales Coast Path.

Councillor Morgan left the chamber.

c. Angela Burns AM – Rate Relief, Tenby.

Councillors discussed the information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

d. Hywel Dda Health Board – Listening and Engagement Discussion Document

Councillor Mrs Thomas requested that the general public be encouraged to complete the Hywel Dda Health Board questionnaire with the Town Council providing hard copies, available from the TTC office and Tenby library to encourage as many views as possible. Those who have the access to computers can fill the questionnaire in on line. Councillor Mrs Thomas also requested as many people as possible to note the meeting being held in Pembroke Dock on 20th February 2012 relating to this document. It was

Resolved that TTC office provide hard copies of the questionnaire for the general public to complete.

385. DE VALENCE

a. Hall hire – 28th September 2012 – Tenby Arts Festival/Tenby Blues Festival

A joint venture is being planned by the Arts festival and Tenby Blues Festival during the Art Festival week, both groups are registered charities. Acceptance of the booking proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the Clerk confirms the booking.

b. Hall hire – 31st December 2012 – Renaissance (provisional)

Provisional booking for New Years Eve discussed but it was felt a few more questions need to be asked and discussion with Mr P Kidney in relation to the bar should take place before accepting the booking.

Resolved that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Brown liaise with Mr N Lloyd and Mr P Kidney before confirming the booking.

Councillor Mrs Brown reported several bookings are planned for February and requested if any Councillors would be able to assist with the building security for the double wedding on 25th February as she will be unable to attend that event.

386. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Lane reported she had just returned from the Britain in Bloom seminar held in Norwich this year. Although it was a long journey it was very worthwhile to meet with the proposed judges and discuss ideas for this year's floral displays. Further communication in relation to judging dates etc will be arriving in due course and a Tenby in Bloom meeting will be held shortly to invite as many locals as possible to get involved this year, to work to achieve the gold status as we were so close last year.

387. MEDIA ITEMS

None noted.

388. JUBILEE FAMILY PLAY PARK

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that this Friday in the Tenby Observer the Friends of the Jubilee will be launching their Buy a Bolt fund raiser, hoping to sell as many bolts for a £1 as possible.

The following events are also planned:

1. Monday 13th February – Family fun afternoon with Steve Briers and Fergie. 2 – 4pm in the De Valence.
2. Thursday 16th February – Skateboard meeting to gain some support from the skaters themselves at 2 pm in the De Valence.
3. Letters to all the schools have been sent to request their help with a fund raising event. Plus school involvement will support all grant applications.
4. Books are on sale in the De Valence Foyer to raise funds.

The Friends have raised £1550 at present, including £500 from the Civic Society and £500 from an anonymous donor, a thank you was given to all these people by Councillor Mrs Brown. She continued by asking as many people as possible to support the arranged events to see the park functioning as soon as possible.

389. ROYAL GATE HOUSE

Discussion took place on the information provided by Mr. Fry prior to the meeting commencing and continued in relation to the hoardings. It was

Resolved that due to information relating to a possible delay in commencing work on the Royal Gate House site, a letter be sent to PCNPA to request that the state of the hoardings be addressed.

390. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. Actions and updates from 17th January meeting

The Clerk felt the updates were self explanatory.

b. Guidelines for staff and councillors during election periods.

The Clerk outlined some of the items listed in the guidelines and informed Councillors he will be attending a meeting on 21st February in relation to the role of Councillors during the election period. Councillors discussed whether tentative Mayor making plans should be made. It was

Resolved that the Clerk enquire from PCC as to when Councillors would be informed if an election is to be held in the town.

The Clerk informed Councillors of the road closure planned for Gas Main Replacement in White Lion Street, from the top of Upper Frog Street to High Street, duration 2 weeks commencing on 27th February.

Wales in Bloom have invited Tenby to participate again this year, Judging will take place between 25th June and 18th July, with results on 3rd August. The awards ceremony is to be held in Rhyl. Entry fee will be £100 this year. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed to pay the £100 entry fee for Wales in Bloom, seconded by Councillor Mrs Williams.

Resolved that TTC will donate the £100 entry fee for Wales in Bloom.

391. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th February 2012 at 7.30pm.

392. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Tudor Square Buildings – Councillor Mrs Brown.

De Valence Roof – Councillor Hallett.

393. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the Council (or Committee) moves into private session under the Public Bodies (admission to Meeting) Act of 1960 by virtue of the business to be transacted would be prejudicial to members of the Public.

394. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 17th January 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

395. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____