

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Lane	Mayor
Councillor P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor L Blackhall	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor Mrs Thomas	
Councillor T Hallett	
Councillor M Evans	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**421. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor Dr P Easy, Councillor H Johns, Councillors W Rossiter, Councillor Mrs Putwain and Councillor Mrs Durham.

**422. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

The Mayor declared a personal interest in item 11.

**423. ITEMS TO PRESS**

The Clerk reported he had an additional planning application NP/15/0092FUL which needed to be responded to before the next scheduled meeting. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed to accept the additional planning application NP/15/0092FUL, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

**Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present with the additional planning application NP/15/0092.**

**424. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

Councillor Hallett joined the meeting.

**425. MATTERS ARISING**

409c – Planning Application NP/15/0125/LBA –Poundland signage

The Clerk reported he had received an update from Mr Scourfield, PCNPA on Poundland signage along with the revised drawings which requested comments from TTC following refusal of the previous application. He briefed councillors on the documents stating Poundland have decided to withdraw all illumination to the signage; however they are reluctant to use

single lettering like on some other Poundland stores around the country and have gone with the design on the drawings.

Mr Scourfield felt PCNPA would pass the new revised drawings and therefore asked for TTC views following the initial sign refusal. In relation to the large Poundland hoarding on the side of Art Matters, White Lion Street, this was not on the original planning application and therefore is a separate matter being dealt with by National Parks officers.

The Clerk reported he had received an e-mail from Tenby Civic Society stating they feel the signage is now acceptable and have no objections to the revised signage.

Councillors discussed their views before Councillor Hallett proposed approval of the revised Poundland signage, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

**Resolved that TTC withdraw their objection to Poundland signage application NP/15/125 as the revised proposal is a satisfactory compromise.**

413a – Media Items – Tenby Island press release (posted on Facebook)

Councillor Mrs Rossiter asked if any further correspondence had been received from Mr Prosser. The Clerk reported he had not heard or seen any further correspondence on Tenby Island project.

#### **426. PLANNING APPLICATION**

a. Mr Max Thomas, Woodlands Cottage, Greenhill road, Tenby – Extension to property with change of roof line by adding another floor plus a garage and replacement of flat roof with pitched – Woodlands cottage, Greenhill Road, Tenby

Councillors viewed and discussed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval as it is an acceptable development that will enhance the building, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

#### **RECOMMEND**

**Approval as it is an acceptable development that will enhance the building.**

#### **427. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – February minutes

Councillors viewed the information, it was

**Resolved that the information be noted.**

b. Darren Thomas, PCC – Reserved Bay Parking Charges

Councillors discussed item 426b and 426c together.

c. Mr John Griffiths – Response to PCC letter on Parking Charges (for information)

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt Mr Griffith's letter was excellent and she along with other councillors will await the outcome of the in depth written communication.

Councillor Blackhall said he had noted in the reply from Mr Darren Thomas that he stated Haverfordwest multi-storey generates more revenue than Tenby multi-storey. He personally found this strange as when TTC asked for figures of revenue PCC receives from Tenby multi-storey, the reply was they did not have the facilities to separate individual car park takings; however now suddenly they know one car park generates more income than another.

Councillor Rapi highlighted several administrative mistakes within Mr D Thomas letter.

The Mayor felt TTC should note the information and await further correspondence on the matter.

The Clerk reported he had accompanied Mr M Owen, Street Care, PCC on a tour of the recent works carried out at Tenby multi-storey. The new lift hopefully will be operational by Easter weekend. All internal lighting has been replaced with LEDs and on the top floor the covers over the columns have been removed; therefore increasing parking spaces.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter expressed her concern when a vehicle exits the multi-storey short stay car park, and a bus is parked at the designated bus stop, visibility to the right is impeded, resulting in vehicles edging out onto the live carriageway to ensure a safe exit route. Her concerns highlighted health and safety issues as well as potential accidents occurring in this area.

Councillor Hallett had witnessed the same problems and discussed the possibility of sighting a turning mirror.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed a letter is sent to PCC asking for a health and safety review of the exit from the multi-storey short stay car park, when a bus is parked at the designated bus stop as visibility to the right is impeded and vehicles have to edge onto the live carriageway to ensure a safe exit route, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

**Resolved that TTC write to Mr Darren Thomas, PCC asking for a health and safety review of the exit from the multi-storey short stay car park, when a bus is parked at the designated bus stop as visibility to the right is impeded and vehicles have to edge onto the live carriageway to ensure a safe exit route.**

Councillor Evans joined the meeting.

d. Tenby chamber of Trade and Tourism – Tenby Artisan Street Market (TTC views are requested as members of the Chamber).

Councillor Mrs Thomas asked for clarification of how often the Tenby Tudor Square street market is going to take place.

The Clerk said concern had been expressed by chamber members that all people who signed a petition against the street market had not been invited to the TTC meeting where Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism provided an overview of the aims and objectives for future markets. He proceeded to provide an update for councillors on the Artisan street market the points were as follows:

- 1 Weekly Artisan Markets with 20 stalls maximum
- 2 Scrutiny conditions in place by a small committee to ensure criteria maintained.
- 3 Meeting to be held with petitioners expressing concern over the market at the De Valence on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 11am.

Councillor Evans clarified that the scrutiny committee will include a couple of local businessmen who will review the stalls meet the criteria of an Artisan market, ensure they provide quality over quantity and a maximum of twenty stalls. The Clerk added that the Chamber had also invited the Council to have a representative on this committee

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt if the market was to attract additional people to the town out of season, why are they mainly run during the main summer months when an increased amount of visitors are in Tenby anyway. She personally was glad to see the people concerned about the market have been asked for their views.

Councillor Evans explained that there will be a market running weekly for twenty four consecutive weeks. This will mean some markets will take place pre and post season, encouraging people into Tenby regularly.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt during the winter Tenby does not create a visitor experience; people are not going to come to a market when shops are shut.

#### e. Darren Thomas, PCC – Electric and hybrid car charging points

Councillor Hallett asked why it costs so much for a Hybrid Electric Charging point in a car park. He felt in this day and age when all things are going greener and technology is moving on we should be looking to provide these services now rather than later.

Councillor Rapi felt that totally electric cars only run for approximately 45 to 50 miles before needing a full charge therefore it is unlikely holiday makers are going to need this facility and if they are locals they will go home to charge their units. Therefore he did not feel it was an urgent matter to get an electrical unit installed as soon as possible.

Councillor Evans agreed with Councillor Hallett, Tenby should be looking forward and address this need now rather than later. It was not so long ago the debate was about installing mobile phone masts and now they are everywhere and even being upgraded. He continued saying Caravanette users also need to recharge their batteries and Tenby is seeing an increase in these types of vehicles entering the town.

Councillor Rapi explained that Caravans and Caravanettes have a different electrical charging system and should be staying on a registered site to use the facilities, rather than having the service free. It is well known PCNPA do not want caravanettes to just camp overnight anywhere.

The Clerk explained the initial enquiry was received from the Tourist Information Centre. They had been approached by a holiday maker who had travelled 125 miles to Tenby and needed to charge their car before return home.

Councillor Evans felt day visitors spend their money in Tenby and therefore we want to encourage them to arrive by any means and that includes by electric cars.

Councillor Hallett felt the matter needed to be discussed further and considered seriously.

Councillor Blackhall felt the private sector would be the best facility to provide this service and he was sure a garage would look into the idea of providing the service at a cost.

#### **428. GRANTS**

##### **a. Pembrokeshire Federation of Women's Institutes – request for contribution to costs.**

Councillor Hallett said the Women's Institute raise funds for other charities as well as their own. Councillors discussed the amount to be donated for this request.

Councillor Hallett proposed TTC donate £50 towards the costs of Tenby WI hosting the visit of Wexford International Country Women's Association, Ireland, seconded by Councillor Evans.

**Resolved that under Section 144 Local Government Act 1972 TTC donate £50 to Pembrokeshire Federation of Women's Institutes towards the costs of hosting the visit of Wexford International Country Women's Association, Ireland.**

#### **429. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Mrs Thomas thanked TTC for nominating her along with the Clerk to attend the Local Services Liaison Board meeting. Sadly although the PCC officers were enthusiastic and delivered their aspirations for their departments well, the power point presentations were very long, and they never stopped between each department for questions. She felt the format of the meeting really needs to be addressed before their next presentation.

The Clerk outlined the main objective of the meeting was to show PCC, voluntary services like PAVS and the Health Board are all working together to deliver services for the benefit of the community.

Councillor Evens reported on the recent PCC meeting he attended to discuss the closure of 'Further Education Centres'. He spoke at the meeting as a County Councillors specifically highlighting that the Tenby community education centre houses other services like the library and youth club. He said the closure had been outlined with no proposal of where all the present services will be accommodated. No financial savings would be made in Tenby as alternative

space would need to be hired to accommodate the library and youth club. He strongly felt TTC needed to make a strong commitment to retain the library and youth services.

The Mayor reported she had attended the opening of the Youth Club diner. The leaders are working so hard and delivering a variety of facilities for the youth of our town. She fully supported the development of a youth forum and praised the work of the youth leaders and outlined that TTC will support and work with the youth club in all they can to retain their facilities.

Councillor Mrs Thomas said the youth club fully supported TTC Jubilee Play Park project and now it was time for TTC to pay back the support.

The Mayor proposed TTC write a letter thanking Donna and Leah for their commitment to the youth work in Tenby, and offer TTC support for the future, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

**Resolved that TTC write a letter thanking Donna and Leah for their commitment to the youth work in Tenby, and offer TTC support for the future.**

The Mayor reported she had also attended the launch of Wales in Bloom held in Wolfscastle and the Soroptimist's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner held at The Giltar Hotel. She praised the Soroptimists members for a lovely evening of celebration and their continued hard work in the community.

#### **430. MEDIA ITEMS**

Councillor Mrs Brown reported several members of the public had expressed concern that the bench behind the War Memorial was not being returned following completion of the Delphi Development. She had been informed the present pathway where the bench was housed would be used for access to the shop units. She proposed TTC write and ask if Mr Simon Fry would be willing to attend a TTC meeting to update councillors on the Delphi Project progress and alleviate concerns being expressed by the public, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Councillor Hallett said he had been into the TTC office to review the plans following discussions with members of the public about the bench concerns.

Councillor Evans requested the Clerk contact PCC to establish ownership of the land where the bench was sighted behind the War Memorial.

**Resolved that TTC write and ask if Mr Simon Fry would be willing to attend a TTC meeting to update councillors on the Delphi Project progress and alleviate concerns being expressed by the public.**

#### **431. TENBY GUEST HOUSES**

Councillor Blackhall requested to defer discussion on Tenby Guest Houses as he still needs to speak to members of the public first. It was

**Resolved to defer Tenby Guest Houses agenda item until the next full TTC meeting.**

**432. 'A' FRAME OBSTRUCTIONS**

Councillor W Rossiter was not present; therefore it was

**Resolved that the information be noted.**

**433. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS**

a. Road closure Upper Park Road (13<sup>th</sup> April for five days from 1pm to 9pm) for carriageway repairs (for information).

The Clerk outlined the proposed road closure for Upper Park Road and the plans in operation for vehicular exit of the multi-storey car park and the amendment to the bus routes.

b. Road closure Clareston Road (15<sup>th</sup> April for one days ) to erect a crane (for information).

The Clerk outlined the road closure for Clareston Road, from Warren Street to Penally Road on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

c. Membership of European Walled Towns.

Councillors discussed renewal of the European Walled Towns membership.

The Mayor proposed TTC renew the European Walled Towns membership for 2015/16, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Councillor Mrs Brown disagreed with renewing the European Walled Town membership and therefore raised her objection, voting against the proposition.

**Resolved that TTC renew the European Walled Town membership for 2015/16.**

d. Mrs Dowell - Tenby Rainbows - Thank you

The Clerk reported he had received a thank you for the TTC donation towards the start up of Tenby Rainbows group; that now has fifteen girls attending. Leader, Mrs. Dowell asked if TTC would like to visit the next Rainbows meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at 5-30pm for tea and cakes. In addition the Mayor was asked if she would present the girls with their promise badges.

The Mayor said she would be delighted to attend to present the girls promise badges.

e. TTC Gardens Committee

The Clerk reminded councillors TTC had resolved to reform the gardens committee, made up of all councillors. The Mayor had been delegated to arrange the first town walkabout to assess the town and note any tasks that needed addressing. Therefore the first walkabout has been scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 11am.

f. Trade Waste price increases

The Clerk reported he had been asked by several local businesses to inform councillors that PCC has increased their trade waste costs this year. Although they are not obliged to use PCC services and can use private contractors, they are concerned at the proposed charges for recycling bags, at £10 a roll. They felt PCC encourage recycling and have targets to meet, however charging for the recycling service will increase the use of domestic recycling bags and fly tipping.

Councillors took note of the information provided.

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

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**435. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None noted.

**436. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

**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.**

**437. MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate.**

**438. MATTERS ARISING**

None noted.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_