

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd February 2015

PRESENT

Councillor P Rapi	Deputy Mayor
Councillor Mrs Thomas	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor W Rossiter	
Councillor Dr P Easy	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor L Blackhall	
Councillor T Hallett	
Councillor Mrs Putwain	
Councillor M Evans	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Clerk reported the Mayor was away on holiday and asked Councillors to propose someone to chair the meeting.

Councillor Hallett proposed Deputy Mayor Councillor Rapi take the chair, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that Deputy Mayor Councillor Rapi chair TTC meeting.

342. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Lane, Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor H Johns.

343. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None noted at this time.

344. ITEMS TO PRESS

The Clerk circulated copies of TTC accounts to be reviewed later in the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

345. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 20th January 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that within 332 - Media Items, she said the past Chief Executive and not Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council. Therefore the paragraph now reads:

Councillor Mrs Brown reported on the BBC news item noting that Mr L Andrews, Assembly Minister would be looking into reducing Council Senior Officers salaries and requested the figures local authorities spend on senior management's car leasing contracts, specifically highlighting that PCC past Chief Executive appears to have been allocated a Porsche as his preferred lease car. She felt that reducing the salaries would be a cost saving exercise and this money could be allocated to fill some of the shortfall incurred to prevent local services being reduced.

346. MATTERS ARISING

231 – (183) – Tenby Town Walls

Councillor Hallett asked if any Councillors had taken the opportunity to review the Town Wall Survey as it was important to be aware of the information provided before any requests for work on the walls is required in the future. He emphasized the document is available for review in TTC office.

330b – PCC – Tenby Pedestrianisation

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if any response had been received from Mr I Westley PCC on Pedestrianisation, or if County Councillor M Evans had reported any information following his meeting with PCC officers.

The Clerk reported he had not received any correspondence from Mr I Westley or feedback from Councillor M Evans. Councillor Mrs Brown asked if the matter of pedestrianisation could be revisited when Councillor Evans joins the meeting. Councillor Rapi stated the item is on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

330f – PCC Community engagement event, 10th February 2015

The Clerk reported he had received an e-mail reminding Councillors of the community engagement event that is an open invitation for town residents to attend, to meet and hear information relating to Pembrokeshire County Council. It is an opportunity to meet the new interim head of service who will be in attendance. The meeting will take place at Greenhill School on Tuesday 10th February at 7pm. He continued explaining that the Haverfordwest meeting is full, the Fishguard meeting is nearly full but only four people have signed up to attend the Tenby meeting; therefore if people want to have their say they need to register their attendance.

Councillor Evans joined the meeting.

Councillor Evans said he often hears people in Tenby saying PCC do not listen to the local residents and now here is the opportunity; therefore he hoped residents, local organisation representatives and Councillors take this opportunity to speak and express any concerns they have locally. A PCC team

of officers are attending to listen and engage with the community, it is an opportunity not to be missed.

Councillor W Rossiter asked why PCC will listen now when they gave very little consultation listening time when dealing with the new school building plans.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt that TTC should be reminding local organisations like the Chamber of Trade and Tourism about the scheduled meeting. The Clerk and Councillor Evans both said the information has been advertised locally and in the press. It will appear again this week in the Tenby Observer; however people need to be aware they have to register to attend.

335 – South Beach Bin

Councillor Hallett asked for a response to his question raised at the last meeting: should beach cleaning be all year round to attain Blue Flag status? Councillor Evans said the Blue Flag status is all year round; however certain criteria are required for the Blue Flag to be flown for specified periods of time, including beach cleanliness and lifeguard presence. Therefore if the Blue Flag was flown all year round beach cleaning and lifeguards would be required for the same period under the specified criteria. As it is not flown in the winter, beach cleaning does not have to be carried out.

347. CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCC – Registration Services – Outstation Service

The Clerk reported that PCC have requested Councillors comments on the proposal to close outstation registrar services; however he had been informed that the deadline for responses has been extended till the 27th February 2015.

Councillors Mrs Putwain felt that not having the service to register deaths in Tenby would be a sad move as Tenby is predominantly an older generation area and the partner registering the death would probable be elderly. Therefore when people are already distressed due to their bereavement they do not need additional anxiety and stress having to negotiate travelling to Haverfordwest to register the death.

Councillor Evans felt looking from an alternative angle, you have five days to register a death, if the service was once a week it could mean eight to nine days before you are able to attend the registry session. Statistics show that 27% of the population of Tenby do not drive or have access to a private vehicle and this would be an additional stress for the bereaved relative. He personally felt the service should be provided one day a week somewhere in the south of the County to ease the travelling distance for the elderly and non drivers.

Councillor Blackhall said there is going to be several situations arising similar to the removal of registration outstation services when PCC commence discussions on proposed cutbacks. He therefore felt TTC should be looking at the situation from an entirely different angle. TTC has

efficient offices where staff could be trained to provide additional services locally. This would be a better solution for the people of Tenby and an option PCC could consider.

Councillor Mrs Putwain said there could be a two tier system put in place where people register at TTC office and a PCC registrar visit the office to sign off the records weekly or fortnightly.

Councillors discussed all the reasons expressed why a service would be of benefit to locals.

Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed TTC respond requesting that consideration is given to retaining some form of outstation service in the south of the county, due to the statistical evidence that shows 27% of Tenby residents do not drive or have access to a private vehicle and public transport to Haverfordwest is more difficult than a South Pembrokeshire location, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Resolved that TTC respond requesting that consideration is given to retaining some form of outstation service in the south of the county, due to the statistical evidence that shows 27% of Tenby residents do not drive or have access to a private vehicle and public transport to Haverfordwest is more difficult than a South Pembrokeshire location.

b. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – December minutes

Councillor W Rossiter noted that ‘A’ Frames and street furniture obstructions are not discussed on Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism minutes; therefore he asked if TTC could remind the committee of the concerns being expressed and request they re discuss the matter.

Councillor Evans declared a personal interest and took no part in discussion.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed the Clerk ask Councillor Mrs Durham as the TTC representative on the Chamber of Trade and Tourism committee to raise the concerns relating to ‘A’ Frames at their next meeting, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

Resolved that the Clerk ask Councillor Mrs Durham, as TTC representative on the Chamber of Trade and Tourism committee, to raise the concerns relating to ‘A’ Frames at their next meeting.

The Clerk reported he had attended a Town Team Regeneration meeting at PCC along with two new representatives from Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism. Presentations were given by a guest speaker and other regeneration teams who were aspiring to have facilities that Tenby already has, like a street market, additional bench seating and café culture. He personally felt proud of the facilities Tenby has in place but expressed an urgent need for the Tenby Regeneration Committee to meet, discuss and formulate new ideas to take forward for funding consideration to enhance Tenby further. He was also aware that Ms J Morgan from Planed is very keen to re-engage with Tenby to update the Town Action Plan.

Councillor Evans was pleased to hear new people are getting involved with Tenby Regeneration and agreed a meeting should be called as soon as possible. He asked if both Tenby County Councillors could be invited to join the meeting.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved that the Clerk liaise with Tenby Mayor on return from her holiday and request a Tenby Regeneration Committee meeting as soon as possible.

c. Mr Ivor Jenkins – Welsh Education

Councillor W Rossiter felt some of the content of Mr Jenkins letter highlighted important documentation including percentages of public response that he was unaware of.

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt TTC should thank Mr Jenkins for his continued interest in Tenby; however it is now too late now, the decision on the school has been made and work has commenced.

Councillor Hallett asked who had been consulted for the documented statistics. He personally felt the population was likely to increase and the proposed building they have presently commenced will not be big enough in the future.

Councillor Rapi explained from an educational point of view these decisions are made at the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff and not locally. Pembrokeshire was told they need to provide the service of education being delivered through the medium of Welsh. Estyn then put the pressure on PCC and a decision was then made for the facility to be provided in Tenby.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter said locals and TTC were not consulted at the very beginning and felt the school was being built in the wrong place and will cause chaos in this location.

Councillor Blackhall felt everyone aspires to the best standards of education for our local children. It shows the uptake locally is higher to be taught through the medium of Welsh; therefore we need to recognise we are going to have a provision that will be outstanding in both English and Welsh.

Councillor Evans felt the point being missed is the new build and Welsh language school affords people the opportunity and choice of education, anyone denying anybody the choice is being small minded. He was proud of the fact both Tenby schools have been placed in a high category table for the education the children receive. In relation to the statistics noted in the documentation referred to in the letter, he felt the people surveyed were probably parents of children in the county. Therefore by having the new school facilities built here in Tenby, people will have the choice to be educated through the medium of Welsh in their community and this we should be proud of.

Councillor W Rossiter commented on the recent decision to bus Sixth Form children from St David's to Haverfordwest, stating this is not good for pupils to travel for so long on transport. He agreed our Welsh language should be encouraged; however he questioned who made the decision for the school in Tenby? Why not consider Narberth where he felt Welsh was spoken more readily.

Councillor Evans explained that Narberth has a Welsh unit and it is at full capacity.

Following discussions it was

Resolved that TTC write and thank Mr I Jenkins for his continued interest in Tenby; however it is now too late to change things, as the decision on the school has already been made.

d. Mr Chris Osborne, Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism (via e-mail) – Tenby’s retail economy

Councillor Evans declared an interest and took no part in discussion.

Councillor Mrs Thomas felt TTC should consider arranging a meeting to discuss Tenby’s retail economy. The Clerk asked if Councillors wished the meeting to be tagged onto a Council meeting or a separate meeting to allow more time for discussion.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC arrange a separate meeting with Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism to discuss Tenby’s retail economy, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that the Clerk liaise with Mr Osborne, Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism, to arrange a meeting to discuss Tenby’s retail economy.

e. Pembrokeshire LSB – Newsletter

Councillor Mrs Brown asked for some clarification on the Bro Preseli Complex and the viability of a similar complex being considered in Tenby.

Councillor Evans explained the complex is a speciality where the GPs and Local Health Board work together to provide accommodation and services on site to keep people in their own homes. Tenby is fortunate to have sheltered housing properties and a cottage hospital ward at Park House.

The Clerk informed Councillors of the Welsh Governments white paper ‘Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People released on 3rd February 2015. He continued outlined his understanding of one proposal, outlining how the LSB could deliver services in the community by crossing authorities and sectors. He advised Councillors to view the in depth document and reported Agenda Item 347f refers to a Public Services event taking place at Letterston which Councillors may wish to discuss in conjunction with the LSB newsletter.

f. Pembrokeshire LSB – Invitation to 2015 Public Services in Pembrokeshire Event, Letterston 24th March 2015

Councillors discussed the Public Services in Pembrokeshire Event to be held in Letterston on 24th March 2015. It was felt a member of TTC should attend and the local SEPCHN organisation be given the information and asked if they would like to attend.

Councillor Evans proposed TTC inform SEPCHN Committee of the forthcoming event and offer to pay the travelling cost for two members to attend along with the Town Clerk. In addition TTC and

SEPCHN were asked to liaise, source and prepare questions to be put to the LSB. These questions can then be considered at the next TTC meeting, prior to being presented at the LSB meeting, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC inform SEPCHN Committee of the forthcoming event and offer to pay the travelling cost for two members to attend along with the Town Clerk to deliver questions prepared by TTC and SEPCHN.

Resolved that Public Services in Pembrokeshire Event is placed on the next TTC agenda to consider questions to be presented at the LSB Public Services Event.

Councillor Mrs Thomas and the Town Clerk both agreed to attend the Public Services in Pembrokeshire Event, in Letterston on 24th March 2015.

348. ACCOUNTS JANUARY 2015

Councillor W Rossiter requested information relating to Augustus Place accounts. The Clerk outlined how cost centre allocation is documented, clarifying the concern.

Councillor Evans expressed how pleased he was to see the Augustus Community Centre being used and asked if any progress had been made in relation to charitable status for the building.

Councillor Blackhall said documentation for the De Valence Trust states venue or venues; therefore this will give the opportunity for Augustus Place to be added in due course.

Councillor Hallett proposed acceptance of the accounts for January 2015, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Resolved that the accounts for January 2015 be accepted.

349. FINANCIAL RISK 2015/16

Councillors reviewed and discussed aspects of the financial risk documentation. Councillor Hallett and Councillor Blackhall both discussed the technical equipment presently used to back up files and felt an alternative storage safety device should be considered.

Councillor Rapi proposed the Clerk looks into purchasing an external hard drive, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that the Clerk looks into purchasing an external hard drive.

350. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported she attended the 'Let's Talk Health' meeting in Pembroke Dock along with Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Councillor Mrs Thomas reported she attended the 'Let's Talk Health' meeting where the new Hywel Dda Chief Executive Ms B Rees and Chairman Mr S Morgan both attended to introduce themselves and get local residents views. Mr Morgan outlined the huge challenge that lay ahead for the Health Board.

A Public Health presentation was given and Sue Lewis provided information on bringing care into the community, closer to home. Information included how services will be provided; one hospital (HB) with specialities housed and provided over four sites. She reported during the meeting people became very disheartened and angry and started to leave, showing the Health Board senior officers the true feelings of the locals as services are being moved further away not closer to the community.

Councillor Rapi reported he had attended the Tenby Junior School Governors meeting.

351. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Rossiter responded to the recent letter published in the local paper relating to 'Poundland'. She said people appear to think these decisions are made by TTC but they are nothing at all to do with the Town Council. Personally she felt it is a pity this type of shop is going into such a prestigious building.

The Clerk reported he has been aware of the comments made through 'Tenby through Time' social media site, relating to Poundland and the debate about the colour of the old cinema building. He felt people seem to want to engage in public discussion through the form of social media and not through the traditional methods of pen and paper. In light of this information he asked Councillors if they felt TTC should consider having their own Facebook page to enhance consultation with the general public. He suggested items of information could be included, for example, road closures and specified planning application criteria.

Councillor Rapi felt it was a positive idea for people to have the option; however he felt certain restrictions would need to be applied for confidentiality and protection.

Councillor Evans felt that the social media site needed to be controlled more like a website rather than one that has automatic postings. Alternatively the Clerk could monitor the site like the gatekeeper process used by PCC on their social media site. He also felt that TTC is here to represent the local community firstly and although visitors' comments on the site would be welcomed, local views would inevitably carry more weight.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt the site could be dangerous and more thought would need to go into the process before a decision was made.

Following further discussion Councillor Rapi proposed the Clerk liaise with PCC and look into having a TTC social media Facebook site, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

Councillor Evans added an amendment to the proposal to look into a Twitter site at the same time.

Resolved that the Town Clerk liaise with PCC and look into the viability of TTC having social media sites to enhance consultation with the public.

The Clerk reported to Councillors that, in the Welsh Assembly White Paper Reforming Local Government consultation document, there is a section relating to Councillors and members of the public being allowed to blog during a Council meeting. Councillors gave their varied personal views on the function of blogging during a meeting.

352. WHITE LION/NORTON JUNCTION

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt that following the completion of the improvements to the former Royal Gate House site, the width of the roadway in White Lion Street appears to be narrower, although she was aware the Clerk had measured the area and it is actually slightly wider. She reported when physically turning left out of White Lion Street to drive down the Norton the corner is sharper, causing vehicles to have to swing further out into the path of oncoming traffic, and was an accident waiting to happen. In light of her concerns she asked if the relevant officers concerned could be contacted and asked to review the corner to ensure it is accurate to the original plans.

Councillor Hallett added he was aware following discussion with locals that there is no disabled access drop kerb along the McCarthy and Stone side pathway down the Norton and requested if this could be discussed with Mr A Hunt, PCC Access Officer.

Councillor Evans said that the road junction had been built to the specifications of the plans and any amendments now would fall to PCC, if they have adopted the works. Therefore he proposed the Clerk arrange a site meeting inspection with Mr M Owen, Mr S Benger and Mr A Hunt to discuss TTC concerns relating to White Lion Street corner, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the Clerk request a site meeting with Mr M Owen, Street Care, PCC, Mr S Benger, Engineering Development Officer, PCC and Mr A Hunt Access Officer, PCC to discuss TTC concerns relating to White Lion Street corner.

353. PEDESTRIANISATION TRIAL PERIOD

Councillor Evans reported he had met with PCC officers, Mr D Thomas, Mr B Blake and Cabinet member Cllr R Lewis to discuss the proposal to extend Tenby pedestrianisation scheme. He specifically asked for their thoughts and what consultation they had undertaken on the matter. The officers' clearly saw the benefit of the request and said their next step would be to write to local residents and consultees affected by Pedestrianisation. They would then have evidence of any concerns or objections to a trial extension from the 5th July 2015 until 13th September 2015. The trial period would also include a time extension from 5pm to 5.30pm.

He continued by updating Councillors on the summer Park and Ride scheme. Sadly PCNPA and PCC would not be allocating any funding this year to the scheme; however in light of concerns expressed PCC will be meeting with the operative of the scheme for last year to discuss the statistical

evidence of usage etc. Following this meeting PCC would then meet to discuss the future of the park and ride scheme with TTC.

In relation to the option of replacing movable signage with pop up bollards, this is a capital aspect to seek funding and therefore will be a longer process before a decision is made. He explained staffing hours will be retained with the consideration of staggered working hours to reduce costs. The option of the check point staff being Town Ambassadors providing information to pedestrians while on duty is also being considered.

Councillor Mrs Putwain said as far as she was aware no resolution had been passed for a trial extension to pedestrianisation. Residents that need work on their properties or a delivery of a large item would have to wait until September, over ten weeks and this was too long. She personally felt TTC would be better concentrating on working towards re instating the park and ride scheme instead of extending the pedestrianisation period.

Councillor Evans said regeneration of town centres is what we have to encourage and the scheme is not narrowly a 'them and us' situation, everything and everyone is interconnected. Tenby needs the good times to help people through the bad times. It is impossible to please everyone all the time but a little give and take on everyone's behalf can improve the system. As a County Councillor he argued on residents' behalf the urgent and non urgent access issues, with the outcome, PCC are making plans to reduce the £30 fee payable for tradesmen seeking to park to carry out works.

Councillor Mrs Putwain said she was not convinced that pedestrianisation brings people into town as people come in large numbers at half term, Christmas and New Year. Therefore the six weeks summer period is busy because of school holidays and not pedestrianisation.

Councillor Rapi summed up the discussion by stating the consultation process was being conducted by PCC and TTC should await their findings.

354. PCNPA – LDP PROGRESS REPORT/DEVELOPMENT SITES

Councillor Evans said the Clerk made Councillors aware last month of the PCNPA Local Development Plan update. He personally felt as the plan was in the mid term cycle and under review PCNPA has the ability to amend the plan. For Tenby to grow and develop we need to build affordable houses for young families to buy to stay in the area, or for people to down size to free up family houses. School numbers are and will drop because young families are moving out of the community. He outlined the areas within the LDP plan:

- 1 Rectory Fields – (A car park that TTC wishes to retain)
- 2 Tenby Old Cottage Hospital site – (Not viable for a developer to build under the preset 60% affordable housing guidelines)
- 3 Bells Corner – Sold by PCC

4 Tenby Old Ford site - (A car park that TTC wishes to retain)

5 Brynhir – (Been in the LDP for over 20 years)

Councillor Evans continued that if an area is not going to be developed perhaps they should remove the area from the LDP and look at an alternative area for development.

Councillor Blackhall agreed with his fellow Councillor if anyone sets out a plan and half way through it has not been achieved, you need to review and re-address the plan. PCNPA need to look at other sites and re-think the affordable housing percentage policy. It would be much more beneficial if a specified number of housing units are stipulated in a LDP plan, rather than unrealistic percentages; therefore giving developers a clearer defined target.

Councillor Hallett asked what an affordable house is, as properties in some areas are dearer than others or too small for a family to live in. Therefore he felt there was no such thing as an affordable house and the whole concept needs to be reviewed.

Councillor W Rossiter expressed his concern that building houses on LDP sites would possibly end up being purchased by people from away and not locals. He felt building units upwards on alternative sites would provide many more units of accommodation.

Councillor Evans proposed the Clerk re-present TTC with a list of LDP sites in Tenby at the next full council meeting, to allow TTC to formulate and make a representation to PCNPA, seconded by Councillor Blackhall.

Resolved that the Town Clerk re-presents TTC with a list of LDP sites in Tenby at the next full council meeting to allow TTC to formulate and make a representation to PCNPA.

355. ‘WE ARE WATCHING YOU EYES’

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported during a television programme, Portsmouth Council had trialled a scheme to target irresponsible dog owners. The scheme involved sighting signage with glow in the dark illuminated eyes saying ‘We are watching you’. The scheme has proved very successful and therefore she asked the TTC office staff to look into the idea for Tenby.

The Clerk explained that the scheme initiative was produced by Keep Britain Tidy, but unfortunately we could not buy into the scheme as we are in Wales. Therefore the office staff telephoned Keep Wales Tidy who said they were aware of the scheme but were unable to adopt the same scheme. When asked if Tenby could pay for Keep Wales Tidy to buy the products from Keep Britain Tidy they were unable to do this either. However following continued requests to the relevant department the lady agreed to discuss the matter with her seniors as it seemed ridiculous that we could not pay to be included in such a successful scheme.

Councillor Evans expressed his disappointment at the amount of dog mess on the beach walkways. It is a sorry sight to see and not the visitor dogs causing the problem. He expressed dismay that TTC had failed at the first attempt to join a successful trial signage scheme even when offering to pay. He suggested the Clerk contact Mr T Jones, PCNPA to see if he can assist TTC in accessing the relevant materials to trial the 'We are watching you' scheme in Tenby.

The Clerk reported he had received an e-mail from a visitor highlighting the same concerns about the amount of dog mess in Tenby. He had responded on behalf of TTC outlining that along with PCC we do take the matter very seriously and we are constantly trying to address concerns by any measures we can.

Councillor W Rossiter felt since TTC had withdrawn the disposable dog waste bag service owners do not seem to know where they can purchase dog waste bags and could TTC inform them. The Clerk said under the law dog owners have a duty to clean up after their dogs. It was

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Mr T Jones, PCNPA and request his assistance or advice on a way to access the relevant materials to trial the 'We are watching you' scheme in Tenby.

Councillor Evans, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Mrs Thomas left the chamber.

356. BATTERY GARDENS

Councillor Mrs Brown said the Battery Gardens had been made a no dogs allowed area in preparation for development of the area. However several elderly ladies with dogs have asked if they could have it reversed so they can walk their dogs in this garden as they are responsible dog owners and will clear up after their pets.

Councillor Hallett felt that the public often use the gardens for children to play but this month it has been too cold.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC ask PCC to consider changing the use of Battery Gardens and re-opening it for dog walkers, seconded by Councillor W Rossiter.

Councillor Hallett proposed the Battery Gardens remains a no dog's zone as present, proposal not seconded.

Therefore the first proposal was taken to vote. It was

Resolved that TTC write to PCC and request consideration to changing the use of Battery Gardens and re-opening it for dog walkers.

Councillor Hallett voted against the proposal.

357. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. PCC Rate Relief Consultation

The Clerk reported that he would like Councillors guidance on a previous TTC resolution to support the rate relief for two Tenby organisations included in the PCC consultation document. He had been unable to find a contact for the Tenby Swimming Pool, but Tenby Museum is very keen to have TTC support that discretionary 20% rate relief be retained.

He continued explaining that Mr Peachey, Chairman of Tenby Sea Cadets had e-mailed requesting TTC also support them in the retention of their rate relief. Unfortunately TTC had missed them on the list as it was only itemised as Sea Cadets. The dilemma the Clerk had was what defines a local charity as this was a question posed on the consultation questionnaire.

Councillor Mrs Putwain declared a personal interest but asked if she could speak on the definition of a local charity as the Sea Cadets committee had the same discussion. Councillor Rapi gave Councillor Putwain permission to speak.

Councillor Mrs Putwain explained Tenby Sea Cadets are a Charity Commission Registered group, self funding and getting no monetary support from the Navy. Therefore they felt the unit was locally funded and run by local people.

Councillor Blackhall felt the definition should be: 'A local organisation run by local people for the benefit of locals, in the local community'.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt the sea cadets and museum should be entitled to rate relief; however she did not agree with National Charities getting rate relief when they are running a shop.

Councillor Blackhall felt if a National Charity is running a support group for clients with specific needs he would support them; however if they are running a commercial business he would not.

Following discussion it was

Resolved that TTC definition of a local organisation is one run by local people for the benefit of locals, in the local community.

b. Road Closure - Upper Park Road

The Clerk reported a planned road closure for Upper Park Road, Tenby, on Sunday 8th February 2015, from 8am to 6pm.

c. Welsh Assembly - White Paper Reforming Local Government consultation document

The Clerk reported he had downloaded and printed off the Welsh Assembly White Paper Reforming Local Government consultation document which contained 100 pages, and the response questionnaire containing 30 pages. He felt it was important that Councillors took the opportunity to

read this document prior to making a collective response by the 28th April 2015. He suggested a TTC sub committee could be formed to discuss the document in detail and report back to full council.

Councillors discussed items they had heard and read in the news relating to the document following its release.

Councillor Blackhall proposed TTC set up a sub-committee to discuss the Welsh Assembly White Paper, Reforming Local Government consultation document, e-mail the document to all Councillors and provide a hard copy in TTC office for reference, seconded by Councillor Dr Easy.

Resolved that TTC set up a sub-committee to discuss the Welsh Assembly White Paper Reforming Local Government consultation document, e-mail the document to all Councillors and provide a hard copy in TTC office for reference.

358. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Rapi gave his apologies in advance for the next meeting.

359. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Local Service Board in Pembrokeshire Event - All Councillors.

360. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

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.

361. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 20th January 2015 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

362. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____