

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**PRESENT**

Councillor T Hallett                      Mayor  
Councillor Mrs Evans  
Councillor L Blackhall  
Councillor Mrs Rossiter  
Councillor Mrs Lane  
Councillor Mrs Thomas  
Councillor D Morgan  
Councillor Mrs Putwain  
Councillor M Evans

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

**202.    APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillor Mrs Brown, Councillor P Rapi and Councillor Mrs Williams.

**203.    DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

None disclosed.

**204.    ITEMS TO PRESS**

**Resolved that items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Putwain, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans.

**205.    CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:**

Presentation by OJO Entertainment – Mr S Bines

Amendment made as requested by Councillor Mrs Evans. Sentence now reads as follows: Councillor Mrs Evans felt Mr Bines should be aware that two cafes have failed in the past.

## 206. MATTERS ARISING

### 171 De Valence

Councillor Mrs Evans expressed her disappointment over the letters in the local press in relation to Silent World and the De Valence, explaining that she had always supported the Silent World proposal. The Town Council had waited several months to allow Silent World time to prepare their presentation. Councillor Mrs Williams also had expressed support of the aquarium's proposal after their presentation but Cllr. Mrs. Evans appreciated that not all the other Councillors were in support. The Council had posed several questions relating to whether permission would be given for pumping sea water from the North beach but only verbal responses had been received by the Town Clerk and no confirmation in writing had ever arrived despite being requested. Tenby Town Council were told at the presentation that Silent World backers were also looking at another site, Councillor Mrs Evans said following a discussion with Russ he had indicated that this would probably be the preferred option for a number of reasons. She felt the letter from Mrs Richards was not factually correct and contrary to the Mrs. Richards claim that the Council seemed only interested in plans that they want to see come to fruition she assured her that all Councillors do not always agree. She wished Ginny and Russ success with their ambition to create a more successful attraction in an alternative premises but it would be a loss to Tenby not to house the wet weather attraction.

Councillor Mrs Lane said she commended people for taking time to write and take an interest in their town but they needed to be aware of the full facts surrounding the situation. She explained feelers were put out for expressions of interest on the De Valence. Mr Harris' proposal to refurbish the building to run a cinema, with his son would have cost the Council money not save it as Mr. Harries wanted the Council to undertake the conversion work. The national company offer of purchase would not have been acceptable as, after paying a third to Pembrokeshire County Council, the Town Council would not be able to afford a premises in which to continue and thirdly the Silent World lease option consisted of the first year free, the second year at a reduced rate and then the third year at £30,000 per annum. She felt many local businesses would have jumped at the chance of free premises to save themselves money. Councillor Mrs Lane reminded people that Councillors are volunteers, giving time for no payment whatsoever, she personally expressed she works for the benefit of Tenby along with other Councillors and wished to look after the concrete assets of the town.

Councillor Morgan requested a formal reply from the Council be sent to the local press. Councillor Blackhall felt it was important to make people locally aware of the facts. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Blackhall for both her, and Cllr. Mrs. Evans' statements to be given to the local press for publication as they are both endorsed by the whole Council.

**Resolved that both Councillors statements to be put into the local press as they are both endorsed by the whole Council.**

168g – PCC – Street Lighting, Castle Hill

Councillor Mrs Putwain requested an update from the Clerk on the lighting request made to PCC. The Clerk reported no reply has been received to date.

189e – PCC – Garden Waste collections

The Clerk informed Councillors Mr Paul Watkins had replied and he will attend the next Town Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm to discuss garden waste collection options available.

**207. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a.NP/11/382 – Mrs Theresa Edwards, 25 The Clicketts, Tenby – Two storey rear extension, 25 The Clicketts, Tenby.

Discussion took place between all Councillors with observation of all the plans available. Councillors expressed concern about the size of the proposed development and the impact it may have on local neighbours. In view of this it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lane to defer the planning application for a site meeting.

**RECOMMEND**

**Deferral for a site meeting to be arranged.**

Councillor M Evans joined the meeting.

**208. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

a.PCNPA – Scrutiny review on Rights of Way for consultation

Councillor Evans felt it was every Authority's dream to be able to maintain usage of every path but in the present economical climate resources need to be focussed firstly on pathways being used regularly, like the Coastal Paths as these are used by locals and many visitors regularly. Councillor Mrs Putwain felt we should be considering all pathways. Councillor Evans agreed that all pathways are important but budgets are shrinking and priority areas have to be targeted and resources used wisely. Councillor Blackhall asked if it could be requested for discussions to commence with the owners of the land the coast path crosses by Stackpole, to permit access more frequently than the present 4 days a year at present. He suggested perhaps they may consider allowing guided tours once a month. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter for Cllr. Hallett and the Town Clerk to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Town Council.

**Resolved that Cllr Hallett and the Town Clerk to liaise to complete the questionnaire on behalf of Tenby Town Council, noting the comments made.**

**209. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. West Wales Maritime Heritage Society – Tenby Lugger Restoration Project

Discussion took place as Councillors were unsure of the present situation relating to the Lugger. As the Council has previously sent a letter of full support of this project, it was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Lane to request a visit from Rev Reed to provide an update on the present situation.

**Resolved to ask Rev. Reed to attend a Tenby Town Council Meeting to update Councillors on the present situation.**

b. Capita Symonds – Tudor Square enhancement

Discussion took place on the Tudor Square enhancement, it was

**Resolved to note the updated information.**

c. Pembrokeshire 50+ Forum – Older People’s Day

**Resolved to note the information.**

d. Purple Routes Play Project – Open Access Sessions September to December

Discussion and up to date feedback given by the Clerk on the play project. It was

**Resolved that the Clerk to maintain liaison with Mr P King and offer TTC support and assistance with promoting the project.**

**210. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Mayor declared an interest and took no part in any discussions or decisions. Councillor Mrs Thomas took the chair for this agenda item.

a. Tenby Museum – Story of Tenby showcase

Councillor Mrs Evans felt this was a wonderful project; discussion followed on a figure to be donated. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to donate £750.00 from Tenby Town Council.

**Resolved under Section 144 of LGA 1972 to donate £750.00 towards Tenby Museum, Story of Tenby showcase.**

The Mayor resumed chairing the meeting.

**211. ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011**

Councillor Evans requested time for Councillors to review the accounts distributed by the Clerk. Councillor Mrs Evans made an observation that perhaps

the deposits paid and total charges for hiring the De Valence could be documented a little clearer. Councillor Evans discussed the rateable value of the De Valence and still felt this could be addressed to reduce these outgoing. It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to formally appeal for revaluation of the De Valence building.

**Resolved that the Clerk to lodge an appeal on line to the Valuation Office Agency.**

Proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to accept the accounts for September 2011.

**Resolved that the accounts for September 2011 be approved.**

## **212. DE VALENCE**

### a. Report on various matters raised on 20<sup>th</sup> September

The Clerk outlined the information in clarification on concerns expressed previously by Councillors relating to the De Valence. Councillor Mrs Evans thanked the Clerk for the legal information; on reading this information she felt there was no benefit proceeding down the Trust route, so asked where do we go now as there is no Trust status at present. Councillor Mrs Lane said she only agreed to the Trust as it would help with obtaining rate relief on the building, to reduce outgoings. Councillor Blackhall clarified that advice given on rate relief has obviously changed in the last six months, the Trust at present is a shadow Trust and this is because to obtain full Trust status, £5000 needs to be in the Trust's bank account. The Trust cannot apply to the Council for a grant because it is not a charity and the Council cannot give funding until the Trust is incorporated. Councillor Mrs Thomas also was of the opinion why form a Trust if the two reasons to have a Trust, to be able to access grant funding and the ability to apply for rate relief, are not possible. Councillor Evans suggested a Trust meeting be called to respond to the new information, he also hoped all Councillors would work to do the best for the people of Tenby who they represent. He felt it was better to try and fail than to not try at all, no community arts venues he is aware of makes money, but they provide a service and maintain the main asset of the town. Councillor Mrs Evans wished she could make the facility work but the building is deteriorating and the heating etc needs serious attention, if TTC had gone with one of the previous options we would have been left with a sum of money to provide and use wisely for the people of Tenby. She felt the Council was going backwards. Councillor Mrs Thomas said she wanted the building to be used by the community for the people of Tenby, initially she was interested in Silent Worlds proposal but the thought of pumping sea water gave her great concern as she remembered the cliff fall along the North Walk in the 1950s which had resulted in fatalities. The Clerk clarified all the points outlining the recent option proposal from Silent World and confirmed he had not

received any written communication as requested to support the verbal confirmation that they were no longer interested in the De Valence as their backer preferred an alternative site which provided an easier option for obtaining sea water. Councillor Mrs Putwain said as the information received states that 80% rate relief may be accessible it would make mathematical sense to pay £5000 to the De Valence Trust if £12,000 would be saved in Council Tax. Councillor Blackhall explained that as the Town Council have nothing else on the table at present he proposed TTC suggest the Trust respond to PCC in light of the rate relief information and consider ways to gain £5000 to be able to obtain charity status, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas. Councillor Evans asked if areas of the building could be rated individually, the Clerk informed Councillors that the rates are already itemised and listed individually so he could see no reason why this could not be possible

**Resolved that TTC to write to the DVP Tenby Trust and suggest they call a meeting to seek clarification of the information on Council Rate Relief and discuss ways of raising £5000 to obtain full Charitable Status.**

As all Councillors voting in favour were DVP Tenby Trust Members, Councillor Mrs Evans requested a recorded vote. In favour of the resolution Councillor Evans, Councillor Blackhall, Councillor Mrs Putwain, Councillor Mrs Rossiter, Councillor Mrs Lane and Councillor Mrs Thomas. Against the resolution Councillor Morgan and Councillor Mrs Evans.

The Mayor reminded Councillors that this meeting was a Tenby Town Council meeting and not a Trust Meeting.

#### b. De Valence Hires

The Clerk informed Councillors he had received an enquiry from the Chamber of Trade wishing to hold a Halloween Event on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Evans declared a personal interest and took no part in discussion or vote. It was

**Resolved to agree to the hire and inform the Chamber of Trade.**

The Clerk also asked for clarification on the future letting of the De Valence for 2012 as Activity Wales had requested hire dates for the Long Course Weekend and Ironman, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to accept these hires and for the Trust to honour all confirmed bookings should they take over the building.

**Resolved to accept bookings for 2012 and for the Trust to honour all booking agreed if it takes over the running of the De Valence.**

## 213. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

### a.Cllr. Mrs Lane – Britain in Bloom

Councillor Mrs Lane was thrilled to report Tenby's recent success, out of 76 finalists and 1000 individual campaign throughout the UK, Tenby received the Britain in Bloom Tourism Award and a silver gilt. Tenby demonstrated the use of 'In Bloom' initiatives, to increase promotion of tourism in the area. Congratulations to Councillor Mrs Lane and Councillor Mrs Rossiter on their success was given by Councillor Evans from all the remaining Councillors. He also gave a thank you from the town for the great things Tenby in Bloom have achieved and hoped they would keep going in the future. In return Councillor Mrs Lane wished to send a letter of thanks to Mr Brian Maddocks, PCC, and his team for all their support in achieving this award. The Clerk asked to include the graphics team in the letter. It was

**Resolved to send a letter to thank Mr Brian Maddocks PCC, his team and also the Graphics Department PCC for their support and hard work in helping Tenby achieve the success it had in Britain in Bloom 2011**

Councillor Mrs Lane proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to ask Mr D Thomas if new signage could be considered with Tenby RHS finalists' winner of Tourism Award 2011.

**Resolved to enquire from Mr D Thomas PCC about new signage for Tenby to include the wording RHS finalists' winners of Tourism Award 2011.**

### b. Poppy Appeal

Councillor Mrs Lane explained as Councillors are aware there is now no British Legion Club, would it be possible for the poppy wreaths to be collected from the De Valence foyer or back office during office hours.

**Resolved that the Poppy Wreaths to be stored and collected by the organisations from the De Valence Pavilion during Tenby Town Council office hours.**

## 214. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Rossiter wished to send a letter to thank the BBC for the fantastic TV coverage of Tenby 24/7, Grand Designs, Ironman Wales 2011 and Don't tell the Bride over the last month. It has given brilliant coverage of our town and the surrounding area and will continue to promote our beautiful town.

**Resolved that a letter to be sent to the BBC thanking them for the brilliant TV coverage on Tenby.**

**215. FAMILY PLAY PARK**

The Clerk thanked Councillor Mrs Evans for the minutes she produced after the recent Family Play Park meeting; a copy was distributed to all Councillors present. A meeting with the play park provider has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011, with various groups including Tenby Greenhill School 6<sup>th</sup> form Council and Lower School Council, Tenby Junior School, Tenby Youth Club and St Teilo's School to be confirmed. The Clerk continued to outline the update explaining that TTC has written to Dr Jones relating to taking over the leasing of the remaining part of the park, Miss S Henahan has also written to Dr Jones recommending TTC be granted the lease. Charity group letters requesting support have been forwarded to individual groups with a reply received from Tenby Rotary Club offering to manage the Play Park Project. Councillor Evans suggested we write and ask if members of the Play Park Committee could attend Tenby Rotary Club's next meeting to liaise with them to see what plan or package of help they are able to offer. Proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Blackhall for the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Evans and Councillor Mrs Brown to attend the next Rotary meeting.

**Resolved that the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Evans and Councillor Mrs Brown to attend the next Rotary meeting to liaise and obtain there proposed plan of support for the Family Play Project.**

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

**a. Actions and updates from 20<sup>th</sup> September meeting**

The Clerk outlined and updated Councillors on his actions since the last meeting. Mr P Watkins had confirmed he will be attending the next Council meeting to discuss garden waste management and facilities available. He explained that no South ward electors had requested an election to fill the Council Vacancy, so it would now need to be advertised in the local press to be filled by co-option. MP Simon Hart had responded with help and advice on funding for the Play Park, while AM Angela Burns also fully supports the project. Unfortunately the Clerk had received no reply to concerns expressed relating to the town walls, the Mayor said the wall is soaking wet and we could lose part of the wall. Councillor Evans proposed contacting Mr Rob Scourfield from PCNPA as he is responsible for looking after listed buildings and liaises with PCC, seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas.

**Resolved to contact Mr R Scourfield PCNPA re the condition of the Town Walls and copy County Councillor M Evans into the e-mail.**

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

**Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.00pm.**

Councillor Mrs Evans gave her apologies in advance for this meeting.

**218. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Arriva Train Stations – Councillor Mrs Lane.

Taxi’s in Tenby – Councillor Mrs Evans.

**219. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Proposed by Councillor Blackhall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

**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.**

**220. MINUTES**

**Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:**

201 – Family Play Park

Play Park costings to be removed and be noted only the provider of choice.

**221. MATTERS ARISING**

None expressed.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_