

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8th January 2013

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mr & Mrs V Roberts	Pembrokeshire South East Energy Group
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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr & Mrs V Roberts, Pembrokeshire South East Energy Group, for attending to provide an update on the progress and future plans relating to erecting a Wind Turbine in South Pembrokeshire.

Mr Roberts thanked the Councillors for the opportunity to provide updated information relating to the progress made in relation to the Wind Turbine. Positively research was undertaken to find a suitable site, Prout Park Farm, East Williamston has been the site of choice with an option to lease agreement already signed with the farmer.

Pembrokeshire County Council has requested several surveys are undertaken prior to submission of the Planning Application to erect the Wind Turbine. Only one survey remains outstanding and relates to winter birds, this will be carried out shortly and it is proposed to submit the planning application during February/March 2013.

Two turbine sizes are available: 500kw – at a cost of £1,000,000 or 250kw – costing £550,000-£600,000. Mr Roberts explained they would prefer the large turbine to maximise the income from the output of the generated power but discussion is continuing and it may have to be the 250kw turbine. Additional costs for insurance, equipment purchase and land owner rental will be taken into account before the amount of profit can be clarified and this will depend on the feed in tariff secured in 2-3 years time.

The proposed profit will be used for local environmental projects that reduce the carbon footprint with 20% allocation already discussed and secured for East Williamston community, as they are the proposed site for the turbine. An independent panel will be formed and work to strict criteria when allocating funds to local community projects in preference to individual requests, however all requests will be considered.

Proposed projection figures are to hopefully generate £50,000 – £100,000 per annum from a 500kw turbine or £25,000 – £40,000 per annum from a 250kw turbine; however it will depend on the feed in tariff secured once operational.

Councillors asked questions relating to the feelings of East Williamston community to the siting of the wind turbine. Mr Roberts said they had met with the community four times and have kept them well informed throughout the process but as with any project you will always have a mixed reaction.

Discussion took place in relation to Fracking of shale gas, which in the USA has reduced gas prices. If Fracking grows in the UK how can they guarantee wind energy will continue to be used if a cheaper alternative energy source becomes more effective and easily available. Mrs Roberts said that shale gas in the UK could be sold on the open market, unlike in the USA, and would therefore be subject to global prices. The Mayor felt the discussion was going 'off topic' and returned the meeting to discussing the Wind Turbine.

Mrs Roberts explained that opinion polls have been carried out but as with all projects mixed opinions will always be evident. However in East Williamston the farmer is taking a lower rent as he is keen to be involved in this community venture. The next stage is to submit the planning application and an information day is to be scheduled to provide details on the project for the general public, hopefully during February 2013.

The Mayor thanked Mr & Mrs Roberts for providing the updated information and wished them well with the next process of the project, before they left the chamber.

317. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Lane.

318. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

a. Susan Saunders, Monitoring Support Officer, PCC – Standards Committee dispensation.

The Clerk outlined information received from the Monitoring Officer PCC, in relation to Councillors dispensation applications to be able to speak and vote on financial matters relating to the De Valence Pavilion Trust as and when they arise if they are appointed to the Trust. Two Tenby Town Councillors have been named and allowed to speak and vote while the remaining seven Councillors are only allowed to speak on De Valence matters. Further discussion took place between all Councillors giving thoughts to a possible amended application to present to the Dispensation Committee when they next sit in March 2013.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter declared a personal interest on items 7a, 7b and 13. Councillor Blackhall, Councillor Mrs Putwain, Councillor Dr P Easy, Councillor Mrs Brown, Councillor T Hallett and Councillor P Rapi all declared a personal interest on item 13.

319. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

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

320. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 11th December 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

321. MATTERS ARISING

298 – Apologies – Councillor Mrs Putwain

Councillor Mrs Putwain thanked her fellow Councillors for accepting her letter giving reasons for non attendance at TTC meetings over the past months and not disqualifying her under the Local Government Act 1972.

302 – Review of Residents Parking Scheme

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt that Tenby residents who do not have a residents parking permit should have also been invited to partake in the recent survey on the residents parking scheme. As the survey has now been closed perhaps next time TTC could suggest PCC address the situation to request the comments of non permit holder residents who could have resident parking permits if they applied or if they were available in their streets.

305 – New Years Eve Celebrations in Tudor Square

Councillor Blackhall said how pleased he was to see the Dyster Fountain was untroubled during the New Year's Eve Celebrations in Tudor Square. This was supported by careful positioning of the police vehicle on the night. He expressed his thanks to the Clerk for highlighting the concerns of TTC to the police in relation to the newly refurbished Dyster Fountain as protective fencing was an expensive option for one evening.

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that the New Year celebration held in the De Valence was a brilliant success with 450 people attending and no problems occurring. The organiser had booked for next New Years Eve as well as three additional Renaissance events.

322. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Clerk reported three additional planning applications had been received requiring consideration before the next scheduled meeting. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed to accept the additional planning applications, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that the additional planning applications be accepted.

The Clerk suggested Councillors discuss NP/12/0589 and NP/12/0590 together. It was

Resolved that NP/12/0589 and NP/12/0590 be considered together.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter left the chamber.

a. NP/12/0589 – Mr Mike Evans, Buccaneer and Sun Inn Ltd., c/o Trem-byr, Fourwinds Lane, Penally – Construction of single storey pitched roof extension over part of existing flat roof at second floor level for use with existing residential apartments, Sun Inn, 24 High Street, Tenby.

Remaining Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Blackhall proposed approval as the property makes sensible use of available space without detracting from the existing frontage or streetscape, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the property makes sensible use of available space without detracting from the existing frontage or streetscape.

b. NP/12/0590 – (Listed Building) - Mr Mike Evans, Buccaneer and Sun Inn Ltd., c/o Trem-byr, Fourwinds Lane, Penally – Construction of single storey pitched roof extension over part of existing flat roof at second floor level for use with existing residential apartments, Sun Inn, 24 High Street, Tenby.

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RECOMMEND

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Councillor Mrs Rossiter rejoined the meeting.

c. NP/12/0608 – Mr Alan Gold, Lundy, 34 Upper Hill Park, Tenby – Demolition of existing garage and family room and construction of new two storey extension comprising garage, family room and porch at ground floor and bedroom with en-suite at first floor, 34 Upper Hill Park, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Rapi proposed approval as the property will be enhanced and in keeping with the surrounding area, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the property will be enhanced and in keeping with the surrounding area.

d.NP/12/0597 – Mr Harry Gardiner, Tenby Civic Society, C/o 7 The Glebe, Tenby – Heritage Plaque to exterior wall, The Cabin, The Pier, Tenby.

Councillor Mrs Thomas and Councillor T Hallett declared a personal interest.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. The Clerk outlined that the Civic Society have continued the work commenced by the 2020 project, placing heritage plaques on building of historical interest. Councillor Rapi proposed approval as this will assist in informing the public as to the rich history of Tenby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

RECOMMEND

Approval as this will assist in informing the public as to the rich history of Tenby.

e. NP/13/0005 – Mr Mathew Davies, M & A Davies, 7 Queensfield Terrace, Marsh Road, Tenby – First floor extension of roof space, alterations to dwelling and provision of parking area, Wynmead, Marsh Road, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Dr P Easy proposed approval as it will facilitate a long empty property being brought back into use, seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval as it will facilitate a long empty property being brought back into use.

f. NP/12/0533 – Bourne Leisure Limited, 1 Park Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire – Extension to touring block toilet facility and recladding of front elevations, together with new solar panels on rear roof slope, Kiln Park Holiday Centre, Marsh Road, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed approval as this will improve the facilities available within the holiday centre, seconded by Councillor Dr P Easy.

RECOMMEND

Approval as this will improve the facilities available within the holiday centre.

323. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported information that PCC had withdrawn the floating pontoon application for Tenby Harbour.

324. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Mr William Rogers – Tenby Railway Station

Councillors discussed the information, it was

Resolved that the Clerk write and thank Mr Rogers for his continued interest in Tenby Station.

b. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – November minutes

Councillors discussed the information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted and thanks be expressed to the Chamber of Trade and Tourism for continued feedback.

c. Mr John Price, PCC – New Traffic Order, Tenby

Councillor Mrs Rossiter expressed concern for the proposed positioning of a loading bay outside 5 The Norton, Tenby, noting that the loading bays outside the market in High Street have caused traffic congestion on many occasions. The Mayor expressed concern as the proposed underground entrance to the Royal Gate House development will have restricted view if a loading bay is sited outside 5 The Norton. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter that TTC reject the loading bay on The Norton, Tenby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Proposed by Councillor A Brown acceptance of the new traffic order for The Croft, Tenby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC reject the new Traffic Order relating to the creation of a loading bay on The Norton, Tenby, however TTC accept the proposed traffic order for The Croft, Tenby.

Councillor Blackhall asked if the request TTC made relating to a traffic order for St Florence Parade, Tenby had been considered. Following discussion it was

Resolved that the Clerk write to PCC Transport Department to request an update in relation to the St Florence Parade, Tenby traffic order request.

d. Owen Roberts, PCC – Pembrokeshire Coastal Bus Services

Councillors discussed the cancelling of the Sunday coastal bus services, stating how sad they were to see the service go, expressing concerns that local people often only have Sundays as their family day and tourists are encouraged to use the service to access the coastal path walks. The

Mayor felt that PCC should be looking at alternative ways to fund the service to maintain the vital coastal bus link. Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed that a letter is sent to PCC outlining TTC views on the cancelation of the service and, through the local press, residents should be encouraged to complete the survey on line, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that a letter is sent to Mr Owen Roberts PCC outlining TTC concern at the cancelation of the Sunday Coastal bus service.

325. ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2012

Discussion on the accounts took place. Councillor Mrs Brown thanked the Clerk for his hard work and detailed account keeping, before proposing acceptance of the accounts for December 2012, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that the accounts for December 2012 be accepted.

326 GRANTS

a. Kate Morgan, PCC – Harbour Activities, Tenby Fish Week.

Councillors discussed the grant application in depth; Councillor Mrs Brown felt the cost of £2500 to stage the event was a large outgoing for a 3 hour period. Councillors felt funding has been provided over the years without TTC being asked and funding should be from sponsorship as no other harbour event asks for funding from TTC. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Thomas that a letter is sent to PCC outlining TTC views and that members were unable to agree to the request for funding at this time, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that a letter is sent to PCC outlining TTC views and that members were unable to agree to the request for funding at this time.

b. Mrs Lesley Fisher, Tenby House Hotel – Contribution towards Insurance for New Year's Eve fireworks

Councillor Rapi felt TTC should support this application. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed £200 is donated towards the insurance costs for fireworks on New Years Eve, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved under Section 145 (LGA 72) to forward a cheque for £200 towards the insurance costs for the fireworks on New Years Eve.

Councillor Blackhall expressed his praise to the PCC street cleaners and local public houses that cleaned Tudor Square so remarkably quickly following the New Year's Eve celebrations. The transformation from the early hours mess to the tidiness the next morning was a credit to their hard work.

327. BUDGET FOR 2013/2014 AND SET PRECEPT FIGURE

The Clerk outlined that TTC had set the budget at £153,468 for 2013/14. This includes allocating grant aid to DVP Tenby Trust to continue the enhancement work commenced by TTC.

The Clerk reported that the precept requirement for 2013/14 is £147,993.00, this is an increase of £1973.61 (or 1.35%) on last year. He suggested that Councillors do not use the remaining reserves to reduce the precept this year as the account is considerably depleted due to positive use

of the money for community projects during 2012/13. The community projects achieved were refurbishment of the Dyster Fountain, reopening and installation of new heating in the De Valence Pavilion and providing the Jubilee Play Park/Skate Plaza facility. This year has seen a downward revision to the Council Tax base, if the precept requirement is accepted without revision; the Band D equivalent precept levy will be £56.77, an increase of £1.13 (or 2.03%) on last year. This increase would still be under the rate of inflation.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt TTC has achieved a great deal during this financial year providing value for the electorate of Tenby. She congratulated the Clerk for his hard work and clear accounting during the year. Councillor Blackhall reaffirmed the positive community projects achieved during the year and said no one wishes to see an increase but this is a minimal increase due to properties being taken out of our boundary and not due to TTC spending.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed the precept requirement for 2013/14 be set at £147,993.00, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the precept requirement be set at £147, 993.00

328. DE VALENCE

The Clerk reported that the heating for the De Valence main hall was in progress with the ducting being constructed at present and it is anticipated that the system will be running by the end of January 2013. He circulated a list of proposed hires for 2013. Councillors expressed how pleased they were to see the building being used and the variety of events planned for the forthcoming year.

329. JUBILEE PLAY PARK

Nothing noted.

330. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Thomas reported on the PCC meeting called to discuss the regeneration of Tenby. Organisation and business owners were in attendance but she felt the people of Tenby needed to provide their ideas and put them forward before the next meeting as it is their views that matter.

The Clerk explained that PCC promised a full report would be circulated following the meeting; he would access a copy of these minutes for Councillors information.

Councillor P Easy reported on the St Teilo's Governors meeting he attended which discussed School Performance. He had also accepted election to the school's Governors Finance Committee.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported that she had attended the regenerating Tenby meeting along with Councillor Mrs Thomas.

331. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Rapi reported that the Daily Telegraph recently reported the new secondary school banding in Wales, highlighting that Greenhill School Tenby had moved from Band 4 to Band 2, with an added recommendation for other schools to visit and see the high standards being

achieved at Greenhill. He felt as a town we should recognise and praise the school for their hard work in achieving this high standard.

332. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM 2013

The Clerk reported that, along with Councillor Mrs Lane, he had attended a meeting at PCC to discuss entering the International Communities in Bloom 2013. Dr Jones PCC and Mr I Westley PCC both gave a tentative agreement to enter the competition but felt more information was needed at to the scale of the work involved. As a past competitor the Lytham in Bloom Chairman had forwarded their portfolio, offering valuable advice and support to Tenby. Killarney in Bloom and Blaenau Gwent have both offered support to Tenby as past entrants in the International Competition and will be back in contact in due course. He continued that a meeting with Mr Jones and Mr Scourfield PCNPA is planned for next week along with a follow up meeting at PCC. During the PCC meeting concern had been expressed by officers relating to the financial implications, however following discussions with past applicants it appeared that the costs were no more than normal expenditure for In Bloom competitions. However, a possible increase in man hours to produce the portfolio may be required along with an entry fee of £677.00 due by 25/01/2013.

The Mayor felt that as Tenby has been selected to enter this competition we should undertake the opportunity to showcase our town to a wider community. Therefore it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown to pay the entry fee from TTC Tourism budget, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that under Section 144 LGA 1972 TTC fund the International Community In Bloom entrance fee of £677 from the Tourism Budget.

The Clerk added that Councillor Mrs Lane is in the process of seeking sponsorship from various avenues including local and national companies.

333. GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME

Deferred to the next agenda as Councillor Evans not in attendance of this meeting.

334. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

The Clerk reported he had been contacted by Capita Symonds the company who managed the Tudor Square enhancement. They are working on two projects in Tenby for PCC and requested to attend a TTC meeting to provide additional information about the projects. The projects include extension of the pavement in St. Julian Street and construction of a new building opposite the multi storey car park to incorporate the Tourist Information Centre and refurbished toilets. Due to the next TTC meetings scheduled to start at 7pm it may have to be a special meeting. Following discussion it was

Resolved that the Clerk liaise with Capita Symonds to arrange a meeting with TTC.

b. Mrs P Duffett – copy of letter sent to PCC – Re - Dog fouling

The Clerk informed Councillors of the contents of a letter sent to PCC relating to the dog fouling mess on the Duke of York walk and zigzag ramp to the North Beach that Mrs Duffett had noticed while attending the Boxing Day swim event, a copy of which had been sent to the Town Council for information. The Swim brought so many visitors as well as locals to the area and she felt it

was unacceptable that this mess should have been so evident. She requested that suitable cleansing should be addressed for events during the next year. It was

Resolved that the information is noted and await PCC response.

335. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk requested amendment of the commencement time is altered to 7 pm as Tenby Development Trust would like to present information to TTC.

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd January 2013 at 7.00 pm.

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

336. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Regeneration – Councillor Blackhall

337. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Durham, seconded by Councillor Dr Easy.

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.

338. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 11th December 2012 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

339. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

340. DE VALENCE

a. Staffing

The Clerk reported that employees 112's six months contract as De Valence Caretaker is due to finish at the end of January 2013 and asked if the Council would consider offering another fixed term contract to this employee. Following discussion it was felt that employee 112 had proved a valuable member of staff, therefore it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to offer a new fixed term contract for one year on termination of the existing contract, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that employee 112 be offered a new fixed term contract for one year, to be reviewed January 2014.

b. De Valence Hire

The Clerk reported he had received an e-mail from Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism requesting TTC reconsider the charge for their recent community event hire during October 2012.

They asked that the fee be reduced to the charity rate, explaining they are a non-profit making organisation and had been putting on a children's community event. Following discussion it was felt every event should be considered on its own merit and in this case the hire had been to provide entertainment for the children of the town and not for personal gain. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brown to charge the charity hire rate, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that the Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism be charged the charity rate for the Halloween Children's event held in October 2012.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____