

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9th July 2013

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Inspector Ross Evans	Dyfed-Powys Police
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The Mayor welcomed Inspector Ross Evans who proceeded to deliver an update on local policing. Tenby crime levels are positive showing burglary statistics are down 40% and violent crime down 7%. Increased town police patrols put in place during Lions rugby matches proved effective and has been met with positive feedback from locals and publicans. During the summer season 2013 additional measures will come into force under the name Operation Lion, these include:

- Six additional police officers seconded to Tenby including one sergeant for Friday and Saturday evenings
- Mobile police unit to be parked in Tudor Square from 5pm on Friday and Saturday evenings
- Street Pastors from Haverfordwest have offered their services at weekends
- First responder medical facilities (St Johns Ambulance)
- Section 27 notices will be issued to eliminate trouble makers, efficiently and effectively (when served the recipient has to leave an area for example this may be exclusion from inside the town walls)

Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Blackhall joined the meeting.

Special staffing rotas will be arranged for the Harbour Spectacular Events on Sundays during the season.

Tenby police are visiting local licensees to discuss and develop a team work approach to reduce any potential problems occurring. This is in addition to the successful Bobb scheme that has proved effective over the years.

The Mayor opened up the meeting for Councillors questions that the Inspector agreed to respond to.

- Could the mobile unit be more mobile and placed in additional places during the evening, for example St George Street? The Inspector felt this was a good suggestion and would look into the possible space available to site the mobile van.

- Noise levels in St George Street have increased and can be louder than in the square at night and in the early hours of the next morning, especially when people are going home. Many residents still live in this area and have also noted an increase in littering and taxis sitting waiting in this street. The Inspector requested that local residents should ring the police on 101 to report incidents however he felt the additional police presence on the streets could patrol St George Street more regularly.
- Over the years the PCSOs have met trains arriving into Tenby, specifically on Saturday and Sundays to assess, monitor and deal with any untoward behaviour. In light of the reduction in transport police would this operation be considered this year? The Inspection envisaged this being included under Operation Lion warning and educating people on arrival in Tenby, with the ability to serve a Section 27, however these can only be issued to over 18s. When dealing with trouble makers under 18, police still have the powers to contact, or take them home to, their parents/guardians. He reported that the transport guards/conductors have a good working relationship with the police and have the ability to contact police of any concern prior to arriving at Tenby railway station enabling police to be waiting their arrival.
- Concern was expressed that if trouble makers are removed from within the town walls they will congregate along South Parade where many groups are already present. The Inspector said this would be monitored when patrolling the streets.
- If an incident is observed and requires reporting is an alternative telephone number available? The Inspector explained that 101 is still the number for first line contact; however he explained a proposed trial for a mobile telephone is in the early stages of discussion with licensees. Meanwhile he felt that extra officers being around will be positive and allow easier contact.
- Do the police use footage from the CCTV camera sited in Tenby? The Inspector explained the coverage is good; however improvements with additional cameras are in the planning process.
- It was explained that TTC are working with PCC to limit the amount of street traders, service providers and pedlars in Tenby. In relation to this issue the Inspector was asked for his views on the increased trader numbers. He explained from recent briefings he was aware that numbers had increased, stating they would be challenging and asking to see the relevant licences. However if they have the correct license and are not obstructing the pavement there is little that the police can do.
- Youth Events scheduled for the De Valence in August were discussed and noted for further liaison nearer the time.
- The Clerk asked for an update to the request made by TTC in relation to crime statistics for Caldey Island. The Inspector did not have exact figures but felt they would be very low and if concern was in relation to PCSOs visiting the island once a month he assured Councillors it would have no impact at all on local Tenby policing and Caldey residents had a right to receive input from the community policing team. In summary he felt a PCSO visiting Caldey once a month was a worthwhile investment.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Evans for the information he provided before he left the chamber.

103. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor M Evans.

104. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor Dr Easy, Councillor Mrs Brown, Councillor Blackhall, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Hallett declared a personal interest in Item 12, De Valence.

105. ITEMS TO PRESS

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

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

106. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 25th June 2013 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:

Omitted and to be added to the minutes under: 90c – Mr John Price – New Traffic Order, Tenby
Councillor Mrs Putwain requested PCC look into the redundant resident parking bays to bring them back into use and was this added to the letter sent to Mr Price PCC by TTC. The Clerk replied he would forward this request as an addition to the original letter.

Resolved that the request for PCC to look into redundant resident parking bays to be included in the minutes and the Clerk to forward the request to the relevant department.

107. MATTERS ARISING

90c - Mr John Price – New Traffic Order, Tenby

The Clerk reported he had received a reply from PPC in relation to Augustus Place residents parking bay allocation, they are unable to provide addition parking as PCC policy is 50% allocation and Augustus Place is presently at capacity.

93 – Media Item – Director of Education PCC

The Clerk reported he had received no response in relation to TTC request for the Director of Education to meet and discuss the present proposals for the Welsh/English Primary School provision in Tenby. The local press have been informed that PCC Education Department will be meeting with TTC, however no contact has been made and the consultation period ends on the 14th July 2013 hence the meeting is unlikely to occur before that date.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter expressed how strongly she felt about the situation of not receiving or being informed of changes to the education facilities, stating that it is just not good enough.

Councillor Mrs Brown said TTC should contact PCC Education Department again as no communication has been received, requesting an urgent response.

Councillor Blackhall said there are three school governing bodies in Tenby but it appears evident that there has been a lack of information received, including no proposed drawings available to be view. This led him to propose that TTC lodge a formal objection to the proposal due to lack of consultation with residents, parents and TTC on the new proposals. This was seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC contact Mr J Morgan, Director for Children and School, PCC and outline their objection at present on the grounds that the proposals and timescales have been altered without prior consultation with residents, locals and Town Councillors.

108. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Mayor asked that, as planning applications NP/13/278 and NP/13/279 referred to the same property, did Councillors wish to discuss them together. It was

Resolved that planning applications NP/13/278 and NP/13/279 be discussed together.

a. NP/13/0278 Advert – Barclays Bank plc., 1 Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London – Non-illuminated lettering and logo – front and side elevations; non-illuminated projecting sign – side elevation; 2 nameplates – front elevation; ATM direction sign and surround – rear elevation; CCTV camera – rear elevation, Barclays Bank 18 High Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Dr Easy proposed approval as the most part of the application is replacement with like for like and additional signage will have no adverse effect on the building.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the most part of the application is replacement with like for like and additional signage will have no adverse effect on the building.

b. NP/13/0279 Listed Building – Barclays Bank plc., 1 Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London – Front and side elevations – replace existing 2 sets of individual letters with new 2 sets non-illuminated heritage individual lettering and logo in existing location; replace existing projecting sign with non-illuminated heritage projecting sign in existing location; replace existing 2 branch name plates with new 2 x dual language branch name plates in existing location; replace directional ATM sign with new smaller directions atm sign in existing location; Rear elevation – replace ATM surround with new upgraded ATM surround, install 1 new CCTV camera to cover ATM; remove existing and install new security light above ATM, Barclays Bank 18 High Street, Tenby.

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RECOMMEND

Approval as the most part of the application is replacement with like for like and additional signage will have no adverse effect on the building.

109. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA – 46 High Street, Tenby

Councillor Mrs Rossiter requested that, as the owners having withdrawn the application, would they considering tidying up the rear of the property in the meantime as requested by TTC originally. Following further discussion it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

110. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – May minutes

Councillor Mrs Rossiter noted the Royal Gate House mentioned in the minutes and expressed how pleased she was that ongoing building work had been well controlled and carried out with minimal disruption to the town. It was

Resolved that the information be noted.

b. Kim Wingfield, PCC Street care – New Street Trading licences

The Mayor personally felt disheartened that continually there are more and more licences being requested. Councillor Mrs Thomas recapped that TTC had previously requested that no more street trading licences be issued as Tudor Square was just going to become full of stalls.

Councillor Mrs Durham suggested that these traders apply for a stall during planned Market Days organised by Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism.

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if TTC can oppose or just suggest that the pasties seller request be granted just the day on the Ironman event and that the Smoothie stall is not needed. However they are welcome to utilise the market stalls that are controlled and reduces sellers wandering all around town.

Councillor Mrs Durham proposed a letter be sent to PCC Street Trading Department stating that TTC do not agree with any more street trading licences being granted and request they apply to Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism for a stall on scheduled market days, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC write to Mr M Owen, Street Care PCC requesting no more street trading licences be granted and request that traders apply to Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism for a stall on scheduled market days.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter noted that the mobile tattoo service provider is parking very close to Barclays Bank narrowing the entrance and encroaching on customers' privacy.

Councillor Blackhall reported he had attended a meeting called by Mr M Owen PCC, with representatives from Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism, PCNPA, County Councillor M Evans and fellow Councillors to discuss 'A' frames. The meeting was informative and allowed all views to be discussed, resulting in the next stage of the process being an impromptu walkabout town with one representative from each organisation represented to discuss with premises owners the problems being caused by certain 'A' frames.

c. Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – June minutes

Councillors viewed the information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

111. ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2013

The Clerk highlighted that the Bobby van donation cheque has not been presented to the bank within the allocated time schedule. Following discussion it was

Resolved that the money be return to the TTC charity donation account.

Councillors discussed the accounts. Councillor Hallett proposed acceptance of the accounts for June 2013, seconded by Councillor Rapi.

Resolved that the accounts for June 2013 be accepted.

The Clerk reported as Councillors had highlighted previously the increased cost of dog waste bags, research for alternative providers has been undertaken and a report is being prepared for discussion at the next TTC meeting.

112. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Dr Easy reported he had attended St Teilo's School governors' routine meeting.

The Mayor reported she had attended Greenhill School Concert at Folly Farm. It was a brilliant evening and was enjoyed by all. She expressed her thanks to Councillor P Rapi and pupils for a lovely evening.

The Mayor had attended several Civic Services recently and thanked all her fellow Councillors, the RAF 215 squadron marching band, Father McGreal and local organisation representatives who turned out to support her really lovely civic service.

113. DE VALENCE

The Clerk reported the following scheduled De Valence hires:

- Mr T Ellis Children's Disco would now just be two hires on the 9th and 30th August
- Activity Wales long course weekend 11th – 14th July
- Renaissance 20th July
- Wrestling for six weeks dates are provisional and will be confirmed.

114. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Mrs Thomas reported that it had been noted in the press the Local Health Board are bringing the Red Cross into the MIU to commence a pilot service provider scheme. The LHB are holding a meeting in public on the 27th July 2013, however questions cannot be asked on the day but can be submitted prior by 23rd July to be answered at this meeting. She continued that with the help of the Clerk a three part question has been collated to cover as much local concern as possible. The proposed question:

Residents of the South East Pembrokeshire area were concerned at an apparent lack of consultation with the CHC prior to the introduction of a pilot scheme for MIU cover at Tenby over weekends and bank holidays this summer. Will the LHB give categorical assurance that?

1). If it proves that the Red Cross trial scheme fails to provide an equitable service to that currently provided, it be discontinued immediately and full cover by ENPs restored to present levels?

2). The Tenby Minor Injuries Unit will nor suddenly be closed prior to any alternative (eg. GP led) equitable service being in place as stressed by the CHC or that any other existing

arrangements and agreements eg. In-patient beds, outpatients department or x-ray will be altered?

3). That the Tenby Cottage Hospital is not under threat of closure for the building to be sold or tendered out to other services?

Further we ask what the budgetary provision is for the MIU cover for the south east of the county and what, if any, savings are being made under the current proposals.

As the Tenby Cottage Hospital is a dedicated health care unit, designed and financed by the Welsh Assembly, would it not be more prudent and cost effective to invest in the hospital as a whole, using it to its full potential as it is centrally located between Carmarthen and Haverfordwest within one of the highest tourism areas of the United Kingdom.

Councillor Mrs Thomas asked for Councillors support and proposed TTC submit this question to Mr C Martin Chairman of Hywel Dda Health Board, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC submit the proposed question to Mr C Martin Chairman Hywel Dda for consideration at the LHB meeting scheduled to take place on 27th July 2013.

Councillor Mrs Thomas thanked everyone for their support and said she would be sending e-mails to all local Community Councils to encourage them to submit additional questions of concern.

115. TENBY IN BLOOM

The Mayor reported she has commenced presentations to winners of the Tenby in Bloom poster competition at local schools. Painting has commenced at Tenby Railway Station and the flower planters are looking lovely. Seven local B&B ladies and their families in Warren Street are watering and tidying the railway station planter areas. Watering of the Sensory Garden at the battery is being carried out by the Mayor at present so any volunteers would be greatly appreciated; a water butt is in situ being filled up periodically by the PCC gardening team. Tenby Family of Schools planters will be presented and put out around town on Friday 12th July.

Councillor Hallett praised the committee and team of helpers who are working hard to make a difference in Tenby.

Pembrokeshire County Council has printed and bound ten copies of the Communities in Bloom 2013 portfolio and it looks very professional. The Mayor asked if the portfolio could be linked into TTC website so everyone can see what is included within the criteria for entering. The Clerk will look into the possibility of putting the portfolio on TTC website.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter reported on the weeding team that meets every Sunday morning and explained how much difference they are making. However, it is a mammoth task and if anyone wished to come along they would be very pleased to see them as more help is always needed.

The Mayor read a letter she had received from Major John Evans who is now 98 years old and was the instigator of Tenby in Bloom. He praised Tenby for all their work and enclosed a £50 donation. It was

Resolved that a letter is sent to Mayor John Evans thanking him for the donation and enclosing a copy of the 2013 portfolio for him to see the changes.

116. 'A' FRAMES AND STREET OBSTRUCTIONS

Councillor Mrs Rossiter declared an interest and left the chamber

Councillor W Rossiter reported on the recent meeting held with Mr M Owen PCC in relation to 'A' frames. As noted previously this was attended by County Councillor M Evans, representatives from TTC, Tenby Chamber of Trade and PCNPA. Unfortunately County Councillor M Williams was unable to attend and gave his apologies, long with a written copy of his views. The main points outlined are as follows:

- 'A' frames are contrary to PCC and TTC policy.
- PCC feel they are a problem specific to Tenby.
- There has been a failure of voluntary restraint.
- Chamber of Trade have tried to manage the situation, however they only represent 50% of local businesses.
- Mr Owen provided photographic evidence of some offending boards and said businesses do not realise how much trade they are losing as disabled and blind visitors are not going to shop if they have too many obstacles to negotiate.
- Pavements should be wide enough for two prams to pass, however many of Tenby pavements are narrow before 'A frames' are placed in situ.
- A survey of disabled people was suggested

Mr Owen arranged a date for an impromptu walkabout Tenby with member from all groups represented at the meeting with the aim to discuss and suggest alternatives to 'A' frames with businesses before any enforcement action needs to be taken.

Councillor Blackhall reported he had noted 'A' frames in St David's, Saundersfoot and Narberth clarifying that they are present in other Pembrokeshire towns. However he felt the walkabout is clearly a starting point to address the problem of clearing and preventing anything that is a potential obstruction or hazard.

Councillor Hallett said voluntary control is the obvious answer otherwise enforcement will happen. No sign is insurable so using them comes at the risk of public liability.

Councillor Mrs Putwain reported that within the street trading tent on South parade are two large tables and three large magazine stands for display purposes and they are not all inside the curtilage of the tent. The Clerk said Mr Owen is aware of all traders and monitoring regularly.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter rejoined the meeting.

117. TENBY EVENTS NOTICE BOARD

Councillor Mrs Putwain gave an insight into the history behind the notice boards. A local sculptor was commissioned to design the noticeboards that were purchased by donations from

TTC, Tenby De Valence Trust and Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism at a cost of £3500. De Valence Trust retained £1750 of the cost until minor problems with the boards had been rectified. However, they had gone into liquidation before this final payment had been made. As the notice boards were erected under the Town Council's licence, they reverted into our ownership. One notice board was removed due to public outcry at a cost to TTC and brought back for storage at the De Valence. As discussions about the future of the stored noticeboard had recommenced Councillor Mrs Putwain reminded Councillors she had previously proposed returning the notice board to the Sculptor as he never received full payment due to the De Valence Trust going into liquidation; however at the time her proposal was not seconded, resulting in TTC still retaining the notice board with a view to re-siting in a different location.. She felt that any garden would be the wrong place to for the board due to the deep foundations required; therefore Councillor Mrs Putwain proposed TTC reconsider giving the noticeboard back to the sculptor for melting down or re-use, seconded by Councillor Dr Easy.

The Mayor said she was aware someone wished to purchase the noticeboard, however they are away on holiday and unable to disclose full details until their return.

In light of new information Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC maintain liaison options to find a suitable site for the noticeboard as it was bought by the town for the town and should be used, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

The Mayor held a vote on Councillor Mrs Brown's proposition resulting in seven for, three against. It was

Resolved that TTC find a suitable site for the noticeboard as it was bought by the town for the town and should be used.

118. ST CATHERINE'S ISLAND

Councillor Mrs Thomas requested that St Catherine's Island be on the agenda to receive the views of the Councillors who attended the site visit.

The Clerk said Mr Prosser had contacted the office to ask if TTC would consider withdrawing their objection following information provided during the site visit. He continued outlining that the planning application will be discussed at PCNPA development management committee on the 17th July.

Councillor Dr Easy reported that he had always been in two minds about St Catherine's Island, initially to support the plans as a major rainy day attraction; however the site visit was a reality check noting the vast undertaking of work that would need to be done as there is no water or electricity supply to the island. He felt without the bridge to increase accessibility there would not be enough visitors to sustain the development, therefore however much he would love to see the development established like Mr Prosser proposed he would not want to be responsible for the construction. In summary he would support withdrawal of TTC objection from information following the site visit.

Councillor W Rossiter felt the visit did not change his mind or views and agreed due to the state inside the building it would need a lot of work; however when looking back towards the mainland from the island with the beautiful landscape he could not imagine the bridge being in situ.

Councillor Blackhall echoed the feelings of his fellow Councillors adding how spectacular the views are from the island, every window had a different picture postcard view and the potential to be a stunning development was evident. He admired the developers enthusiasm for the project; however he felt that the original objection was on the grounds that the bridge application should be considered along with the development application as a whole planning application. Therefore he could not support withdrawal of the objection as the bridge needs to be discussed before the project can move forward.

Councillor Hallett felt that, if the development was passed, it would open up the opportunity to be used as blackmail to ensure the bridge is passed for easier access to the development.

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt it is a great idea and whether people are for or against the bridge it would be like any other suspension bridge; people hate it initially but they get used to it. However, her concern would be the pathway around Castle Hill, this would only be wide enough for the buggy to negotiate and walkers would need to step off the path to allow it to pass them.

Councillors praised the developer for listening to local residents concerns, responding by talking to them all, however TTC would not withdraw their objection at this time due to the need for the bridge application and the development to be address as one application.

Following TTC discussion and decision the Clerk reported PCNPA officers have recommended refusal of the application and the eighty page document is available for viewing on line.

119. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

None noted.

120. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Rapi gave his apologies in advance.

121. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Herring Gulls – The Mayor.

Tenby in Bloom – The Mayor.

Councillor Rapi asked if vehicles on Tenby South Beach could be placed on the agenda. He briefly outlined his concern and it was decided that the issue should be discussed immediately as a health and safety concern.

Last weekend Councillor Rapi witnessed many vehicles present on South Beach during the peak of the day which moved around whilst families were sitting on the beach. Vehicles included:

- Two ice cream vans
- One RNLI vehicle
- One Lifeguard vehicle
- Two quad bikes – Kiln Park end

- PCC refuse vehicle
- Tractor and trailer

It was discussed that several years ago rules and guidelines were in place for vehicles with permission to access the beach including, vehicles to follow one set of tracks and not exceed 5 miles an hour. It was questioned if these rules are still in place and who is responsible for enforcement?

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt the lifeguards are providing a service and Tenby values their input patrolling the beaches, however vehicles could be limited and calming measures in place.

Councillor W Rossiter reported that at high tide when the ice cream van is in close proximity to the families on Castle beach there is an extremely noisy generator creating noise pollution.

Councillor Hallett felt the quad bikes were monitoring and ready to alert in relation to the white back, however other Councillors felt tide times were available and should be monitored by users.

Councillor Rapi proposed a letter is sent to PCC asking for clarification of guidelines for vehicle access and regulations for those permitted onto beaches, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC write to PCC to clarify if there are any guidelines for vehicle access on beaches and if so who has control of the enforcement of regulations.

122. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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.

123. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 25th June 2013 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amendment:

102 – Surplus Notice Board

Omitted from the minutes and to be added - during discussion on where the surplus noticeboard could be sited Councillor Mrs Putwain suggested it could be sold on e-bay.

124. MATTERS ARISING

102 – Surplus Notice Board

The Mayor informed Councillors that following Councillor Evans' holiday he would provide further details of the local organisation/group who wished to purchase the noticeboard.

101 – De Valence forecourt bollards

The Clerk provided Councillors with sample costings for various types of parking bollards for the De Valence forecourt, various positive and negative comments were given about all styles before it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rossiter to source sinkable parking posts, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC source and purchase sinkable parking posts.

125. DE VALENCE

a. Emergency lighting

The Clerk reported that following the Fire Brigade inspection of the De Valence regular emergency lighting checks should be carried out. When carrying out this check it was discovered that the emergency exit alleyway lighting was not working. Costing to rectify this safety matter was sourced (£1800) and reported to Councillors for approval to undertake this necessary work. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hallett that the emergency lighting fault be rectified on health and safety grounds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Resolved that the expenditure be authorised so that the emergency lighting be rectified on health and safety grounds as soon as possible.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____