

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
5th MARCH 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Brown Deputy Mayor
Councillor Mr W Crockford
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillors Mrs T Rossiter
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall
Councillor Mr V Perry
Councillor Mrs T Evans
Councillor Mr T Hallett
Councillor Mr M. Evans

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson Assistant to the Clerk

In the absence of the Mayor, under Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, the deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

395. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from the Mayor, Cllr P Rapi, Cllr T Brown, Cllr S Williams and the Clerk.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Cllr Perry to Tenby Town Council.

396. TO DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS LISTED BELOW

Cllr Mrs Rossiter declared her personal interest in items 377. 355d, 6 and 12.

397. TO AGREE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEING GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT

Proposed by Cllr Hallett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Rossiter.

RESOLVED

That items of Correspondence and Committee Minutes other than those items marked Not for Publication be given to members of the Press present.

398. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 19th February 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

399. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

316b. Tenby TIC

The Deputy Mayor told Councillors that the Clerk had received a list of dates suitable to Mr Paul Ashley-Jones, Head of Procurement, and Mr Mike Cavanagh, Head of Cultural Services, and as Cllr Blackhall had previously suggested inviting those who had attended the initial meeting that the Clerk write to invite them to attend. Priority for dates would be when Cllr Mike Evans is available.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to attendees of the previous TIC meeting advising them of the next meeting.

364. Tenby Bandstand

The Deputy Mayor told Councillors that Mr McCarthy of PCC was getting costings for paint but that volunteers would be needed to undertake the task. The Clerk had suggested that somehow we ask the public to help with the refurbishment. Cllr Crockford commented that providing the materials was a good start but he felt there may be some safety issues and perhaps scaffolding would be needed. It may be that the work should be undertaken by professionals. He was told that unfortunately there is no money available from PCC. He then suggested that this may be an opportunity to contact local painters who may be able to assist with the more difficult to reach areas. Cllr Perry suggested coupling this item with the Heywood Court issue. Cllr Hallett told Councillors that he may know of a scaffolder who could help and that he would look into it. Cllr Crockford will speak to the Clerk upon his return. Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels it is a bigger job than just a lick of paint and that the job should be done properly. Funds should be closely looked at, adding that it would be a shame to see it going to rack and ruin after all the time and effort put into it originally.

378. Former Reeves Calendars and Five Arches Press Offices

The Deputy Mayor told Councillors that the following information had been received by the Clerk: This matter is going before the Development Management Committee on Wednesday morning and the recommendation is that the Chief Executive, Head of Development Manager and Development Management Team Leader be given delegated powers to approve the application subject to conditions. The Report is available on the PCNPA website.

Cllr Blackhall asked if we had requested 106 monies as previously discussed. Cllr Evans commented that this is an amazing application for Tenby. All properties are social housing and ATEB will adopt the local lettings policy. As such it was unlikely that additional Section 106 money (other than for footway

improvement funding already requested by PCC) would be forthcoming. Access during construction was key if approved to ensure safeguarding of neighbouring properties and controls on construction would be in place. These are issues that Tenby Town Council had raised as concerns and therefore will be highlighted at the Committee meeting.

380. Draft Street Trading Policy

Cllr Blackhall feels that whilst we support the draft Street Trading Policy, we wanted PCC to look again at introduction of a Bye Law. We need people to write to the Local Authority to explain why tattoo artists, hair braiders and all the so called service providers cause a nuisance including those who move benches, block access and hang their items on our ancient monuments. Until PCC have a bank of letters they cannot take steps and begin action. Cllr Blackhall said we need a big appeal and that we must not just moan. The public must write to the Chief Executive Officer, the Leader and representatives to stop the problem. PCC can only support if complaints are received so write your letter now, explain how you have been affected last year and how it diminished the view of our town. Cllr Hallett suggested taking photographs and Cllr Blackhall agreed saying that evidence must be gathered.

386. South Parade

The Deputy Mayor told Councillors that quotes had been received to enable a feasibility study to be undertaken. The Clerk will be looking at these with Ms S Henahan upon his return.

388. Boundary Wall at Lexden Terrace

Cllr Mrs Rossiter asked if there had been any response from the owners and was advised that no response had been received to date.

400. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TENBY NEW CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN (ON THE TABLE)

Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall told Councillors that the Tenby New Cemetery Sub-Committee had had a very successful meeting and briefly talked through the minutes and recommendations. She proposed accepting the recommendations and asked that the sum of £2,500 be transferred from reserves to cover the recommended works that need to be undertaken. She added that initially the work will cost more but once the cemetery is under control it will be kept tidier in the future. She commented on the lovely view and wonderful space but that there was a lot of work that needed doing as items in the minutes. Cllr Blackhall seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That all the recommendations of the sub-committee be agreed and that we move forward as quickly as possible to achieve these. Further that all parties be notified

of the changes to the Fees and Charges as soon as possible and that £2,500 be moved from reserves to enable the works to be undertaken.

401. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS:

It was agreed that the Full and Listed Building Applications be considered together.

- a. NP/19/0084/FUL – Alteration to front entrance porch, removal of access steps and replacement with ramp and balustrade – Esplanade Hotel, The Esplanade, Tenby
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Cllr Mrs Rossiter had looked at the plans, felt that it was geared up to the disabled and proposed accepting. Cllr Crockford seconded the proposal.

Cllr Perry then asked if we can recommend materials that are used in the design of the railings as, through personal experience, he is aware that certain materials can deteriorate over time especially in salty air environments and there may be no comeback. Cllr Evans explained that as consultees we may put in recommendations but that Supplementary Planning Guidance lists materials that can and cannot be used. Consideration was also given as to whether or not a property is within the conservation area.

RECOMMEND

Approval. Considered against all the relevant policies within the LDP members consider this proposal to be acceptable.

402. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE:

- a. Jason Lewis, RIDE Cymru 2019 – RIDE Cymru Knievels, Tenby

Cllr Mrs Rossiter feels we should support this event. TTC should welcome them adding that anything that promotes our town is good. Cllr Perry seconded the proposal saying his only concern would be if there was a marriage planned at St Mary's Church on that day. Cllr Hallett told Councillors that the scooter rally are marshalled by their own and are very well controlled. Cllr Blackhall suggested that the Clerk liaise with Mr M Owen so all are well informed in advance.

- b. One Voice Wales – Membership of One Voice Wales

Previously it was felt that membership to One Voice Wales was too expensive and that all relevant information is readily available from PCC. This money could be put towards other projects such as the bandstand. Cllr Mrs Brown feels

that, as our Clerk is a member of the SLCC, all information is readily available to us adding that many of the items covered in the One Voice Wales literature is community council based. Cllr Mrs Rossiter proposed not joining One Voice Wales and Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That we do not join One Voice Wales at this time.

c. Marc Owen, PCC – EV charging points

The Deputy Mayor feels this is brilliant. Cllr Blackhall commented that it is excellent but that even more charging points are needed. He said he was delighted as about 4 years ago this issue was raised by Cllr Evans. He congratulated Cllr. Evans for pressing PCC on this but continued that all Tenby car parks are in need of this service as demand will increase dramatically over the next few years with the introduction of more hybrid and electrically powered vehicles.

Cllr Mrs Rossiter reminded Councillors that the Five Arches Car Park is also installing charging points.

Cllr Evans said we must ask PCC for Phase 2 to include the North Beach and Salterns Car Parks as they have far greater usage and ease of access. He also reminded Councillors that Tenby's Multi Storey Car Park is quite often full. PCC have taken on providers and there is some element of payback albeit small at this stage. Cllr Perry suggested that a structured plan and proposal of what Tenby Town Council want be prepared, adding that he was prepared to lead on it.

RESOLVED

That TTC welcome the introduction of charging points in the multi-storey and that the North Beach and The Salterns be considered as part of a Phase 2 role out.

d. M. Hatch – Heywood Court play park

The Deputy Mayor said that it was her understanding that about 4 years ago County had said that while they would maintain existing equipment as best they could were not going to supply any new equipment.

Folk were encouraged to get together and form their own group to look at funding and maintaining play parks.

TTC had been asked to consider taking over this park at that time but there were concerns over insurance and the required inspection regime. Members at that time felt that we could not be expected to undertake this as we have one part time handyman who inspects and litter picks on a daily basis. All maintenance would also fall to us.

There was also the question as to what happens to the other play parks in Tenby – perhaps residents should form a group who would push the idea forward.

Cllr Evans feels this is an excellent opportunity to tap in to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant but understands the common concerns. There may be opportunities for insurance to be had through PCC like the Jubilee.

Two gentleman intend to go round to find support from the local residents to enhance any grant applications. In Heywood Court there are approximately 80 to 90 houses, a large part of Tenby.

He suggested there could be a rolling programme where we work together for enhancing play parks. The County Council could do work and community self-cleans and undertakes inspections – depending on risk assessments, this could be expected to be done on a daily or weekly basis. We could look at ways of funding through enhancement grants and TTC reserves. What are our reserves for if not for projects like this, he asked?

Cllr Brown feels that we know that PCC cannot deliver everything they used to anymore, if we keep spending our reserves on such items furniture, bandstand, etc eventually we would have no reserves and our precept will have to be increased substantially to meet ongoing annual costs. We need to watch what our reserves are used for, be wary and only use them for what is a necessity.

Cllr Evans sees these playparks as something for the town but also for the residents, this is a living working tourist town. He was looking at Heywood Court as a start, but conceded that we need to know what the costings were.

Cllr Crockford suggested that we ask PCC for paint or that TTC supply the paint as a gesture of good will. Cllr Perry agreed feeling it would give the residents some encouragement.

Cllr Blackhall felt, with quick action, the Clerk could apply for a grant which would then need match funding. We need a quick hit, to put in an application following liaison between Residents, Tenby Town Council and PCC.

Cllr Evans also commented that there is a lovely open space which he hopes was included when the audit of open spaces was prepared to ensure that it is protected.

Cllr Crockford proposed that the Clerk contact the gentlemen at Heywood Court to find out what paint would be preferred and also to apply to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. Cllr Evans seconded the proposal.

Cllr Perry then asked if TTC have an assessment of all repairs that may need doing. The Deputy Mayor explained to Cllr Perry that PCC were going into a very difficult time and, due to cutbacks and no money at all being available, TTC may have to take on more things that PCC had previously funded.

Cllr Evans explained also that the Clerk has already started budgeting under additional headings in order to cater for various scenarios and increases to the TTC precept in the future.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact Mr Hatch to ascertain what the residents envisaged for the play area and apply to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund for a grant towards the Play Park.

403. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY (INCLUDING SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, UN-PRESENTED CHEQUES, RECEIPTS, ACCOUNT BALANCES, BUDGET MONITORING TO DATE AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS) AND CONSIDER ANY ISSUES ARISING (ON THE TABLE)

Unfortunately the accounts could not be completed in readiness for this evening's meeting and will be presented to Councillors at the next meeting.

404. TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Skate Park

The Deputy Mayor told Councillors that the next meeting will be taking place on 11th March 2019 when further discussions will be to hand on funding. She told Councillors that the children are still very keen.

De Valence

The dressing rooms are currently being upgraded and showers are being installed. Stage Lighting is also being updated and this should be completed by the end of March. Dyfed Powys Police are holding their Awards Evening at the De Valence mid-March and this being following be a charity quiz night hosted by Rhod Gilbert. More big events are in the pipeline.

405. TO CONSIDER ANY MEDIA ITEMS RELATING TO TENBY TOWN COUNCIL OR TENBY AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE

None at this time.

406. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AT BRYNHIR (IF ANY)

Nothing further at this time.

The Deputy Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate those Councillors who represented TTC at the recent meeting.

407. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SOUTH PARADE (IF ANY)

This item had been covered earlier in the meeting.

408. UPDATE ON PLASTIC FREE TENBY INITIATIVES

Nothing to report at this time.

409. TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE FAÇADE OF TENBY MARKET AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR. MRS. WILLIAMS

As Cllr Mrs Williams was unable to attend this evening, this item will be put forward to the next Agenda.

410. TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE GRASS IN THE GROUNDS OF THE WAR MEMORIAL AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR. BLACKHALL

Cllr Blackhall is concerned over the moss problem currently apparent in the grounds of the War Memorial but is now aware that Mr Young of PCC and his excellent team are aware of the problem and attempting to tackle the issue. He is content to leave this matter in their capable hands. Cllr Hallett feels that it may be due to the drought last year killing off the grass.

411. TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE SOUTH BEACH SLIPWAY AND SURROUNDING AREA AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR. RAPI

This item will be put on the Agenda for the next TTC meeting as Cllr Rapi was unable to attend this evening's meeting. However Mr Young of PCC had advised the Clerk that, weather permitting, he and his gang would be tackling the zig zag area, cutting back and generally cleaning the area.

412. TO CONSIDER WATER INGRESS INTO THE CAVE BELOW THE PARAGON AND AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS – CLLR. RAPI

Cllr Hallett told Councillors that the storm water was diverted away from the main sewers down over the cliff. Again, this item will need to be revisited as Cllr Rapi was unable to attend our meeting this evening.

414. TO CONSIDER ANY FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS AND TO AGREE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS

- a. PCNPA case officer attendance at site meetings requested by the Town Council

Cllr Blackhall commented that Case Officers have only ever been able to advise, so this is just restating the case. It is noted that discussions can be held at the office if required.

- b. Road Closure, Heywood Lane from Tudor Way to Oakridge Acres for 5 days from 11th March for tree cutting

Cllr Hallett commented on the dangerous trees along the school routes and how necessary this work is. Cllr Evans added that whilst the road closure applied for and notified to us states 5 days, the road will not be closed continuously for the whole five day period.

415. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.00 pm. Superintendent Ross Evans and Sergeant Bev Rodriguez, Dyfed-Powys Police, will be in attendance to give a presentation on the town’s new CCTV system

416. TO PROPOSE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Tennis Courts and Tennis provision in Tenby – Cllr Mike Evans.
- b. To consider the condition of the façade of Tenby Market and agree action in response to proposals – Cllr. Mrs. Williams
- c. To consider the condition of the South Beach slipway and surrounding area and agree action in response to proposals – Cllr. Rapi
- d. To consider water ingress into the cave below the Paragon and agree action in response to proposals – Cllr. Rapi

417. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS UNDER THE “PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT OF 1960”

418. TO CONFIRM THE PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 19TH FEBRUARY 2019

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of the Tenby Town Council meeting held 19th February 2019 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____