

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27th May 2014

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J Adams	Leader of Pembrokeshire County Council
--------------------	--

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Mayor welcomed Councillor J Adams, Leader of Pembrokeshire County Council who attended to respond to TTC concerns in relation to recent problems within PCC and cuts in budgets resulting in reduced PCC services in Tenby.

Councillor Adams felt it was reassuring that TTC are expressing concern and he continued by discussing the two main concerns.

In relation to Senior Staff Pensions he felt this matter has been widely documented in the press. The initial decision on the pension matter was taken 3 years ago following difficulties in recruitment of Senior Level Officers and due to changes in the government employee pension allowances which were felt to be contributing to the inability to recruit staff. This led to PCC introducing a pension opt out scheme whereby senior management could receive the employer contribution that would have been payable if they remained in the Local Government Pension Scheme. While available to some 30 senior members of staff, the scheme was only taken up by two, and in hind sight he personally felt it was a clunky and clumsy decision. Following the annual financial audit the Auditors for Wales issued their 'Public Interest Report' which declared the decision to offer an opt-out of employer contributions as 'unlawful'. Consequently as their views differed from PCC on the process of decision it resulted in both parties seeking legal advice.

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt that if she did something wrong as a town councillor she would be responsible for her own legal costs; therefore why should PCC foot the bill for the legal barrister for the individuals who undertook the scheme. Councillor Adams said the investigation by the police was never about individual staff members but about the decision making process made by PCC; therefore they requested the legal advice. Following the investigation the report has subsequently been published and widely covered by the media.

Councillor Mrs Brown explained that following all this investigation and press coverage, TTC were then drip fed information of budget cuts for services previously provided, so now understandably the local electorate feel PCC have delivered a double blow, paying for the legal advice with their Council Tax and now seeing cuts in services as a result.

Councillor Blackhall said the clunky, clumsy description was a generous one and felt PCC should be more focused on the importance of delivery of service. PCC main focus has been on the internal difficulties and revision of the clumsy decision and now Town and Community Councils are seeing significant cuts in services previously provided by PCC. No matter how hard people try the local electorate see budget cuts and recent events as being linked.

Councillor Adams felt the situation could have been cleared up much quicker but in his view several members have chose to drag the situation out. He added PCC should be concentrating on providing services; however they have been distracted by recent events. He expressed his personal focus is on outcome above process; however the process needs to be the correct. The first budget meeting for 2015/2016 has taken place and he would like to see PCC moving forward as a team.

Councillor Blackhall explained instances where TTC get fantastic support from PCC; however there are times when correspondence is not even acknowledged let alone answered making people feel we are an irritant in the corner to PCC. He personally felt Town and Community Councils can work much more effectively as a team with PCC, collectively gaining support and focus.

The Mayor explained she has worked very successfully with PCC over the years as Chairman of Tenby in Bloom; however this year it did come as a shock when the degree of cuts was drip fed, TTC had already set its precept and if the information had been given before TTC could have made provision for picking up the shortfall. TTC had been informed at the pre PCC budget meeting that the cuts would not be so severe; however the opposite occurred and as Tenby in Bloom is not just about flowers its cleanliness of the street, street furniture and tourism promotion that suffers.

Councillor Adams apologised for not getting the budget cuts information across, explaining that all towns meet on a bi-monthly basis and he was under the impression that all town and community council belonged to one of the following bodies 'One Voice Wales' or 'PALC', as these bodies feed back PCC information to their members. Clearly this highlighted a blockage in filtering of information; therefore Councillor Adams agreed to work on this issue as well as discuss with PCC officers the non-response concerns to specific TTC letters or e-mails.

Councillor Evans spoke as a TTC member and said that, given the amount of revenue generated by Tenby for the County Council through higher car park charges etc, the withdrawal of certain smaller aspects of services like watering of the flower beds appears to be petty. TTC and locals feel PCC do not see the importance of tourism and the jobs generated in the area; they feel PCC just takes more away by slashing the services budget. They feel it is short sighted savings as Tenby is the 'golden egg' laid by the 'tourism goose'.

Commenting on the recent pension situation at County Hall he felt that it was sad the police do not investigate moral issues.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt if PCC knew the cuts were coming why did they insisted on keeping Pembrokeshire as the lowest Council Tax in Wales: surely putting the rate up from 3½% would have prevented the cuts in local services.

Councillor Adams replied the decision on the Council Tax level was made as many of the electorate are struggling to pay the present rate; therefore an increase would make the ability to pay more difficult and PCC wanted to maintain value for money. PCC have the capacity to provide, and need to review how services are delivered; therefore ensuring the service is fit for purpose rather than take a historical stance.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt the Tourism Department at PCC is not promoting Tenby well enough. Other seaside areas in England were extremely busy last weekend and now with the new road to Tenby access has improved, more visitors can be accommodated and ultimately promote Pembrokeshire by visiting Tenby, as it is the first port of call off the main road.

Councillor Adams felt some forms of tourism promotion can be confusing and incomplete; therefore if another source can provide tourism more effectively than PCC he would be willing to consider funding that avenue of promotion.

He continued explaining that Tenby is receiving a new bespoke Tourist Information Centre; with enhancement to the toilet facilities; therefore PCC are aware of the importance of Tenby as a tourist area, proving PCC are willing to work together with TTC. The Mayor said these plans have been discussed for over 10 years; therefore it is hardly a prompt support for Tenby.

The Mayor explained TTC and PCC have been working together and produced a fantastic Bloom portfolio, she requested Councillor Adams take a copy away for reference.

Councillor Hallett explained that very little promotion of Tenby is undertaken overseas; unfortunately Councillor Adams had no reasons why this occurs.

Councillor Evans highlighted TTC response to the recent consultation in relation to Tenby Harbour, noting that locals supported the development of a local board/trust, to undertake the management of the harbour. This would give ownership by all users of the area and assist in balancing the books so no further deficit is incurred.

Councillor Adams felt a Harbour Trust would need to be discussed and considered in relation to governance of the area; concerns would include if members were satisfied that the public continued to have full access to all areas. Many arrangements can be looked at and considered if it is suitable for the area.

Councillor Blackhall said the main cost to PCC in relation to the harbour is manpower; so balancing the cost of services paid by commercial/leisure boat needs to be considered as this ultimately has an effect on the tourist trade.

Councillor Evans reported on the health service situation presently in Tenby; stating it is an unmitigated disaster. Tenby has 6200 registered patients on the local General Practitioners list and by the end of May there will only be three GP's. We have already witnessed the MIU services being removed, the people of Tenby are disadvantaged, the situation is not at breaking point but broken. He felt the service is now at a second rated level.

Councillor Adams informed Councillors he looked at this situation from both-angles, the provider as well as the recipients. He had been in discussions with the Local Health Board in relation to the proposed loss of Paediatric services, which would have a knock on effect to losing the Neonatal Unit and ultimately lead to moving away from a 24hr A&E service. There is already an increase on the services at Withybush and Glangwilli A&E units from the closure of local MIUs; therefore reducing services at Withybush would pose the question will Glangwilli have the capacity to cope with the increase. He referred to a proposal many years ago to site a general hospital in the Narberth/Whitland area, stating perhaps in hind sight this was a missed opportunity.

Councillor Mrs Brown said TTC felt they have been lied to by the LHB and asked if PCC felt they had too. Councillor Adams explained he understood the pressure PCC has been under and said buildings do not deliver, it is people who deliver the services. He did feel that the LHB would have been better to show the local population the alternative services in place before removing the main MIU unit service.

Councillor Dr Easy explained TTC simply did not feel information from PCC was been received and in light of feedback from Councillor Adams he urged him to look at the broken links of communication, as surely there is a way to take advantage of a natural link following bi-monthly meeting information. He added Town and Community Councils should not have to pay to belong to registered body to receive information from the County Council.

Councillor W Rossiter expressed his personal concern in relation to the £8.6 million being spent on the new Welsh and English Primary Education facilities, asking for clarification of who sanctioned the spend.

Councillor Blackhall called for a point of order on this matter, due to TTC having already approved the application and having received verbal confirmation of figures, stating there is a need for a Welsh Medium Primary School facility in Tenby.

Councillor Adams said PCC needed to ensure a strategic spread of opportunity for children to be taught through the medium of Welsh.

The Clerk added that initially TTC had been told by Mr Longster the previous Head of Education that the Welsh Medium School would be housed in the present Infant School, and the English Medium School would be on the present junior school site. Therefore when the new provisional planning application was circulated TTC asked Mr J Morgan Head of Education, PCC to explain why the changes had occurred. Sadly he sanctioned a colleague to reply to the letter without answering the request, therefore TTC have felt excluded from communication on the school development. Councillor Adams apologised for the lack of communication and re iterated that he would pass on TTC concerns and request visits from officers if required on specific issues that have resulted in unanswered communication.

Councillor Blackhall highlighted the street trading issues that are ongoing between PCC and TTC and have not reached a satisfactory outcome. Councillor W Rossiter highlighted the 'A' board concerns that need following up. Councillor Adams reported he would speak to the Street Care Department.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Adams for attending and providing answers to some concerns, he responded by stating he was happy to try and provide an understanding to issues concerning TTC.

45. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor H Johns and Councillor Mrs Thomas apologised and left the chamber as she was unwell.

46. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs Rossiter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 7c, 10a and 10b, Councillor M Evans declared a personal interest in Item 17a, with a personal and prejudicial interest in 7c, 10a and 10b. Councillor Mrs Brown declared a personal interest in Item 8b. The Mayor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 7c, 10a and 10b.

47. **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.

48. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Tenby Town Council held 13th May 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate with the following amended statement:

Councillor Mrs Putwain expressed strong reasons why the hunt should not return to Tudor Square and how dubious she felt about the event returning to Tenby at all.

49. **MATTERS ARISING**

Presentation by Mr G Tapley – Brother Thomas Garden

Councillor Evans asked if any progress had been made following Mr Tapley's presentation on his vision for Brother Thomas Garden, Crackwell Street, Tenby. The Mayor recapped on information obtained from the presentation. Councillor Mrs Brown explained in her opinion Mr Tapley was asking for TTC support in relation to future maintenance of the area; therefore giving him the option to apply for grant funding to enhance the area.

The Mayor felt an individual asking for money from PPC grant funds needed to be looked at closely as these people are not a charity, TTC needs to ensure it is following procedure.

The Clerk said he was aware Ms S Henahan, Regeneration Department, PCC had discussed grant funding with Mr Tapley and she felt Brother Thomas Garden should be leased to an organisation like TTC ,Tenby in Bloom or a Trust formed to ensure continuity of maintenance of the garden for the future. Therefore she felt TTC would need to lease or undertake a peppercorn rent for the gardens before progress in accessing grant funding could be considered.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt it was a positive move for a local to be keen to work on a project in Tenby; therefore she proposed TTC support the Brother Thomas Garden project. Councillor Evans supported the principle of the project and felt once funding has been accessed TTC can have more involvement and review the future vision of the project. He seconded the proposal for a letter to be sent to Mr Tapley stating TTC support the ideas for Brother Thomas Garden in principle.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter felt the idea was good; however she did not want Tenby to lose control of the garden.

Councillor Evans felt care of the garden was lost 10 years ago and Mr Tapley had worked very hard on the project last year. Tenby in Bloom gave him money that he spent wisely, providing a pleasant environment for people to sit for the first time in years. Now he is offering his time and energy to enhance the project further. Changes will require planning permission and these issues can be reviewed at a later date, at present we are just purely being asked to show support.

Councillor Mrs Putwain did not see the idea as a community project. She expressed concern in relation to where the extra seating would be stored. In addition when people are exiting the garden they would be popping up out onto a busy road without any pavement. Therefore she felt at present in light of PCC budget cuts Tenby has enough projects on their plate without taking responsibility for another.

Councillor Blackhall felt all the gentleman was asking for at this point is a letter of support from TTC to enable him to try and access grant funding for the project.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed TTC write and support the principle of Mr Tapley's ideas for Brother Thomas Garden, seconded by Councillor Evans.

The vote was tied at five all with the Mayor using her casting voting against the proposal as she felt that, at this point in time she did not want to put her name to the project as all we have received is a presentation; no formal request by letter has been received.

Resolved that TTC do not send a letter support at this time for Mr Tapley's, Brother Thomas Garden project ideas.

24b – Mr B Blake, PCC - Restriction of Horse Drawn Carriages – Walled Town, Tenby

Councillor Mrs Rossiter asked if any update had been received on the prohibition order outlined by PCC, for the horse drawn carriage in Tenby. She added that following TTC discussion an incident was report in the press; however she felt the report was not quite accurate. Her concern was that the next incident could involve a child. TTC expressed concerns prior to the incident with the Mayor asking was this service needed in Tenby.

The Mayor read out an article posted on a social media site, where Team Tenby (the existing carriage ride operators) were looking for people to join their business, stating no experience necessary. She expressed concern that someone needs to be regulating or taking responsibility for the service being provided.

Councillor Hallett felt the horse and carriage was not the right thing in the town during pedestrianisation, as people are walking freely and not expecting or aware of a vehicle coming around a corner at any time.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt someone must have given the owner of the horse and cart permission to come into Tenby at the beginning. She felt TTC should write to Mr B Blake PCC and ascertain who they gain permission from, as TTC do not want anymore incidents.

The Clerk reported that the incident took much of his time last week liaising with Licensing, Mr M Owen PCC, Mr Ben Blake PCC and Inspector McSweeney. He was informed that PCC has control over public vehicles up to 8 seats under a hackney licence. Vehicles of 12 seats and over

are covered by a Vosa License. However Vosa licences are for mechanically propelled vehicles; therefore the horse and cart does not need one. The police have researched and feel the way forward is the Prohibition Order suggested and in the process of development by Mr B Blake, PCC as this will cover any anomalies.

Councillor Evans refrained from commenting on the operation of another business; however he explained PCC are in the process of obtaining the ability to control the operating method and statement criteria of the licenses being issued, PCC will then be involved in monitoring operations.

The Clerk said the horse and cart operator did provide risk assessments and insurance details prior to commencing the service last year. Councillor Blackhall asked if TTC can ask for copies of up to date documents for 2014/15. It was

Resolved that TTC ask the Horse and Cart operator for a copy of up to date documents for 2014/15.

24c – MAWWFCR staff – Proposed merger of Mid and West Wales Fire Control Room

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if the Clerk had found out who our County Councillor Representative is for Mid and West Wales Fire Authority. Councillor Evans felt the representative is Councillor W Evans, the Clerk said he would check to confirm.

31 – Parking in Tenby

Councillor Mrs Rossiter asked if Mr M Owen had responded to TTC enquiry about parking in Tenby. Unfortunately the Clerk reported he had received no reply.

33 – South Pembrokeshire Hunt meet

Councillor Mrs Putwain felt protesters were usually peaceful and she was only aware of one protester speaking out of turn towards the Mayor during the last Hunt meet in Tudor Square. The Mayor said when people are being verbally abusive, in her view that was breaking the law.

The Clerk reported he had discussed the Hunt meet proposal with Inspector McSweeney who in turn passed the inquiry onto the relevant Inspector for controlling this type of event. However the inspector's personal view was it would require intensive man power and incurs expense to marshals an event of this type.

The Clerk continued explaining a letter arrived earlier in the day from a member of the public, Mr. Thomas, expressing their disappointment at TTC's decision in relation to the South Pembrokeshire Hunt Meet. Councillor Mrs Putwain requested the letter be read despite other Councillors feeling the letter should be noted. The Clerk proceeded to read out the letter from Mr Thomas. Following reading of the letter Councillor Evans proposed TTC note the letter and move on with agenda items, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the letter from Mr Thomas be noted.

35 Car Parking Charges

Councillor Hallett asked if Mr I Westley had responded to TTC comments on Car Parking prices differing across the County. The Clerk said County Councillor Williams followed up our request

at the last TTC meeting, resulting in Mr Westley responding by saying he took TTC comments as an objection; therefore he reported it to cabinet. He felt as the cabinet minutes are a public document TTC could have accessed the reply themselves on the internet and not waited for a personal letter of reply. Councillor Hallett felt not everyone has the expertise or equipment to access the internet to obtain information.

Councillor Blackhall felt as TTC discussed earlier with County Councillor J Adams, this was a prime example of TTC correspondence not receiving a reply or acknowledgement of receipt of a letter. Councillor Mrs Putwain felt the Clerk should keep a log of all correspondence not responded to.

The Clerk explained presently he does have read receipts on all e-mails but not delivery reports and all incoming and outgoing mail has always been recorded.

50. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Mayor asked if Councillors wished to take Planning Applications NP/14/0162 and NP/14/0163 together as they refer to the same property. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed planning application NP/14/0162 and NP/14/0163 be taken together, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that Planning Applications NP/14/0162 and NP/14/0163 be taken together.

a.NP/14/0162 Listed Building – P and R Wright, Cresswell House, Cresswell Quay, Kilgetty – Internal alterations to flat and construction of lantern light to existing flat roof – Berlin House, 14 Upper Frog Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval

b.NP/14/0163 – P and R Wright, Cresswell House, Cresswell Quay, Kilgetty – Internal alterations to flat and construction of lantern light to existing flat roof – Berlin House, 14 Upper Frog Street, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Mrs Brown proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

RECOMMEND

Approval

The Mayor declared an interest in the next item and proposed Councillor Hallett take the chair in her absence on the following item, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that Councillor Hallett take the chair on the following item.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Evans left the chamber.

c.NP/14/237 – S A Brains and Company Limited C/o Mr Elliot Jones, Boyer Planning Limited 1b Oak Tree Court Mulberry Drive, Pontprennau, Cardiff – Installation of exterior lighting to northern balustrade and new glazed panelling to existing southern balustrade – South Beach Bar and Grill, The Waters Edge, South Beach, Tenby.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. Councillor Hallett expressed concern that the up lighting did not appear to have shields therefore it would cause light pollution, it should be lighting the footway.

Councillor Mrs Brown felt the lighting was needed for the footway and would not be seen from the Esplanade.

Councillor Hallett proposed refusal on grounds of not enough information on the direction or shields on the up lights, as there may be a light pollution issue, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Councillor Mrs Brown proposed a second proposition, approval on the grounds of health and safety, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham

Councillor Hallett took a vote on the second proposal, resulting in 3 for 2 against. Therefore the proposal stands.

Councillor Hallett proposed an amendment, PCNPA assess that mitigating measures are put in place to ensure the angle of the lighting does not create lighting pollution.

RECOMMEND

Approval with the provision that mitigating measures are put in place to ensure the angle of the lighting does not create lighting pollution.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Evans re-joined the meeting.

d.NP/14/0257 – Rev. Andrew Davies, The Representative Body for the Church in Wales, The Rectory, Church Park, Tenby – Extension to accommodate wc and kitchenette following proposed demolition of pump house and rooflights to existing church roof – St Julians Church, Penniless Cove Hill, The Harbour, Tenby.

The Clerk informed Councillors he had received two letters from neighbours supporting the planning application and comments from the Civic Society Planning sub-committee and was the wish of TTC to take these correspondences into consideration. Councillor Mrs Putwain proposed TTC take the letters into consideration, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC take the two letters and the Civic Society Planning sub-committee comments into consideration.

Councillors discussed and viewed the planning application. The Clerk reminded Councillors they were not being asked to comment on the internal alterations. The Mayor proposed approval as the proposal will improve the facilities of the building, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

RECOMMEND

Approval as the proposal will improve the facilities of the building.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Mrs Putwain abstained.

51. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCNPA – Application for tree works at Norton ATE, The Norton, Tenby (TPO 63 (T2)

Councillor Hallett as Tenby Tree Warden felt the tree works were required on health and safety grounds. He reported the branches were encroaching on overhead electricity cables; therefore he proposed approval of the proposed tree works, seconded by Councillor Evans.

Resolved that the tree works be approved on grounds of health and safety.

b. PCNPA – Notification of withdrawn application – Change of use of A1 shop with accommodation to C1 guesthouse, Squibbs Studio, Napleton House, Warren Street, Tenby

Councillors viewed the information, it was

Resolved that the information be noted.

c. PCNPA – Request for treeworks, Kingswood, Northcliffe, Tenby.

Councillor Hallett as tree warden reported that the tree documented had Phytophthora Ramorum (Larch tree disease); therefore he recommended the work be carried out to safeguard the future of the surrounding forestand woods, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that the tree works be approved.

d. PCNPA – Tree works –Hafod y Werydd, Heywood Lane, Tenby TPO 57 (T10,T11, T31 and G5)

The Clerk read out the number of tree works contained within this application. Councillor Hallett felt the work needed to be carried out but felt the timing was not right at present due to nesting birds; therefore he asked the timescale for works be reviewed, seconded by Councillor Evans.

Resolved that the tree works be carried out within the appropriate time scale to accommodate nesting birds.

52. CORRESPONDENCE

a.Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism – May minutes

Councillor Mrs Rossiter thanked Tenby Chamber of Trade and Tourism for their minutes and noted the very successful recent Carten event; however she felt that a larger more encouraging welcome to Tenby should be provided as it is a remarkable achievement for these cyclists. A welcome by the Mayor of Tenby and returning the finish back to Tudor Square would be a much nicer finish. Councillor Evans agreed that to finish in Tudor Square would be a very welcoming finish for the cyclists and reduce the costs of closing Crackwell Street that incurs an addition cost for hiring of traffic lights. Councillors were aware that many relatives were waiting for family members to finish and it seemed a little out of the way waiting down on the harbour. The whole event has grown and grown over the years and Tenby should be welcoming the success of this remarkable event. Councillor Evans proposed TTC write to the organisers of Carten and Mr M Owens PCC and report that Tenby welcome the Carten event and would like to see the finish return to Tudor Square, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rossiter.

Resolved that TTC write to the organisers of Carten and Mr M Owens PCC and report that Tenby welcome the Carten event and would like to see the finish return to Tudor Square.

53. LICENSING

The Mayor, having declared an interest, proposed Councillor Hallett take the chair in her absence on the following item, seconded by Councillor Mrs Putwain.

Resolved that Councillor Hallett take the chair on the following items.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Evans left the chamber.

a. Mr Colin Albert Owens – Premises Licence, Fiveways Garage, The Green, Tenby – Supply of alcohol 7.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 10pm weekends (7.30am to 11pm every day between 1st May and 30th September)

Councillors discussed the licensing application; Councillor Mrs Brown proposed no objections to the application, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that TTC had no objections to the licensing application.

b. Hotel Nut Limited – Premises Licence, Heywood Mount Hotel, Heywood Lane, Tenby – Plays 8am to 11pm; films 8am to 11pm; live music 12 noon to 1am; recorded music 7am to 1am; performance of dance 8am to 11pm; other activities (pretend gambling, charity events, auction nights, fashion shows etc.) 11am to 1am; late night refreshment 11pm to 1am; supply of alcohol 11am to 1am.

Councillors discussed the licensing application; Councillor Mrs Brown proposed no objections to the application and welcomed the hotel being open, seconded by Councillor Mrs Durham.

Resolved that TTC had no objections to the licensing application.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rossiter and Councillor Evans rejoined the meeting.

54. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2013-2014

Councillors discussed and viewed the end of year accounts for 2013-2014, Councillor Evans proposed approval, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that the end of year accounts for 2013 - 2014 be accepted.

55. INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT 2013-2014

Councillors viewed the internal auditors report 2013-2014, carried out by Ashmoles and Co, Councillor Evans proposed acceptance of the Internal Audit Return 2013 – 2014, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for 2013 – 2014 be accepted.

56. ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDITOR RETURN 2013-2014

Councillors viewed the external auditors return for 2013-2014. Councillor Evans proposed acceptance of the External Audit Return 2013 – 2014, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that the External Audit Return for 2013 – 2014 be accepted.

57. GRANTS

a. Tenby Tennis Club – Tennis nets

Councillors discussed all aspects of the grant application for replacement nets for Tenby Tennis Club, highlighting that it would be supporting the tennis club children, Greenhill School pupils, local residents and holiday makers who all have access to the tennis courts.

Councillor Hallett proposed that TTC fund the purchase of one tennis court net, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown

Resolved that under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 TTC purchase one tennis court net and present it to Tenby Tennis Club.

58. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor reported that Pembrokeshire Life Magazine had read Tenby in Bloom portfolio and conducted a short interview with herself prior to producing a feature in the June 2014 edition of the magazine.

Councillor Blackhall reported on the successful fundraising bingo evenings taking place every Wednesday in the De Valence. Numbers have increased each week with many locals supporting the event. The Rugby Club Dinner and Dance is scheduled to take place in the De Valence over the weekend.

59. MEDIA ITEMS

Councillor Hallett reported that Tenby was the place to be on May Bank Holiday Monday as it was dry and sunny while the rest of the country had rain.

60. CAR PARKING CHARGES

Deferred to the next agenda as Councillor Rapi not present.

61. TWINNING

Councillor Dr Easy enquired if Tenby had considered twinning with another town, and if so was it something that could be re visited, as he felt it would benefit the town in many ways, being especially valuable for school exchange opportunities. The Mayor said Tenby held discussions and visited Gibraltar several times with the Mayor at the time expressing keenness to twin with Tenby; however the Mayor of Gibraltar changed and the link was lost. However, the Mayor of Gibraltar is not elected by government of the island who also have to be in favour of twinning. It was

Resolved that a TTC twinning committee meeting be called to revisit the possibility of twinning with Gibraltar with fresh new ideas.

62. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from Pembroke Town Council stating they had passed a vote of no confidence in PCC.

63. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Dr Easy gave his apologies for the next meeting in advance.

64. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Extension of pedestrianisation to Bank Holiday weekends.

65. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed by Councillor Hallett, 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.

66. MINUTES

Resolved that the Private and Confidential Minutes of Tenby Town Council Meeting held 13th May 2014 be confirmed and signed as accurate.

67. MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

68. GARDENS STORAGE

The Mayor reported that TTC needed to be proactive in planning for continuity of maintenance for Tenby gardens, street furniture and general street cleanliness. Tenby is a very important tourist destination and the appearance needs to be maintained to keep the town attractive and welcoming. Several options need to be discussed with PCC to safeguard assets that TTC can access and use for the continued maintenance in the town. Therefore she proposed TTC write to Mr Barry Cooke, PCC to discuss the possibilities of Tenby Town Council acquiring the Nursery Gardens as a base to ensure continuity of garden maintenance over the coming years, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.

Resolved that TTC write to Mr B Cooke PCC to open discussions on the possibilities of Tenby Town Council acquiring the Nursery Gardens to ensure continuity of garden maintenance for the future in Tenby.

Councillor Mrs Brown asked if costings had been received for the watering of flower beds planted by TTC. The Mayor and the Clerk both reported they were awaiting final figure confirmation from PCC.

69. FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK'S ITEMS

a. Pension Fund Employers' Discretions

The Clerk outlined the documentation he presented to Councillors on required Pension Fund discretions, following a recent workshop he attended. The documentation was straight forward and would ensure no financial implications to TTC at this time. Councillor Evans proposed approval of the Pension Fund Employers' Discretions document, seconded by Councillor Hallett.

Resolved that TTC adopt the Pension Fund Employers' Discretions as outlined.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____