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Minutes of Executive Committee meeting 17th Jan 2017. Held at The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby.

Committee members present: Chairman David Tudor Thomas, Jacqui Wingfield, Albie Smosarski, Howard Rawson-Humphries, Neil Westerman, Harry Gardiner.

Guests: David Glennerster.

1.) Apologies for absence: Richard Wingfield, Trevor Hallett, Dan Warder (Chairman, Tenby Chamber of Trade).

2.) Minutes of September's meeting:

8 a2.) Allen's View. Correction. Should read "**No** gates will be made or installed" The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

3.) Matters arising from November's meeting:

3 (9.1) Eric Bradforth plaque. The plaque is now ready. Harry will contact the family to arrange the unveiling. Mayor Cllr Laurence Blackhall will be in attendance.

3 (9.2) Heritage Awards. Chair is recruiting a judging panel prior to contacting owners of nominated properties. Ideal panel candidates are: Naomi Tydeman, Murray John, Rob Scourfield and Norman Hughes.

3 (9.5) TCS' Computer has now been sold.

4.2) PAVS AGM invitation. Review report next month.

4.3) Historic Monuments Act. Act now passed. Chair has commented on TCS' experiences of Scotsborough House.

4.4) Charity Commission. Chair now in contact.

8 a3) Allen's View. Soroptomists bench. No further contact anticipated.

9. Future publications. Two guide pamphlets are being drafted regarding the town walls & St Catherine's Island, each of roughly 500 words.

10.) PCNPA Information Centre has now closed.

4.) Correspondence:

4.1) St Catherine's Island. New operator, John Laurie, has contacted the Chairman. He has requested assistance training tour guides, utilising Tudor's extensive research.

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4.2) Civic Trust Cymru. The Trust has been dissolved. A phoenix organisation may or may not arise from the ashes, provisionally entitled 'Pride of Place Wales'.

4.3) Douglas Fraser. TCS member and highly respected former committee member has updated his new address, along with a letter of thanks for his leaving card from the committee.

5.) Membership:

5.1) Annual subscriptions are now due.

It was agreed that any member two years in arrears shall be removed from the membership list.

A membership drive is required. Ideas were discussed.

5.2) Website. Annual invoice £55 received. Ideas for a new online presence discussed. It was agreed that a local designer would be invited to create a new version of the website. Albie will contact and report to next meeting.

6.) Finance:

6.1)

Nat West current account. £919.14
Post Office savings account. £9079.41

Total. £9,998.55

6.2) Allen's View Fund to date (included in the above total).

Income = £1,606.80
Expenditure = £843.60
Remaining = £766.20

The Treasurer noted that urgent tree work is required at Allen's View. This will be reflected in next month's expenditure.

6.3) Website. Annual subscription. Invoice for £55 received. An update to TCS' online presence was discussed. Albie will contact a local website designer.

7.) Planning:

7.1) Harry circulated a copy of the planning committee's comments since November's meeting.

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7.2) St Catherine's Island. Application for change of use to a visitor attraction. A reference is made to an existing mains sewer connection, which does not in fact exist. It was agreed to support a temporary solution.

7.3) Rear of Cross Park, New Hedges. Millbay Homes intend to build 41 homes. A full application is expected imminently.

7.4) The Manor House, Penally. The plan for a new orangery was discussed.

7.5) Brynhir development. Tudor and Harry will meet representatives of the opposition group at the site on 25th Jan at 2pm.

8.) Reports:

a.) Allen's View.

a.1) Tree Surgeon will remove Leylandii. Stumps will be utilised for bench supports and sculpture. Trevor has been sanding one of the benches. The shed urgently requires maintenance. Vehicle access could be improved. The bench on the northern view could be raised in height. There are many small jobs that could be done. In most cases the financial costs are prohibitive.

a.2) Yorkshire Building Society have pledged £100.

a.3) Tenby Rotary are still interested in donating, though nothing has been forthcoming to date.

b.) Tenby Regeneration Trust.

b.1) Chair attended a large meeting along with representatives of other local groups. A remodelling of Battery Gardens was proposed, with a £20,000 price tag. It was suggested that we could support the scheme by refreshing the shrubbery nearby.

A large cinema screen was proposed for the De Valence Pavilion, at a cost of £10,000. Pembrokeshire County Council may consider assistance with funding the project.

b.2) Tenby Wi-Fi network now includes the indoor market.

b.3) Tenby Harbour. A watching brief is being kept. Nothing new to report.

b.4) Tenby Master Plan. Chair will attend next meeting, hosted by Mayor Blackhall.

b.5) Tenby Characterisation Proposal by Richard Wingfield. Jacqui circulated copies. The proposal was discussed, along with the practicalities of using official maps.

c.) Civic Trust Cymru conference.

Richard will present his report at next month's meeting.

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d.) Scotsborough House.

Nothing to report.

9.) Future Publications.

Current progress already covered under matters arising.

9.1) Albie outlined chosen subject areas as: St Catherine's Island & Fort; Caldey Island; Tenby Harbour; South Beach/ Penally; a pub trail; Allen's View. Title discussed. It was

agreed to use 'Tenby Heritage Guide' as a working title. Edna Greenhaugh & Keith Clarke have offered to layout the guide. Photographs will be required.

9.2) Neil circulated copies of his draft footpath guides. Maps will be required to illustrate the guides. Formats were discussed. A5 was deemed most appropriate.

10.) Any Other Business:

10.1) AGM speaker. Chair will invite Mayor Blackhall to talk about his vision for Tenby

10.2) TCS President. Cllr Caroline Thomas is willing to stand for another year.

10.3) David Glennerster will consider joining the Executive Committee.

10.4) Edna Greenhaugh & Keith Clarke will be invited to join the Executive Committee.

10.5) Howard will not be standing as Secretary, but will remain on the Executive Committee.

10.6) Minutes Secretary. Jacqui volunteered to take over as Minutes Secretary, starting at the next meeting.

10.7) Abbey-Cwm-Hir, near Llandrindod Wells. Possible trip destination discussed. Further information required. Howard will report at the next meeting.

10.8) Newsletter. Chair is formulating the forthcoming edition.

10.9) Reminiscences of Tenby. Concept discussed. Comparison between modern street scenes and early photographs.

11. Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 21st February 2017 2pm at The Fourcroft Hotel.

AGM Saturday 1st April 2pm at Augustus Place Community Centre unless otherwise advised.

Meeting ended at 16:24.

Signed (.....) Chairman.