

TENBY CIVIC SOCIETY

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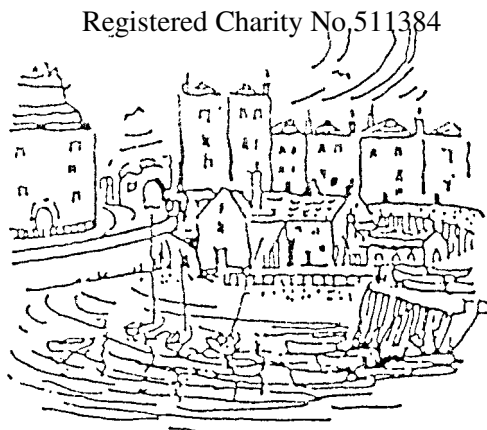
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date – 10th October 2017

Venue - The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

Committee members present

Chairman - David Tudor Thomas
Harry Gardiner
Albie Smosarski
Richard Wingfield
Jacqui Wingfield
Neil Westerman

Guests present David Glennerster

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Keith Clark, Edna Greenhalgh, Howard Rawson-Humphries and Trevor Hallett.

2. Minutes of meeting 29th August 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from 29th August 2017 meeting

- **(3.3) Scotsborough House** – no progress to report. DG is putting together a talk on the Ritec and will pass any relevant information about Scotsborough House to DTT.
- **(3.4) Charities Commission** – Newsletter 58 – RW will conduct an audit of the Society's online/digital activities in line with the requirements set up in this latest Newsletter. All committee members were requested to read the '12 Steps' document
- **(4.2) Saundersfoot Harbour development** – DTT waiting for a reply from CEO Michael Davies in respect of a potential meeting
- **(4.4) St Catherine's Island** – DTT to conduct a special tour for Society members on Friday 27th October at 2pm.
- **(6.0) Plaque renovations** – DTT would like to renovate and re-site the plaque on the Sailing Club. Since it is a listed building it was thought prudent to contact Rob Scourfield to see whether permission would be needed to re-site. Could all members look out for other blue plaques that might need some tlc and let DTT know. NW suggested the plaque on Mr Horan's property – the old lifeboat station
- **(7.4) Guide Book** – DTT to provide his contributions (town walls and the fort). NW still working on his walks and maps. HG to provide information on Allen's View

Signed.....Chairman

collecting tool rather than a storage facility OR we need to be able to make use of the water pipe running alongside Allen's View. The Tenby daffodil bulbs paid for by Doreen Mortimer and purchased by HG have been planted.

8.3 Characterisation Study –

a) Phase 1 – data is complete and RW will work on the mapping over the next few months with the help of Steven Jones, the new PCNP Operations Manager who has pledged his help and support for the project – c/f

b) Phase 2 – “Approaches to Tenby” will be reviewed as follows by the committee

- DTT – station and station approaches
- RW/JW – golf course/Black Rock
- DG – Marsh Road
- NW – The Croft
- HG – Narberth Road
- AS – Harbour

We will then look at Greenhill Road, Old Narberth Road and Broadwell Hayes. Committee members were asked to look at the document DTT circulated just before the meeting “Tenby Proposals” to get a feel for the type of qualitative review we are trying to capture.

9. AOB

9.1 Conservation Forum – DTT circulated the last page of the document which remains relevant despite being published in 2011. There is a new group coming together to review the conservation area which HG will attend on behalf of TCS

9.2 Rubbish Collection – there are new proposals put forward by PCC which do not take into account the special nature of Tenby – apartments with no facilities for recycling separation, huge increases in population during ‘the season’, changeover days not coinciding with bin collection days and the high number of hotels, guest houses and holiday lets. DTT will draft comments along with a document to Sainsbury's highlighting their lack of recyclable packaging

9.3 Public Transport – see also 9.2 Active Travel Consultation in Matters Arising. The TCS committee agreed that part of the character of the town is reflected in how it is serviced by public transport and therefore fully support the work NW is doing highlighting the shortfall to PCC.

9.4 Tenby Development Trust – DTT has been asked to Chair this particular group by Chris Osborne and Jeremy Bowen-Rees. It was agreed that there could be some synergy between this group and TCS so DTT agreed to investigate further.

9.5 Smart meters – DTT to include a piece about the advantages and apparent disadvantages of smart meters in his next Newsletter

10. Next Meeting

28th November 2017 at 2pm, Fourcroft Hotel (NB – Wheelchair access and signage to be discussed in AOB at this meeting)

APPENDIX 1

Recent comments of the Planning Sub-committee of Tenby Civic Society on current applications are below.
Harry Gardiner . Oct 8th 2017

NP/17/0496? TPO Works to trees Greenhill School Heywood Lane Tenby

1. **Given the scale of the visual and landscape works currently in execution**, it is startling to find trees are the only aspect of this application the Planning Authority are considering.

If the County were not owners of the school and the present access road was not adopted, this might be a major application. Given the periods of high pedestrian activity for the schools, a traffic light junction, or pedestrian inclusive traffic lights on the roundabout might be safer for pedestrians as vehicles assume a right of way if other vehicles are not to the right: pedestrians can get easily ignored at roundabouts. There are no indications whether current foot access management on Heywood Lane is to be amended. No doubt full consultation with the Schools has been done, but even the Town Council appear not to have been informed of what the current works being done involve.

2 **The number of mature trees to be lost will have a drastic impact on the landscape and some on wildlife.** To avoid protests the positive case for replacements could be clearer. There is no clear commitment as to the number of trees to replace those to be cut down; if trees are to be small standards then many more should be planted than are lost. They will need guards etc(not mentioned in the Tree report) in an exposed public space, etc.. Some more mature replacements along Heywood Lane would help reduce the visual impact of so many trees being lost.

3 There is no explanation why games pitches cannot be accommodated/adjusted without destroying almost all of the present avenue of trees. There is no tree condition survey data for the trees in the way of the new games pitch. Other TPO applications are much more minor but contain such justification.

4 **The involvement of pupil year groups in the choice of sections of the trees would be very welcome;** but the apparent choice restriction to three species seems narrow. We hope the Tree Officer has the opportunity to talk to pupils about the choices and other issues for the works and tree management, relevant to pupils generally and especially re biology and tree care employment opportunities.

5 **The points above apart, the tree report, the tree planting proposals, other garden proposals, the inter positioning of street lights and new trees, routing of the new road, the roundabout, could function well provided planning conditions endorse the tree report requirements and a future TPO extension/ amendment is committed to.**

NP/17/0531/TPO Pruning to Cupressus Macrocarpa, 'Sherwood' Narbeth Road

No objections. This property contains some excellent well cared for trees, in an open semi parkland setting that is increasingly rare in Tenby, making this TPO specially important.

NP/17/0310 rebuild stores off Wallsfield Lane, Tenby

We welcome a straightforward proposal.

NP/17/0465/FUL disabled persons rear annex. 1 Queens Parade

There are already some rear extensions including two storey on the back lanes involved, of similar scale so we have no objections but recognise that the planning authority may wish to place conditions preventing subsequent use as holiday accommodation. The store area might be of more limited utility by being upstairs.

NP/0537/ retrospective, fencing, 6 Seascape, Tenby.

This property and its neighbours are of unusual layout, but site inspection shows a wide variety of types and heights of fences and hedges between the bungalows here. The fence erected appears to be similar to several existing and to allow a lot more light to the neighbour downhill than at many other properties here. It seems entirely reasonable in that context and only issues such as the boundary being the other neighbours legal responsibility would call this fence into question. **A site inspection and consultation with the neighbour would appear necessary. No objections whoever owns the boundary.**

NP/0553/FUL 2 storey rear extension 10 Park Place Tenby

Signed.....Chairman

The trend for house enlargement is evident here. Rear site inspection would be needed to assess whether there are light/overlooking or massing problems with this design as it might affect the neighbouring properties. We cannot comment further than saying that often original terrace rear extensions and elevations are not as good design as the frontages. The first floor extension is more likely to be an issue than the ground floor.

NP/17/0527/FUL loft conversion 5 Clement Terrace Tenby.

1 This property is much higher than those at its rear. Its rear is also part of the rear of a conspicuous tall pair of Victorian houses viewed from around it, including from Greenhill Avenue, so **the oversize, flat sided and flat roofed loft extension proposed would be both conspicuous and out of character with the house and the houses adjoining it on Clement Terrace.** The proposal would add to overlooking issues.

2 This application, like many others, exhibits the norm that design of rear elevations can be much poorer than the front: if this proposal were for the front a refusal would be a near certainty, as has happened on other such Victorian properties. (It sometimes seems to us that only prominence saves non listed older properties from having ugliness approved.) The site is in an area which deserves Conservation Area Status before enlargement

NP/17/0564/TPO and TCA Pruning outer branches St Marys Church Tenby

We welcome this sensible management. We note that the important and effective floodlighting of this important building causes quite a lot of spillage light pollution; in future we hope to see more shielded lighting whose expense would be defrayed by lower LED electricity bills. An evening site visit would prove “illuminating” ! (apologies for the dreadful pun)

NP/17/0465/FUL Rear disabled accommodation 1 Queens Parade Tenby

No objection to the reduction in height of the small building in the amended plans.

Please forward the attached email to Nicola Gandy, please, with a copy to Rob Scourfield because of the Conservation Area and Listed Building issues.

Thank you, Harry Gardiner, Tenby Civic Society.

At its last meeting the Executive Committee of Tenby Civic Society discussed some huge window adverts on M an Co's premises formerly T P Hughes department store. (photos attached)

The committee were amazed that these displays on the outside of the windows onto Upper Frog Street were not included in the recent advert application for fascia and hanging signs.

Were these huge signs not noticed and questioned on site inspection ? We pointed them out on the fascia advert application comments.

For the benefit of our committee and members could you clarify the status of these huge window stickers? Are they not adverts requiring permission ? Are they not material changes to the appearance of buildings in a Conservation Area? Are they not material changes to a listed building? How can something so huge, obtrusive and out of character with the building, street scene and Conservation Area be acceptable when M and Co have arranged so many of the original windows to be clear so the display racks can be viewed from outside, adding to their “sell” and linking the architecture and the use so well?

We do recognise in design terms only, the grey window stickers are better, but the red one has nothing to recommend it.

Your clarification/response on this would be appreciated.

There is a general problem with a few oversize unauthorised adverts around the Town; but there are many unauthorised signs that are quite suitable in size and design and do enhance their premises and the character of the town; we welcome these latter and see no reason to raise their planning status.