

TENBY CIVIC SOCIETY

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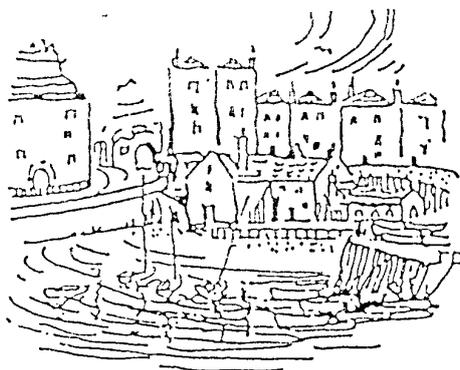
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date – 27th November 2018

Venue - The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

Committee members present

Chairman - David Tudor Thomas
Trevor Hallett
Harry Gardiner
Richard Wingfield
Howard Rawson-Humphries
Jacqui Wingfield

Members and guests present

Keith Clark and Edna Greenhalgh

1. Apologies for absence

Albie Smosarski, Rob Mayhew, David Glennerster and Neil Westerman.

2. Minutes of meeting 9th October 2018

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from 9th October 2018 meeting

- **3.1 Saundersfoot Harbour development** – DTT to arrange a meeting with CEO Michael Davies – c/f.
- **3.2 Trees on South Parade** – DTT to write a letter of support for replanting in due course – c/f.
- **3.3 Guide Book** – AS confirmed that he now had all the inserts typed and ready for the next stage.
- **3.4 Allen's View Coffee Morning** – see 9.4 below
- **3.5 Kinloch Court** – still no reply from Caroline Bowen. HG to escalate our queries on planning conditions (residential only rather than residential/holiday let mix) and installation of bamboo-type fence. Until the Society receive a response a design award will not be considered.
- **3.6 Town Walls Walk** – see 11.1 below
- **3.7 20mph zone** – TTC have publicly supported a 20mph zone but questioned enforcement. The Society will contact PCC themselves if there is no progress by TTC by Spring 2019.
- **3.8 Bryan Harris/Allens View Talk** – HG will give a presentation on Allens View at the next AGM. Could NW confirm whether the Historical Society projector is available and what programme/s it uses in order than HG can prepare.

Signed.....Chairman

- **3.9 Amended bank mandate** – DTT will have to attend the NatWest branch in Haverfordwest in person in order to progress. No additional signatories will be added at this time.
- **3.10 Remembrance Day Parade** – a wreath was laid by Caroline Thomas on behalf of the Society.
- **3.11 Response from Cllr Tish Rossiter** – no response or apology had been received following DTT’s letter in the Tenby Observer. It was felt that the Society is an organisation that does not deserve to be ignored by members of Tenby Town Council and certainly is worthy of a response following the very public outburst. DTT to write and chase.

4. Correspondence

- Tenby Chamber of Trade Newsletter – DTT highlighted the limited content of the most recent newsletter and worried about how it portrayed the town to residents and visitors alike. A lengthy discussion took place on the merits of trying to provide an online ‘one-stop-shop’ for accommodation, restaurants, activities and places of interest and upcoming events and meetings. RW commented that the fact that it does not exist at present perhaps indicates that it is not required or is too difficult to maintain. Others commented that there are so many different voluntary organisations in Tenby with their own vested interests and priorities (including TTC) that it is difficult to define a single vision. In comparison, Saundersfoot do very well raising funds, installing high quality Christmas lights etc. It was agreed that the likely closure of Tenby Tourist Information is to be fought – DTT to write a suitable letter and circulate the draft for comments.

5. Membership

No change for the year to date. The following comparison data was provided by email by AS –

Year	Membership fees	No of Life Memberships
2018	£423	-
2017	£622	2
2016	£552	1
2015	£459	-

6. Treasurers Report

NatWest current account	£ 2,512.61
National Savings	£ 9,177.00
TOTAL	£11,689.61

Allen’s View **£ 854.17** (included in current account balance reported above)

HG handed £60 of Allen’s View fundraising to DTT to pay into the bank and requested that a receipt be provided.

JW/RW to review the insurance documentation to see what insurance cover is in place for public liability and volunteers working at Allen’s View.

7. Planning

See Appendix 1 for details.

HG has raised the issue of the new concrete platform and engineering works at Harbour Heights (which took place without planning application/consent) directly with Rob Scourfield.

The pre-application proposal for 29 dwellings on the old industrial site at Knowing Mead was discussed at length. HG will submit thoughts and recommendations to TTC.

The Society will also re-commence sending the comments of their planning sub-committee on all planning applications to TTC for their consideration. It was acknowledged that reviewing documentation, making site visits and then composing written reports to TTC's strict timetable was time consuming but it is felt that the expertise of the sub committee is too good to be overlooked.

8. Allen's View

See Appendix 2 for details.

The committee agreed that the tree surgeon be called out as soon as possible to make safe the fallen/dangerous branches and quote for a number of other jobs that are out of scope for volunteers.

Shed replacement – DTT still to clear the 'small' debris, leaving the agreed materials on site for construction of the replacement water butt/shed. HRH was requested to produce a design by 29th January 2019 for consideration at the meeting.

HG confirmed that lack of volunteers had slowed the work schedule.

HG also confirmed that a list of tree planting requirements had been passed to Rob Mayhew for consideration by the Carten100 committee.

9. Current Projects Update

9.1 Characterisation Study –

- a) Phase 1 – RW mapping with the help of Steven Jones (PCNP Operations Manager) – c/f
- b) Phase 2 – c/f

9.2 Plaques – 4 more have been completed and should be back in place by Christmas. DTT will send photos to JW for loading on website.

9.3 Allen's View Coffee Morning – SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

- All volunteers to be present at Church House at 9am to prepare for 10am start
- DTT to contact NW, RM & others to see if they can help on the day
- DTT to place advertisement via Tenby Observer
- HRH to make A-frames to advertise the event on the day
- RW to pass information to the residents of Paxton Court
- JW & EG to bake and deliver to DTT by end of Wednesday 5th December
- Raffle – all to donate suitable prizes. TH/AS to sort out raffle tickets
- Float will be required
- £1 for a tea/coffee & cake with jar for any other donations and £1 raffle tickets – NOT an admission fee!

10. Licensing

No applications affecting Tenby have been received.

11. AOB

11.1 St Matthews Fair – KC seems to have played an instrumental part in ensuring St Matthews fair is re-sited if held in future. An alternative venue might be Butts Field but the Society will maintain a watching brief on this item

11.2 Town Walls – interesting correspondence had been received from Mark Lusby (Friends of Derry Walls) and David Bruce (Walled Towns Research) which may prompt Tenby to apply to be a venue for a future European Walled Towns symposium. DTT is also interested in pursuing the formation of a charitable trust, independent of TTC and TCS, to maintain and restore the walls and eventually open them up to the public, charging for guided walks etc and providing sustainable income to fund ongoing improvements (and maybe lighting if deemed desirable). TH to forward all relevant information to DTT as soon as possible. DTT will contact Rob Scourfield to try and obtain a copy of the walls survey that was conducted in 1995.

11.3 Commercial production of calendars and/or Christmas cards – DTT has been contacted by an online company producing calendars and cards for charitable organisations. This is not something that will be pursued this year but we will discuss again at our January 2019 meeting.

11.4 St Catherine’s Island Wishing Well contents - John Loring previously promised contents to the Society. DTT to follow up.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 29th January 2019 2PM @ FOURCROFT HOTEL TENBY

APPENDIX 1

Planning applications TCS Cottee 27.11.18 -comments sent in

The sub committee have discussed the amended proposals you forwarded to us for Fecci's Tenby frontage NP/18/0524 and we are happy with the revised design (two doors, existing shop window and sash windows above) for the frontage and the reserving of details for the awning.

Thank the officers concerned, and we are pleased Fecci's could agree the amendments.

NP/18/0601/FUL New dwelling 9 St David's Close Tenby

No objections. We do note that the trees listed in the tree report have already been felled, as occurred with the first application for the No. 9 house plot.

Recent applications are resulting in a net loss of trees and their bio-mass, **so we welcome the planting proposed for the eastern hedge.** Might we point out that some of the mix proposed could grow too large alongside the new house which will be very close, so planting there could be the smaller species.

There is also a tall very spindly tree in this hedge which has been left exposed by all the felling on what was a tightly over-grown site; the removal of this spindly now unprotected tree appears wise, prior to the planting.

NP/18/0595/FUL

Replacement glass balustrade Flat 1 Royal Victoria Court 5 Crackwell Street Tenby

1 We have no objections, but do note that experience with aluminium in salty exposed exterior locations is mixed; Stainless steel might give a longer life.

2 We are concerned that **repair following a cliff fall at the rear of the nearby Harbour Heights** holiday let on Crackwell Street above the harbour includes a substantial concrete structure appearing to extend the rear garden and incorporating an extended new powder coated fence. There is no stone facing to conceal the concrete. There are also engineering implications, on which we would not presume to comment !

Comparison with NP0595 suggest this is much more substantial and requires planning permission in its important and sensitive location. We would appreciate your advice on this latter point.

NP 0602/3 Balcony and decking(Bridge St) rear of Brecknock House Crackwell St

1. our copy doesn't have signatures in the necessary places, which could affect legality, whatever the decision
2. Just a practical point that wood decking becomes slimy and very slippery in wet weather over the winter, so is both a safety issue for holiday lets and and is one of the reasons decking has often been stripped out in Tenby after a few years.

NP0664 The Mews, Queen Victoria House, Heywood Lane, Tenby, SA70

The proposed reduction of the tree is eminently sensible; we welcome the action proposed.

PA/18/0677/Ful 45 the Glebe, Tenby – extensions.

No objection; the low angle hipped roofs are different to the main roofs, but there are a number of similar front alterations that fit in well already on the estate.

NP 0629 Oaklands, Marsh Road, Tenby, SA70 8EG

"Regularisation of existing residential unit" – No objections. (bedsit above double garage in rear garden.)

NP0560 1, Oakridge Acres, Tenby, SA70 8DB

"Proposed new dwelling within grounds of existing dwelling"

Site suitable for the proposal – no objections provided small decorative trees are planted to replace those to be lost.

Applications still no Planning decision –

1 Oakridge Acres; house. Fecci's bar and restaurant; Newlook, Hi St. : Pembroke Hotel to 2 houses, Warren St: Land off Narbeth Road 17 houses, outline.

Pre application proposal, rear of Knowling Mead, 29 dwellings. (major proposal, for consultation prior to planning application) Applicant has discussed it with planners who required west end of layout to be amended. Good example of how complex larger applications are.

Details are on line at

<http://www.asbriplanning.co.uk/statutory-pre-application-consultation/knowling-mead/>

Below is an internal TCS document of preliminary issues, not a settled external comment. -No comments submitted yet

First reactions to a skim of details are houses too tight especially north to south, squeezing hedges out for fences (??), omitting footpath on one side of internal (private) road

No other road access practicable; too many houses there is an issue. Look on Google maps and street view – lots of visual info on streetview; try the drive up to the site !! **Road access off Knowling Mead is substandard; worse than the road in Upper Hill park that forced access off Narbeth road !!.**

- no tree survey, no tree root protection areas for the line of trees on the Rugby Club west boundary.
- About 10 trees (mainly Scots Pine) inside the site are to go; no replacement planting mentioned, nor much space for it in the tight layout.
- apparently hedges will go, replaced by 6 ft high fences ? (unclear)
- assumes vehicle access is fine because big lorries came in the past.
- no survey of parking/ carriageway restriction on Knowling Mead
- some wasted space at the west end of the site (may be reserved as a root protection area for hedge trees...)
- only one footpath beside the private road inside the site
- existing road access off main length of Knowling Mead is narrow with only one footpath
- Wild life report bit limp about likely slow worm population and their protection.
- Knotweed on site – 2 –3 years to clear it..
- Compact semis design is ok; double parking spaces in front will make for a harsh road environment; needs some bush planting to relieve it?

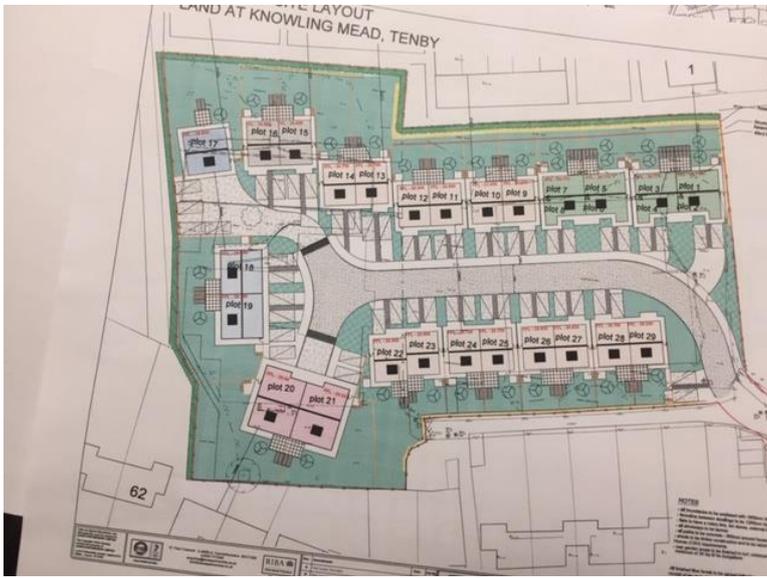
Maybe a Housing Association scheme which is a definite plus, as they are cheaper than “ affordable” rented or for sale and have somewhat better control over allocation to locals, long term

Planners appear to think the road access is OK because was used by the commercial premises in the past. But the traffic flows will be higher and more often two way thro the narrow section; there is no traffic study, nor any comment from Highways.

Planners may well be anxious to approve an affordable scheme in Tenby as the Local Plan 2019 doesn't have any. (Bryn Hir may be added under the 2018 plan) so the loss of commercial land / use would not be important.

Costs of site clearance will be high, as will technical reports to the application when it comes, so there is a worry that they will need to cram a lot of dwellings in to afford the scheme.

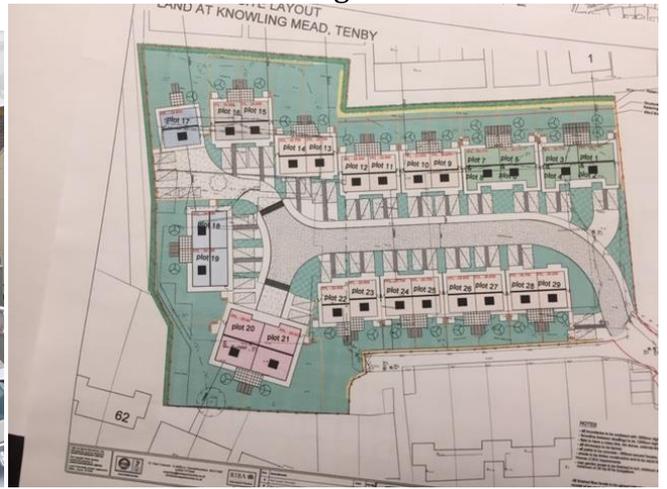
Approved as is could be a backwards leap in some design standards, and create increased traffic issues in cramped Knowling Mead roadway. Comparison with the Sion Gardens one house shows the extremes the housing market produces..... and the price it extracts for affordable housing !



Above - quasi aerial view of site and setting including trees etc. Below 2 views along narrow access-way



Below view of common conditions for access along east main arm of Knowing mead



APPENDIX 2

Allens View report, Harry Gardiner TCS Cottee 27.11.18.

Tree checks; - site monitored regularly, with priority to public safety areas and issue trees.

1 The Griselina tree has lost two more branches (one is lodged securely on other branches away from the main access area) despite tree surgeon work to reduce risks. This tree appears to have hit over-maturity, losing four branches in the last two years. It will be monitored for further losses, but may need its longer branches to be shortened, to reduce weight and wind sway/fracture. As a multi stemmed species it will produce extra shoots.

Action will need tree surgeon work later this winter for safety reasons. Est £130.

2 Two sycamores *on the 2015 survey list* for monitoring may need felling within 5 years, but would provide three tree carvable stems each, if 8 feet of stem retained. Felling cost about £200 carving a further £1200 to £1800, depending on complexity of carving. One by the south gate would make an excellent entry marker, the other is shaped to be ideal for three leaping dolphins/ porpoises.

Other work

1 Site measurements show Ordnance survey maps (and deed maps) are wrong (esp east boundary) but don't quite fit the satellite images for the site, so revised more accurate tree map still "in production" !! – not urgent.

2 no further progress on removing surplus shed/ creating water storage feature.

3 next date Cottee agreed to check **metal benches** progress is 10th December. Complete for spring early summer? **One teak bench** touched up with wood stain, another had screws inserted to support loose stays under seat. Needing repair quite frequently. Its hoped that fixings for metal benches can be reproduced to fix the positions of other benches etc..

Two existing teak benches need minor touch up with wood stain, plus bit of wood filler

Brownies bench needs full sand down and re-stain, need to buy new can suitable woodstain –up to £50 ! Best in Spring. Metal bench needs minor touch up – metal paint £2 .

4 Our anonymous doner will be sorting production of **entry gates** in the new year, materials as for the two picnic benches. May be some sanding and proofing needed and then we will need volunteers to install them, - Park, Lions, or ?. We have a trenching spade ideal for post holes; tested installing the four owl carvings. Some concrete could be needed; confirm with doner in new year.

5 Some minor planting and branch thinning has been done. Some thinning around young trees planted in the Coast Path hedge needed again; new growth of brambles, ferns, nettles risk swamping the plantings. Some planting and rails needed to guide visitor movement.

6 some signage and information panels still needed – HFG could do if more volunteers for other tasks; **we are short of volunteers now.**

7 Two horses now in field to west; vehicles using access lane most days.

8 New owners for camp site to the west.

9 Potentially quite a lot of hardy fuschias available for Spring planting.

10 Tenby Daffs were unavailable locally or on-line, despite pre ordering. Need to pre –order for autumn 2019 planting.....

11 Brambles attempting a come back in one or two areas....

Harry will be looking at grant aidable work/improvements/ resources for the longer term including surveillance.