

TENBY CIVIC SOCIETY

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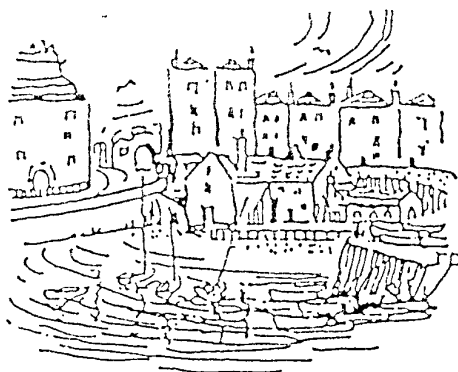
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date – 26th February 2019

Venue - The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

Committee members present

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

Members and guests present

Edna Greenhalgh, Rob Mayhew and David Glennerster

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received for Howard Rawson-Humphries, Richard Wingfield, Keith Clarke and Trevor Hallett.

2. Minutes of meeting 29th January 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from 29th January 2019 meeting

Outstanding matters were reviewed and it was agreed that the following items would not be pursued – 3.1 Saundersfoot Harbour and 3.8 Response from Cllr Rossiter.

Other matters arising as follows -

- **3.1 Trees on South Parade** – DTT to write a letter of support for replanting in due course – c/f.
- **3.2 20mph zone** – DTT has written to Tenby Observer and the letter should be published soon
- **3.3 Tenby Chamber of Trade/Visit Tenby** – DTT attended a meeting today and is collecting material for publication
- **3.4 St Catherine's Island Wishing Well Contents** – DTT will suggest to John Loring that a contribution is made to the Society from next year's collection
- **3.5 Town Walls** – DTT has contacted the President of Pembroke Town Walls Association by email seeking advice for a potential 'Friends of the Town Walls' group in Tenby but has not yet received a reply
- **3.6 Heritage Plaques** – JW highlighted a recent piece from the Tenby Observer indicating that TTC were unaware of the extensive work being carried out by DTT to renovate the plaques in the town.

Signed.....Chairman

DTT to write to Andrew Davies with the complete list of all the renovations he has completed in the last 2 years.

- **3.7 Charity Commission** – HG questioned whether TCS were compliant with all requirements for their annual report. DTT confirmed that everything was in order and did comply.
- **3.8 Transport** – NW confirmed he had written to Ken Skates and Angela Burns and had in fact received a reply from Ms Burns stating that new trains were planned to be introduced in our area in 2022 and a first class service is planned for Swansea to Manchester in 2024.
- **3.9 TIC Closure** – DTT confirmed he had received a link from RM to an online forum where objections could be lodged

4. Correspondence

- Howard Rawson-Humphries – an update on SEPCHN meeting, Allen’s View and spectacles for the third world
- Peter Stopp – requesting help sourcing pictures for a book he is writing on Paxton/Tenby and the buildings in Tudor Square
- Rob Scourfield/Harry Gardiner – on the extended conservation area in Tenby and the new approach to revising supporting documentation.

5. Membership

No change – we have 110 members (there were 300 50 years ago according to the Tenby Observer!)

6. Treasurers Report

NatWest current account	£ 2,717.11
National Savings	£ 9,243.55
TOTAL	£11,960.66

Allen’s View **£ 914.17** (included in current account balance reported above)

AS is completing the accounts for the last financial year and requires a receipt from David Llewellyn for £40 – NW/DTT to sort.

7. Planning

See Appendix 1 for details.

- Conservation Area – the committee were happy to support the extension to the conservation area and HG will draft a written letter of support to Rob Scourfield. There may be a requirement to provide selected information from the papers gathered to date on the characterisation study. HG is happy to continue to participate on the working group
- Open Space consultation – HG has submitted comments (see Appendix 2)
- Knowling Mead – all the proposed dwellings will be managed by a Housing Association. There is no planned tree replacement following the extensive site clearance
- New Look premises – the new owner has started work but it is difficult to tell whether the work conforms to the application for which consent was given. The frontage, windows and dormers are critical.

8. Allen’s View

- Fund raising – AS will research how to get Tenby Choir to put on a fund raising concert for TCS
- Shed replacement – water butts, design and site clearance still to be completed
- Volunteers – Ann Draper visited recently with the Wellbeing Group who have confirmed they will return in May to help with the planting
- Gates – Mr Braun has measured up and installation is likely to take place this year depending on his completion of the work, availability of mini digger and help

- Installation of iron benches – Mike Davies has had another delay. HG will find out the revised work schedule and likely completion/installation date
- HG is currently also working on his presentation for the AGM

9. Current Projects Update

- **9.1 Guide Book** – written content is now complete and it is time to collect illustrations (photos, postcards and pictures) showing old and new. The areas are –
 - Harbour
 - Castle Hill
 - St Catherine’s Island
 - Town Walls
 - St Mary’s Church
 - Caldey Island
 - Allens View
 - Tudor House
 - Penally
 - Pubs

DTT will find his Norris pictures (NB copyright issues) but all are encouraged to assist where possible. DTT will also contact PLANED (Ewan Thomas the new CEO) for assistance with printing, marketing and possible grant support

- **9.2 Civic Society Award** – NW had circulated a document giving guidelines for making an award which all present were asked to review and consider how the process could work It will be discussed in more detail at the next committee meeting (4th June 2019)
- **9.3 Slippery Back/Wedding Oaks plaque/s** – HG has collected costings for a number of different options for the two plaques proposed. Since this is a collaborative project, working with residents of Mayfield Drive, Martin Hurlow and Tenby Lions, HG will now pass over this information to Gareth Evans and let him decide which option to progress
- **9.4 Characterisation Study** –
 - a) Phase 1 – RW mapping with the help of Steven Jones (PCNP Operations Manager) – c/f
 - b) Phase 2 – c/f

10. Licensing

No applications affecting Tenby have been received.

11. AOB

11.1 Tenby Railway Station – the station is suffering from littering and overgrown plants again. DTT will speak to Andrew Davies to see what measures TTC are planning to ensure the station is ready for ‘the season’ and see if there are any plans to redevelop the café etc now there are new operators?

11.2 Spectacles for the Third World – HRH has provided a sack of specs which will be passed on to Tenby Lions who have in the past always run this charity in the town. Potential photo opportunity?

11.3 Summer Trips – there are 2 trips already organised by Tenby Historical Society (25th June 7pm Colby Gardens £3 and 23rd July 7pm Pembroke Dock Dockyard) which TCS may also attend if they wish. Transport is not provided. DTT will continue to organise the main excursion to Castlemartin Range in August.

11.4 AGM DATE – 13th April 2019, 2pm, Augustus Place

- RM to source tea/coffee etc (Poundland or Tesco)
- June Glennester has kindly volunteered to bake
- AS will sort raffle tickets
- HG will provide the entertainment
- **ALL to bring something suitable for the raffle please**
- DTT will collect keys and open up on the day

Officers and committee members all indicated they were happy to continue in their current positions as follows –

Caroline Thomas – President – will be proposed and seconded as ITEM 1 of the AGM Agenda as usual

Officers –

Name	Position	Nominated	Seconded
D Tudor Thomas	Chairman	Harry Gardiner	Jacqui Wingfield
Trevor Hallett	Vice Chairman	David Glennerster	Harry Gardiner
Albie Smosarski	Treasurer	D Tudor Thomas	Neil Westerman
Jacqui Wingfield	Minutes Secretary	Albie Smosarski	D Tudor Thomas

Executive Committee –

Name	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Harry Gardiner	Committee Member	Albie Smosarski	D Tudor Thomas
Neil Westerman	Committee Member	D Tudor Thomas	Neil Westerman
Howard Rawson-Humphries	Committee Member	David Glennerster	Harry Gardiner
Richard Wingfield	Committee Member	Harry Gardiner	Albie Smosarski

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2019 2PM @ FOURCROFT HOTEL TENBY

APPENDIX 1

Planning – Planning Applications comments sent in. TCS Exec Cottee 26.2.2019. HFG

NP/19/0017/FUL Car wash, canopy and container, adjacent Co-op, The Green Tenby

A compatible use with the location. We were concerned about some resolvable details

- (1) Planning conditions are needed (a) for a fence on the northern boundary (b) to require that filtered washing water goes into the foul sewer.
- (2) The application boundary (red line) needs to be changed to include the proposed exit route.
- (3) We are concerned at the increasing levels of traffic movements of many kinds allowed along this stretch of The Green; more and more permissions add up to a need for **local traffic calming/speed limits** as accidents are quite common from the junction with Heywood Lane to the double roundabout.

NP/18/147/Ful Housing , rear of Knowling Mead, Tenby.

(comments below were sent to the Town Council and local county councilors. The Town Council subsequently made some detailed comments for changes to the plans and requested traffic management measures for access through the eastern arm of Knowling Mead. A softer view than ours but showing productive consideration of details. A welcome step.)

1 The Pre Application procedure produced poor developer response to our detailed comments; which latter stand again. Frankly, Pre Applications may work for statutory consultees, but not for us. We find comments to the Planning Authority more productive.

2 We welcome the prospect of ATEB providing the social rented housing that Tenby's high cost housing market badly needs to retain local workers. The Planning Authority need a clear commitment as to the type and number of such rentals in any permission.

3 A key problem is the potential traffic conflict the extra traffic the proposal will generate in the eastern section of Knowling Mead; this has not been assessed or addressed. There are many more cars in this estate than when the commercial uses started. County Highways position is hard to understand; for example at Bryn Hir the better road through Lady Park designed to link to Bryn Hir, is now not good enough for access to Bryn Hir, but the worse road to this site is acceptable. The contradiction is obvious.

4 We regret that there is no proper tree survey (as Q10 on the application form requires) relating existing trees to proposed buildings, so root protection areas for valuable trees can be protected. The 'Tree survey ' is only about bats not roosting in the trees. The Hedge Survey mentions trees but contains no drawings of tree locations, canopy spread, root protection areas, building positions etc.. Recent smaller applications have contained such details even where felling was requested. Existing boundary hedges themselves are to be retained.

5 Consultant reports note the dates within which Knotweed and all the other clearance and construction should be done - to protect wildlife and nesting on the site. These dates could be re-enforced with conditions on any permission to ensure the developer has a good basis to require contractors to follow this good practice. We have seen contractors' bad practice place applicants in embarrassing situations.

6 Tree loss likely in this scheme justifies some decorative medium/ smaller trees as replacements in a condition on a consent. There is significant tree loss (as here) in recent applications in Tenby; we are not aware of replacements. The fine line of Scots pine elsewhere in Tenby would likely have a TPO and any development fitted round them.

7 The apparent lack of Adoption of the internal estate road indicates maintenance costs could be by Lease Charges to occupiers, a retrograde prospect on top of Rates.

NP/19/0037 Alterations 'Milton' Serpentine Road, Tenby.

No objection

NP/19/0068/FUL Full width Dormer 40 Lady Park Tenby.

As the plans we have seen are identical with the same date and plan numbers as the previous recent application our views are the same; in this sloping location the proposal is appropriate in character with the surrounding houses, and involves no significant overlooking between windows. (On a site visit I spoke to the neighbour informally from 39 who didn't see a problem.)

18/0729/FUL and LBA Change of use to Worship, café and bookshop, former Ocean Commotion, Lower Frog Street, Tenby.

We welcome the re-use indoors of the paneled front doors, new glass doors and the reduction in signage. The loss of an indoor childrens play use is a shame, but restoration of church use is appropriate. We would suggest that the existing glass fronted display cases from the previous committee could be retained for notices etc., so future signage could be restricted to those. (Recent signage, previous use appears to have exceeded what had been permitted.)

19/0013/TPO Fell dying sycamore, reduce crowns sycamore and ash trees, Jibinc, Mayfield Drive/ fronting Narbeth Road.

We welcome this suitable management of a group of quite large trees partly along a main road. (May we thank the officer concerned for asking us to be consulted ?)

19/0026/FUL Second storey extensions, 12 St David's Close.

No objections to additions in keeping with the existing house and street character.

NP/19/051/FUL Conversion, velux and rear dormer Flat 3 Cresswell Court, Cresswell st. Tenby

No objections – the pitched roof will be retained by flush velux preserving the pitched roof character of the street frontage, whilst the wide dormer is at the rear.

NP/18/0748/FUL Alterations and A3 first floor use . Sergeants Lane, Tenby.

We welcome the proposal extending the revitalisation of Sergeants Lane especially if the work is of the same standard as that carried out in the adjoining related brewery. The retention of the style and features of the façade will retain the character of Sergeants Lane.

NP/18/0755/FUL rear alterations 'Milton', Serpentine Road, Tenby

No objections.

APPENDIX 2

TCS Exec Cottee Feb 2019

Final comments on the draft National Park's new Local Development plan re Open Space, HFG, Following Exec agreeing to press for the remaining sites we suggested be included but which the Park omitted.

Objections have to explain why the plan is unsound and how it could be sounder, hence the wording below.

We welcome the many additions made to **open space designations in Tenby** as a result of our representations. Two questions as to soundness arise from the Focussed Changes.

First our site surveys show **different boundaries** for a few sites, to those the Authority showed on the OS plans. Corrections and one site addition will complete the soundness of the Open Space allocations for Tenby. Second some of our peripheral sites used as open space have been left out; the soundness is in question as they fit Assembly types of openspace, TAN16 Annex B.

1 We have the advantage of local characterisation surveys and ready access to do site surveys in Tenby **to correct some boundary errors in the Authority's Maps**. We attach amendments in green to the Authority's maps for the few sites at issue.

It is unsound for the Rosemount Gardens site not to be designated, as site survey shows the grassed and treed open space is much larger than the Authority map recorded. It is larger than several amenity sites the draft plan includes.

Modifying boundaries will make for a sound relationship with house boundary changes since the OS surveys, and adding Rosemount Gardens will be as sound as all the other amenity spaces already included in the proposed Open Space allocations.

2 Other sites we proposed are excluded, we expect because they are outside the proposed Centre Boundary. The previous (current) Local Development Plan designated large open space sites outside and adjacent to the Centre Boundary. The sites of this type we proposed excluded in the new proposed Plan all fit one or more of the types in the Assrmbly's TAN 16 Appendix B, types of Open Space. Hence we feel the focussed changes rejecting these 'boundary' sites we recommended are unsound; Old and new Cemeteries, Buts Field car park grassed area and Allens View.

In the case of Allens View the Authority identified the wrong site, so that part of its exclusion was unsound. The remaining issues as to its inclusion are as in the above paragraphs, but noting TAN 16 Appendix B can include "detached" sites.