

TENBY CIVIC SOCIETY

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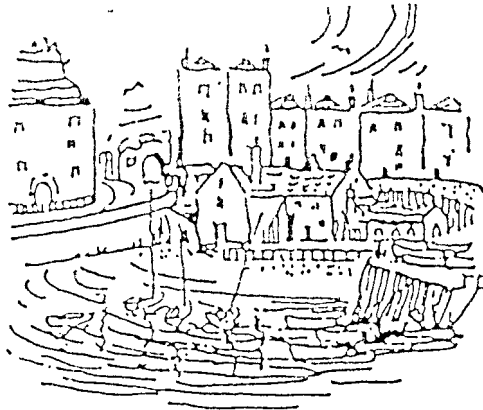
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date – 14th January 2020

Venue - The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

Committee members present

Chairman - David Tudor Thomas
Trevor Hallett
Harry Gardiner
Albie Smosarski
Neil Westerman
Howard Rawson-Humphries
Jacqui Wingfield

Members and guests present

Keith Clarke, Edna Greenhalgh, Jim Cornwell and David Glennerster.
DTT formally welcomed JC to the meeting after a past misunderstanding on attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Richard Wingfield.

2. Minutes of executive committee meeting 5th November 2019

The recorded date of the meeting at the top of the minutes was amended from 11th November to 5th November after which the minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from 5th November 2019 meeting

- **AGM - #4 – Rotary panel** – RM not present to provide an update – c/f
- **3.1 Trees on South Parade** – DTT to write a letter of support for replanting in due course – c/f.
- **3.2 Tenby Treasures Award** – Presentation to be made at upcoming AGM (date provisionally made for Saturday 4th April 2020). DTT will organise plaque and flowers/chocolates/wine
- **3.3 Tenby Railway Station** – Transport for Wales have not completed the main platform south canopy gable refurbishment as promised. This may be taken up by John Perrett in the future.

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- **3.5 Tenby Sailing Club Heritage Plaque** – needs to be re-fixed as mortar has crumbled. DTT will organise once weather improves and access/ladder requirement is agreed.
- **3.6 Tenby Choir Fundraising Evening** – 14th May at St Mary’s Church – we must provide at least 2 people on the door to collect entry fees (£10/head) and make a short presentation at the end thanking the choir and explaining what the funds will be used for.

4. Correspondence

- **Sue Allen** – contact via website to request access to tunnels below Boots. DTT agreed to act as a guide if she can arrange access directly with the manager at Boots
- **Tenby Development Trust** – this organisation is winding up and remaining funds will be transferred to Tenby Civic Society. DTT to pass on bank details to Ian Badham asap. Amount unknown at present.

5. Membership

AS reminded the meeting that subscriptions are now due and requested that a reminder be placed in the next Newsletter.

The Society has one new member – Jim Cornwell.

6. Treasurers Report

NatWest current account	£ 2,405.39
National Savings	£ 7,943.55
TOTAL	£10,348.94

Allen’s View **£ 967.17** (a further donation from the Camera Club)

AS will now prepare the financial statements for 2019 in readiness for the AGM.

DTT to investigate the error message on the Charities Commission website saying the 2018 accounts submission is outstanding.

Consider Civic Week (as in Narberth) to raise the profile and funds for the Society with a series of events such as open houses, guided walks and talks – c/f.

7. Planning

See Appendix 1 for details.

- **Tesco Express** – new signage not in keeping with position in Conservation Area.
- **OYO Timothys** – signage has been changed to something a little less obtrusive
- **Meadow Farm** – a very thorough refusal has been issued by Sally Tyler. DTT proposed a vote of thanks to HG for pursuing the matter to such a welcome conclusion. All agreed.
- **Plastic sash windows** – HG to circulate notes for discussion at February 2020 meeting
- **Shop Signage (general)** – rules are chaotic. Even those signs for which planning is refused are still in place (eg Card Factory and Trespass). HG will write to relevant authorities to highlight problem
- **Bryn Hir** – HG will attend the next meeting and is booked to speak. Date not yet published.

8. Allen's View

See Appendix 2 for details.

- There are a number of jobs to do before the end of February
 - Paint tree sculptures, bench & picnic table (DTT)
 - Remove competing growth on hedge path (DTT)
 - Move benches & fix to ground (HG + 1)
 - Redraw site, tree map and tree notices (HG)
 - Remove shed remains (DTT & HRH)
- A silver birch is to be donated, planted and looked after by local residents. All agreed with proposal.
- A large branch has fallen in the recent storm (13th Jan 2020) so HG has closed the site and has contacted Dan Badham to arrange the necessary tree surgery. He will continue to monitor daily
- Next WORKING PARTY Sunday 19th January 2020 1pm – 4pm. Reserve date in case of terrible weather is Sunday 26th January 2020 1pm – 4pm.

JC commented that he had conducted a guided walk last summer which included Allens View as a first stop. His walkers loved it and were grateful to have been taken there.

9. Current Projects Update

- **9.1 Guide Book** – AS thanked KC for proof reading. There are now a number of corrections required before printing can be considered.
- **9.2 Slippery Back/Wedding Oaks plaque/s** – Mike Davies is not returning calls. Martin Hurlow is keen to fund a metal (not wooden) plaque so research into a suitable supplier will continue.
- **9.3 Other Heritage Plaques** – DTT will continue the refurb programme in due course but needs to gather a batch together for the powder coating supplier.
- **9.4 Tenby Town Walls Trust** – Howard Rudge is interested in forming a joint Trust which DTT will progress in due course – c/f

10. Licensing

Tenby Rocks Boutique has closed down and re-opened as a coffee/wine bar – “Westgate House”. There has been no licence application. DTT to investigate.

Bar10 has an application to remain open until 01.30am every night and there appear to be plans to turn both the chip shop and pizza restaurant on Upper Frog Street into wine/tapas bars.

11. AOB

11.1 Transport – NW summarised the contents of his 2 recent letters circulated prior to the meeting by email. It is disappointing that although Ken Skates ‘shares our frustration’ there appears to be little appetite for any changes to timetabling despite an upcoming review in May 2020. NW has written back detailing various bus timetable amendments to improve onward connectivity and make travel quicker. It was pointed out how poorly advertised the All Wales Concessionary Bus Pass is despite the potential to use on buses and some trains throughout Wales. KC circulated his supporting correspondence sent to TfW and the response appreciating the frustrations but not indicating any changes.

11.2 Engine Idling – KC raised the problem of engine idling having written to Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy & Rural Affairs and receiving a reply. The problem is not limited to schools and there is a legal requirement to act. A number of local examples were discussed. KC has produced a leaflet which he gives to people he catches idling – DTT asked for copies.

11.3 – COMMITTEE – changes to the committee were announced with DTT resigning as Chairman and committee member with immediate effect for personal reasons. He will attend to the necessary administration on the Charities Commission as soon as possible. TH proposed a vote of thanks for all the hard work DTT has contributed to keep the Society together, moving forward and completing excellent work with the plaque renovation being a particular triumph. All agreed.

In addition RW is retiring from the committee with immediate effect and JW will continue as Minutes Secretary up to and including the AGM after which she will also retire.

JC put himself forward as a committee member and was co-opted immediately – proposed by NW and seconded by HG. It is hoped that Chris Osborne will attend the next meeting and agree to committee co-option in a similar way.

11.4 AGM – DTT to book Augustus Place for 4th April 2020. JC agreed to be our guest speaker which is excellent – we look forward to his talk on the history of the Town Cryer. Other administration points will be agreed at the next committee meeting in February.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020 2PM @ FOURCROFT HOTEL TENBY

AGM SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2020 2PM @ AUGUSTUS PLACE

APPENDIX 1

13 Jan 2020 current Applications comments

Planning Sub Cottee Tenby Civic Society, Chair Harry Gardiner.

<u>NP/19/0691/ADV</u>	Replacement of 2 existing external ATM signs with 2 new external ATM signs	H S B C Bank, Tudor Square, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7AG	The second disabled access cash machine is welcome and already permitted. The cash machine signage proposed is functional and welcome
<u>NP/19/0686/FUL</u>	Garage/Workshop Extension.	Kingfishers, North Cliffe, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8AU	The extension is quite close to, and visible from the Coast Path. It is in keeping with the quite large existing garage building. No objection , A condition restricting use as a residence could be appropriate. <i>(We note that the application is wrong to say there are no hedges or trees by or adjoining the application site; however the proposal will not directly affect any hedges or trees, so a survey would not be required tho a condition could protect RPAs.)</i> no objection.
<u>NP/19/0685/FUL</u>	Change of use from guesthouse to residential	Clement Dale Guest House, Southcliff Gardens, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7DS	
<u>NP/19/0687/ADV</u>	1 x illuminated fascia, 1 x externally illuminated fascia, 1 x externally illum	Tesco Express, Northcliffe House, 46, High Street, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7AA	Proposals for revised signage is opposed. It is a retrograde step from the existing much more acceptable fascia signage which (a) is centred in the building frontage (b) and a more discrete fascia panel colour (c) more discrete 'Express' lettering and colour (d) so is more in tune with the design of the whole building frontage (e) and suitable for The Tenby Conservation Area (f) and the shopfront SPG document. The proposed new signage is lopsided, with a too dominant white fascia panel and hanging sign inappropriate for the Conservation Area and out of keeping with other fascia signage. The plans dont even show the whole building elevation. The blue surround to the cash machine is appropriate , and the store directory beside the entrance doors may be acceptable, though there is a case for those exiting and entering to see each other more easily through a clear side window. The application makes no reference whatever to the appropriate design policies for its location. <i>The Planning Authority can be seen as at fault as there is no question on their signage form as to whether the location is on a listed building or in a Conservation Area. We have seen first applications repeatedly refused, after erection, in cases like this. Two such refused shop front fascias are still in situ....</i>

<u>NP/19/0627/TPO</u>	Tree works in relation to PC19-111 -07/11/2019	Hafod Y Werydd, Heywood Lane, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8BU	Some necessary periodic management of a large and valuable series of trees and hedges. The balance of some native replanting with some more ornamental replanting is very welcome.
<u>NP/19/0649/NMA</u>	Non-material amendment to NP/19/0107/FUL	Oaklands, Marsh Road, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8EG	With NP/0656 a sensible re-arrangement of garage provision on the site. Access into the garage is unclear on the plans.
<u>NP/19/0645/FUL</u>	Demolish existing lean to study and external w.c construct single storey extensi	Walmer House, Deer Park, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7LE	1 We are opposed to the new roof terrace- it will cause neighbour amenity issues as the adjoining Church has previously pointed out;- overlooking, Visual intrusion and potential noise. The application does not address Policy 30, main sentence, (c), (d) and para 4.136 The ground floor extension itself would be welcome. We have found that neighbours usually find rear extensions next door above one storey objectionable after they are built !!
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<u>NP/19/0640/TPO</u>	T1, sycamore. Fell. T2, sycamore. Fell. T3, sycamore. Fell. T4, pine. Crown r	Ty Isaf, 22, Haytor Gardens, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8HW	1 - main group in TPO will remain after felling 2 - Suitable sized replacement trees should be required - for Townscape and carbon reasons; Tenby is suffering a net loss of trees in residential areas and applications

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Planning – report on other matters

Meadow Farm – the application refused for the new reception shower and washroom blocks. Reasons include, excessive for only 25 TENT pitches, intrusive, too visible on ridge/skyline, no tree or bio-assessment, house adequate for reception function present shower block has no permission... A very thorough “No”! Enforcement could start now, but not if they appeal, or put plans in. However a xxxx application only needs a use to have been happening four or more years ago, the buildings etc need to have been done 10 or more years ago. They might get the old shower block oked. A different officer deals with those applications..... I expect that or new plans that so they can breeze on the same way as last year.

Jackie and I will be going thro the files on wed 15th Jan to pick up more of the official history.

Warmley House – no decision on set back balcony. Listed building app. previously approved.

6 the Green Bat box required, plus details of trees hedges landscaping! Mini digger has been re-terracing the garden! Smart dark blue new sash windows have replaced the original wood; new are PVC sashes!! Details required on the approval – I wonder if they were supplied. A long warning about illegality of destroying bat roosts was in the decision details.

(recent house applications have been scrutinized more closely; more so than the big Knowling Mead Approval.)

Changes to Local Development Plan. – *Consultation has started on many changes required by inspector to fit other Assembly policies and changes to previous LDP's. So plan not approved yet.....*

The policy protecting **buildings of local importance** as been deleted ‘as there are Assembly policies’.

The Park are not happy as the Assembly want a system of local listing like UK. Park think that’s a lot more work and will cause a lot of objections/ friction /work. Park have not included local listing.

No mention of Bryn Hir. – **Open spaces** we wanted are conformed, but any could go if several conditions are met (new clauses). – **Green wedges** slightly strengthened; could cite re access road to Bryn Hir. – ton of other presentational changes, re-ordering etc. . **Retail only frontages** in Tenby Town centre appears to have gone.

-sections on **camp sites** now refer to Pitch type, and include tough restrictions as to landscape intrusion and intervisibility, etc.; bit tougher than before.

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Plan wording for an allocated housing site that would apply exactly to Bryn Hir

“Land off Cefan Galod, Trefin, HA10 ref50. When viewed from the south visual impact will need to be minimized by ensuring all existing boundary hedgerow is retained with additional planting provided.”

APPENDIX 2

TCS EXEC 14 Jan 2020.

Allens View report, Harry Gardiner

1 Joanne Debenham (recently moved into Kingfisher) and her mother would like to plant a tree with some flowers around it in Allens View, in memory of her Aunt Carol Williams of Cardiff, who died in November. (Silver birch with primroses and violets around it)

- this would make a good feature tree in the southern glade which is likely to loose some trees in the next five years (see below).
- I have pointed out the need to clear at least a square metre of ground, - they are willing to weed around the tree, in subsequent years, otherwise their choice of flowers could be swamped.

I would recommend we agree and I liaise to plant the 5 foot tree they already have in a tub. (Photo op....)

2 There are several issues arising from our tree inspections to raise with the Arboriculturalist for his 5 year survey due this May/June. (£350 bill...)

- Two Ash trees in the southern glade need checking for 'ash die back' disease; both have other issues. Currently I recommend removal within the next 5 years. Both could provide stems for tree carvings. A third ash is a bigger better specimen with few issues
- A three stemmed sycamore needs review, tho it remains stable in the reviews.
- The southern boundary Monterey `pine has two low branches rubbing and drooping into the view (as did other branches removed fro 'droop', which may well be due to increasing weight with aging.) Another Monterey has branches drooping into the buddleia scrub. A further Monterey leans over Clovers land a lot...
- There is a case of basal rot, another of lost stem cavity rot, but neither have progressed over the last two years. The potentially over mature Crab apple by the top bench is stable, but needs some advice on some branch removal above the bench (for safety reasons.)
- In the northeastern glade the aged blackthorns continue to decline and slowly fall onto each other; advice will be welcome as to suitable smaller replacements.
- There are some interlocking branches that could need reduction for cosmetic and future growth reasons. Volunteers could deal with some of them.
- Fire risk from scrub is a possible issue, or promote invertibrate rich value undergrowth
- *There is potential for up to six tree removals leaving tall stumps (some with multiple stems) suitable for tree carvings, at between £150 and £500 a tree..... most near to paths.*

3 **Volunteer work** (Jan feb in bold, rest by Easter): bench sanding and painting (3of, March?); **reduce interlocking branches** ; planting seeds and flowers known to grow well; brush and proof bird carvings (dry weather) ; move and fix down one bench and 2 picnic tables; replace stump tree info panel; remains of shed to go ? (unsightly, some safety issues) Revised more accurate site and tree map is in preparation. **2 - 3volunteers needed to cut back s hedge from Clovers grass hill side: Jan or Feb.**

4 Coast Path hedge whips and griselina hedges are growing ok.

5 Free gates are now unlikely.

6 Tools are available for making long life metal plant and tree labels; About £200 for dies, and labels.

The summer would be a good time to review any future scheme/grant applications, once the tree survey report is in.

Signed.....Chairman

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