At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on Thursday 28th August 2008.

PRESENT:

Councillor R.G. Watts, Mayor Councillors, S Beasley. M. Colgan, D. Esmond, Mrs. C. Fortune, Mrs. P E George, P. Gwyther, B. Hall, K. Higgs, D. King, A. McNaughton, S. Perkins.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Jones, Town Clerk

The Mayor opened the meeting by bringing members attention to the fact that a former Councillor Mrs Jan Rees (July 2004 to April 2007) had died since the last meeting. Members stood for a minutes silence in her memory.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Cook, K Becton and A Wilcox

71. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

72. MINUTES

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 31st July 2008 be adopted with the following addition:-

Page 80 (Minute regarding Pembrokeshire Waterway Annual Firework Champion of Champions Competition 2008) the following addition to be made after the final sentence:-

It was important that all items of expenditure were examined to ensure that there was value for money for what was spent. Large grants to any organisation were part of that scrutiny.

73. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Minute 88 – Town Council Code of Conduct

The Town Clerk stated that the necessary advertisement had appeared in the paper and the Code was also available on the Website.

(b) Minute 90 – Letter from Llanion Communities First

The Town Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to the Minister for Social Justice and an acknowledgement had been received.

(c) Minute 91 – Letter from Argyle Street Surgery.

The Town Clerk stated that he had that day spoken to the Surgery Manager who had telephoned in response to his letter following the last Town Council Meeting. It had been suggested that the Town Council may like to arrange a meeting with staff at the surgery in order to talk through the issues and possible dates for such a meeting would be sent shortly. Members agreed that this would be a way forward.

(d) Minute 92 – Pembrokeshire Waterway Annual Firework Champion of Champions Competition 2008.

Councillor Sue Perkins sought clarification about the placing of the £3000, originally allocated in the budget, into contingency reserve. The Town Clerk explained that he understood from the last Town Council meeting that the money could be used for the Christmas Events if there was a need. It was agreed that this would be addressed at the Tourism Committee meeting to be held on Monday 1st September when contact would then be made with Communities First about the proposed lantern parade to establish likely costs.

(e) Minute 94 – Request for Flag from Kunsil Lokali Pembroke

The Town Clerk reported that a flag had been ordered and would be delivered shortly. Arrangements would then be made for it to be sent / taken to Pembroke Malta.

(f) Minute 98 – Pembroke Dock Mural Painted by Mr. George Lewis.

The Town Clerk stated that he had spoken to the Director of Education, Mr Gerson Davies, who was investigating the matter of a possible new location. A letter in response to the Town Council's concerns would be received shortly.

(g) Minute 104 – Recruitment Exercise for Position as Secretary / Committee Clerk.

Shortlisting had taken place and five candidates had been called for interview which would be held on Thursday 4th September 2008.

(h) Minute 69 – Any other business.

As requested at the last meeting, the Town Clerk had written to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Service about the proposed closures of offices within Pembrokeshire including the office in Pembroke Dock.

With regard to the application for Town Green status for the portion of land between Military Road and Stranraer Road in Pennar, the Town Clerk had been advised by the Town Council Solicitors that the application was about to be re-submitted. A further map to the scale required by the County Council had been sent to the Solicitors.

74. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

102. Setting Local Speed Limits

The Report of the Consultation Sub Committee outlined in Appendix A was considered by members. It was agreed that the Sub Committee had addressed all the issues and the response was acceptable to members. It would be sent to the Assembly Government the following day by e mail. The Sub Committee were thanked for their work on the subject and their report.

103. Welsh Assembly Government Document – Your Guide to our Frameworks – Value Wales.

The Town Clerk placed on the table in the chamber a copy of the above document for members to peruse.

104. Llanion Communities First – July Monthly Bulletin.

A copy of this bulletin was placed on the table to the RHS of the Chamber for members to peruse if they so wish.

105. Wales Woodland Strategy Consultation.

The Town Clerk advised members that he had received a letter from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority informing him that the Forestry Commission has launched a consultation on the Woodland Strategy. The Park together with the Pembrokeshire Woodlands Forum were holding an afternoon event at the Queens Hall in Narberth on Wednesday September 17th 2008 starting at 1215hrs to discuss the matter and asked if the Town Council wished to nominate a person to attend on its behalf and to participate in the discussions which take place.

It was agreed that Councillor Maureen Colgan would attend to represent the Council. It was believed that Councillor Christine Gwyther, who is a member of the National Parks Authority was also likely to attend.

106. Tidy Town Initiative.

The Town Clerk stated that the Welsh Assembly Government Initiative had provided some £3million for the whole of Wales to encourage people to take pride in their communities. There was to be a meeting at the Conference Room Unit 23, Thornton Industrial Estate on Thursday 4th September 2008 at 1000hrs to discuss ideas as to how Pembrokeshire's share of this money should be spent. The aim of the scheme was to:-

- (a) Support partnership working between local authorities, statutory and voluntary groups to improve the local environment.
- (b) Support community groups to undertake practical environment work which will lead to improved access and enhanced biodiversity value
- (c) To promote wider environmental awareness leading to practical involvement in local environmental and other climate change initiatives

The following ideas were put forward as worthy of consideration at that meeting:-

- 1. Control the spread of gorse and scrubland at barrack Hill and restore the site to an area where people can take walks and engage in recreational activities.
- 2. Provide more litter bins within the town as identified at previous PDEAT Meetings.
- 3. Take control of old railway track (Water Street / Gordon Street) and from Gordon Street / St. Govans Centre removing scrub etc and plant shrubs / other plants to make it more attractive.
- 4. Define areas for dogs within the town and supply "Pooper scoopers" etc for such items within the Park, Barrack Hill, the Old Royal Dockyard and Western Way car park areas. Additional signage re penalties for dog fouling to be erected.
- 5. Follow up scheduled improvements to the area adjacent to the Do it All / Payless Store area in London Road so that litter is better controlled.

Councillor R Watts (Mayor) and Councillor Sue Perkins indicated that they would attend the meeting.

107. Litter within Pembroke Dock.

This matter was raised at a recent meeting of the Pembroke Dock Environmental Action Team and the Town Clerk attached at Appendix B a copy of the response he had received from the County Council concerning the provision of additional litter bins within the town. Members were asked whether they wished to identify areas where such bins should be placed and give an indication as to how much money from the Town Council Budget should be spent on this exercise e.g. up to 50% of cost with remainder coming from local businesses.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting so that a review of existing bins could be carried out and the opinions of the Chamber of Trade be

canvassed. Some additional bins outside the schools within the town were considered as a possibility.

108. Waiting Restrictions within Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk advised members that he had been informed by Mr J Price, the Traffic Manager for Pembrokeshire County Council that the question of general remarking within the town will be addressed shortly.

Members hoped that any further delay in carrying out the work would be minimised.

109. Residents Only Parking Bays.

The Town Clerk stated that members would be aware that this issue had been discussed at recent PCSO forums with the Traffic Warden making an evening patrol of the town and issuing appropriate parking tickets.

He had been asked by Councillor Kate Becton that the matter be discussed at the Town Council Meeting but in the absence of Councillor Becton it was agreed to defer the matter till the next meeting

110. One Voice Wales Conference.

The Clerk had been advised that the One Voice Wales Conference was to be held at Pafilwn Bont, Pontrhydfendigaid on Saturday 11th October 2008. The Meeting was to be addressed by Jane Davidson the Assembly Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing; Sir John Houghton a member of the Inter-Government Panel on Climate Change, Peter Davies, Sustainability Development Commissioner for Wales and members of Ashton Hayes Parish Council who were to give a practical demonstration of what first tier local government could do to address global issues. The cost of the day was £100 for a non affiliated town council member.

No member expressed an interest to attend.

111. Sunderland Flying Boat Propeller Memorial.

A letter had been received from the Pembroke Dock Sunderland Trust about the above. The Trust informed the Clerk that the propeller was originally saved by the Pembrokeshire Aviation Group who subsequently donated it to the Flying Boat Reunion Committee. The letter went on to say "As successors to the Reunion Committee, the Sunderland Trust, along with colleagues at the Gun Tower Museum, would like to take responsibility for the refurbishment of the propeller and to re-locate it". Their long term intention is after restoration for it to be placed on display alongside a building in the former RMAS Depot which the Trust will be using as a workshop and visitor area from next year.

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Pam George

RESOLVED

The Town Council agree to support the proposal to move the Propeller from its current location and for it to receive appropriate restoration.

112. Martello Quays Development, Pembroke Dock.

The Clerk attached as Appendix C copies of his correspondence and the Director of Development's reply to the various questions posed on behalf of the Town Council.

It was agreed that Mrs Jane Gibson should be invited to address members on Section 106 obligations, Town Council's input to such decisions and how agreements with companies were finalised etc.

113. Emergency Plans in respect of the arrival of LNG vessels into Milford Haven Waterway.

The Town Clerk had received a letter from Mr T D Morris of Waterston, Milford Haven informing him that there will be a meeting at the Royal British Legion Club on Wednesday 17th September and Wednesday 15th October (1930hrs start) to discuss Emergency Plans for the residents in the area likely to be affected by any emergency incident. Members of the Town Council and the Clerk had been invited to attend.

The Clerk explained that it was his belief that this was a matter which was appropriate for the County Council and not the Town Council as they were responsible for Emergency Planning.

Members agreed to decline the invitation and to refer Mr Morris to the Emergency Planning Officer for the County.

114. 34, Dimond Street, Pembroke Dock.

The question of renovation work at the above address was raised at the Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade and Commerce meeting held earlier this month. The Town Clerk had been asked to check if there is any information on recent Planning Permission being given to these premises.

Councillor D King understood that the premises were being converted into two flats. He had made some enquiries with the Planning section at County Hall who stated that no planning permission had been given that there would be change of use from a Commercial Premises into residential accommodation. The County Council Planning section had advised the owner of the premises that a formal planning application would be required.

It was agreed to await a formal planning application (if any).

115. Welsh Blood Service.

The Welsh Blood Service had written to provide the following information following use of the Pater Hall. The following figures were provided:-

Date	No of donors attending.	No able to make donations.	New Donors
Thurs 10 July	103	91	12
Thurs 17 July	103	87	13
Thurs 24 July	98	81	5

116 - Pembroke Dock Civic Society.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Pembroke Dock Civic Society in respect of Planning Application 08/0494/PA – construction of 5 Town Houses at rear of 23 and 24 Prospect Place, Pembroke Dock. The letter objects to the proposal and lists 6 reasons for the plans to be rejected. A Copy of that letter was enclosed as Appendix D.

117 - Planning Applications

At the commencement of the discussions on the Planning Applications which follow, Councillors B Hall and S Perkins declared an interest as being members of the County Council Planning Committee. They took no part in the discussions or voting on the matters.

08/0503/PA	South Meadow Homes Ltd.,	9, Hampshire Drive,
	1, Fourth Lane,	Pembroke Dock,
	Pembroke.	SA72 6EQ
	SA71 5JE	Erection of one dwelling

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

The Town Council support this application.

08/0506/PA South Meadow Homes Ltd., 11, Hampshire Drive,

1, Fourth Lane, Pembroke Dock, Pembroke. SA72 6EQ

SA71 5JE Erection of one dwelling

PROPOSED by Councillor Caroyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor K Higgs

RESOLVED

The Town Council support this application.

08/0521/PA Mr & Mrs A Williams, Land adjoining 39, Waterloo Road,

39, Waterloo Road, Pembroke Dock,

SA72 6 SA72 6

Erection of dwelling

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor M Colgan

RESOLVED

The Town Council support this application

08/0541/PA Mr C Kidd, Plot L,

c/o 3, Crickmarren Close,
Pembroke,
SA71 5LQ
St. Patricks Hill,
Pembroke Dock.
SA72 6XQ

Amendments to house

approved under Ref:04/0580/PA

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

The Town Council support the application for the minor amendments.

08/0552/PA

Mr I Mansell, 41, North Street, 41, North Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6QT

SA72 6QT Roof extension and loft

conversion to form additional bedrooms and

One en-suite.

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor M Colgan

RESOLVED

The Town Council support the application.

08/0554/PA Mr & Mrs S Bale, Caledonian Inn,

Caledonian Inn, High Street,
High Street, Pembroke Dock,
Pembroke Dock,
SA72 6PA

SA72 6PA **Demolition of existing Public**

House and redevelopment of site to provide 8 no. flats and one maisonette with car parking.

PROPOSED by Councillor M Colgan SECONDED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune

RESOLVED

The Town Council would not support this proposal which they see as over development. The proposals do not preserve or enhance the Conservation Area. There would be problems with access and egress to the proposed development which is situated at a corner. See also comments made on the application which follows in respect of 08/0555/CA.

08/0555/CA

Mr & Mrs S Bale,
Caledonian Inn,
High Street,
Pembroke Dock,
Pembroke Dock,
SA72 6PA
Listed Building Consent.

Demolition of existing Public House and redevelopment of site to provide 8 no. flats and one maisonette with car parking.

PROPOSED by Councillor M Colgan SECONDED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune

RESOLVED

The Town Council would not support this application. One of the reasons put forward is that the public house is not seen as a viable business, however, no information has been provided as to why the building itself could not be adapted for housing rather than arranging for it to be demolished for example there is no evidence of the structure being unsound. The building is still suitable for alternative purposes, therefore the need for Demolition has not been justified. Members noted Policy number 80 of the JUDP in relation to demolition of unlisted buildings in conservation areas in respect of this site and believes that a case has not been made out to show that the building or structure to be demolished makes no positive contribution to the character or appearance of the area.

08/0560/PA

Preseli Construction Ltd, c/o 3, Crickmarren Close, Pembroke. SA71 5LQ Land at Waterloo Road,
Pembroke Dock (leading to
Pembroke Ferry)
adjacent to Cleddau Bridge Hotel
Erection of 12 Apartments

PROPOSED by Councillor A McNaughton SECONDED by Councillor K Higgs

RESOLVED

The Sub Committee would recommend that the application be not supported. In particular there is no information as to whether the Badger set as shown in decision 06/1055/PA is affected by this development or not. It is accepted that the revised scheme does not affect the current pathway. The Town Council noted Policy 72 of the JUDP and is concerned as to whether the proposals would blend in with the natural surroundings.

08/0569/PA

Mr & Mrs Harvey, 82, Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock. SA72 6SG.

82, Military Road,
Pennar,
Pembroke Dock,
SA72 6SG
Extension to dwelling to
provide bedroom and
bathroom for disabled
person.

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

The Town Council support the application.

08/0574/PA Mr J Bowling, 9 & 10, Commercial Row,

c/o 3, Crickmarren Close, Pembroke Dock, Pembroke, SA72 6JN

SA71 5LQ. Restoration of shop fronts

and repair works.

PROPOSED by Councillor D King SECONDED by Councillor M Colgan

RESOLVED

The Town Council support the application which they see as enhancing the conservation area.

08/0578/PA Pembroke Dock Cricket Club, Pembroke Dock Cricket Club,

c/o Mr M Leyland, Imble Lane, 8, St. Annes Crescent, Pembroke Dock, Pembroke. SA72 6PL

> Retrospective Planning Consent for additional permanent changing / shower room facility and smokers

shelter.

Councillor A McNaughton who is a member of the Club explained the reasons for the application but did not take part in any further discussions or voting on this application.

PROPOSED by Councillor K Higgs SECONDED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune

RESOLVED

Members were prepared to support the application for the smokers' shelter; however, in relation to the portacabin Changing room / Shower, members were informed that the portacabin is creating additional noise for nearby residents. The portacabin would appear to not be adequately soundproofed and as a result neighbours are being inconvenienced with noise. If sound proofing is not possible is it possible for the portacabin to be re-sited to reduce the noise?

08/0585/PA Mr & Mrs N Croft, 36, St. Patrick's Hill,

36, St. Patrick's Hill,
Llanreath,
Pembroke Dock,
Pembroke Dock.
SA72 6XQ

SA72 6XQ
Proposed link extension

Between house and garage

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

The Town Council would support the application

118. PLANNING DECISIONS.

07/1095/PA Expansion and redevelopment of Civic Amenity Site, Waterloo Civic Amenity Site, Waterloo Industrial Estate, Pembroke Dock. – **Approved.**

07/1583/PA Erection of 4 No flats – The Boathouse, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock. – **Refused.**

The Town Council noted the content of para. 2 in the decision in respect of the above application which states:-

"Chapel Road, Orielton Terrace and Beach Road are at capacity and not suitable for additional residential development over and above that existing and benefiting from extant planning permission. As such the proposal is considered to adversely impact on highway safety and is contrary to Policy 100 of the JUDP adopted in 2006."

08/0275/PA Erection of rear conservatory and side porch entrance – 28, Treowen Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6NZ – **Approved.**

08/0312/PA Two storey terraced dwelling site adjacent to 3, Lewis Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6DD. **Refused.**

The Town Council noted the content of para. 1 of the decision which states:-

"By reason of the proposed covered parking area and the detailed design of the building, the proposal fails to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Furthermore, the proposal is not well designed and fails to relate to the prevailing characteristics of the locality. As such the proposal is contrary to Policies 7, 46, 76 and 79 of the JUDP adopted 2006)

08/0389/PA New shop fronts and conversion of first floor and attic spaces into 2 residential flats, incl. 2 roof lights on rear roof – 16 /18 Dimond Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6AH. **Approved.**

08/0410/PA Alterations and extensions -89, Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6SG – **Approved**

Planning Inspectorate Decision.

06/1079/PA 32, Prospect Place, Pembroke Dock - Removal of Planning Conditions 2 & 3 concerning highway safety and the free flow of traffic.

The Town Council noted the comments of the Town Council Planning Sub Committee about this decision.

In giving reasons for his decision the Inspector at Para 3 stated the following:-

Unrestricted on-street parking is available on Prospect Place and at the time of my late afternoon visit spaces were available. It is possible that there is a greater demand in the evenings and at weekends, when more people are likely to be at home, and there is limited anecdotal evidence from interested parties of difficulties in finding on street parking. However, the Council has submitted no substantive evidence, such as a parking survey, to support its stance".

The Town Clerk stated at the Planning Sub Committee that he had made contact with the Planning Department to ask if any survey had been carried out or would now be carried out. He was advised that the Highways Department has not carried out such a survey. He believed that such a survey of areas of concern e.g. Milton Terrace, Prospect Place, Church Street, Meyrick Street, High Street, roads around Albion Square etc. could be carried out for the Town Council by involving the community.

Members discussed the principles in carrying out a survey and whether involving the Community would be a suitable way to proceed.

It was agreed that the Town Council should write to the County Council to ask whether in the light of the Inspectorate's decision a survey would be carried out of on street parking within the town especially in congested areas outlined so that any conditions for off street parking made by the County Council could be justified.

1940hrs Councillor B Hall left the Chamber

75. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

118. Risk Assessments.

The Town Clerk had completed his review of the Risk Assessments and the file containing them had been placed on the table to the RHS of the Chamber. The assessments follow the guidance given by the Town Council Insurers, Zurich Municipal.

It was agreed that the maximum height at which members of staff could work from a ladder was 10 metres and this would be incorporated into the assessment.

PROPOSED by Councillor P Gwyther SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

That the revised assessments made by the Town Clerk be Accepted.

119. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan: Preferred Strategy and Sustainability Appraisal.

The Town Clerk had placed on the table to the RHS of the Chamber a copy of a letter he had received from the Park Authority together with their publication "Park Plans".

Members noted the content of the publication.

120. New Traffic Order: Apley Terrace, Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk attached as Appendix E a copy of a letter he had received from Mr. John Price, Traffic Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council about the proposal.

Members agreed to support the proposal put forward by the County Council for 6 Residents spaces.

121. Planning Decisions.

07/1411/PA Erection of two dwellings – Rear of 11, Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock. SA72 6SG. – **Refused.**

76. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

15. Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:-

73	Rembrandt Jewellers – Engraving	£47.80
74	Pembrokeshire Cancer Support – Donation	£100.00
75	The Consortium – Notice Boards and Stationery	£131.58
76	Pembroke Dock Harelquins RFC	£200.00
77	Pater Hall Community Trust – Rent of Offices	£7,000.00
78	Tooby and Williams – Repairing Polisher	£45.83

16. Internet Payments

1.7.08	Smartstamp – Postage	£35.00
17.7.08	E Glenister – Refreshments etc Civic Reception	£50.00

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor D Esmond

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve payment of Account Numbered 73 - 78 and the internet payments shown above.

77. REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Councillor D King gave details of the latest Police Community Support Meeting. The items to be addressed in August were as follows:- Illegal Parking, Driving activities at the Youth Centre.

He asked that the Town Council support a request for the PCSOs to have authority to issue Parking Tickets and minor traffic infringements. This was agreed by members and the Town Clerk was asked to write to the Police and the County Council (Community Safety Partnership) about this. Councillor S Perkins asked that the need to have a long term parking area in Pembroke Dock be also drawn to the County Council's attention again. Councillor King also informed members that the Police were looking at the contracts for Traffic Wardens so that they could be on duty in the evenings. Other matters to be addressed by the PCSOs are vehicles in Upper Laws Street parking in the wrong direction, parking near the chicane near the Park, PCSOs will visit the Junior Schools at the start of term to highlight inconsiderate parking. Fly tipping at waterloo would also be investigated. A number of section 59 notices had been issued to speeding vehicles near the Youth Centre.

78. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The mayor reminded members that meetings were due to start at 1835hrs immediately after the 5 minutes allocated for religious observance. Sometimes meetings did not start on time and he asked that members help by attending in good time.

Councillor S Beasley mentioned the problem of traffic leaving the Bierspool Retail Park such that traffic was now backing up as far as the cemetery. Councillor S Perkins also indicated that traffic also was backing up to the Criterion Roundabout on a number of occasions and this was not because of the Ferry traffic.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council about the matter again and ask what were their intentions.

Councillor C Fortune mentioned the fact that recently someone who wished to have stitches removed and had contacted the Argyle Street Surgery had been directed to telephone a number elsewhere in the County which then resulted in the person traveling

to Tenby to have them removed. It was agreed that this issue should be brought up at the proposed meeting with the surgery.

79. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

PROPOSED by Councillor Carolyn Fortune SECONDED by Councillor A McNaughton

RESOLVED

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The meeting ended at 2010hrs.