At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on Thursday 9th October 2008.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs P.E George, Deputy Mayor Councillors K Becton, M. Colgan, D. Esmond, Mrs. C. Fortune, Mrs. P E George, C. Gwyther, P. Gwyther, D. King, A. McNaughton, S. Perkins, S. Beasley, K. C. Higgs, T. Wilcox.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Jones, Town Clerk Moira Saunders, Committee Clerk

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.G. Watts and E. Cook.

92. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

93. MINUTES

PROPOSED by Councillor S. Perkins SECONDED by Councillor K.C. Higgs

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 18th September 2008 be adopted.

94. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a). Minute 83(a) Letter from Argyle Street Surgery

The Town Clerk stated that he was still awaiting a date for a meeting.

(b). Minute 84(124) Pembroke Dock Action Plan.

The Town Clerk stated that no response to his letter to PLANED had been received, but that it was believed that European Funding would be available.

(c). Minute 84(126) Pembroke Dock Memorial Park

The Town Clerk reported that work had begun on the flower bed and about a quarter of it had been dug over.

(d). Minute 84(133) Pembroke Dock Midsummer Festival

Councillor S Perkins apologised for not having any information available, but a report would be made at the next Tourism Committee.

(e). Minute 84(134) Application for financial assistance.

The Town Clerk reported that a presentation will be made to Hywel Baker in the Blue School on October 15th by the Mayor.

(f). Minute84(135) Planning Applications 8/0621/PA

Councillor Wilcox reported that there is a convenant on the plot which restricts development to only one dwelling. The developer did not have discretion to change this.

(g). Minute 87 (c) Wales Woodland Strategy Consultations

The Town Clerk stated that there had been a meeting this evening to draft a response and a copy of the recommendations would be sent to all Councillors within the next 48 hours. The observations had to be with the Welsh Assembly Government by 14 October 2008. A copy would be sent to all Councillors.

(h). Minute 89 Any Other Business

Councillor A Wilcox commented that the he believed that the solicitor working for the Town Council was delaying the progress of the land in Pennar being given Town Green status. The Town Clerk stated that he had spoken to the solicitor earlier that day and he had been advised that the application had been resubmitted yesterday. Councillor A Wilcox asked that the Town Clerk request the County Council to send him copies of the correspondence between themselves and the Town Council solicitor.

Councillor A McNaughton stated that there appeared to be much opposition to the proposed one way system in Princes Street.

95. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

140. Guidance for Community and Town Councils in Wales – Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The Town Clerk has been sent a copy of the above publication which has just been issued by the Welsh Assembly Government. Members were aware from the local newspaper that in the 2007/8 year Pembrokeshire apparently issued no fixed penalty notices for litter offences. Those who serve as members of the Pembroke Dock Environmental Action Team would be aware that the Town Clerk had circulated to the County Council a form of Protocol from Milton Keynes Unitary Authority in which they sought to work together with Parishes to improve the environment in their area. Pembrokeshire County Council had initially indicated that they were not interested in producing such an agreement with the Towns / Communities, however, he I understood that following receipt of this guidance from the Assembly Government that the decision was to be revisited. The Town Council considered whether they wished to be involved in improving the environment within the town by taking on powers to make Dog Control Orders (e.g. owners failing to removal of dog faeces, not keeping dogs on a lead etc), issuing fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti and flyposting offences etc. Such enforcement will be done in conjunction with Police Community Support Officers but there was a question of "buying in" the time of a PCSO to enforce / issue fixed penalty notices for such offences. The guidance in the Welsh Assembly Government is detailed and in my opinion could be adopted by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk stated that a decision awaited from by the County Council with regard to this issue, and as a result there could be better dialogue between Town, Community and County Councils. It was agreed to wait until the County Council makes a formal approach to the Town Council about this issue. Comment was made about the failure of the County Council to issue any fixed penalties or other prosecution for littering within Pembrokeshire in 2007/2008.

141. Pembroke Dock "Plugging the Leaks" for businesses workshop report.

The Town Clerk was asked by the Chamber of Trade to let Members have a copy of the report which was completed in 2007 which he had circulated to members . It was agreed that ideas in that report should be reviewed when the Action Plan for Pembroke Dock was being reviewed with PLANED.

142. Woodlands for Wales consultation document.

The meeting about the above report was attended by Councillor M Colgan last month. We have been asked to respond to a number of questions posed by the Assembly Government.

This has been discussed previously in the meeting. The Town Council response decided by the Sub-Committee earlier would be circulated to members.

143. Rights of way improvement plan for Pembrokeshire (ROWIP)

The Town Clerk had received a copy of the above report which had been jointly prepared by the County Council and the National Park Authority. A copy was placed on the table to the RHS of the Chamber for members to read if they so wish.

No further action was considered appropriate at this stage.

144. Pembrokeshire Voluntary Transport Association.

The above organization has available in Pembroke Dock a new Minibus which was to be based at the Pembroke Haven Residential Home. The Town Clerk was invited to attend a workshop on Friday 26th September where details of the procedures for booking the vehicle etc. were discussed. The group was looking for a volunteer to look after the new vehicle and to ensure that it is filled with petrol and cleaned on a weekly basis. It was hoped that the vehicle will be washed at the Car Wash facility at Tesco Stores where it will also be filled with petrol. There had been some difficulty in securing the services of a volunteer and the Town Clerk was asked whether it would be possible for a member of the Town Council staff to look after the vehicle for no longer than an hour a week. The Town Clerk had tentatively spoken to Mr. Jeremy Jones the Caretaker / Handyman for the Town Council who had moved to live in the Llanion area where the vehicle is to be located. He could carry out the work as part of his duties for the Town Council and the Town Council would then be providing a service in kind instead of giving financial aid to this organization. Mr. Jones would be prepared to assist on this basis if members approve.

The Town Clerk asked the meeting for comments and/or approval of the ideas set out in his report..

Councillor K Becton stated that she was concerned that agreeing to providing support in kind would set a precedent for other voluntary groups to be given help in a similar way. Councillor K Higgs suggested that each case should be decided upon on individual merit. Councillor S Perkins asked for some ideas as to the costs involved.

Councillor K Becton stated that if this was a request for a grant then it may fall outside the criteria the Council has adopted, as the minibus is used outside Pembroke Dock and by organizations outside the Town area. In response the Town Clerk indicated that the Voluntary Transport Association group were looking for someone who would arrange for the vehicle to be filled with petrol and cleaned once a week at the Tesco stores. There were 31 user groups who made use of the vehicle who had a base in the South of the County. Groups from Pembroke Dock included residents of Apley Lodge, the Army Training Corps, the Pembroke Arts Club who meet at the Patter Hall, Pembroke Dock Sewing Club etc.

Mr J. Jones was paid at the rate of £6.13 an hour which would represent about a £300 donation a year.

With regard to a S137 Application for Grant Aid the following would be satisfied:-

(1). The Group had a base within Pembroke Dock (its is housed at Pembroke House Residential Care Home)

- (2). The Group is a voluntary/Charitable Organisation.
- (3). The organisation has a need which will be assisted by the grant sought.
- (4). The organisation actively encourages disadvantaged groups in the Community to make use of its' services.

Councillor P. Gwyther explained that PVTA helps others organizations within the area with transport needs.

PROPOSED by Councillor S Perkins SECONDED by Councillor C Gwyther

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk produce more information about the usage of the Minibus by voluntary Groups etc within Pembroke Dock.

145. Letter from the Deputy Division Commander for Pembrokeshire of the Dyfed Powys Constabulary.

The Town Clerk received a letter from the Deputy Divisional Commander for the Pembrokeshire Division of the Dyfed Powys Constabulary informing that a new PCSO was to take up duty in the Pembroke Dock area shortly. The officer concerned will start their training on 20 October 2008. In the letter the Town Clerk has been asked whether Pembroke Dock Town Council would be prepared to assist with funding an additional PCSO for the town. Members were aware that this was discussed two years ago and that it was decided to see the impact on the work of the PCSOs within the town before making and decision on the issue. Since then the number of PCSOs has been reduced from four offers to three.

Members were aware of the discussions which were to take place shortly on the Welsh Assembly Government document concerning the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act as to whether to use PSCOs or other personnel for the enforcement of offences under that Act. The Town Clerk has written to the Deputy Commander asking him for some further information on costings etc. The Town Clerk explained to members that there was always the possibility of the Town Council considering purchasing the services of Police Officers for particular occasions where they believe that additional patrols within the town are required for some reason.

Attached at Appendix B were some statistics on Anti Social Behaviour within Pembroke and Pembroke Dock areas by Wards for information. The statistics were for the period from April to August 2008 (5 months) and this he indicated would assist the Town

Council's decision making on policing and other issues affecting the town e.g. provision of youth services, recreational facilities etc.

The Town Clerk reported that he had sought more information about costings and responsibilities of a PCSO from the Police. Councillor P Gwyther stated that he did not believe it was the responsibility of the Town Council to fund policing.

Councillor C Fortune outlined an incident where the police were not prepared to take action and wondered what the police and PCSO's do.

Councillor S Perkins felt that the officers do what they can, but that the powers of a PCSO were very limited.

PROPOSAL that the Town Council refuse to give any financial contribution to the Dyfed Powys Police Force to fund a PCSO

PROPOSED by Councillor K Becton **SECONDED** by Councillor D King

A vote took place, 6 for, 6 against with Deputy Mayor P E George casting her vote with 'against, so the motion failed.

The Town Clerk will let the Town Council have copies of the Police reply in due course.

146. Contribution towards CCTV cameras within Pembroke Dock.

This year the Town Council will spend £3808.25 (£2103.25 to BT Redcare for the provision of the pictures from the Cameras themselves and £1705 to Pembrokeshire County Council towards the annual running costs) in respect of the above provision. The sites of the Cameras are at Water Street, Ferry Lane and Albion Square according to the invoice received from BT. The Town Council are not involved at all in the Community Safety Partnership and are not provided with any feedback on the money spent.

Members considered whether they are satisfied that this provision was cost effective and whether they should request some further information so that they can consider whether they should withdraw from the scheme and operate their own CCTV system. The Town Clerk could find no information from either the County Council or the Police which showed that the cameras are being used effectively to detect / deter crime and there was no information as to whether they were in the right places within the town, neither do we receive any statistical information about their effectiveness.

There ensued debate about the usefulness of these cameras or otherwise. Questions were raised about whether the existing cameras were being monitored or not.

The Town Clerk was asked to seek more information regarding the maintenance schedule for the existing cameras, whether they were working, what was captured, were they monitored, together with some basic statistics. It was unclear how the £1705 bill from the County Council had been arrived at and whether the sum to be paid was indefinite commitment.

147. Young people meet the Mayor of Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk's report for the Town Council meeting held on 10th July included at appendix B a summary of issues which were brought to the Mayor and the Town Clerk's attention following meetings with young people on 27th June and 2nd July 2008. The matter was then referred to the Friends of the Memorial Park for them to consider. The Friends considered the report at their meeting on 19th September 2008 when Councillor Sue Perkins took forward some of the issues to the County Council.

Councillor S Perkins in her capacity as a County Councillor had been trying to determine who owns the land in question. Contact has been made with David Walker of the Youth Service, but a meeting has been delayed due to the inspection of Youth Services in Pembrokeshire. The meeting is to take place at the beginning of November when further progress was likely.

148. Fair Trade event.

The Town Clerk had been informed that there will be a regional event to be held at Span Arts, Town Moor Car Park, Narberth on Saturday 11th October from 1030 to 1430hrs.

The Town Clerk asked the members if anyone was interested in attending, given that a person from the Fair Trade organisation was to address a future meeting of this Council it was considered inappropriate to send a member at this stage.

149. Llanion Communities First - budget reduction for 2009/2010.

The Town Clerk had received a letter from Llanion Communities First thanking the Town Council for its support as they tried to get the decision of the Assembly Government Minster reversed. Members have already seen at the last meeting the response from the Deputy Minister for Regeneration on this issue.

This item was to update members on this issue.

150. Voices of Pembroke.

Some members were aware that the above choir was specifically formed last year to visit Malta and hold concerts / to improve the ties between Pembroke Malta and ourselves. The Choir of 42 members had recently visited Northampton to carry out singing engagements which has resulted in some £2000 being raised for the Bethany Homestead Village.

This item was to update members on this issue.

PART 3 – PLANNING.

At the commencement of the discussions on the Planning Applications which follow, Councillors S Perkins, T. Wilcox and K. Becton declared an interest as being members of the County Council Planning Committee and they took no further part in the discussions or voting on the matters.

151. Planning applications.

08/0726/PA	Mr J Glaze,	Dockyard Motors,
	Dockyard Motors,	The Dockyard,

The Dockyard, Pembroke Dock,

Pembroke Dock, SA72 6

SA72 6 Variation of Condition No

5 of 03/1222/PA to include domestic appliances, ancillary cables and scrap

Metal.

Councillor Wilcox showed concern that there seemed to be no consideration about how some of the household items would be disposed of safely, particularly with regard to CFC's.

PROPOSED by Councillor A Wilcox **SECONDED** by Councillor C. Gwyther

RESOLVED that the application is not supported.

152. Planning decisions.

08/0541/PA Amendments to house approved under reference 04/0580/PA – Plot L, St. Patricks Hill, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6XQ – **Approved.**

Planning Inspectorate Decision.

07/01113/PA 54, Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6AT. Application concerning refusal of planning permission for a new extension to the rear of the premises – **Granted.**

96. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

PART 1 – GENERAL.

153. Tourism Committee meeting

The Town Clerk apologised that he had been unable to complete the minutes in time for this evening's meeting. They would be completed within the next few days.

Members discussed what would be happening on the lead up to Christmas. In particular the events on the $12/13^{th}$ December.

Councillor S Perkins and Councillor P George outlined some of the events, one being Cleddau FM had proposed that there would be sponsored lights on the Christmas trees. This entailed a light being sponsored and the money going to charity. One charity that was suggested was South Pembs Hospital, but it was felt that the other should be a local children's charity and Councillors were asked to consider which charity this should be. The Council hopes to have 2 trees one at Lower Meyrick Street, but the main one will possibly be moved from the Pump House to the Library. Enquiries with the County Council were ongoing concerning electricity points etc. The Ice Rink would be inside the Pater Hall to improve security and also in case the weather was not good.

154. Tidy Towns event.

On 7th October the Town Clerk met with County Councillor Mark Edwards and Michael Harries from the County Council concerning the plans for events within Pembroke Dock given that the sum of £125,465 has been given to the County to spend in this financial year. Both the problems concerning Barrack Hill and the lack of Litter bins in the town were raised. It was proposed that there will be a week of activities within the town during January and that it may be possible to include some work in the Memorial Park as part of that event. Whatever happens there will be a need to involve Community Groups to help in the work although the County Council will also be able to assist..

There is an event in Pembroke 13th October through to 17th October. The opening ceremony on 13th October at Pembroke Town Hall would be attended by the Town Clerk and the Mayor. Tidy Towns will be holding an event in Pembroke Dock in early January so the Town Clerk requested ideas for this event.

There was feeling amongst the Council that education was needed to encourage the public to use litter bins and take pride in their surroundings.

There was a view that volunteers should not carry out work that was the responsibility of the County Council.

The Town Clerk asked if any ideas for the January event could be brought back to the next Council meeting. One put forward was zero tolerance on litter for the week with fixed penalties being issued.

155. Tourist Information Point within the town

On October 9th the Town Clerk met with Mr Lewis from the Cultural Services Section at County Hall to discuss the possibilities of having a unattended TIC point here in the Pater Hall Complex. There was a wish to promote more information about the town to visitors and a suggestion was put forward that we could develop possibly more information with display boards etc within the Foyer to the Pater Hall. This will need to be taken forward as part of the discussions the Pater Hall Community Trust will be having with Pembroke Design with regard to upgrading the toilets, provision of a servery / bar area etc in the

front foyer area as it is unlikely there will be any further development to provide offices and a larger foyer adjacent to the Lewis Street entrance.

It was decided to await information from the Pater Hall Trust on renewal of the Foyer area.

156. Christmas Evening dinner

The Town Clerk had given every member a copy of the two menus received from Councillor C Fortune who was asked to make some preliminary enquiries about a venue / menu etc. The two menus are from the Old Kings Arms Hotel Pembroke and the Cleddau Bridge Hotel.

It was agreed that the Council should use a Pembroke Dock business and that menus should be sought from Davina's and the South Pembs Golf club.

PART 2 – CORRESPONDENCE

157. South area liaison meeting

This had been scheduled for Monday 27th October 2008 at 1900hrs (7.00pm) in Pembroke Town Hall. The items to be discussed that evening are:-

- 1. Local Development Plan Update
- 2. Flu Pandemic (presentation by Paul Bee)

The Town Clerk spoke to County Councillor Mark Edwards about the agenda and asked why there is no input on items to be discussed by Towns / Community Councils. It was agreed that there is a need to provide information about the Tidy Towns Initiative and to try and bring more partnership working with towns and communities.

Usually the Town Council send two members and the Town Clerk to such an event.

The Town Clerk asked if anyone was able to attend this meeting and explained that the need for Towns/Communities to discuss a possible Flu pandemic was a requirement of the Welsh Assembly Government, but there was no one able to attend.

158. Annual General Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils

The Town Clerk had been notified that the AGM will take place on Saturday 25th October at 1030hrs in County Hall, Haverfordwest. There will be a presentation about the future of Health Services in Pembrokeshire from Pembrokeshire Community Health Council. We had been asked if we had any Notices of Motion, Nominations for president and Auditor, nominations for the County Executive Committee. The Town Council was entitled to send Two voting delegates to the AGM and two observers.

It was agreed that Mayor R. G. Watts should be nominated as a member of the Executive Committee. No other member was interested in attending or joining the Executive Committee.

159. Keep warm, Eat Well, Stay Safe this Winter campaign.

This Roadshow promoted by the County Council for older people and their carers was to be held in Pembroke Town Hall on Thursday 16th October from 1000 to 1600hrs. There would be information about keeping warm this winter as well as an opportunity to have electric blankets tested.

Information was received by the Council.

PART 3 – PLANNING

160. Planning Decisions

08/0554/PA – Demolition of existing Public House and redevelopment of site to provide 8 no. flats and one maisonette with car parking at Caledonia Inn, 2, High Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6PA – **refused.**

07/1296/PA – Erection of two dwellings – Thorn Cottage Site, Beach Road, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock. - **Approved**

08/0578/PA – Retrospective Planning Consent for additional permanent changing/shower room facility and smokers shelter – Pembroke Dock Cricket Club, Bufferland, Pembroke Dock. – **Conditionally Approved**.(The shower/changing room structure shall be removed and the land restored on or before 30th September 2013 unless an application is made and permission granted for its continuation).

97. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

19. Accounts for Payment

The following Accounts were submitted for approval of payment:-

88.	Completely PC – Computer Keyboard, Mouse, etc.	£19.97
89	Cllr. Mrs. M. Colgan – Traveling expenses.	£20.50
90	SWALEC – electricity – Albion Square lamp	£21.51
91	E. Glenister – Buffet – Mayor's Chaplain	£25.00
92	The Consortium - truck	£112.51
93.	Pembrokeshire Recycling Services – Hire of Skip	£131.50
94	Cape Hire – Fencing Around Tank	£190.35
95	Pembrokeshire County Council	£1705.00
96	I. Jones Plants	£170.90
97	I. Jones Postage	£25.00
98	PJ SRU Donation – Hywel Baker	£100.00

Councillor S Perkins asked about the travelling expenses paid as shown on the accounts. The Clerk explained that Councillor M Colgan had attended two meetings on behalf of the Council for which she was entitled to claim travelling expenses.

PROPOSED by Councillor C Fortune SECONDED by Councillor S Perkins

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve payment of Accounts numbered 88-98

98. REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENATATIVES SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor D King reported on the monthly Police Liaison meeting. The anti social behaviour at Albion Square was being handled by the Police and PCSO Nadia Sullivan. The majority of the young people were just noisy but there was an older element causing some of the problems. Police have approached the shopkeeper and he will not sell alcohol to these young people and the police intend to keep the matters under observation and act accordingly when needed. The Town Clerk reported that he was awaiting a date for a meeting with the Police Inspector, members of the Town Council, MIND and the Housing Association to discuss some of the issues around the disturbances which had occurred within Albion Square.

The new Traffic Warden had issued 86 parking notices in September, there is now no leeway given to drivers parking illegally.

Councillor D King had complaints of drivers speeding along Hawkstone Road and St Johns and along Essex Road and Tremeyrick Street. Also drivers not giving way at the chicanes on Essex Road. Also reported was that there are lorries parking at the entrance to the cemetery on London Road.

Councillor A Wilcox suggested that the flashing signs to indicate someone is exceeding the speed limit were more effective than speed cameras. The Town Clerk was asked to provide information as to the cost of installing such signs.

Councillor K Higgs reported that there was a possibility that the speed limit on Essex Road will become 20mph and this was confirmed by Councillor S Perkins.

Councillor D King said that the Area Maintenance Manager from the County Council was prepared to walk around the different wards with Town Councillors to discuss any problems which had been highlighted.

Councillors S Beasley and M Colgan stated that the had recently attended a school governors meeting at Pennar but there were no matters to report back to the Town Council.

The Governing Body meeting for St Mary's had been postponed.

99. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE MAYOR DECIDES AS URGENT

No member had any item for discussion under this heading.

100. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor C Fortune asked the Town Clerk whether the Council had any money in any Icelandic bank accounts, the Town Clerk replied that the Council had only money in Barclays and Lloyds/TSB.

Councillor S Perkins reported about the County Council decision to turn off some street lighting in order to save money. There had been assurances that the lights would not be extinguished in Town centre areas and on the Bush/Park estates, and Ferry Lane but that the full extent of this 'switching off' programme had not been detailed. Councillor S Perkins assured the meeting that she would keep up to date on this issue and inform the Town Council when she could.

Councillor K Becton left the meeting at 2015hrs.

Councillor S Perkins gave further details of the Lantern Parade. There would be music, with Father Christmas leading the parade. Cleddau FM were hoping to produce a CD with music and messages, carols at the tree and food provided at the Pater Hall for those who took part. The Festival Committee had secured £300 from Tesco to help.

Councillor D King stated:-

- that he had complaints that the bus stop in Laws Street was in such a bad repair that people would rather stand in the rain.
- Also that the double yellow lines in Meyrick Street are in such a bad state that no one could understand whether they could park or not.
- The pavements in Pembroke Dock were still in a dreadful state and were in need of repair.
- Some of the restricted parking signs in Dimond Street had been removed/defaced.
- The chemist at the Argyle Street dispensary closed at 6.30 pm, even though the surgery did not close until 7.0pm. There was no where that patients can get their prescriptions filled at that time. As the pharmacy opened at 8.00 am and closed at 6.30pm could this not be changed to opening at 8.30 am and closing at 7.0pm. Also the plastic cups from the water dispenser in the pharmacy were being scattered particularly on Argyle Street area.

Councillor A Wilcox suggested that the Town Clerk could write to the pharmacy at Argyle Street to express the concerns around these issues.

Meeting close at 20.22 hrs.