

At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held at Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on Thursday, 18th October, 2001 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. T. Esmond (Mayor)
Councillors W.J. Davies,
Mrs. P.E.M. Folland, Mrs. C. Fortune,
Mrs. P.E. George, P.G. Gwyther,
D.L. Jones, M.B. Owen,
Mrs. V.M.J. Roach, Mrs. B. Roch,
R.G. Watts, Mrs. M. Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. T.R. Edwards, Town Clerk
Mrs. P.E. Prout, Secretary

The Meeting was opened with Prayer.

133. WELCOME – INSPECTOR I. MATTHEWS

The Mayor extended a welcome to Inspector I. Matthews, Dyfed-Powys Police to the meeting.

Detailed discussion ensued with regard to the policing of the Town when Members requested information on various matters. Inspector Matthews stated that it would be beneficial if he could attend Council Meetings twice yearly and this request was agreed to. Inspector Matthews was thanked for attending the meeting and left the Chamber.

134. MINUTES

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. P.E. George
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. M. Williamson

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September, 2001 be adopted as circulated subject to the following amendments:-

135. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Minute 121(b) – Pater Hall – Upgrading – Objective 1

The Mayor stated that he had attended the SPARC meeting on the 10th October, 2001 when he was advised that there were grants available for up-grading the facilities in Pater Hall. SPARC stated that there was finance available to undertake a survey of the community facilities in Pembroke Dock prior to December, 2001 at no charge to the Council. This would be carried out by consultants on behalf of SPARC.



(b) Minute 121(c) – Water Sports Centre

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which stated that the responsibility for maintenance from the main road to the Boatyard junction was their responsibility. The road from the Boatyard to the Watersports Centre had not been adopted by the Authority and the responsibility lies with the developers/owners. As this is Pembrokeshire County Council in this case they would contact them and ask if they require action.

(c) Minute 109(e) – Top Road – Cycle Path

Councillor P.G. Gwyther stated that whilst this area had now been tarmaced the junction of the new cyclepath to St. Peters Road is appalling.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to reinstate the tarmac in the above location to an acceptable standard.

(d) Minute 109(f) – Commercial Row – Tree

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which advised that they would inspect the area and clear weed growth in the near future.

(e) Minute 109(h) – Ferry Lane – Junctions with Top Road, Bush Street and London Road

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgement from Pembrokeshire County Council in the above matter.

(f) Minute 109(i) – Arthur Morris Drive – Sign

Councillor Mrs. P.E.M. Folland stated that the sign had still not been replaced.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to replace the sign in the above location as soon as possible.

(g) Minute 125(a) – Fireworks

The Town Clerk reported that Manpower had advised that they would not provide a fireworks display but hoped to enter a float in the Carnival.

(h) **Minute 126(91) – Town Trail**

The Town Clerk stated that he had been advised by Mr. Marmara, Heritage Initiative Officer that whilst there are funds available to provide good quality signs no funding was available for the production of a booklet. He would however pursue this matter and advise in due course.

(i) **Minute 126(95) – Cycle Lane, Church Street to Laws Street**

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach stated that the cover to the “no entry” sign was missing and therefore the electrical components were exposed and constituted a danger to the public.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to carry out remedial works at the above location in the interest of public safety.

(j) **Minute 126(99) – Proposed Picnic Area – Military Road**

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which stated that the latest order for waymark posts to be installed on the Golf Club went out last month but the work had not yet been done. A map showing the locations of the posts was enclosed. Pembrokeshire County Council had suggested that a site meeting with Councillor P.G. Gwyther and the Golf Club, as tenants, could be of assistance.

RESOLVED –

That the Town Clerk arrange a site meeting between Pembrokeshire County Council, Councillor P.G. Gwyther and the Golf Club as soon as possible.

(k) **Minute 129 – Vegetable & Flower Show – Grove School, Pembroke**

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembroke Town Council with regard to the above matter.

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Shapcott, Pembrokeshire Begonia & Fuchsia Society had enquired as to whether the Council would consider requesting Castlemartin RAC Range to provide tables for the Pembrokeshire Begonia & Fuchsia Society show held in Pater Hall in 2002.

RESOLVED –

That the Council agree to request that Castlemartin RAC Range provide tables for the Pembrokeshire Begonia & Fuchsia Society show in 2002.

(l) Minute 130 – Albion Square – Roller Blading

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which stated that following representations by this Council, Dyfed-Powys Police and County Councillor T.V. Hay the possibility of temporarily removing a number of seats in the above location was being considered. Dependent upon the outcome of this decision the views of Mr. Paul Eades and the Lighting Engineering would be received. No policy exists regarding this type of situation. However, a Teenage Recreation Strategy is soon to be considered by Pembrokeshire County Council. Moving the children rather than the furniture would be a better solution and until this can be achieved by offering specialist facilities, then maybe it should be considered as a police matter.

(m) Minute 132(a) – Boats/Rubbish/Toilet – Front Street

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which advised that a request to the officer responsible for abandoned vehicles had been made to commence proceedings for removal as dictated by statute. In the interim they would attempt to clear rubbish and weeds.

(n) Minute 132(c) – Cycle Path – Top Road

Councillor Mrs. P.E.M. Folland stated that the wall has still not been replaced and that as the bollards had also been removed constituted a traffic hazard.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to replace lockable bollards in the above location in the interest of public safety.

(o) Minute 132(d) - Southern Fried Chicken/Flying Boat Inn – Growth

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council which stated that they would proceed with the clearance if the growth is not excessive.

(p) Minute 132(e) – Water Mains Refurbishment – Town

The Town Clerk reported that he had liaised with Mr. Kevin, Jones, Engineer with Lang Utilities who had advised that the works had commenced but he could not foresee any problems with works coinciding or causing problems to the Winter Carnival on the 15th December, 2001.

136. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

105. Pembroke Local Council, Malta – Twinning

The Town Clerk reported that notification had been received that a delegation from Pembroke Local Council, Malta would be visiting Pembrokeshire from the 17th – 24th October, 2001 and had requested to present a twinning document to the Council for perusal and evaluation. After consultation with the Mayor, an invitation had been extended to the delegation to submit the Presentation to the Council prior to the meeting at 5.00 p.m.

The Mayor reported that the delegation had submitted a Presentation to the Council and it had been requested that a Letter of Intent towards a Twinning Agreement could be signed by both Councils prior to their return to Malta on the 22nd October, 2001. A copy of the Agreement would be sent to all Members and would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on the 15th November, 2001.

The Mayor stated that the twinning would be social, cultural and recreational and he had been advised that there were grants available.

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor D.L. Jones

SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. P.E. George

That the Letter of Intent to Twinning with Pembroke Local Council, Malta be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council and that information as to financial implications be obtained.

On being put to the Meeting the Mayor recorded the following voting:-

For the Proposal	9 votes
Against the Proposal	- votes
Abstentions	2 votes

The Mayor thereupon declared the proposal carried.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Letter of Intent to Twinning with Pembroke Local Council, Malta be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council and that information as to financial implications be obtained.
- (2) That a copy of the Agreement be sent to all Councillors and discussed at the next Council Meeting to be held on the 15th November, 2001.

106. Devonshire Drive, Llanion – Unkempt Conditions

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix “A” copy of a letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the above matter for the information of Members.

107. Argyle Street/Bush Street East

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix “B” copy of a letter received from the Pembroke Dock Civic Society for the information of Members.

108. Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers - Subscription

The Town Clerk reported that notification had been received from the above Association that the annual subscription of £7.00 was due.

RESOLVED –

That the Council’s subscription of £7.00 be paid to the Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers Association.

109. Planning Application

The following planning application had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council for your consideration:-

639/01	Mr. & Mrs. B. Evans 52 Meyrick Street Pembroke Dock	52 Meyrick Street – First Floor Extension
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor D.L. Jones

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to the application.

110. Planning Decisions

The following decisions had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council in respect of current planning applications:-

292/01 - Havencliffe, Llanreath – Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement by 2 storey extension – Approved
373/01 – 28 Castle Street, Pennar – Erection of Double Garage – Approved
393/01 – 27 Wellington Street – First Floor Extension – Approved
432/01 – Plots 4 & 6, Donovan Reed Gardens – Construction of 2 No. 2 Bedroom Bungalows - Approved
452/01 – Cleddau Reach Business Park – Office Building & Canteen – Approved

476/01 – Lamp Post by Britannia Road, adj. wall of 2, Arthur Morris Drive – Royal Mail Pouch Box (Double) – Approved
477/01 – Grass Verge adjacent to 162 Bush Street – Royal Mail Pouch Box (Double) - Approved
478/01 – Pine End of 10, Queen Street – Royal Mail Pouch Box (Double) – Approved
480/01 – Pavement by boundary wall of Charlton Inn, Park Street – Royal Mail Pouch Box (Double) – Approved
485/01 – Next to Lamp Post, Corner of Gays Lane Adjacent to 2, Stranraer Road – Royal Mail Pouch Box (Double) - Approved

137. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

111. Play Funding Strategy

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix “C” a copy of a letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council in response to his letter following discussion on this matter at the last meeting.

112. New Policial Arrangements for Pembrokeshire County Council

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix “D” for Members’ information correspondence from the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on Pembrokeshire County Council. The letter was not received until the 8th October, 2001.

Councillor D.T. Esmond declared his interest in the above mater and took no part in the discussion.

113. Planning Applications

The following planning applications had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council for your consideration:-

647/01 Mr. S.R.F. Smith
 The Homestead
 75 Bush Street
 Pembroke Dock

The Homestead, 75 Bush Street –
Change of Use of Part Dwelling to
Complementary Therapy Unit

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor M.B. Owen

RESOLVED –
That the Council have no objection to the
application.

18/01/AD Mr. S.R.F. Smith
The Homestead
75 Bush Street
Pembroke Dock

The Homestead, 75 Bush Street –
Shop Sign

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. M. Williamson

RESOLVED –
That the Council have no objection to the
application.

114. Planning Decisions

The following decisions had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council in respect of current planning applications:-

423/01 - Plot of land, Rear of no. 2 Cromwell Street – Garage/Store – Approved
464/01 – 28 Brewery Street – Replace extension flat roof with pitched roof – Approved
524/01 – Site North of Essex Road – Two Residential Dwellings – Approved
526/01 – 80 Bush Street – Extension to dwelling – Approved

138. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING – TENDER

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council in response to the Council's quotation for Christmas street lighting which stated that due to expected operational workloads they would not be able to carry out any works this year.

Reference was made to the fact that the former South Pembrokeshire District Council and Pembrokeshire County Council had carried out the Christmas lighting for many years and Members expressed their disappointment and concern that this decision had been taken so late which had left a very tight timescale for alternatives to be considered.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been given the names of two firms in Carmarthen by Pembrokeshire County Council and he had contacted two local firms when it was hoped that possibly four tender prices would be received.

RESOLVED –
That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be granted
plenary powers to accept a tender for the
Christmas lighting in the Town in view of the
limited timescale.

139. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER

7. Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were submitted for payment:-

94.	Pitney Bowes -Maintenance of Postage Meter	£11.74
95.	Jewson Ltd. – Materials	£85.37
96.	Konica Peter Llewellyn – Photocopying	£43.92
97.	Imprest Account – Salaries and Wages	£2,349.69

The following additional accounts were requested to be included for payment:-

98.	Consortium – Stationery etc.	£105.23
99.	Adrian's Flowershop – Wreaths – Battle of Britain and Mr. B. Hall	£30.00

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. P.E. George

SECONDED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther

RESOLVED –

That account nos. 94 – 99 be approved for payment.

140. MATTERS RAISED VERBALLY

(a) Former County School – Trees

Councillor D.L. Jones stated that residents had approached him regarding the possible demolition of trees in the grounds of the above School which had been planted in memory of students of the School who had been killed in action during World War I.

RESOLVED –

That the Town Clerk liaise with Pembrokeshire County Council and establish as to whether there are any Tree Preservation Orders at this location to prevent the trees being removed.

(b) Fort Road Car Park/Beach – Dereliction

Councillor R.G. Watts expressed his concern regarding the derelict condition of the Fort Road car park and beach foreshore at Llanreath in view of the fact that rubbish is being washed ashore which has resulted in an appalling appearance in that area. Additionally trees had been chopped down and palletts litter the area.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to investigate the above matter and take appropriate action.

(c) **49 Gwyther Street – Dereliction**

Councillor W.J. Davies referred to the derelict condition of the above property and to the fact that he had been advised that neighbours had complained that there was also a rodent problem.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to take the necessary action to alleviate the unkempt condition of the above property as well as the rodent problem.

(d) **Ferry Road – Sign Replacement**

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach reported that the sign at the southern end of Ferry Road, Pennar was missing.

RESOLVED –

That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to replace the sign at the above location.

(e) **Pembroke Dock Old People’s Welfare Committee – Donation**

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach requested that the Pembroke Dock Old People’s Welfare Committee should be given their donation of £500 in view of the fact that the next Council Meeting would not be for four weeks.

RESOLVED –

That the Council donate £500 to the Pembroke Dock Old People’s Welfare Committee.

(Councillor R.G. Watts declared his interest in the above matter and took no part in the discussion).

(f) **Mrs. J. Thomas, Pennar – Award**

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach referred to an award that Mrs. J. Thomas, Spar Shop, Pennar had recently received for the “Best Shop Assistant” in Britain.

RESOLVED –

That Mrs. Thomas be invited to attend a Meeting of the Council and be presented with a slate plate to mark her achievement.

The Meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.



Mayor.