

At a Special Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held at Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on Tuesday, 5th August, 2003 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. P.E.M. Folland, Mayor
Councillors D.T. Esmond,
Mrs. C. Fortune, P.G. Gwyther,
K.C. Higgs, D.L. Jones,
Mrs. V.M.J. Roach, R.G. Watts,
P. Weatherall.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Meeting was opened with Prayer.

79. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.E. George and S. Perkins.

80. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR


The Town Clerk stated that the following applicants for the casual vacancy on the Town Council for the Pennar Ward had been invited to attend for interview:-

Mr. D. Brinn, 16A. Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock
Mr. S. Mears, 50 Stranraer Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock
Mr. J. O'Neill, 21 Devon Drive, Buttermilk Close, Pembroke
Mrs. M. Thomas, 1 Gilgal Terrace, Pennar, Pembroke Dock

The Mayor submitted a series of questions to each applicant in turn which was followed by a ballot when it was

RESOLVED –

That Mr. D. Brinn be co-opted as a Town Councillor for the casual vacancy in the Pennar Ward.



81. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk stated that he had compiled a report in view of Council being in recess.

87. Whitland-Pembroke Dock Railway Line

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix "A" a response from the Secretary of the Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers Association regarding the concerns expressed about the future of the Whitland to Pembroke Dock line.

88. Additional Recycling Facility

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix "B" a letter from Pembrokeshire County Council which concerned a request by the Pennar and Bufferland Tenants and Residents Association for a bottle bank to be provided. The Town Council was asked for comment and views on the additional facility.

RESOLVED –

That the Council support the request submitted by the Pennar and Bufferland Tenants and Residents Association for a bottle bank to be provided.

89. Donation

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix "C" a letter from Mrs. A. Scourfield, 109 Bush Street, which requested a donation in respect of her son Jason and daughter Lucy, who are members of the Welsh Fencing Team Squad.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that a previous request to assist Jason had been received in January, 2003 and a donation of £100 was made.

RESOLVED –

That a donation of £100 be made to assist Jason and Lucy Scourfield who are members of the Welsh Fencing Team Squad.

90. Planning Applications

The following planning applications had been received and were submitted for consideration:-

491/03	Mr. J. Goodwin 5 Greenhill Road Pennar Pembroke Dock	5 Greenhill Road, Pennar.– Single storey alteration and rebuild of ground floor bedroom and shower room
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune
SECONDED by Councillor R.G. Watts

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to the application.

494/03

WJE & HE Harris
Cherry Cottage
Millback
Monkton
Pembroke

Plot 7, Site North of Essex Road –
Residential Dwelling

PROPOSED by Councillor K.C. Higgs
SECONDED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther

RESOLVED –

That the Council request deferral as it is understood
that the residents are requesting further information
about this application.

495/03

Miss L.J. Hill
Lower Pennar Dairy
Grove Street
Pennar
Pembroke Dock

The Hagert Field East End of Grove Street,
Pennar –
Residential plots for 6 no. dwellings

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to the application
provided that the site is within the Development Plan.

460/03

Mr. & Mrs. D. James
Estuary View
Beach Road
Llanreath
Pembroke Dock

Estuary View, Beach Road, Llanreath –
Erection of Conservatory

PROPOSED by Councillor R.G. Watts
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to the application.

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466/03	Mr. D. Harris 28 Cross Park Pennar Pembroke Dock	28 Cross Park, Pennar – Proposed driveway and access over public footpath
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PROPOSED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

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

91. Planning Decisions

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

- 171/03 – 5 Pembroke Street – Change of use to Bed & Breakfast with 3 double and 2 single rooms – **Approved**
- 183/03 – 9 Pembroke Road – Kitchen and Bathroom Extension – **Approved**
- 192/03 – 68 Military Road, Pennar – Balcony addition to extension at rear of building (amended design) – **Approved**
- 196/03 – Plot 17, Pennar Park – New residential dwelling – **Approved**
- 207/03 – Hobbs Point, West Llanion – Residential Development - Renewal of planning permission 98/841/PA – **Approved**

82. M.R.A. JOHNSTONE – IT WORK

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. A. Johnstone had written to express his appreciation to the Council for the honorarium he had received in respect of his assistance in IT for the Council.

83. ALBION SQUARE CENTENARY LAMP AND MONUMENT

The Town Clerk verbally reported that County Councillor B.J. Hall had contacted the Office and referred to the damage being sustained to the base/steps of the Monument by skateboarding activities at the above location. He stated that he had had a meeting with Officials of Pembrokeshire County Council and it had been suggested that steel bollards should be erected on each corner in order to attempt to curtail the skateboarders. Councillor B. Hall stated that the cost would be in the region of £1,200 - £1,500 and requested that the Town Council make a contribution of £500.

- RESOLVED –**
- (1) That Pembrokeshire County Council be requested to advise as to whether they could utilize gravelground pavings which are used for downpipe guttering, around the base of the monument..
 - (2) That Dyfed-Powys Police be requested to advise as to when the cctv cameras were to be installed at the above location.

84. MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

The Mayor advised Members that the Civic Service which had been arranged for Sunday, 21st September, 2003 had coincided with the Battle of Britain Sunday and was postponed to Sunday, 12th October, 2003.

The Meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

Perm. fees

Mayor.

PEMBROKE DOCK TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

5TH AUGUST, 2003

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

PART 1 – CORRESPONDENCE

87. WHITLAND-PEMBROKE DOCK RAILWAY LINE

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PART II – PLANNING

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T.R. EDWARDS

Town Clerk

30 JUL 2003
APPENDIX "A"

PEMBROKESHIRE RAIL TRAVELLERS ASSOCIATION.

Get Out of Traffic and Into Training!

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Milford Haven,
Pembrokeshire,
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28 July 2003.

WHITLAND-PEMBROKE DOCK RAILWAY LINE.

T.R.Edwards, Town Clerk,
Pembroke Dock Town Council,
Pater Hall,
Pembroke Dock
Pembrokeshire,
SA72 6DD.

Dear Mr. Edwards,

Thank you for your letter of 8th July with Penally
Community Council correspondence attached.

As you are no doubt aware the rail services provided by Wales & Borders are in the process of being offered for a new period of franchise and we are expecting the preferred bidder to be announced any day now. In preparing their bids the contenders were requested to outline three proposals based on the current subsidy and 90% and 80% of its value as well – if the reduced bids are adopted by the Strategic Rail Authority there is no doubt that reduced rail services will result. In fact as the franchises operate on fixed costs of around 80% of their expenditure the likely reductions will be considerably in excess of the straight percentages in subsidy. So far the SRA have not given any indication on whether the reductions will be the way forward.

When the railways were privatised by the previous administration it was pretty clear that the Dept of Transport thought that the system was in slow decline and it would slowly but surely be reduced to an Inter City core that the Treasury considered could be operated profitably. As it has turned out the privatised operators have

succeeded in attracting more passengers than at any time since 1946 and rail has become a growth industry. The method of privatisation was fundamentally flawed and this really bad mistake together with the present administrations failure to approach risk assessments on safety in a reasonable manner rather than caving in to the tabloids has resulted in a railway that is hugely expensive to operate and maintain.

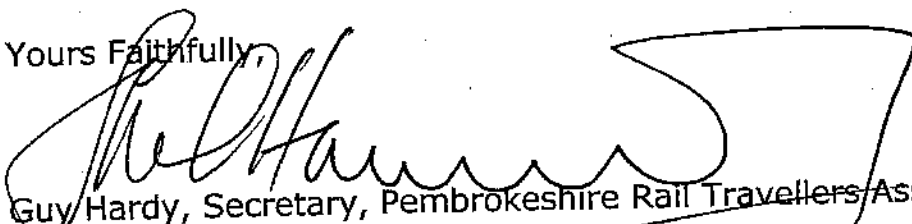
Currently the SRA are saying that no railway will be closed down and branch/rural lines will be continued but, worryingly, there is no doubt that they [SRA] are facing a real melt down in their budget due to the difficulties I have outlined and the disastrous cost over-runs on the West Coast Main Line upgrade. One can easily imagine how some of the financial facts on branch lines must look to the people in the Treasury. SRA are currently trial ling a new way of operating branchlines on the Esk Valley Line and we are watching the operation of this closely - also in the face of some of the Munchausen figures being quoted other organisations are calculating what it REALLY costs to run a branch line railway.

So how does this affect the Pembroke & Tenby? Well its probably safe in the short term - in the longer term its survival will depend on how thrusting the SRA is in making changes to the current set up to get round the present crippling cost allocation and whether the government in London really wants public transport operated by rail in rural/low population areas. Also a crucial factor will be whether any investment is available to enable rail in Pembrokeshire to compete with the increasingly fast road links to the East.

I am sorry not to be able to be more re-assuring than this - we are obviously monitoring the situation continually and are currently engaged in trying to prevent SRA from taking off the Waterloo through services in Spring 2004 - my committee would be very happy to to address your council and answer questions if you consider that this would be helpful [and Penally] in the meantime we urge you to be jealous of protecting our public transport links - there is no doubt that they are viewed quite differently in London !

Do not hesitate to contact the writer if you feel we can be of further assistance.

Yours Faithfully,



Guy Hardy, Secretary, Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers Association.

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My ref
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Please ask for
Gofynnwch am
Telephone
Ffôn
Date
Dyddiad

PRH/0016/02

Peter Harts

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22 July 2003

25 JUL 2003

BRYN PARRY-JONES, M.A. (Omn)
Chief Executive

APPENDIX "B"

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R. BARRETT-EVANS, B.Sc. (Est. Man) MRICS
Director of Development

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Please reply to Transportation
and Environment Directorate

Mr T R Edwards Clerk
Pembroke Dock Town Council
Pater Hall
Lewis Street
Pembroke Dock
Pembrokeshire
SA72 6DD

Dear Mr Edwards,

Additional Recycling Facility

I write following a recent letter to Pembrokeshire County Council's Waste Strategy Section received from Pennar and Bufferland Tenants and Residents Association regarding the above.

Currently there is a paper igloo situated on Council land at Oak Road, Pennar for all residents to recycle newspaper and magazines. We have been requested by the above Association for an additional bottle bank to be located at this site.

As this is a service provision for the community of Pembroke Dock, we would like to ask the Town Council for their comments and views on the additional facility.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



W B Davies
Head of Infrastructure Management



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE
BUDDSODDWR MEWN POBL



Cyngor Sir Penfro - Pembrokeshire County Council

29 JUL 2003

25th July 03

109 Bush Street,
Pembroke Dock,
Pembrokeshire,
Wales,
SA72 6LE,
Tel: 01646687716

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in hope that you may be able to help In sponsoring my son Jason who is 12 years old and who is in the WELSH squad Team for FENCING, also my daughter Lucy who is 13 years old and is also being Picked for the welsh team for fencing.

We have to fund all on going events which Means travel and hotel costs meals and their kits which alone comes to 1,242 pounds Without travel hotel and meals, they have got a busy schedule. The welsh qualifiers Are in Cardiff in September. The British championships are in Stoke-on-Trent in January. The International Welsh Squad are in Ireland in March, so you can Appreciate funding is so expensive and they need their kits for September and they have both worked so hard to get into the welsh team and without help I don't know how I can possibly manage, so if you could help in any way we would be so very grateful.

I will look forward to your reply.

Mrs A Scourfield.