

At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town
Council held at the Pater Hall, Pembroke
Dock on Thursday, 2nd June, 2005
at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

T.R. Edwards, Town Clerk
Mrs. S. Lowen, Committee Clerk

The meeting was opened with Prayer.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.E.M. Folland, Mrs. P.E. George, Mrs. J.M. Rees, and S. Perkins.

29. MINUTES

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor P. Weatherall

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council
held on 12th May 2005 be adopted as circulated.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Minute 18 – Experimental Traffic Order – Dimond Street

Councillor Weatherall stated that two of the signs, as agreed at the on-site meeting, are still not in place. The two signs that are missing were to be sited at the entrance to Queen Street.

(b) Minute 25 – Planning Applications – 04/1585/PA

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding application number 04/1585/PA, Central Garage Site, Pembroke Dock, in which they stated that no further action would be taken on this matter.

(c) Minute 25 – Planning Applications – 05/0057/PA

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from Mrs. Lloyd who was very concerned about the potential loss of the footpath, should this application be approved. She uses a mobility scooter and would have problems if the path was not retained, as she cannot use the street.

Councillor D.T. Esmond also stated that many people use this path.

It was resolved that this information be forwarded to the Planning Department at County Hall.

31. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2005 be adopted as circulated.

32. MINUTES OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Tourism Meeting held on 4th May 2005 be adopted as circulated.

The Mayor, Councillor R.G. Watts, advised that Mr. C. Morris, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade, Pembroke Dock, had resigned from the Tourism Committee. The Committee felt that this had been a sad loss as Mr. Morris had been involved with many of the arrangements for the forthcoming Summer Festival and had left before these were completed.

The Town Clerk reported that the Festival publicity had been received, and that 10,000 leaflets had been sent to the Western Telegraph and they would be distributed next Wednesday. The remaining 10,000 leaflets together with posters would be distributed within the next two weeks.

It was not certain that the Victorian Street Market would go ahead but support was being sought and encouraged. An article had been placed in the Western Telegraph which had attracted a couple of replies and the situation would be reviewed early next week.

33. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

30. Visit to Malta – Pembroke Dock Harlequins R.F.C.

At a meeting on May 19th 2005, the Pembroke Dock and Pembroke Joint Tourism and Twinning Committee considered a request from Pembroke Dock Harlequins R.F.C. for a donation to assist with the costs of organising a visit to Malta in April/May 2006. Provisional arrangements had been made for a party of 60, including a Senior and Youth side.

The Committee recommended that a sum of £1000 be donated from each Town Council.

The Budget estimates for 2005/6 included a provision of £1000 for twinning purposes. In the 2004/5 estimates a provision of £2000 was not spent.

A copy of the letter, which was considered by the Committee was enclosed at Appendix 'A'.

Members' confirmation of the grant of £1000 was requested.

PROPOSED by Councillor P. Weatherall
SECONDED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther

RESOLVED –

That the Council donate £1000 to assist with the costs of organising a visit to Malta in April/ May 2006.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request that if the donation were approved, the cheque could be released the following day. Approval for the early release of the cheque was given.

31. Footpath, Treowen Road – Bufferland Terrace

At the last Council meeting the Town Clerk was asked to find out what progress had been made with the Council's request that this footpath be adopted and become a public right of way.

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix 'B' a reply from the Rights of Way Improvement Officer together with correspondence from Pembrokeshire County Council to the adjoining developer's solicitor.

Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune was very concerned that this had still not been resolved and requested that the Town Clerk write to Pembrokeshire County Council asking for the new appointee to the post to look at this as a matter of urgency.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune
SECONDED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther

RESOLVED-

That the Council write to Pembrokeshire County Council requesting that this matter be treated as a matter of urgency by the new person in the post of Public Rights of Way and Access Team Leader.

32. Residents Parking Scheme – Lewis Street

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix 'C' a letter which had been sent to residents in Lewis Street by Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the possibility of introducing a residents parking scheme, following a request received.

33. Visits by H.M. Warships and Royal Fleet Auxiliaries

The Honorary Naval Liaison Officer, Commander Tony Mason had written to request whether the Council wished to be considered for a ship visit in 2006.

Requests would be considered in July 2005. A copy of Commander Mason's letter was at Appendix 'D'.

Members' instructions were requested.

PROPOSED by Councillor P.G. Gwyther
SECONDED by Councillor D.T. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Council request a ship visit in 2006 for the 25th June or the following weekend to coincide with the Festival.

34. Rights Of Way Improvements Plan

The Town Clerk enclosed at Appendix 'E' a letter and questionnaire from the Rights of Way Improvement Officer regarding a Rights of Way Improvement Plan which was being prepared for the County. Views were requested on the general condition of the path network within the Town boundary.

The Town Clerk asked for Members' assistance in completing the form.

Councillor P.G. Gwyther agreed to assist with the completion of the form.

Councillor K. Higgs asked for a concern regarding the footpath in Pembroke Ferry to be noted. The footpath had been re-instated following the installation of lighting, but had been put back without the tarmac being replaced. This would be drawn to the County Council's attention when the reply was prepared.

35. One Voice Wales

An invitation had been received to a presentation about the future of Town and Community Councils in Wales and the role of One Voice Wales in the modernisation process. The presentation would be held on Thursday 7th July 2005 at the Withybush Conference Centre, Haverfordwest, commencing at 9.30am. The invitation was for the Mayor and up to three other members. A copy of the programme was enclosed at Appendix 'F'.

The Mayor, Councillor R.G. Watts, said that he would be attending the presentation.

36. Donations

The following application had been received and was enclosed at Appendix 'G'

Miss Sian Nevatte, 16 Water Street

Sian is a member of the Pembroke Dock Ranger Unit and a Young Leader with St. Patrick's Guide Unit. She had been selected to take part in an international event in Sweden this summer, representing Pembroke Dock and the Pembrokeshire Guide Association.

The request was for a donation to assist with her fundraising.

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

RESOLVED-

That the Council make a donation of £100 to Miss Sian Nevatte to assist with her fundraising.

37. Licensing

Councillors D.T. Esmond and P. Weatherall declared their interest in this matter, took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

Variation of Public Entertainments Licence **Gwendolines, 53 Bush Street**

A copy of an application for the variation of the public entertainment licence had been received. The variation applied for was an extension of hours on Saturdays from 11.45pm to 1.00am.

The applicant was Carl Sheldon Beddis. Comments were requested by 14th June 2005.

Councillor K. Higgs expressed his concern that there were a number of residential properties nearby and that the extension would be going into the early hours of Sunday mornings.

Councillor P. Gwyther asked if any residents had given their views regarding the extension.

PROPOSED by Councillor K.C. Higgs
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach

RESOLVED-

That the Council write to the County Council expressing its concern and stating that it believed an extension until 12.00 midnight was deemed sufficient, given the surrounding residential properties.

38. Planning Applications

05/0086/PA	Tesco Stores Ltd. c/o The Development Planning Partnership 14 Windsor Place, Cardiff CF10 3BY.	Tesco Store, London Road, Pembroke Dock. SA72 6DS - Extensions to existing Class A1 Retail Store, Car Park alterations and ancillary works.
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

05/0102/PA	Mr. and Mrs. K. Higgs 21 Essex Road, Pembroke Dock.	21 Essex Road, Pembroke Dock SA72 6ED – Erection of Conservatory.
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Councillor K.C. Higgs declared his interest in this matter, took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor P. Weatherall

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

05/0115/PA	Mr. D. and Mrs. C. George Henton, Cuffern View Simpson Cross, Haverfordwest	The Fold, Bush Cottage Buttermilk Lane, Pembroke – Alterations and extensions
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

05/0150/PA	Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Saldanha 37 Gibson Road, Ickenham, Middlesex UB10 8EW	Plot 38, Pennar Park, Pembroke Dock – Construction of Dwelling and Garage
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune
SECONDED by Councillor D.T. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

05/0151/PA	Ms. J. Russel 19 Greenhill Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock.	19 Greenhill Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock - Extension to dwelling.
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PROPOSED by Councillor D. Brinn
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

05/0172/PA	Mr. K. Healy, Rockcliffe, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock	Rockcliffe, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock – Alteration and Extension.
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

RESOLVED –

That the Council have no objection to this application.

39. Planning Decisions

04/1001/PA Proposed Building Plot - Land to rear of Harding House, Chapel Road, Llanreath, Pembroke Dock – **Approved.**

34. MATTERS RAISED VERBALLY

(a) Minute 13(c) - Vandalism in the Town

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Acting Inspector Jackie Blackmore, Dyfed-Powys Police, stating that she would research the system for the necessary information and reply in full as soon as possible.

(b) Pembroke Dock Community Learning Centre

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an invitation to the Mayor and Members to the opening of an exhibition of work by students who attend the Pembroke Dock Community Learning Centre on Monday 6 June 2005 at 5.30pm. The exhibition was to be held at the Pembroke Dock Library Gallery.

(c) London Road-Western Way - Shared Use Path

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Thomas, Morgan and Associates, Civil and Structural Engineers, who had been commissioned by Pembrokeshire County Council to design and supervise the above project. Work on Phase 1 was expected to commence on 6th June 2005 between Bierspool Cycles and 43 London Road, Pembroke Dock. The construction work was expected to take 4-5 weeks to complete. The works involved widening the existing footway (narrowing the road) between Bierspool Cycles and 43 London Road. Road markings and road signs would also be provided. If any further information is required, Dewi Jones or Alun Rees of Thomas, Morgan and Associates could be contacted.

(d) Minute 26 - Former Borough Football Clubhouse

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter regarding the planning application 04/1275/PA for the construction of 26 No. flats at the site of the former Borough Football Clubhouse, London Road, Pembroke Dock, stating that this matter had now gone to appeal on the basis of a hearing. If Members wished to make any additional comments they should be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 29th June 2005.

35. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

4. Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:-

26	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£19.00
27	Martin Cavaney – Photograph	£20.56
28	John Roberts & Son – Donation in Memory of W. Davies	£25.00
29	Pembroke Dock Civic Society – Donation	£100.00
30	Darby & Joan Club – Donation	£100.00

31	Cllr. S.M.D. Perkins – Deputy Mayor’s Allowance	£500.00
32	Cllr R.G. Watts – Mayor’s Allowance	£2,000.00
33	Tourism Committee	£4,000.00

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond
 SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

RESOLVED –

That Account Nos. 26-33 be approved for payment.

36. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Future use of the Pembroke Dock Website by the Town Council

Councillor R.G. Watts said that Pembroke Dock Town Council had initiated this website but at the moment are under-using their allocated space. Suggestions were made that the Minutes of Council Meetings up to 12 months old be placed on the website. Some biographies of Councillors were also required to give a detailed picture of who were members.

The Town Clerk stated that a Community Website Committee meeting would be held shortly, when these matters would be discussed.

37. MATTERS RAISED VERBALLY

(a) Weed Treatment

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach requested that the Town Clerk make enquiries as to when the weed treatment in Pembroke Dock would commence.

(b) Lamp-Post outside Doctor’s Surgery in Dimond Street

The Mayor, Councillor R.G. Watts, reported that the lamp at the above address had been out for some days. It had been reported but the maintenance department had advised that it could not be repaired until a number which should have been on the lamp-post had been quoted. As the lamp-post had no number on it, it had not been repaired.

The Town Clerk agreed to follow up the matter.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Mayor

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