

At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on Thursday 25th January 2007.

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Perkins, Mayor
Councillors D. Esmond,
Mrs. P.E. George, E. Hissey
W. Rees, Mrs. V.M.J. Roach,
R.G. Watts, P. Weatherall.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Jones, Town Clerk
Sue Lowen, Committee Clerk

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P. Folland, C. Fortune, P. Gwyther, K. Higgs, D. Jones, and Mrs. J. Rees.

133. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

134. MINUTES

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor R. Watts

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Town Council held on 4th January 2007 be adopted as circulated.

135. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Minute 128 – Report from Town Clerk to Accompany Estimates for 2007/8 Year

The Town Clerk advised Members that Revised Estimates for 2007/8 together with a Financial Statement to 31st December 2006 had been enclosed with their papers and that this would be discussed further under the item of the Report of the Financial Officer.

136. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

240. Community Council – Periodic Electoral Review.

This had been briefly discussed at the previous Town Council Meeting. The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix A his provisional thoughts on the preliminary issues to which the County Council were seeking some kind of response. He asked members to consider these which might act as a fillip to ideas on this issue.

Members observations were required so that the Town Clerk could meet the County Council's deadline for preliminary comments on the issues raised in their document which was already held by Members.

A paper which had been prepared by Councillor R Watts had been distributed to members during the meeting. This asked members to take into account the Joint Unitary Development Plan when considering the ratios of Town Councillors to residents. Taking into account planned development, he concluded that this could result in the Town Council losing one member. He urged councillors to give an informed and measured reply, in order to avoid being forced to adopt whatever changes the County Council propose.

Following discussion regarding the straightening of the boundaries of wards, it was agreed that with regard to the paper written by Councillor R.Watts, the Town Council would request the County Council to:

- 1) Give consideration to the boundaries of wards, with a view to 'straightening' them
- 2) Retain the number of councillors as were currently in place.

Members then discussed the paper attached as Appendix A which suggested options for merging with other Councils or creating a 'Hub and Spoke' system. The Town Clerk had also listed the advantages of such mergers, and suggested that the sharing of resources and ideas was one of the attractions of councils working together.

Following further discussion. it was

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor R.Watts

RESOLVED –

That the Town Clerk should write to Pembrokeshire County Council advising them that:

1. The Town Council would be willing to explore further the idea of linking Pembroke Dock Town Council with Cosheston Community Council and
2. The Town Council support the idea that 500 electors per Councillor is a reasonable figure.

241. Possibility Of A Planning Sub Committee.

Councillor Ted Hissey had written to the Town Clerk about the possibility of forming a Planning Sub Committee which would meet a few days before the Main Town Council Meeting to consider planning applications referred to the Council for our observations. Comments would then be put together for the main meeting to endorse or change. Councillor Hissey believed that this would save time in the long term and allow members of the Sub Committee to arrange a site visit if it was considered necessary. He suggested that the Sub Committee should consist of 2 members with a co-opted member from the appropriate ward where the planning application was situated.

Members observations on this idea were requested. Any change to Council procedures would need to be confirmed at the next full Council Meeting.

Councillor Hissey believed that several planning applications had not always been clear to all members. He felt that a lot could be achieved by a sub-committee going on site and seeing where it was. The sub-committee would comprise two members, with a further member co-opted from the ward in which the application had been made.

Members agreed that this was a good idea but felt that the sub-committee should comprise a member from each ward.

PROPOSED by Councillor E. Hissey
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –
That the Town Council agree that a Planning Sub Committee should be formed and that this item should be put before the next meeting of the Town Council when members would be elected to sit on this Sub-Committee.

242. Society Of Local Council Clerks Training.

The Town Clerk had been advised that a “Conference for Practitioners” was to be held in Stoke on Trent from Friday 2 to Saturday 3 March 2007. The meeting would provide training and updates on the following topics:-

Planning Observations and Section 106 agreements
Risk Management
Codes of Conduct and Declarations of Interest
Budget Preparation
Village and Town Plans
Relationships with Principal Councils
Funding Sources other than precepts
Project Management
Annual Reports
Continuous Professional Development
Updates on new legislation

The cost to attend the event which would include overnight accommodation on the Friday was £223.25. In addition travel costs to and from the event and overnight accommodation for 1 March would also be necessary.

The Town Clerk believed that the conference would be very useful for him to be kept up to date and as a consequence this Council would also benefit. He was therefore asking permission to attend and for the cost to come from the training budget.

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor R. Watts

RESOLVED

That the Town Council agree to the training, travel and accommodation costs incurred for the Town Clerk to attend the 'Conference for Practitioners' being held 2-3 March 2007.

243. Pembrokeshire And Derwen NHS Trust And Pembrokeshire Local Health Board.

The Town Clerk had received notification from the above bodies that they had prepared a Disability Equality Scheme which was available for the public to view on their web site www.pembrokeshirelhb.wales.nhs.uk. The Town Council was being invited to comment on the publication. A copy of the draft scheme had been placed on the table to the RHS of the Chamber.

244. Collection Of Domestic And Business Waste Within Pembroke Dock Central Ward During The Christmas Period.

The last Town Council Meeting discussed the problems of waste collection which had occurred during the Christmas period. County Councillor Kate Becton and the Town Clerk had written to the County Council about the matter and the Town Clerk had now received a reply which stated "I regret the impact this obviously had on your community this year, and indeed it created a great deal of additional work for our own staff and workforce in responding to the resulting numbers of bags left out on the street. I can assure you that a full review of the situation that occurred this year is being carried out to prevent a reoccurrence in future years. Please be assured that affected households and businesses will be informed next year, as you suggest, in addition to newspaper notices and radio messages".

This information was provided for Councillors' use.

245. Traffic Calming – Bush Street.

This matter had been discussed at an earlier meeting. The Town Clerk had received a letter from Mr John Price from the County Council who had thanked the Town Council

for its support of the scheme. He had brought to the Town Clerk's attention that the use of "vehicle actuated speed signs" appeared only to be effective in the short term. These signs were therefore used at specific sites on a temporary basis.

246. Provision Of Bus Shelters Within Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk had been contacted by Mrs Geobey of Llanion Park who had informed him that the pick up point for National Express coaches had been moved from Law Street to the bus stop at the entrance to the Bierspool Retail area. The new site did not make provision for a bus shelter and she had wondered if one could be erected.

The Town Clerk had written to the County Council about the matter and in reply they stated "... the decision to re-locate the pick-up point from Law Street to Bierspool was made by National Express. Furthermore the Council was not consulted on the matter and only learnt of their decision after the event. With regard to the shelter request, the main funding mechanism for funding bus stop infrastructure is the Welsh Assembly Transport Grant Scheme. However, WAG has indicated that they will not be inviting bids for new funding until at least 2009. therefore, without that funding it is unlikely we will be able to make any significant inroads into meeting the requests on file until new monies become available. However, if Pembroke Dock Town Council wish to proceed with funding their own new shelter then the cost, including installation (but not the cost of the base preparation) is approximately £3000. The Town Council would also be responsible for the shelter in terms of cleaning, maintenance and liability."

The Town Clerk advised that in the light of the above reply members might wish to consider whether the Town Council should pay for a shelter and its associated ongoing costs.

Following discussion, it was

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach

RESOLVED –

That the Town Clerk should write to National Express:

1. Expressing their dissatisfaction regarding the re-location of the pick-up point in Bierspool, which they felt was not a pleasant position for people to wait. The Bus Stop in Laws Street was centralised and had been in situ for many years.
2. Asking whether National Express were prepared to pay or contribute towards a new Bus Shelter.

247. New Traffic Order – Residents Parking Lower Gwyther Street, Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk had received a letter from Mr John Price of Pembrokeshire County Council about the matter and his proposals were set out at Appendix B.

Members observations on the request were sought.

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach

RESOLVED –
That the Town Council have no objection
to the proposal of residents parking at
Gwyther Street.

248. Residents Parking Scheme – Dimond Street East.

The Town Clerk had received a further letter on this matter from Mr John Price. He stated that residents had requested 24 hour parking bays because of the pressure on parking near to their properties. Given the stance this Council took at the last meeting the Town Clerk had asked Mr Price for the copies of the supporting evidence to be put forward to justify a 24 hour restriction. The Town Clerk reminded Members that this Council had requested residents only provision during the hours of 1730 to 0900.

This information was provided to update members.

The Town Clerk advised that he had so far received no response from Mr. Price.

249. Police Community Support Officers.

The Town Clerk had received a letter from the Clerk to Narberth Town Council inviting members to attend a meeting with Chief Superintendent Paul Amphlett on Tuesday 6th February prior to their Town Council meeting. The reason for the meeting was to discuss the funding of PCSOs.

The matter was discussed with Mr N Ainger MP in some depth at the Town Council's last meeting and those who attended the recent Police Authority Consultative Meeting would have heard more about the matter then.

The Town Clerk's view was that there would be little to be gained from attending this meeting at this stage but if any member wished to go they were asked to inform the Town Clerk so that he could advise the Clerk to Narberth Town Council accordingly.

There were no members who wished to attend this meeting.

250. Gambling Policy – The Gambling Act 2005.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the draft policy from the County Council had been discussed recently at a Town Council Meeting. He had now been advised that the policy with some amendments had been adopted by the County Council at its meeting held on 14th December 2006 and would take effect from 31 January 2007. The policy could be viewed at www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/gambling and a copy was on the table to the right hand side of the Council Chamber.

This information was provided to update members.

251. Town Rider Project – Pilot Scheme In Pembroke And Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk had been advised that a meeting would be held on Friday 2 February at St. John's Hall, Pembroke Dock to discuss the possibility of introducing a new dial-a ride service to the area. The "Town Rider" service is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government as part of an initiative to test ways of improving transport for bus pass holders who have difficulty in using bus services. It was hoped that the new service would complement the Country Cars Scheme. The Town Council was invited to send a representative to the meeting.

Councillor R. Watts agreed to attend the meeting on 2 February 2007.

252. Applications For Financial Assistance.

(a) Pembrokeshire Young Farmers Club.

The Town Clerk had received an application for financial assistance from the above organisation. There was no specific club within Pembroke Dock but members from Pembroke Dock do attend the South Pembrokeshire Club which has approximately 50 members. They stated that the Club develops self confidence and self esteem in their members and were very supportive towards their communities and support local projects. The group had requested a donation of £50 towards their work.

Members instructions were requested.

Following discussion regarding the criteria for financial assistance, it was agreed that Pembrokeshire Young Farmers Club would not be offered financial assistance as although being an organisation based outside the area of Pembroke Dock did not preclude them, they had not specified the number of people who attended from Pembroke Dock.

(b) The Samaritans.

The above organisation had made a request for a donation towards their work. They are based in Haverfordwest but take telephone calls from all over Pembrokeshire. The Chairman of the group stated that a great number of their calls come from the Pembroke Dock area which he estimated approximately 100 per week. Any grant made by the

Council would go to continuing to provide a 24 hour service for those living within the County.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council would grant a donation of £50 to The Samaritans.

(c) Alzheimer’s Society Pembrokeshire Branch.

The Town Clerk had received a request for financial assistance from the above organisation. The application form stated that the branch supports nearly 50 carers within the county with between 6 and 10 from the town of Pembroke Dock. The services they provide includes providing respite care of 3 hours a week for carers together with the assistance of a Support Worker. There is also a telephone helpline and there is a carers group which is facilitated by the Community Psychiatric Nurse. Any grant made would go towards the support and help they offer to people with dementia and their families.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council would grant a donation of £50 to the Alzheimers Society Pembrokeshire Branch.

(d) Mr Jason Scourfield.

Members were reminded of the achievements of Jason who is a member of the Welsh and Great Britain Fencing Squad. The Town Clerk had received a letter from his mother Mrs A Scourfield who thanked the Town Council for their support over recent years. In her letter she stated “... He has to go abroad a lot now and I cant keep up with it all. The first trip is at the end of the month with two days of solid fencing in Koblenz and the second trip is to the town of Bad Konstanz both of which are in Germany.” She asked if the Town Council could make a further contribution towards the costs involved either by sponsoring him or giving some financial support. She also asked if the Town Council knew of any business which would be interested in sponsoring him.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council would grant a donation of £100 to Jason Scourfield to assist with the costs of him attending various trips with the Fencing Squad.

Councillor D. Esmond advised the Town Clerk that he could provide him with the names of potential sponsors for Jason Scourfield.

253. Planning Applications

06/1112/PA	David Lambourne, 17 Llanion Cottages Pembroke Dock SA72 6UQ.	Orchard behind 17 Llanion Cottages, Pembroke Dock SA72 6UQ - Outline – Residential Development
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PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond
SECONDED by Councillor P. Weatherall

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council have no objection to this application but expressed serious concerns regarding the access to the proposed development which would need to be widened. They also expressed their concerns about increased traffic traversing the open railway crossing.

Councillor S. Perkins also requested the Town Clerk to write to Pembrokeshire County Council asking them to refer to the Bush and Park Estate and **not** the Bush Camp.

06/1136/PA	Ann Dureau Shimogamo Beach Road Llanreath SA72 6TP	Land between the Boathouse and Shearwater Beach Road, Lower Llanreath, Pembroke Dock – Erection of one dwelling
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –

The Town Council would not support this application in relation to the area not covered by the existing planning consents.

06/1138/PA	Pembrokeshire County Council County Hall Haverfordwest.	Pennar Infants Pennar, Cross Park, Pembroke - External timber pergola
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The Town Council noted that this application had been withdrawn.

06/1163/PA	W and DB plc, Albany House Albany Road Wolverhampton	Bush Tavern, 65 Bush Street, Pembroke Dock - Internal alterations and erection of rear covered smoking area
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Councillor D. Esmond declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting.

PROPOSED by Councillor P. Weatherall
SECONDED by Councillor R. Watts

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

06/1173/PA	Mrs. A. Lovell 14a North Street Pembroke Dock	14a North Street, Pembroke Dock - Extension to dwelling
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. P. George

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

254. Planning Decisions

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| 06/0086/PA | Dwelling with integral garage – Plot 1 Hagert Field, Grove Street, Pennar, Pembroke Dock. - Approved |
| 06/0524/PA | Change of use from 1 No. Public House and residential flat into 4 No. Residential flats – The Navy Inn, Pembroke Dock – Approved |
| 06/0922/PA | Alterations and Extensions – Fairhaven, 5 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Dock – Approved |
| 06/0944/PA | Alterations and extension – 53 Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock – Refused |
| 06/0955/PA | Extension to dwelling – Tides Reach, Pembroke Ferry, Pembroke Dock – Approved |
| 06/0995/PA | Extension to Warehouse/Store – Watersports Centre, Cleddau Reach, Pembroke Dock – Approved |
| 06/1017/PA | 3 bay garage to house classic cars – 1, Fairways, Pembroke Dock – Approved |
| 06/1031/PA | Erect additional galvanised palisade fence and gates to extend compound – Focus DIY Store, London Road, Bierspool, Pembroke Dock – Approved |

137. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

255. Pater Hall Community Trust

The Town Clerk requested Members' approval for the first payment of £30,000 to the Trust in respect of the renovations, now that the lease and sub-lease for the Pater Hall had been signed.

Councillors R. Watts and P. Weatherall declared their interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council approve the first payment of £30,000 to the Pater Hall Community Trust in respect of the renovations.

256. Christmas Lights.

Members were reminded of the project to replace the Christmas Lights within Pembroke Dock over a three year period. The second phase of purchasing lights for the coming Christmas was taking place and the Project Manager for Blachere Illumination UK visited the town the previous week and had suggested a modest scheme for completion of the blue and white lights in Lower Meyrick Street and gold and white column lights for Dimond Street. The suggestions had been considered by the Town Council's Electrician Mr J Pickering, Mr Jeremy Jones Town Council Handyman, Councillor Mrs Pam George the Chairman of the Tourism Committee and the Town Clerk. The costs for the new lights were £6000. In addition it was proposed that the Chamber of Trade be invited to ask members if they would like to further improve the display by the purchase of Christmas Trees to be displayed from their buildings.

Approval of this cost was requested which was covered by the budget provision.

PROPOSED by Councillor W. Rees
SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council approve the costs of £6000 for the new Christmas Lights.

257. Visit To The National Assembly.

The Town Clerk had been advised by Christine Gwyther AM, that it was not possible to accommodate a visit to the Assembly on 22 February as she would be away at a conference. In deciding an alternative date Members were asked to note the following:-

The Assembly was in recess during week commencing 19th February
The Assembly would be in recess from 26th March until after the election on 3rd May

Plenary sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1400 to 1730hrs. First Minister Questions is on Tuesdays at 1400hrs. Visitors may sit in the public gallery during plenary session for which tickets could be obtained.

Members' instructions on alternative dates were requested. The Town Clerk would then liaise with Christine Gwyther's assistant.

Following discussion, the Town Clerk agreed to suggest either of the following dates for the visit:

Wednesday 7th March 2007 or
Wednesday 21st March 2007

258. Meeting Of The National Assembly Mid And West Wales Regional Committee.

The Town Clerk had been advised that there would be a meeting of this Committee at the Merlin Theatre, Pembrokeshire College, Haverfordwest on Friday 16th February starting at 1000hrs and finishing at 1230hrs. The topic under discussion would be "Energy and the Environment". The Town Clerk requested members to let him know if they wished to attend the debate so that he could advise the Assembly Secretariat accordingly.

259. Tourism Committee

The Town Clerk had received provisional information about the costs of an Ice Rink for next Christmas, together with details of the support the County Council will be giving towards the summer flowers. Arrangements now need to be made for a meeting to discuss the financial and other implications for these schemes.

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Tourism Committee on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at 1030am. The Town Clerk agreed to write to the Chamber of Trade inviting them to send a representative to this meeting.

260. Applications For Grant Aid.

(a) Macmillan Cancer Support.

I have received an application for financial support from the above organisation which operates throughout the UK. In its application it states that in Pembrokeshire it gave financial support by way of grant aid to 18 people totalling £5,641. They state that a grant of £103 would fund a Macmillan Nurse for one days work within the community and £180 would allow someone with cancer to keep the heating on when they really need it. The financial statement and accounts I have received are in order.

The Town Council agreed not to award Macmillan Cancer Support grant aid as they had not identified specific numbers of people from Pembroke Dock who had received financial support.

(b) Pembrokeshire Youthbank (South Group).

I have received an application from this organisation which is affiliated to the Princes Trust. The object of the organisation is:-

1. To provide training and support for young people to enable them to be involved in youth led community projects. Grants of up to £500 are available to fund young peoples' good ideas to benefit their community.
2. To raise funds for the management and running of Youthbank and the provision of grants for young people to carry out projects within the community.

The group wishes to be involved in community work within Pembroke Dock by encouraging and supporting young people to carry out community work to improve the area where they live.

The group is part of the Pembrokeshire Youthbank and they have supported their application by providing accounts which show that they have in 2006 received financial support from the County Council, PAVS and Communities First.

Following discussion, it was

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond

SECONDED by Councillor W. Rees

RESOLVED –

That the Town Clerk should write to Pembrokeshire Youthbank requesting further specific details of how young people in Pembroke Dock would benefit from their organisation.

261. Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications had been withdrawn:

**06/0827/PA Land Adjacent to Cenarth, Pembroke Ferry, Pembroke Dock –
Erection of one dwelling.**

**06/1138/PA Pennar Infants, Cross Park, Pennar, Pembroke Dock –
External Timber Pergola**

The following Planning Applications had been received:

06/1203/PA	Preseli Construction Ltd Unit 8 Waterloo Industrial Estate Pembroke Dock	5-7 Prospect Place, Pembroke Dock - Variation of siting and elevation treatment of planning consent 04/0982/PA
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PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond

SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach

RESOLVED –

That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

06/1217/PA Mrs. S. Jackson, 3 Park Lane Pembroke Dock	3 Park Lane, Pembroke Dock - Alterations and extensions to existing porch for disabled person.
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
 SECONDED by Councillor D. Esmond

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

262. Planning Decisions

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| 06/0993/PA | Change of use from Shop/Stores to Restaurant and Takeaway – Meyrick
Stores (Formerly Fenton Factors), Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock -
Approved |
| 06/0999/PA | Erection of one dwelling – Plot 11, Pennar Point, Pembroke Dock –
Approved |
| 06/1001/PA | Erection of two dwellings and garages – 49 Gwyther Street, Pembroke
Dock - Refused |
| 06/1030/PA | Erection of two commercial units – Land adjacent Llanion Industrial
Estate, Pembroke Dock – Refused |
| 06/1050/PA | Extension to dwelling – 107, Laws Street, Pembroke Dock - Approved |
| 06/1100/PA | Installation of a new Barclays ATM to provide customers with 24 hour
access to Barclays Service – Barclays, 1 Dimond Street, Pembroke Dock
Approved |

138. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

25. Financial Statement

A Financial Statement as at 31st December 2006 had been enclosed for Members' information .

Councillor W. Rees expressed concerns regarding the amount of the balance being held. Councillor Mrs. V. Roach clarified this by quoting Minute 128 of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th January which stated that the "Town Council should in any one year have reserves of no more than one third of the precept it is seeking in that year. The figures he had quoted were the position as at 31st December 2006 and included the final precept contribution for 2006/2007 year. The sums therefore in the account at the end of March 2007 would be nearer the £34,000 mark".

26. Estimates – 2007/2008

The Town Clerk asked Members to note the amendment made under the heading of Income to the Provisional Band 'D' charge which now read £45.99. The original figures provided at the beginning of January were in error by £5,000. This had now been amended to take into account the reduction.

Councillor Mrs. V. Roach, on behalf of the Town Council, thanked the Town Clerk and Financial Officer for all their hard work in preparing the Accounts.

27. Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:

120	British Telecom – Telephone Rental and Maintenance Charges	£77.89
121	Talk Talk – Telephone Charges	£8.59
122	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Renewal	£35.00
123	Grahams Hoist Service – Removal of Christmas Lights	£60.00
124	I. Jones – Reimbursement – Anti Virus Software and Postage	£127.41
125	The Consortium – Stationery and Armchair	£296.80
126	J.S. Pickering Electrical – Removal of Christmas Lights	£420.00
127	F.H. Gilman – Balance – Finger Posts	£470.00
128.	Westcoast Firework Co. – Firework Display	£2,056.25

The Town Clerk asked for the following additional accounts to be approved for payment, and to note that Account No. 120 was paid out of meeting:

129	Halsted DIY – Replacement Lock – Pumphouse	£40.89
130	British Telecom – Telephone Service Charges	£48.35
131	Konica Minolta – Photocopying	£57.72
132	Pembs County Council – Advert –Road Closure –Winter Carnival	£255.38
133	Pater Hall Community Trust – Contribution	£30,000.00

28. Salaries and Wages

The gross sum of £4314.93 was paid in respect of Salaries, Wages, Tax and N.I. for the month of December, 2006.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V. Roach
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

RESOLVED –
That Account Nos. 120-133 be approved
for payment.

139. REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Chevron Texaco Public Affairs and Environment Committee

Councillor P. Weatherall reported on his recent attendance at a meeting of the above group. Topics discussed included Safety Issues, concerns regarding the downstream plume on the stack, and reports from the Buncefield Committee.

(b) Memorial Park Committee

Councillor R. Watts reported on his attendance at the meeting of this committee earlier in the week. Letters had been sent out to local groups asking them what they would like to see in the Park and 7 replies had been received so far. It had been decided to hold a public meeting some time in March after all the replies had been received. Communities First would be asked if they would facilitate that event, and as soon as a date has been arranged, the Town Council would be informed.

(c) Dyfed Powys Police Authority Community Consultation Forum

Councillor Mrs. V. Roach, together with the Town Clerk, attended a meeting of the above forum on Wednesday 10th January.

Topics discussed were:

Current Budget update for 2007/08

Recruitment of Police Community Support Officers

Draft Local Policing Priorities for 2007/2008 (including National Priorities)
for consideration, which were listed as:

Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
Drugs
Violent Crime and Public Protection
Anti-Social Behaviour

Update on the Disability Equality and Gender Equality Schemes

A feedback questionnaire was distributed and attention was drawn to the Authority's website at www.dyfedpowyspoliceauthority.co.uk.

140. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Visit of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary

Councillor R. Watts reported that on 22nd June 2007 the Royal Fleet Auxiliary would be coming to Pembroke Dock specifically to celebrate the closure of the dockyard. There would be a cocktail party in the evening with the Welsh Regiment providing music.

(b) Felling of Trees in Argyle Street

Councillor R. Watts reported that he had received a phone call earlier in the week from an irate person complaining about trees which were being chopped down in Argyle Street. The Town Clerk had e-mailed the appropriate office regarding the felling of three trees which were memorial trees, which was now being investigated.

County Councillor Kate Becton added that residents had told her that they had received verbal assurances that the trees were safe. She had been in touch with Richard Staden, the Landscaping Officer for the County Council, who had advised that there was a tree preservation order on these trees but that was overruled by Planning Permission. In the planning papers that he had received there had been no indication that these were memorial trees. They had made an on-site visit the previous afternoon and Kate Becton had spoken to residents. A copy of the tree survey had been requested and a meeting had been arranged with residents on Saturday.

Councillor S. Perkins requested that a strong letter should be written from the Town Council regarding this. She advised that a Tree Order could be rescinded but only in special circumstances.

(c) Black Railings

Councillor E. Hissey reported that the brambles on the walkway of Black Railings needed cutting back. He felt that there was a Health and Safety issue to be addressed if a visually impaired person walked along this walkway.

(d) Potholes

Councillor V. Roach reported on a pothole situated at the top of Church Street coming from Prospect Place. Councillor D. Esmond reported on a pothole at the side of the chicane by the Park entrance.

(e) Orange Bag Collection

Councillor P. Weatherall reported on the recent concerns from residents regarding the collection of Orange Bags. He stated that 11 Orange Bags remained in the street, and that if they had been black-tagged they were not collected. It appeared to be a general problem throughout the town.

The meeting ended at 20.30hrs

Mayor