At the Annual Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council held on Thursday 1st May 2025

PRESENT: Councillors M Bowen, C Francis Boswell, G Goff, J George, P George, T George, S Lucas, J Lyons, C Lee, S O'Connor, D Sharp, T Wilcox, M Wiggins

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Scourfield – Town Clerk Amanda Hart – Deputy Town Clerk Caroline Mason – Community & Committees Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brian Hall, Cllr Paul Aston Jones, Cllr Maria Williams

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (To receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or prejudicial)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2025/2026

To appoint a Member of the Town Council to the office of Mayor of Pembroke Dock to hold office pursuant to section 15(7) and 34(7) of the Local Government Act 1972, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr Wiggins was proposed and seconded as Mayor for 2025/2026 at the Full Council Meeting on Thursday 6th February 2025 therefore, Councillor M Wiggins will be elected as Mayor of Pembroke Dock to hold office, pursuant to Section 34 and 245(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

A vote was taken, 11 members for the proposal, 2 abstentions

Cllr Wiggins accepted the role of Mayor and read out the declaration which she then signed witnessed by Full Council.

The Town Clerk presented Cllr Wiggins with her Chains of Office

Cllr Wiggins thanked all the Councillors for voting her in and she said she will take the position of Mayor with pride. Cllr Wiggins said it is a huge honour for her to become Mayor, and she looks forward to promoting our town as much as she can. She then thanked Cllr Williams the outgoing Mayor who has had a wonderful year and has worked very hard for our town.

Cllr Wiggins said she would like to congratulate Cllr Tony Wilcox on becoming Deputy Mayor and hopes that he enjoys his term like she did. Finally, that you to Sarah, Mandy and Caroline our Pembroke Dock Town Council for all your support and looking after our town.

4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/2026

To appoint a Member of the Town Council to the office of Deputy Mayor of Pembroke Dock to hold office pursuant to section 15(7) and 34(7) of the Local Government Act 1972, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr T Wilcox was proposed and seconded as Deputy Mayor for 2025/2026 at the Full Council Meeting on Thursday 6th February 2025 therefore, Councillor T Wilcox will be elected as Deputy Mayor of Pembroke Dock to hold office, pursuant to Section 34 and 245(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

A vote was taken, 11 members for the proposal, 2 abstentions

Cllr Wilcox accepted the role of Deputy Mayor and read out the declaration which she then signed witnessed by Full Council.

The Town Clerk presented Cllr Wilcox with his chains.

Cllr Wilcox thanked members for voting him in as Deputy Mayor

5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (10 MINUTES)

There were no questions from the members of the public

6 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Annual Report 2024 – 2025

The Town Clerk congratulated everyone for their dedication and commitment to Pembroke Dock. She stated that as a Council they are required to produce an Annual Report every year showing the achievements which includes budgets, committees and attendance reports. Members were given copies of the reports which included information on any training councillors have attended and the allowances received.

1. Councillor Attendance

The Town Clerk stated that the full Town Council met with a mix of virtual and face to face on 11 occasions during the year 2024/25 and that the average attendance for the year is 86%.

The full details: -		
Councillor Simon Briskham	4 attendances	75% - stood down Oct 24
Councillor Paul Aston Jones	6 attendances	55%
Councillor Maureen Bowen	11 attendances	100%
Councillor Claire Francis-Boswell	8 attendances	73%
Councillor Jonathan George	10 attendances	91%
Councillor Pam George	10 attendances	91%

Councillor Gordon Goff	10 attendances	91%
Councillor Brian Hall	10 attendances	91%
Councillor Claire Lee	10 attendances	91%
Councillor Sarah Lucas	7 attendances	64%
Councillor James Lyons	11 attendances	100%
Councillor Dean Sharp	6 attendances	86% - started with
		Council October 2024
Councillor Stephen O'Connor	11 attendances	100%
Councillor Tony Wilcox	9 attendances	82%
Councillor Maria Williams	11 attendances	100%
Councillor Michelle Wiggins	10 attendances	91%
Councillor Tracy George	4 attendances	80% - started with
		Council December 2024

The Town Clerk congratulated Cllr Bowen, Cllr Lyons, Cllr O'Connor and Cllr Williams on 100% attendance throughout the year.

2. End of Financial Year information

In 2024/25 the Town Council budgeted to spend		£244,902
The precept for the year was		£233,146
The year-end figures show	Receipts of Payments of	£234,526 £202,772
This is an underspend of		£30,374

The bank account amounts as of 31st March 2025 are as follows

f 102,169.42 f 60,369.43 f 162,538.85

With the earmarked amount £81,204.00, this leaves an amount of £81,334.85

In this financial year the Town Council have provided the figure of £4,395.52 in section 137 funding to supporting 9 organisations within the Pembroke Dock community and £27,000 in Service Level Agreements supporting 6 organisations.

The street cleaning contract has continued to be successful to the Town working in partnership with Pembrokeshire County Council and Plant Dewi on some projects.

3. Town Council Committees 2024-2025 Planning Committee

Councillor Maureen Bowen (Chair) Councillor Maria Williams

Councillor Gordon Goff

Councillor James Lyons Councillor Claire Lee **Finance Committee**

Councillor Stephen O'Connor (Chair) Councillor Tracy George

Councillor Maria Williams Councillor Claire Francis Boswell

Councillor Michelle Wiggins

Personnel Committee

Councillor Gordon Goff
Councillor Claire Francis - Boswell
Councillor Tony Wilcox
Councillor Jonathan George

Councillor Claire Lee

Pater Hall Community Trust

Councillor Pamela George Councillor James Lyons
Councillor S O Connor Councillor Maureen Bowen

Councillor Claire Francis – Boswell

Memorial Park Anniversary Committee

Councillor Gordon Goff Councillor Pamela George
Councillor Jonathan George Councillor Sarah Lucas

Councillor Claire Francis-Boswell

Other Committees

Action Plan Committee Chairs of Committees plus the

Mayor

Poppies/Remembrance Committee Councillors M Williams, P George, J George

Dr Jones Charity Councillor Pamela George
Louisa Saunders Trust Councillor Pamela George

Appeals Committee Chairs of Committees plus the Mayor

Patient Participation group Councillor Maria Williams
Power Station Community Group Councillor Claire Lee

Valero Refinery Community panel Councillor Pam George and Jonathan George

Port of Milford Haven advisory panel Councillor James Lyons
One Voice Wales Representative Councillor Gordon Goff

Friends of Memorial Park Councillors Pamela George and Sarah Lucas Heritage Centre Councillors Michele Wiggins and Pamela

George

Governing bodies

Pembroke Dock Community School Councillor Paul Aston Jones
Pennar Community School Councillor Maria Williams

4. Training received

The Town Clerk informed members of the training received by Councillors during their term as councillors. She said training was provided by One Voice Wales, with a number of different modules available.

Module	S O'Connor	M Bowen	C Boswell	S Lucas	C Lee
New Councillor Induction			12.07.2022	13.07.2022	13.07.2022
The Council		08.06.2021	29.06.2022	11.07.2022	11.07.2022
The Councillor			07.07.2022		
Council as an Employer	22.02.2022	22.02.2022	09.08.2022		
Understanding the Law		14.06.2021			
The Council Meeting	10.08.2021	10.08.2021	28.07.2022		
Local Governance Finance	21.02.2022	21.02.2022	11.08.2022		
Code of Conduct		16.06.2021	06.07.2022	26.07.2022	06.07.2022
Chairing Skills			01.02.2024		
Creating a community plan	23.02.2022	23.02.2022			
Equality & Diversity			30.05.2023		
Information Management			08.12.2022		
Use of IT social media and websites			08.12.2022		
Making effective grant application			22.02.2024		
Effective staff management			28.03.2024		
Community Asset Transfer					
Finance and Governance			27/03/2025		
Nature Project			18/03/2025		
Management					

5. Wellbeing Plan

The Town Clerk stated that as the Council has had expenditure of over £200,000 for three financial years preceding the year in which the local well-being plan is published they are now required to report annually its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local wellbeing plan of Pembrokeshire Public Service Board.

The Public Service Board has identified two overarching well-being objectives as the framework for the Plan. These are:

Who we are: We want to help our people, communities and organisations so that we can support ourselves and each other

Where we live: We want to protect and enhance our natural assets whilst optimising economic prospects, accessibility and health for all

There are four **priorities** sitting under the objectives (two under each):

Who we are	Where we live
Living & Working	Tackling Rurality
Resourceful Communities	Protecting our Environment

The Public Service Board has identified eight integrated **projects** which can make a contribution across and towards all the four priorities and maximise the PSB's contribution to social, environmental, economic and cultural well-being.

The Town Council have met the following categories throughout and need to consider how they are to meet these going forward into 2025-2026.

- 1 Recruitment and Employment Transformation Framework
- 2 Environmental and Climate Change Risk Assessment
 - Working with PCC with fly tipping reporting and education, with a view to reduce fly tipping and encourage recycling.
 - Working with PCC to provide wildflower areas and more green space to include trees and other species of flowers.
 - Provision of Allotments
- 3 Becoming a Carbon Neutral County
- 4 Doing Things Differently
- 5 Celebrating the Great Outdoors
 - Events in the Memorial Park
 - Provision of Memorial benches in the community
 - Provision of Allotments
- 6 Community Participation
 - Provision of Funding to organisations to provide opportunities to the community to encourage participation
 - Summer and Christmas community events
 - Provision of Allotments
- 7 Understanding our Communities
 - Providing Support to PCC services through engagement and support of waste and environmental services to help understand the needs and support required by the community.
 - Provision of funding to Citizens advice Bureau to support ongoing services
 - Face to face service for residents at the offices, providing services which are reduced by Pembrokeshire County Council
- 8 Meaningful Community Engagement
 - Working with PCC with fly tipping reporting and education, with a view to reduce fly tipping and encourage recycling.
 - Face to face service for residents at the offices, providing services which are reduced by Pembrokeshire County Council

6. Payment of Councillor Allowances

Below is a copy of the Councillor Allowances which had been paid for the financial year 23/24.

Councill or Name	Payment as a contributio n to costs and expenses	Responsibility Payment (up to £500 to a maximum of 5 members)	Chair/May or's & Deputy Chair / Mayors Allowance	Financial Loss Allowance	Travel & Subsisten ce expenses	Care Allowance (up to a maximum of £403 per member per month)	Other	Total
Cllr G Manning	£208	£500	£1500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2208.00
Cllr M Williams	£208	£0	£500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£708.00
Cllr S Oconnor	£208	£500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£708.00
Cllr M Bowen	£156	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£156.00
Cllr J Lyons	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Cllr T Wilcox	£156	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£156.00
Cllr J George	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Cllr M Wiggins	£156	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£156.00
Cllr P A Jones	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Cllr G Goff	£208	£500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£708.00
Cllr S Lucas	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Cllr C Lee	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Cllr C Francis Boswell	£208	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£208.00
Total	£2,548.00	<u>£1,500</u>	£2000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,048.00

2. External Audit Approval for 2024-2025

The Town Clerk stated that the figures for the external audit had been provided for members to review. She said that these figures needed to be submitted to the Audit Office for Wales for scrutiny with a number of other documents. Part of this process is approval of the figures and requested members approval to submit the audit figures which were included in members papers.

There is a change to the Annual return paperwork box 12, it should read £2,234,330.69 which matches the Asset register.

The Town Clerk informed members that the Annual Governance Statement – item 10 is marked as No – this is due to Council not being eligible due to the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election not being equal or exceeding two thirds of its total number of councillors.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr O'Connor

SECONDED by Cllr Goff

RESOLVED: That the figures provided are submitted to the Audit

Office for Wales for External Audit.

All members agreed

The Town Clerk stated that she had also included a copy of the budget for 2025/2026 for members within their papers.

3. Asset Register Review

The Town Clerk stated that Council is required to review its asset register on an annual basis, the document was included in members papers for them to review.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr O'Connor

SECONDED by Cllr Goff

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register has been reviewed and

members agreed with the content.

All members agreed

4. Current Policies of the Town Council

The Town Clerk provided members with a list of policies which the Town Council works to. She said there is a requirement for these policies to be reviewed and updated from time to time. Most of the policies are allocated to specific committee's any other will be reviewed at full Council at a later date.

Policy/Procedure	Committee	Last Reviewed	Next Review Date
Absence and Sickness Policy	Personnel	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Biodiversity and Environment	FC	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Bullying Policy	Personnel	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Capability Policy	Personnel	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Code of Conduct	FC	01/05/2017	02/05/2025
Complaints Procedure	FC	03/04/2025	06/04/2026
Councillor Training	FC	03/04/2025	06/04/2026
Data Retention and Storage of documents	Town Clerk	06/04/2023	06/04/2026
Disciplinary Procedure	Personnel	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Display Screen Equipment Policy	Personnel	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Equal & Diversity Policy	Personnel	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Financial Regulations	Finance	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Financial Risk Assessment	Finance	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Fire Emergency Procedure	Town Clerk	03/04/2025	04/04/2026
Freedom of Information	FC	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Grant Awarding Policy	Finance	03/04/2025	03/04/2026
Grievance Procedure	Personnel	03/04/2025	03/04/2027
Health & Safety Policy	FC	05/09/2024	05/09/2025
Information Data Protection Policy	Town Clerk	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Internet and Email Usage Policy	Town Clerk	11/10/2024	11/10/2027
Lone Working	Personnel	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Mayoral Allowances	FC	03/04/2025	03/04/2027
Maternity Policy	Personnel	11/10/2024	11/10/2027
Performance Review	Personnel	17/03/2022	17/03/2025
Persistent Complainants	FC	08/09/2022	08/09/2025
Protocol between members and Officers	Personnel	03/04/2025	03/04/2027
Sickness and Pay Policy	Personnel	09/09/2021	09/09/2024

Special Leave Policy	Personnel	05/04/2023	05/04/2026
Safeguarding Policy	Personnel	11/10/2024	11/10/2027
Standing Orders	FC	06/07/2023	08/05/2025
Stress Management Policy	Personnel	05/04/2023	05/04/2026

The Town Clerk stated that she had attached a copy of the standing orders to members papers for them to be aware of, review and agree.

Cllr O'Connor commented about the standing orders and the section that stated members are to stand when speaking at the Full Town Council meetings, he said that at present members do not, therefore he asked do members want to stand or remove the statement from the standing orders.

Cllr O'Connor proposed to leave the wording in and action it.

Cllr Wilcox commented that some members are not able to stand or do not feel comfortable, therefore it should be left to the discretion of the member and proposed to leave it as a personal choice.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Wilcox

SECONDED by Cllr T George

RESOLVED That – Members of PDTC agreed to remove the statement that members are required to stand when speaking

at meetings of PDTC from the Standing Orders

A Vote was taken, all members agreed

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL REPORT ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Description	Amount
28.03.2025	British Gas - Electricity	£75.54
31.03.2025	Safety Sign – signage for Skate Park	£35.88
31.03.2025	Post Office – postage	£13.00
01.04.2025	Pembrokeshire CC CTax rates	£2,896.80
01.04.2025	Zurich Town & Parish - insurance	£2,843.32
01.04.2025	Clarity Copiers	£99.86
01.04.2025	Anthony Bamford – window cleaning 01/04/2025	£10.00
02.04.2025	Pembrokeshire CC - Seagull proof bags	£44.64
02.04.2025	Welsh Water	£78.70
03.04.2025	British Gas – Old Pump House	£6.00
04.04.2025	Sage – payroll	£37.20
04.04.2025	PA Lynch – March	£1,750.00

04.04.2025	PA Lynch – April	£1,750.00
07.04.2025	Google Cloud	£6.32
07.04.2025	PA Lynch sundries	£107.35
09.04.2025	BT Group	£158.24
10.04.2025	Rialtas Business	£352.80
11.04.2025	Ionos Cloud Ltd	£6.00
15.04.2025	Asda – Easter Prize for Easter window competitions	£12.50
17.04.2025	Top Notch Loos – Hire for 100 th Ann Event	£168.00
17.04.2025	Anthony Bamford – window cleaning 17/04/2025	£10.00
23.04.2025	SSE Energy Supply - Albion Square	£48.54
23.04.2025	Bank charges	£8.00
24.04.2025	Ebay	£34.95
24.04.2025	E Kaijaks – Western Shires – Fun in the park	£100.00
24.04.2025	L Shelmerdine – Western Shires – Fun in the park	£100.00
24.04.2025	S Benbow – Western Shires – Fun in the park	£100.00

PAYMENTS PREVIOUSLY AGREED e.g., Grants, Sec 137 payments, allowances

Date	Description	Amount
02.04.2025	Heritage Trust Yr 3 Grant	£3,000.00
02.04.2025	S Johns Pennar Village Green	£1,000.00
02.04.2025	Citizens Advice Yr 3 Grant	£5,000.00
07.04.2025	Lighting and Illumination	£4387.10
08.04.2025	Peter Hall Grant	£10,000.0
09.04.2025	St Patricks warm rooms	£36.02

ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

Date	Description	Amount
02.04.2025	Interest	£90.24
07.04.2025	HRMC VATR	£1,313.71
23.04.2025	Precept	£75,904.00

SALARIES AND WAGES

06.04.2025- 05.05.2025	Salaries	£ 4,589.34
06.04.2025 - 05.05.2025	Tax & NI	£ 1,238.41
06.04.2025 - 05.05.2025	Pensions	£ 1,529.15

ACCOUNT BALANCES

24.04.2025	HSBC Business Account	£ 137,877.89
24.04.2025	HSBC Premium Account	£ 60,459.67

It was PROPOSED by Councillor S O'Connor

SECONDED by Councillor C Francis-Boswell

RESOLVED - That Pembroke Dock Town Council approve payment of the above Payments, Receipts, Salaries and

Wages.

A vote was taken - all members agreed

8 TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION 2025/2026

The Town Clerk stated that committee representation needed to be considered for the forthcoming year.

Planning Committee

Councillor Maureen Bowen Councillor James Lyons
Councillor Maria Williams Councillor Gordon Goff

Councillor Claire Lee

Finance & Development Committee

Councillor Stephen O'Connor Councillor Tracy George

Councillor Maria Williams Councillor Claire Francis-Boswell

Councillor Michelle Wiggins

Personnel Committee

Councillor Gordon Goff Councillor Claire Francis - Boswell

Councillor Maria Williams Councillor Jonathan George

Councillor Claire Lee

Pater Hall Community Trust

Councillor Pamela George Councillor James Lyons
Councillor S O'Connor Councillor Maureen Bowen

Councillor Claire Francis - Boswell

Memorial Park Anniversary Committee

This committee has been disbanded

Other Committees

Action Plan Committee Chairs of Committees plus the

Mayor

Poppies/Remembrance Committee Councillors M Williams, P George, J George

Dr Jones Charity

Louisa Saunders Trust

Councillor Pamela George

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Chairs of Committees plus the

Mayor

Patient Participation group Councillor Maria Williams

Power Station Community Group Councillor Claire Lee

Valero Refinery Community panel Councillor Pam George and Jonathan George

Port of Milford Haven advisory panel Councillor James Lyons
One Voice Wales Representative Councillor Gordon Goff

Friends of Memorial Park

This committee is in the process of being

 $\ disbanded$

Heritage Centre Councillors Pamela George and Michelle

Wiggins

Governing bodies

Pembroke Dock Community School Councillor Paul Aston Jones
Pennar Community School Councillor Tracy George

The Town Clerk informed members that they had been invited to the Tall Ships on 28^{th} May 2025 between 5 – 7pm. She said that this year the ship is called Fairwinds, and the event is aimed at Care leavers voyage to destination and is based in Neyland. She asked members if they could let her know if they would like to attend.

9 ADJOURNMENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS UNTIL 5th JUNE 2025 WILL BE PROPOSED, SECONDED AND VOTED UPON.

It was PROPOSED By: Councillor Williams

SECONDED By: Councillor Goff

RESOLVED: That all statutory business be adjourned until the next meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 5th June at

1830hrs (6.30pm)

There being no further business, the meeting closed.