



# Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council Cyngor Tref Abergwaun ac Wdig

## FLAG FLYING POLICY

### 1. Background:

Flags are traditionally flown by the Town Council to show allegiance, support and respect, or to celebrate.

The Town Council needs to be sensitive to the views of its communities and will never fly flags for political reasons.

This policy has been written in line with the national flag flying guidelines.

### 2. Introduction:

2.1 All flags that fly, are subject to the same standards and must be:

- Maintained so as not to impair the visual appearance
- Be reinforced on the loose end, to prevent “ragging” during high winds and bad weather
- Unable to obscure the highway or hinder the interpretation of use of the highway in any way
- Removed carefully, dried out properly and stored safely

2.2 There are three categories of flag:

- Flags that can be flown without permission of the planning authority
- Flags that can be flown without consent, provided they comply with restrictions.
- Flags that require planning permission/consent

Flags that do not need the permission of the planning authority

- a) A counties national flag, civil ensign or civil air ensign
- b) The flags of the Commonwealth, the European Union, the United Nations or any other international organisation of which the United Kingdom (UK) is a member
- c) A flag of any island, county, district, parish, city, town or village within the UK
- d) The flag of St David – different to the flag of Wales
- e) The flag of St. Patrick – different to the flag of Scotland
- f) Any flag of Her Majesty’s Forces
- g) By the authority or instruction of the Pembrokeshire County Council.

Flags that can be flown without consent, provided they comply with restrictions

- a) House flag
- b) Any sports club
- c) The horizontal striped rainbow flag, such as the Pride flag

- d) Specified award schemes, Queens Awards for Enterprise and Investors in People

Green and blue environmental award scheme flags, can be flown from a flagpole on part of a beach or marina and a flag of the green award, can be flown in parks, gardens or other green spaces.

Flags which require planning permission or consent

- a) Any flag not identified above
- b) Any flag promoting a private business

### **3. Flag Flying Protocol**

- a) The Town Council owns and maintains 13 flagpoles in Goodwick. There are four in the middle of the Parrog and 9 at the end of the Parrog.
- b) The flags should be flown for as long as possible in good weather seasons.
- c) Flags should not be flown in poor weather conditions.
- d) The flags will not be flown in the winter seasons, unless there is a special occasion.
- e) Flags should never be flown that are worn or damaged as this displays a lack of respect.
- f) It is entirely the decision of the Town Council and the Councillors, what flags are flown. However, the Welsh Flag, the Union Jack and the Pembrokeshire flag will be flown at all times during flag flying season
- g) The flags and the flagpoles, will be flown, monitored and maintained by designated Councillors.

### **4. When to fly a flag at half-mast**

The flags will be flown at half-mast under the following circumstances only:

- a) From the announcement of the death of, until after the funeral of a Sovereign
- b) Funerals of a member of the Royal family, as commanded by the Sovereign
- c) The funerals of foreign rulers upon command of the Sovereign
- d) The funeral of a prime minister or ex prime minister, upon command of the Sovereign
- e) Other occasions as demanded by the Sovereign
- f) On the day of the announcement of the death and on the day of the funeral of a Mayor or Mayoress, a Councillor or an ex Mayor.

### **5. Purpose of this policy**

This policy has been written to standardise the procedures and to agree the flag flying protocol for the Town Council.

The alternative of no protocol would continue the uncertainty in respect of flag flying, which is unacceptable.