



FISHGUARD AND GOODWICK TOWN COUNCIL

The MINUTES of the full Town Council Meeting

held in the Town Hall, Fishguard on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7pm

Cllr. Janet Wyer (Mayor) in the Chair.

MINUTES OF: FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr. Janet Wyer – Mayor – *J. Wyer*

Cath Bannister, Town Clerk – *C. Bannister*

The Pembrokeshire County Council will be abbreviated and referred to as PCC within these minutes.

The Fishguard and Goodwick Town Council will be abbreviated and referred to as TC within these minutes

PUBLIC SESSION: CLLR. WYER

Before the Town Council goes into session and prior to standing orders starting, the public session offers members of the public, the opportunity to comment on items on this agenda or those previously requested and agreed.

The public will be limited to two minutes per comment or question.

The Mayor will update those present, with regards to previous actions and ideas proposed by the public during this session, should there be any.

This session will also allow County Councillors to update the Town Council and those members of the public present, on matters of interest and for the Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Officer to update the Town Council.

There were no public questions submitted, prior to this agenda being prepared and sent out.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

On the evening.

There were no questions from members of the public present.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr. Pepper:

Along with others, he had recently attended the public consultation from the health authority with regards to the merger of the two doctors surgeries in Fishguard and Goodwick.

Cllr. Pepper mentioned a possible new location for a new health centre on the site of the old school on the Chimneys Link.

There was a general discussion with regards to this but no decisions have been made at this time.

PCC LIAISON OFFICERS PRESENT:

On the evening

David Popplewell, PCC, was present at the meeting.

He re-iterated what was reported last month but said there was nothing to report back to the Town Council at this time.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



33/18 APOLOGIES: CLLR. WYER

To formally record apologies for absence and to record the attendance of Town Councillors:

Apologies were received from Cllr. O'Connor and Davidson – both work commitments.
Those Cllrs. present were: Cllrs. Wyer, Ryan, Mason, Perkins, Pepper, Stokes and Price

34/18 MEMBER INTERESTS: CLLR. WYER

To formally record any personal or pecuniary interests that a Town Councillor may have in any of the agenda items listed:

35/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: CLLR. WYER

To record the previous meeting minutes, held on 6.2.18, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6.2.18, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

36/18 MAYORS UPDATE: CLLR. WYER

Cllr. Wyer will update the Town Council with regards to the Civic Duties she has performed since the January meeting and will update the Town Councillors with regards events going forwards.

9 February – The Mayor was kindly invited by the Sea Cadets to present their 26th Burgee in a row. The highest efficiency award a unit can achieve! The Mayor also presented all the certificates that cadets had recently achieved and the enrolment of new cadets. A very special evening and she very proud to be part of it.

12 February was the start of our town council Heart-athon week, which stretched into two weeks, to raise awareness and funds for more town defibrillators. This included selling cakes in the town chambers, a Heart Trail, A fund raising supper, raffle and finished with a day in the leisure centre swimming, cycling and running. These events do not happen on their own, so thank you to all those who helped plan and deliver the events.

Thank you also to all those local businesses who not only agreed to participate but donated items for the prizes.

On 22 February was the Last Invasion Commemorative Parade, this will hopefully now be an annual event was really enjoyed by all those who joined us - we were very lucky with the weather, dry and sunny after weeks of rain.

That same evening I attended the meeting in the Library, together with Cllr Stokes as part of the Welsh Govt. funded Campaign to end Loneliness.

26 February was the day Extraordinary TC meeting which we agreed to hold to discuss the opportunity of Coastal Community Funding - separate agenda item.

1 March - the St David's City Council celebration for St David's Day was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

The DANFO and Pembrokeshire County Council public drop in event to view and comment on the new toilets to be included in the Chimneys Link has been post phoned until 12 April, to allow for the separate planning permission which it will require.

Usual regular meetings with Clerk and Deputy Mayor, including planning for the Twinning visit from Loctudy.

Parking has become a major topic this past week - parents dropping off pupils attending Ysgol Glannau Gwaun, were given 24 hrs notice that they would have to pay to park in West St car park. For the sake of a 10 minute drop off at the beginning and end of the school day, this is just another pressure on parents who are already struggling to feed, clothe and keep their families warm. £1 a week may not seem much to some of us, but to many that is two loaves of bread. There is also the principal as well as the cost - parents should not have to pay to park to safely drop off and collect their children from school.

I have raised concerns on their behalf and hope that the assurance from County Cllr. Pat Davies that there is a possible solution comes into fruition.

Coming up - working on coastal communities funding for Marine Walk signage etc; 12 March Dementia Awareness Training, Continued planning for Twinning Event Date for your diary - 4 April at 4pm in Theatr Gwaun - the screening of Early Man is dedicated to fund raising for my Mayors Charities - The Rainbow Centre and Cylch Meithrin Abergwaun. Please support and encourage as many as possible to support this screening.

Last but not least Full Town Council meeting on 3 April will be my last one as Mayor of Fishguard and Goodwick. I would like to invite you all to stay behind after the meeting to join me in a glass of wine and nibbles to celebrate my civic year. I will still have a month to go but I will be handing my chains over to Cllr Ryan at the start of the May meeting.



37/18 DEPUTY MAYORS UPDATE: CLLR. WYER

Cllr. Ryan will update the Town Council with regards to the Civic Duties that he performed since the last Town Council meeting.

On February 22nd, he attended Last Invasion Celebration and parade, including cannon firing, This was a build up to the 225th Anniversary celebrations in 2022. Great event with brilliant weather. He attended the extraordinary meeting to discuss the coastal communities fund application. He attended the Goodwick Health Centre consultation/information event on the 27th, very useful to find out directly what was happening. He also attended various committee meetings and had several meetings with the clerk and mayor.

38/17 CLERKS REPORT:

Follow up actions taken by the Clerk from the last meeting.

The Clerk also updated on the following matters:

Goodwick Town Councillor Vacancy	<p>No applications were received by PCC. They stated that this was most unusual after an election had been requested. The decision made by PCC Elections team is to run the advert one more time, from the end of March, with an election scheduled for May 6th. It is not known at this stage, who will pick up the costs for the administration behind the failed election. PCC will advise the TC when a decision has been made. I will keep the Town Council updated.</p> <p>Dennis Morris has resigned as Cllr. for Fishguard NE and Clare Malone Hallet has resigned as Cllr. for Goodwick. It has been judged as good practice to advertise these posts so that any nominations received, coincide for all three vacancies. The Clerk will update when the TC goes out to advert.</p>
Sclleddau Footpath survey	No further update
Town Hall Notice Board	The new notice board on the glass window to the Town Hall meeting room is now in place. This will be used to primarily display legal notices, minutes and agendas and where possible, to advertise community events.
Flags	The TC was ready to put up the St. David's flag in Goodwick on 1 st March. However, due to the poor weather forecast, it was decided that this would be in the interests of health and safety to not fly the flag. A notice was sent out to the local community by Cllr. Ryan.
Letters sent to:	<p>Letter to PCC in support of the issue with waste water and sewerage that Cllr. Pepper referred to at the last meeting.</p> <p>Letter sent to locals schools reference the use of the telephone boxes</p> <p>Letter to PCC in support of the Ocean Lab. facility.</p>
Defibrillator Training	I am waiting for the dates to be confirmed from Cariad. The training will be held in the Town Hall market room and will accommodate up to 100 people. This will be a free event.
Town Council Website	A wish list has been compiled reference the website. A web designer will attend the finance committee on Thursday to advise what can be achieved and possible costs.

39/18 REPORTS: CLLR. WYER

Previously circulated by email, the minutes from the following meetings. These minutes are for information and comments in order for them to be referred back to the relevant committees for approval .

A short verbal update will be made by the Chair of each committee.

Governance Meeting – Bi-monthly meeting

Finance Committee – 8.2.18

Events Committee – 26.2.18

Planning Committee – 26.2.18



It was resolved to accept the committee reports and to refer them back to the relevant committees for signing off.

39/18 NEW ROAD NAME: CLLR WYER

There is a strong feeling among the local community that the new road being constructed, currently called The Chimneys Link, is re-named upon completion.
How can the Town Council assist the local community with this issue?

The Mayor advised the Town Council that despite the strong feelings amongst the local community to rename the road after Luke Harding, the decision would ultimately be made by Welsh Govt.

The County Council and the Trunk Roads Agent have a policy that refers to the naming of roads after places, above people and there are suggested guidelines that need to be followed.

The Mayor strongly advised that the local County Councillors, Cllrs. Pepper, Davies and Doolin need to lead this project as the Town Council has no influence, only signpost enquiries onto the County Councillors and to support the local community.

40/18 COASTAL COMMUNITIES UPDATE: CLLR WYER

Cllr. Wyer will update the Town Council with regards to the outcome of the Extraordinary meeting held on 26.2.18 and any progress made to date.

The Mayor and the Town Clerk met earlier this week. The Mayor had put in a lot of effort, trying to submit an expression of interest with regards to the bid and the refurbishment of the Marine Walk and promoting it as a natural beauty walk.

Due to the very short timescales and the amount of in depth work required, the Mayor had consulted with PCC officers, Sinead Hanahan and Kevin Shales. It was agreed that the timescales were too short. However on the positive, the work would progress and by referring back to the Town Team, this bid could be part of a wider bid with regards to signage throughout the towns.

It was resolved not to continue with the current BIG Lottery bid but to refer the project back to Town Team as part of a bigger application.

41/18 TELEPHONE BOXES UPDATE: CLLR WYER

Where are we now with the refurbishment of the telephone boxes?

Whilst the Town Council is waiting the outcomes of the letters sent to the schools for ideas from the school children, it was suggested that in the short term, the boxes are used as temporary book exchanges.

Cllr. Pepper suggested that the green space around the TK on High Street, could be cultivated and planted and made into a focal point as it is on the entrance way into town. He will take this matter forwards with the Greening Group.

It was resolved to accept the above proposals.

42/18 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES: CLLR WYER

Cllr. O'Connor is taking the lead on re-introducing this asset to the local communities, starting with Goodwick.

Cllr. O'Connor will update the Town Council with her outline plans in order to take them forwards.



Cllr. O'Connor was unable to attend the Town Council meeting but she is ready to hold her first surgery. Date and venue to follow. This will be advertised as widely as possible.
Cllr. Wyer has organised a surgery for Fishguard North East for Thursday 10th May in the Fishguard Town Hall.

43/18 TWINNING UPDATE (LOCTUDI): CLLR WYER

The Town Councillors should be involved with the Civic Reception for the guests from Loctudi. Cllr. Wyer will outline the events for the occasion.

It is now known that there will be about 136 guests attending the event. The Civic guests have been advised of the date which is Saturday 28th April between 2pm and 4pm.
The Mayor is organising the food and the refreshments. There will be speeches. A gift will be exchanged between the Mayors. Cllr. Wyer was proposing a print of Lower Town.
There will be the Mayors Guards and the scouts as well a representation from the church.
The Mayor asked that as many Cllrs. attend the event as possible and to contact the Clerk, so that numbers can be recorded and catered for.
It was resolved to purchase the print as a gift.

44/18 BATTLES OVER: CLLR WYER

The Town Council has agreed to participate in this event, which marks 100 years since the end of World War 1.

The Town Council needs to form a task and finish group to take this community event forwards.

This event then needs referring back to the Events Committee to expedite.

The event will take place on Sunday 11th November at 7pm and it is hoped that the whole communities of Fishguard and Goodwick will take part, including all the schools.

Because of the possible enormity of the event, it was agreed to set up a task and finish group to help steer the event through the planning stages.

There was great enthusiasm with regards to this event.

The beacon in Harbour Village will be lit. It is hoped there will be a sea of lights lit along the coastal path, ending under the beacon at Stena.

Cllrs. Price and Perkins had suggestions to enhance the event and both agreed to sit on the task and finish group.

The Clerk to ask all Cllrs. and the matter can be taken forwards by the Events Committee.

45/18 CORRESPONDENCE: CLLR WYER

Letter received from PCC acknowledging the letter supporting Ocean Lab.

Notices of Parking Variations received from PCC

Kidney Wales – details of this years walk for life.

The letters were circulated to all for reading.

46/18 URGENT MATTERS: CLLR WYER

Any matters that have come to the attention of the Town Council after the Agenda has been circulated, can be discussed here.

The Chair and the Town Clerk will need to be advised before the start of the meeting.

Please be aware that no resolution can be reached on non-agenda items but they can be discussed and deferred to the relevant committee for further discussion or to the next full town council meeting as an agenda item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8:02pm