

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, PEMBROKE ON THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2023**

**Present
Councillors:**

Councillor A Brinn (Mayor), A Mortenson (Deputy Mayor),
L Asman, R Blackburn, M Phillips, D Bush
L Jenkins, D Willington, A Cooke, D Evans

In attendance:

Suzie Thomas (Town Clerk)
Pastor Rob James
Mrs Jayne Howes (Assistant Town Clerk)

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies from Councillor G Jones, C Collins, J Grimes, D Wilcox
No Declarations of interest

**101. TO SIGN AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 5TH OCTOBER
2023**

The Minutes of the 5th October 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.

102. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No Members of the public were present.

103. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (for information only)

- a) **Planning Meeting Pembrokeshire County Council** – Councillor Asman and Councillor Grimes, gave council an update on the planning meeting they attended at County Hall to discuss the South Quay development. The outcome of the planning application from the County Council committee was approved.
- b) **Pembroke River Update** – The Clerk presented Council with an update from Mr Peter Howe of Pembrokeshire County Council of the work/progress being made along the Pembroke River Catchment (See attached)

104. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

23/0536/PA

Proposal: Sloping infill rear extension

Site Address: 48 Station Road, Pembroke, SA71 4AH

Council would support the application.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

23/0447/PA

Proposal: Provision of one Traveller pitch with Static and Touring Caravan, Day/Utility Room, Improved Access and Ecological Enhancements

Site Address: Carpenters Workshop / Allotments, Penny Bridge, Pembroke

Decision: Refused

The above was noted by Council.

106. LICENSING

None received.

107. TO CONSIDER THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Set out below is the list of bills for payment and confirmation:

193	Wages	Week ending 2.10.23	£587.34
194	Jewson	Lightweight fully coated nitrile gloves	£30.70
195	Hillary's Blinds	Vertical blinds Grenoble blackout grey	£600.00
196	SICO	Maintenance contract SICO Stage Units year 2	£125.00
197	Pembroke Dock Town Council	4 wreaths for Remembrance	£88.00
198	Pembroke Castle Pharmacy	First Aid materials	£6.39
199	Screwfix (Suzie Thomas)	'Caution Mind your Head' sign	£4.98
200	Keep it Personal Ltd	Crystal brandy set & whiskey decanter set	£115.97
201	Councillor Ann Mortenson	Deputy Mayor Expenses (receipts given)	£84.97
202	RTW Direct Sales	Catering kitchen hot water boiler Urn	£69.99
203	Scout Store	Youth plain scout scarf/necker x 3	£12.99
204	Screwfix (Suzie Thomas)	No Nonsense spray	£7.98
205	Tesco (David Powell)	3 saucepans	£12.00
206	Halsted DIY	Hinge	£2.00
207	B Shilke	Window cleaning	£20.00
208	Tesco (Suzie Thomas)	Refreshments for St Michaelmas Fair	£115.39
209	Farmfoods (Suzie Thomas)	Coffee, milk and sugar	£31.38
210	Tesco (Kaylee White)	Baguettes & bouquet	£20.00
211	Bestbuy Office Chairs	Chair trolley	£115.00
212	Kaylee White	Cleaning materials	£8.29
213	Upton Farm Frozen Foods Ltd	Butter	£8.21
214	Suzie Thomas	Cloth	£14.99
215	Wages	Week ending 9.10.23	£751.38
216	Complete	Photocopying paper	£16.50
217	All White Now (Kevin Thomas)	Wash, dry and iron table cloths	£20.00
218	Total Tech	Line rental	£55.00
219	Jewson	Builders gloves	£9.20
220	Aquaclear Water Management	10 days work at Mill Pond to remove aquatic vegetation	£7500.00
221	Badges Plus	Badges for scouts	£93.00

222	HMRC	Tax/NI	£1054.05
223	Carmarthenshire County Council	Pension	£1355.01
224	Samba Doc	Procession for St Michaelmas Fair (50% of payment)	£150.00
225	Strictly Tables & Chairs	10 round banqueting Tables 6ft	£1309.50
226	Jewson	Screws	£22.14
227	B&M (David Powell)	Brackets & cable ties	£21.59
228	Wages	Week ending 16.10.23	£861.89
229	Wages	Week ending 23.10.23	£587.54
230	Salaries	October	£3190.11

Those marked * to be recovered

The above accounts were agreed unanimously.

108. UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Melanie Phillips emailed a written report to Council prior to the meeting. The Chair thanked her for her report.

109. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Update from Meeting attended by Councillor Evans – Pembroke Power Station

ATTENDEES : Cllrs. Dennis Evans and Clive Collins. Cllr. Jonathan Grimes (PCC).

The meeting was chaired by Roland Long (Asset Manager RWE)

OUTAGES :

The planned Outages had gone well with the emphasis on safety for both contractors and staff. Four (4) accidents had been logged. Although not a typical accident a Vap had caught fire in clothing worn by a contractor, no injury resulted but it was logged as an accident.

DREDGING :

Had taken place during the summer months concentrating on the inlets to the Station, however bad weather curtailed further dredging activities.

PROJECTS :

1. STABILITY PATHFINDER PROJECT

Because the construction part of the project is within the Station boundary line no planning consent was required (Section 36) however it was sought, and planning consent was given.

Using a Synchronous Condenser will provide stability to the National Grid during periods when “renewable energy” such as wind or solar power is not readily available. The project is estimated to be completed in 2024. There will be a mixture of both local and non-local labour depending on the complexity of the works and the specialist skills

required. The Condenser will be housed in its own acoustic building which will cut down noise levels and there will be no emissions or environmental impact.

2. Green Hydrogen Production, Battery Project, Blue Hydrogen Production and Carbon Catchment Storage.

The Committee were shown an overview of the Power Station site and the surrounding area. The locations of the above- named projects were shown but all of them were outside the existing Power Station boundary. Planning would need to be granted but as yet RWE have not committed any funding for the projects.

Issues with regard to the current road net-work both at East End in Pembroke and at the Valero / Power Station junction were raised and it was stated that if further projects were forthcoming then the road links would have to be improved.

The above was noted by Council.

110. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

10.10.23	Annual Colours & Awards Sea Cadets Milford Haven	Cllr Brinn
11.10.23	Presentation of neckers to Scouts & Appoint 2 Mayors Cadet	Cllr Brinn
26.10.23	Rebranding of Texaco Garage to Valero	Cllr Brinn
08.11.23	Remembrance Service, St Marys Church, Warren	Cllr Brinn
11.11.23	Remembrance Service, Freshwater West	Cllr Brinn
11.11.23	Remembrance Service, Military Cemetery	Cllr Brinn
12.11.23	Remembrance Service, Pembroke	Cllr Brinn
12.11.23	Remembrance Service, Pembroke Dock	Cllr Brinn

The above was noted by Council.

111. AGENDA ITEMS

112. NASH FINGERPOST (COUNCILLOR EVANS)

Councillor Evans informed council of a site meeting he attended which was arranged by Mr Sam Kurtz SM and was joined by Jack Sargeant SM Chair of the Petitions Committee.

Attendees : Cllr Tessa Hodgson (Lamphey Ward), Cllr. Vanessa Thomas (Carew Ward), Cllr. Dennis Evans (Pembroke Town Council), Cllr. Nic James (Chair of Coshaston Community Council), Mr Stephen Thornton (Valero), Mr Steve Lloyd (W.P.Lewis & Son), Mrs Yvette Weblan-Grimsley and friends of the late Mr Ashley Thomas.

Mr Sergeant informed us that part of his job would be to introduce the reasons for the petition. He felt that to understand the concerns and to represent them fully, a site visit was essential.

He was able to see at first-hand how dangerous the junction was. Even though it was late October the junction was very busy with a couple of near miss incidents

observed. He was also able to witness at least a dozen or so HGVs and fuel / gas tankers negotiating the junction.

As widely reported on Facebook the intention of the Welsh Government is to install traffic lights by the end of the financial year. He heard from the attendees that a much better and safer option would be a roundabout but there was general agreement that the installation of traffic lights would be better than nothing at all.

Mr Kurtz SM indicated that one of his priorities was to have a complete review of the road system from Kilgetty to Pembroke Dock and he hoped that this would further the cause for a roundabout at Nash.

In order to keep the pressure on the Welsh Government all interested parties were asked to support the petition discussions by writing letters of support for the installation of traffic lights in a timely manner. They were also asked to press for further discussions relating to the installation of a roundabout.

PROPOSAL : That Pembroke Town Council write to Mr Sam Kurtz SM indicating their support for the installation of traffic lights but to continue discussions for furthering the installation of a roundabout.

Following a discussion it was resolved to write a letter of support as above to Mr Sam Kurtz SM.

113. COSTINGS FOR DILLWYN DAVIES ROOM & PROJECTOR MAIN HALL (TOWN CLERK)

The Clerk informed Council of costings she had received for the above two projects. Following a discussion, it was resolved to go ahead with the Projector in the Main Hall, and to try and get more quotations for the Dillwyn Davies room.

114. TO DISCUSS THE 50TH & THE 25TH ANNIVERSARIES WITH OUR TWINNING TOWNS OF BERGEN AND MALTA (COUNCILLOR BRINN)

Councillor Brinn informed Council that in reference to our Twinning partnerships with Bergen, Germany and Pembroke Malta, 2 celebrations will be here to acknowledge in 2027 with Bergen, Germany 50 years and Pembroke, Malta 25 years. Later in November I will be calling an AGM of the Twinning Committee to discuss forward planning in terms of celebrating these significant anniversaries. I, therefore, propose to council that in this year's precept and every year leading up to 2027 that we precept the amount of £1000.00.

Following a discussion and a vote taking place, (9 for, 1 against) it was resolved to add £1000 to the Precept requirements

The next two agenda items were proposed to be put into Private and confidential, proposed by Councillor Cooke and Seconded by Daphne Bush with all in favour.

115. TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR THE CO-OPTION INTERVIEWS (P & C)

Following interviews for co-option by the personnel committee, it was recommended to Council that Mr Lee Herring be co-opted onto Pembroke Town Council. Following a discussion, it was resolved to co-opt Mr Herring for the vacancy of St Marys South Ward, Pembroke.

116. UPDATE FROM FAIR MEETING (P & C)

Attendees : Representatives form the following groups and organisations

Pembroke Town Council, PCC, Showman's Guild, Dyfed Powys Police, Police and PCC Licencing and Pembroke Street Pastors.

Suzie opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was informed that the traffic light system worked well. The opening ceremony procession led by Samba Doc had set the right tone for the opening of the fair. Dean stated that the stall holders had kept to their allotted times for setting up their rides and stalls.

Unfortunately, on the Thursday night the fair was marred by a serious fight / brawl involving a large number of youngsters. The fight had been recorded and found its way onto social media and reports of the incident had been recorded in the local press.

It would appear that alcohol played a major role in the disturbance and the fight could well have been started by youngsters travelling from a nearby local town with the intent of causing trouble.

A lack of police presence on the night was a cause of major concern and when questioned the police rep was unable to give an exact number of officers who were on duty that night. The meeting was also informed that there is a continuing police presence at the Stradey Park Hotel. At regular intervals Pembrokeshire based police are drafted in to assist therefore depleting the number of officers available at any one time. The police rep did state that in future officers would be available if the Council were prepared to pay for them. That comment did not go down well.

A suggestion was put to the meeting that the whole of Main Street during the period of the fair should be an alcohol-free zone. This would mean that anyone seen drinking outside in the street would have their alcohol confiscated. Pubs would remain open as usual, but clientele would not be able to stand outside drinking and the "carry out" facility operated by some pubs would cease to function.. There was general agreement for this to be pursued, it would not eradicate all future incidents but would go along way to in making Main Street a safer place for the public to enjoy the fair.

PROPOSAL : That Pembroke Town Council would support the application to make Main Street an alcohol-free zone during the period of the fair.

Following a discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk speak to the Licensing officers of both PCC and Dyfed Powys Police to look at ways forward in respect of getting a licence, and Councillor Brinn to enquire regarding getting Special Constables to attend next years event.

Mayor

