

PEMBROKE DOCK CHAMBER OF TRADE

CHAIR:Mr C Morris TREASURER:Mr ME CARTER SECRETARY:Mr ADR LEWIS



MINUTES OF THE TENTH FULL MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE DOCK CHAMBER OF TRADE, HELD AT THE PATER COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 7th February, 2008 AT 5:40pm.

PRESENT:

Andrew Lewis – The Kitchen Store
Sherrill Percy – P.L.A.N.E.D.
Mark Carter – Aegis Insurance
Martin Lawson – Tiger Lilies Florists
James Subbiani – Messrs Lowless & Lowless
Margaret Bond – Careers Wales West
Trevor Collins – Modern Print

Chris Morris – South West Associates
Maxine Spure – Mags Coffee Shop
Andrew Johnstone – Community Web Project
Ian Rogers – Perfect PCs
Ian Jones – Town Clerk
Kate Becton – County Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Julie Senkal – British Red Cross
Lloyd Jones – Lloyd's Jewellery

Sue Perkins – County Councillor
Billy Phillips – Central Motors

86. MINUTES OF MEETING 4th October, 2007

The previous minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Trevor Collins, Seconded Maxine Spure

There was a lengthy discussion regarding littering around the town. Some disquiet was voiced regarding the cleaning, or apparent lack of, by the local authority. Some suggestions were made about how improvements could be made to the current street cleaning operation by Ian Rogers. Cllr. Becton explained that some improvements had been made relating to the depositing of refuse bags within central ward.

87. MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary informed those present that the Townscape Heritage Committee had invited a member of the chamber to sit on their meetings and enquired if anyone present would like to volunteer their services. Cllr. Becton suggested that around £1million of funding was available to the T.H.I., from Lottery funding, for development of the dockyard and central ward.

88. RECRUITMENT & FINANCES/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer informed the meeting that there have been two new membership subscriptions, plus some new 'pending' enquiries. The Chamber's account stands at £906.84 in credit. An invoice for the sum of £100.00 had been presented from PLANED towards the Sweden trip that the Chair had made in September, as this had been unexpected, the Treasurer sought approval from the chamber members before sanctioning payment, which was approved. The Chair & Sherrill Percy stated that they would prepare a presentation about the visit to Sweden at the next chamber meeting.

The treasurer presented three costing quotations for the initial foundation of a web site for the chamber. The £1'500 European fund, available via PLANED, stipulating certain criteria to be achieved and a timescale with a deadline of 31st March, 2008, in order to be eligible for the grant monies. Andrew Johnstone reiterated that the Community Web Project have been hosting the chamber's web space at no cost to the chamber and the Community Web Project would be happy to continue this arrangement, or escalate it by arranging to create an individual site for the chamber utilising one of the domain names that the Treasurer had arranged to purchase. This was achievable at a fraction of the costs quoted by the commercial web designers who had submitted tenders. The Chair decided that the web site arrangements would be discussed further at a later committee meeting.

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89. MARINA PROJECT

Cllr. Becton gave a full appraisal of the current situation regarding the planning process, the Planning Committee of Pembrokeshire County Council has approved the project and this needs to be ratified by the Welsh Assembly Government, who then passes ratification back to a meeting of full council at county level for final ratification.

Cllr. Becton expanded upon questions about the *section 106 agreements*, that the developer had provided money to be spent on specific projects specifically, £1.1million for affordable housing, £750K for roads, £100K for education etc. these figures were provided by the Town Clerk. Cllr. Becton informed the meeting that the budget for roads should really be paid for as part of the development, not as part of the 106 agreements.

The Chair enquired if the Martello Quays developer was now liaising with the Town Council. The Town Clerk responded that the Town Council has contacted the developer to discuss various issues, such as play equipment and that they were awaiting a response.

The Secretary asked Cllr. Becton about the involvement of Angela Burns AM as self-appointed spokesperson of Pembroke Dock and her relationship with the local committee that Cllr. Becton had already established for this specific purpose. Cllr. Becton informed the meeting that she had indeed formed a Local Liaison Group and had met with Dr. Jones, Pembrokeshire County Council's Director of Economic Development, who stated, "*...PCC cannot be directly involved with the Liaison Group due to a potential conflict of interest...*". Cllr. Becton will be approaching Mr Ted Sangster of Milford Haven Port Authority regarding the Liaison Group in due course. It was decided that the chamber shall be supportive of Cllr. Becton's Liaison Group.

Cllr. Becton, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk had to offer their apologies and leave at 18:30 to attend elsewhere.

Some general discussion followed regarding the Marina and the impact upon the town, at 18:50 Trevor Collins offered his apologies for departure.

90. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Julie Senkal is leaving Pembroke Dock for a new venture in Milford Haven, Maxine Spure to provide a goodwill card from the chamber wishing her success.

Sherrill Percy still has 2000 Business Directories to be distributed, c.6 cartons, to be delivered to the Chair for disposal.

James Subbiani will arrange for some colleagues to offer business seminars at a future date.

91. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at The Pater Community Hall on Thursday 6th March, 2008 @ 17:35. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 18:55.