

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE  
DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM HELD AT THE PATEL  
HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK, ON WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2006  
AT 1700hrs (5.00pm).

**Present:**

Councillor Ron Watts  
County Councillor Peter Stock  
County Councillor Kate Becton  
Mr Chris Morris  
Mr Simon Preddy  
Mr Roger Thomas  
Mr Michael Harts

**In attendance:**

Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)  
Pembrokeshire County Council - Cabinet Member  
Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)  
Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade  
Keep Wales Tidy Group  
Pembrokeshire County Council  
Pembrokeshire County Council

Mr Ian Jones

Town Clerk, Pembroke Dock

**Apologies for absence**

Mr Andrew Johnstone  
Mrs Lewis  
MrBobPhillips  
Mr Brain Maddocks

24. Minutes of the last meeting.

Pembroke Dock Website Project  
Manager, Tesco's, Pembroke Dock  
Environment Agency Wales  
Pembrokeshire County Council (Head of Building  
Services for which Mr Roger Thomas deputised)

It was proposed by County Councillor Peter Stock and seconded by Simon Preddy that  
the minutes of the last meeting of the group held on 19th July which had been circulated  
prior to the meeting be agreed.

**25. Matters arising.**

councillor Kate Becton referred to the continuing dog fouling to the rear of Park Street.  
The success of the event at Hobbs Point may be followed up with a similar recovery of  
terns at the Warrior Way Car Park slipway.

The Town Clerk updated members on the proposal for improving the Memorial Park as a

scheme under the "Parks for People" Scheme. The County Council had stated that they would be unable to go forward with the scheme as the current Townscape Heritage initiative was a priority for funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund which were the sponsor of the Parks for People scheme. The County Council were however prepared to help find

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County Council had failed to take appropriate action such that in the past two weeks there was an arson attack by vandals at the site. At the previous meeting Mr Brian Maddocks agreed to see if the buildings could be demolished, however, nothing had happened until the arson attack. The buildings had still not been demolished and action was now required to sort the matter out. It was his opinion that the County Council had been complacent in the matter the slogan of the Council appeared to be "Inaction this day" rather than to use Churchill's term "Action this day". It was agreed that the Police also had a responsibility to deal with anti social behaviour within the park. Mr Roger Thomas stated that he would arrange to inspect the Park and to report back to the next meeting with an update.

The Town Clerk also stated that he was still chasing the Port Authority about a reply to the question of facilities for long distance lorry drivers using the port e.g. washing and toilet facilities. He had now spoken by telephone to Ted Sangster the Chief Executive and had indicated that the lack of a response from the Commercial Director Myra Shacklady was unacceptable for a business such as his. Mr Sangster had indicated that he would ensure we had a response shortly. The MEP had stated in her reply that there was a possible source of funding from the European Union but that a bid had to be made. The Committee asked the Town Clerk if he could make some enquiries with the Health and Safety Executive to see what the law said on this issue of appropriate washing facilities for drivers. He was also asked to check with the police with regard to the tachograph regulations which seemed to result in drivers parking up for a further period of rest within one mile of leaving the ferry terminal. The views of the main haulage company involved viz. Nolan Transport was also to be sought.

County Councillor Peter Stock was unable to assist with the question about the use of "Orange Bags" by commercial premises. At present all the targets on recycling set by the Assembly Government were being met by the County Council. He accepted that this was an area which needed to be investigated since commercial orange bag usage would improve current recycling targets. He accepted that with regard to composting bins within the Pembroke Dock area a number still had to be delivered. Another 10,000 bins had been ordered but the scheme was running about 2 months behind schedule. Chris Morris asked if the County Council would look at recycling issues in conjunction with the Pembrokeshire Chamber of Trade and Commerce. County Councillor Peter Stock agreed to take this suggestion away. The group discussed the issue of the use of monitoring equipment which would be used to determine the amount a property or business would pay for waste collection. It was accepted that if such a scheme was introduced there would be an increase in fly tipping.

### **26. Correspondence.**

This matter had been dealt with under matters arising.

### **27. Proposal for a walk about the town to identify area requiring improvement.**

It was agreed that this would take place on Wednesday 18th October from 1400 to 1700hrs starting at the Pater Hall. It was agreed that the members to be invited would be the County Councillors, The Chairman of the Action Team, Mr Bob Phillips of the Environment Agency, Mr Simon Preddy and the Town Clerk who would keep notes. It was agreed that these areas be included in the inspection. Bob also stated that he had

recently visited Focus (22nd September) and reported as follows:-

"I visited the Focus site on the afternoon of 22 September and noted an enclosed skip and stacked pallets within the goods yard entrance. Though technically there was no issue that contravened relevant waste legislation, I was disappointed to note that it would appear that there have been no improvements in waste storage on site. I would hope that a meeting between Focus and group members would persuade their management to seek a more satisfactory resolution.

May I remind the group that the Agency would welcome any information on issues of waste escaping from the control of any commercial waste producer. An example of this would be packaging / pallets etc outside the cartilage of the producer's premises and causing a nuisance on public or private land.

The group may be interested to learn that proposals for the London Road development site to the rear of Focus would involve the removal of up to 25000 tonnes of earth and subsoil. The Agency will be monitoring the site to ensure that this material is, ideally reused at an appropriate site, or disposed of properly. This activity has the potential to cause serious environmental damage if not carried out in a manner that complies with current waste control regulations, however, it is my understanding that the developers are currently seeking appropriate waste management and recycling facilities to handle the material.

### **23. Any other business.**

There was no other business raised.

### **24. Date of next meeting.**

This would be held on Wednesday 29th November at 1730hrs.

### **28. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.**

The Town Clerk re-iterated that the standard of pavement and street cleaning within the town was unacceptable. It was his opinion that despite raising the issue with Mr Brain Slacks on a number of occasions in the past the standard was poor. For example there had been no effort to clean the pavement on Dimond Street of cigarette ends. If the Precinct sweeper was being used then it was not being used on the pavements or it was inadequately or inappropriately used. Using it merely to sweep gutters in areas in the town where there was not large numbers of people was an ineffective use of manpower and resources. The two representatives from the County Council, Ro<sup>^</sup> ThoLs and Michael Hart stated that they were aware that standards were not acceptable. And They would follow up on the matter. In response to an enquiry they confirmed that the In power in use within the town was 3 people for 5 days a week one of wh<sup>^^</sup> the compact sweeper. At weekends then the manpower was 2 people. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the big sweeper machine was in operation. The representatives were unable to Inswer a'n enquire concerning the schedule of drain / gully emptying within Pembroke Dock. This would be provided for the next meeting. They were similarly unable to assist with the proposals put forward by Brian Maddocks at the last meeting that the County council were prepared to join the Town Council in providing additional flower tubs and hanging baskets in the 2007 year. CcSents were again made about the current situation with regard to the collection of household and business waste. It was accepted that some businesses -h-h were not open over the weekend put out their refuse bags on the Friday evening for collection the Monday morning. Similarly some householders continue to put .^S5 out before the end of collection. The representatives stated that if necessary then persistent offenders who need warnings would face a fixed penalty fine. The use of the Environmental Protection Act would be examined to see whether a policy of enforcement was required within Pembroke Dock.

## **29. Environment Agency Update.**

Bob Phillips had sent his apologies for the meeting but had suggested that the "walk about" the town included the following areas:-

London Road (including Focus)  
The Old Dockyard  
Waterloo Industrial Estate  
Llanreath - beach area.