

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE  
PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
HELD AT THE PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 COMMENCING AT  
1730HRS.**

**Present:-**

Councillor R G Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council
Councillor Sue Perkins	Pembroke Dock Town Council and Pembs CC
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
Mr Andrew Lewis	Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy and Fly Tipping Officer
Mrs Maureen Colgan	Pennar Community Association
Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Community Web Project
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council (Area Maintenance)

**In attendance**

Mr Ian Jones	Town Clerk, Pembroke Dock Town Council
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**Apologies for absence:-**

County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council
County Councillor Peter Stock	Pembrokeshire County Council
Mr Bob Phillips	Environment Agency
Ms Lisa Lloyd	Tesco Stores

**94. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

It was proposed by Councillor Sue Perkins and seconded by Mrs Margaret Murton that the minutes which had been circulated prior to this meeting be approved as an accurate record of proceedings. All were in agreement

**95. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.**

The Town Clerk stated that the Assembly Member was still pursuing the matter with the various parties and was also seeing if there was any National Assembly Government Money which could be used for the scheme to create a lorry park. It was understood that County Councillor Brian Hall had personally spoken to the lorry drivers who “gathered” in the Dockyard at weekends and had asked that they do not abuse the facilities by building camp fires, washing lines, urinating on the side of the roadways etc. Councillor Sue Perkins reiterated the view of the County Council that as far as they were concerned the problem lay with the Port Authority and it was up to them to provide some sort of lorry parking area. Councillor Perkins also stated that the additional litter bins promised for the Cleddau Bridge Picnic Area had still not materialised. The bins which were already there were too small and were being used for dog faeces as well as litter etc such that they became full quickly and the excess was then allowed to blow in the wind. There was a need therefore for extra bins and

for them to be emptied on a more frequent basis. Mr Glenville Codd agreed to check matters out and to see if the additional bins could be installed as soon as possible.

Mr Andrew Johnstone reported that the signs affixed to the old Railway Gates into the Dockyard had now been removed.

Comment was made about the change in working pattern as regards sweeping in the town. Mr Codd stated that the two man street cleaning team should result in rubbish being manually swept into the gutter which would then be picked up by the mechanical sweeper. The Action Team believed that the new system was working better.

There was a short discussion on the steps which had been taken to reduce dog fouling. Simon Preddy stated that the PCSOs had now been trained in respect of the issue of fixed penalties. The Action Team wondered if the issue could be addressed by the PCSOs coming on duty earlier from time to time so that the “morning foulers” could be caught and the ban enforced. There was a belief that a few fixed penalty notices within the town could produce the desired effect. It was agreed that the Town Clerk take this matter to the PCSO forum at the beginning of April. There was a wish that the Chamber of Trade should also be asked to support this request. Councillor Ron Watts stated that the Fort Road Car Park still had a great deal of rubbish and that these items had now been placed above the high water mark for collection. There was enough there for a full beach clean. There still was a problem with Dog Fouling at this site. The group asked that some of the locks which were missing on some of the litter bins in Front Street and Fort Road be repaired as they were no working. At Fort Road itself the recent rough weather had resulted in some of the grassed area falling away onto the beach. No new signs reminding dog owners of the ban on fouling had been erected. Work on the repairs to the ASDA store was ongoing. It was confirmed that the temporary barriers had been supplied by the County Council who were invoicing the Company for their use. There continues to be a dispute about the ownership / access across the car park to the St. Govan’s Centre and it is understood this is subject to legal correspondence between the two parties i.e. St Govan’s Centre and the owners of the land who have it for sale.

## **96. Correspondence.**

The Town Clerk brought to the team’s attention the two letters the Town Council had received from members of the Community about litter within the town. He advised members of the response which had been sent to both. Simon Preddy stated that his team may be able to collect the litter which had accumulated in the area next to the former “Jones the Gas” premises in London Road. In any event we would try and include this area in the litter pick etc scheduled for “Not in My Neighbourhood Week”.

## **97. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.**

Mr Codd stated that it was the County Council’s intention to cut back the shrubbery area adjacent to the FOCUS / Do it All site at Bierspool. It was agreed that there was a problem in extracting the rubbish from this area. It was confirmed that a 6 day litter pick would continue in this area by Council employees. He confirmed that the Car Park in front of FOCUS was being regularly cleaned. The Pot holes etc in King William Street would be filled in shortly and the sweeper would include this in his “round”. There was a discussion on the problems associated with heavy traffic leaving the Bierspool Site. The suggestion being floated by the County Council was that traffic would not be permitted to turn right into London Road but

that they would be directed left and then down to the Criterion Roundabout. Members believed that this was not acceptable. Councillor Sue Perkins stated that the new timing on the current traffic lights needed to be evaluated first before the County Council's ideas were considered. It was accepted that this junction was important for the town and a proper solution needed to be put in place not something drawn up at whim.

#### **98. Environment Agency Update.**

Bob Phillips was not able to attend the meeting but the Town Clerk read his brief report. This included an investigation into an illegal waste transfer station within the town, an oil leak at Llanreath, a discharge of foul water from the Fleet Street pumphouse and that the Agency has had some input into the improvements to be made at the Civic Amenity Site at Waterloo Industrial Estate.

#### **99. Not in My Neighbourhood Week.**

The Town Clerk stated that he had received an e mail from PC John Morris informing him that the idea of clearing the litter etc in the area between the Card Shop and Parfitts Carpets in Gordon Street would be included in their proposals. Simon Preddy stated that he now understood that this work had now been included in the schedule for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed that litter which had accumulated along the Old Railway Line adjacent to Water Street would also be included as well as the area in London Road near to the property formerly owned by "Jones the Gas". Simon hoped that members of the ATC and Sea Cadets would also be able to help that day. Members of this group were also invited to participate.

#### **100. Any Other Business.**

Councillor Sue Perkins raised the problem of Lorries parking in the area adjacent to the Western Way Car Park in front of the play area. These vehicles prevented children playing on the playground equipment being properly supervised by their parents etc. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the County Council about the matter.

Concern was also expressed about the under age alcohol drinking near the bandstand and "Compass" areas adjacent to the Western Way Car Park. It was agreed that this needed to be addressed at the PCSO Forum and the Town Clerk agreed to bring this to their attention. Simon Preddy stated that Pembroke School were to start a regular litter pick on Bush Hill. This will involve pupils from Year 8. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Group from the school would also be dealing with litter problems etc in Western Way and London Road. If the group knew of any other areas requiring attention they should notify Simon. Keep Wales Tidy Group had spent the day yesterday at Tescos who had kindly donated £500 to each of Simon's two groups who are working within Pembroke Dock.

The Keep Wales Tidy Pride in Our Community Scheme finishes in June 2008. He advised members that there would be changes in the local Keep Wales Tidy organisation shortly with Chris Corcoran the Regional Manager retiring at the end of this month. Simon would then be taking over as regional Manager with Marie Williams taking on his current responsibilities. Simons remit will then include Mid and West Wales Areas. Simon was congratulated on his new role and the group asked the Town Clerk to write to Chris Corcoran to thank him for his support over the time this group has been in existence as well as wishing him well in his retirement.

Councillor Ron Watts advised members that Japanese Knotweed had been found in Front Street near to the boat park area. Glenville Codd stated that he would investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1835hrs.

**101. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 1730hrs when arrangements for the “Not in My Neighbourhood” Litter pick etc would be finalised.