

MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE
PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM
HELD AT THE PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2007 COMMENCING AT
1730HRS.

Present:

Councillor Ron Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)
Councillor Sue Perkins	Pembroke Dock Town Council
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy Group and Fly Tipping Officer
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
PC John Morris	Dyfed Powys Police
Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Website Project
County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)
Mr Colin Russell	Llanion Communities First
Mr Luke Dow	Pembroke School
Miss Angharad Llewellyn	Pembroke School
County Councillor Peter Stock	Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet Member

In attendance:

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

Mr Andrew Lewis	Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
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64. Minutes of the last meeting.

The previous minutes had been circulated with the agenda and it was agreed that it was as an accurate record.

65. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Mr Glenville Codd stated that the picket fence had now been erected alongside the car park for Focus / Do it all. There would be a litter pick this week to clear out the remaining rubbish in the shrubbery area. He confirmed that the County Council had now accepted responsibility for the area between London Road and the Focus / Do it all / Instore Car Park. The area around the Library had received a cleaned and the external walls to the Library would be repainted. The benches would be repaired and the area power washed. The repainting of bollards / seats within Pembroke Dock had recently been completed. Simon Preddy confirmed that the car park area adjacent to the Cleddau

Business Park was by the County Council / Welsh Assembly Government (ex WDA). As a result the area would be cleaned up of fly tipped waste etc. The problem of Japanese Knotweed was being dealt with by Mr Mike Shepherd of the County Council. Ian Jones informed members that he had received a verbal complaint about information which appeared on the Pembroke Dock Web site concerning the fly tipping in Park Lane. The complainant was unhappy with the way the matter had been dealt with under “the name and shame section” of the Web site. The complainant stated that the soil etc had been placed in the lane for use by a neighbour and at the time of the previous report had not been moved into the rear garden. He believed that this was not fly tipping although it had been pointed out that legally it would be regarded as such. The complainant had been asked to provide full information in writing about the nature of his complaint if he wished the matter to be formally investigated but had not taken up this offer to date. Ian was concerned that whatever information appears in the name of the group was accurate and in this instance he did not have information about the “offending” material as it had been removed in the light of the representations made by the complainant prior to his visit to the Town Clerk. There was then a short debate on the issues surrounding the matter with Andrew Johnstone stating that it was important that the Web Site had some form of independence to highlight people / businesses who were not taking action to deal with fly tipping / litter etc. There was a debate as to whether pictures of “offending behaviour” needed to be shown to the person involved before they appeared on the website. In the case of the complainant he had apparently committed an offence of fly tipping. Comment was made that the idea of naming and shaming was to ensure that dumping of waste material did not take place. The Web project tried to ensure that the name on the side of van apparently involved was obscured however in this case it was unfortunately not effective. Andrew Johnstone stated that it was important that project members were able to take photographs of areas where there was unsightly mess, fly tipping etc without being fettered by having it approved elsewhere. It was then proposed by Councillor Kate Becton and seconded by Simon Preddy that the current operation of the Web project scheme in relation to PDEAT “Naming and Shaming” etc should remain as it is at present i.e. the webmaster makes the decision without discussion with the Committee. This was approved by 4 votes to 2 with 6 absentions.

66. Correspondence.

Details of the response from the County Council to the enquiry about the signage at Pembroke Port entrance was given to members. The number of signs will shortly be decreased. Details of the consultation on Dog Control orders were also given to members. It was suggested that a County Council Official be invited to a subsequent meeting to make a short 15 minute presentation on the subject. Ian gave details of a letter he had received from Andrew Lewis from the Chamber of Trade concerning a proposal to have a Businesses in Bloom competition etc next year. The group gave its support for the proposal which will now be referred to the Tourism Sub Committee to discuss with the Chamber of Trade.

67. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.

Mr Glenville Codd reported that an area at top end of the Memorial Park would be tarmacaded at the end of July early August. Benches would be placed in the park shortly. The signs at the entrance to the park had been cleaned and lacquered. Some of the walls within the park would also need some attention. Comment was made about the fencing to the rear of properties in King Street which had collapsed and could be a danger to pedestrians on Western Way. The area along the pavement had been “fenced off” in the meanwhile.

Mr Colin Russell gave a short account of the work of Communities First and expressed the wish that they become involved with community projects. Some financial support was available for such groups.

68. Environment Agency Update.

Mr Bob Phillips was not present and no e mail had been received by the Town Clerk so no report was available.

69. Any other business.

Concern was expressed by Mrs Margaret Murton about litter etc in the area around the Gables, and at the junction of Queen Street / Wellington Street. The pavement had sunk in this area and water was accumulating. Concern was also expressed about the fact that in Clarence Street the rear entrance to the Chinese Take located in Commercial Row away now had no gates. The alleyway had become overgrown and people were now fly tipping in this area. The question was asked whether the gates could be re-erected so as to stop the fly tipping. The question of the street cleaning section following the refuse route on Monday / Thursdays was raised since a great deal of waste material often was left in the streets because of burst refuse bags. Mr Glenville Codd agreed to consider the practicalities of such a system.

County Councillor Kate Becton raised the issue of Trailers being chained to trees in Commercial Row. In addition there was another trailer in the Albion Square Car Park and large amounts of rubbish had accumulated on the pavement in this area as a result of some building work. This needed to be removed. The street sign for Lewis Street had still not been replaced at its junction with Dimond Street. On the way to the meeting she had noted fly tipping at the junction of Queen Street / Commercial Row. Simon Preddy agreed to investigate this.

PC John Morris brought forward the problems concerning the lack of litter bins at Kavanagh Court. Mr Glenville Codd agreed to investigate the matter.

Andrew Johnstone stated that the Chamber of Trade was to have a re-launch event this coming Friday and members were invited to attend. Simon Preddy had arranged another clean up at Hobbs Point but was disappointed that no member of PDEAT had been able to attend.

Councillor Sue Perkins invited the two members from Pembroke School to bring forward any issues which the school wished to be addressed at the next meeting. This would enable the two representatives to take some soundings.

70. Date of next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1905hrs. The Date of the next meeting was fixed for 19th September 2007 at 1730hrs here in the Pater Hall.