

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM HELD AT THE PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 1730HRS.

Present:

Councillor R G Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council
Councillor Sue Perkins	Pembroke Dock Town Council
County Councillor Peter Stock	Pembrokeshire County Council (arrived 1800hrs)
County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)
Ms Sarah Payne	Llanion Communities First
Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Community Website
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
Mrs Mari Williams	Keep Wales Tidy Group
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy Group

Apologies:

Councillor Maureen Colgan	Pembroke Dock Town Council
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council
County Councillor Brian Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Mrs Lisa Lloyd	Tesco Stores
Mr Bob Phillips	Environment Agency

In attendance:

Mr Ian Jones	Town Clerk, Pembroke Dock Town Council
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102. Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th March 2008.

It was proposed by Mr Andrew Johnstone and seconded by Mr Simon Preddy that the minutes as previously circulated be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

103. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.

County Councillor Kate Becton mentioned that Ferry lorries were continuing to park in the Warrior Way Roundabout area and adjacent to the children's play area. Until the height barrier was re-located to nearer the entrance to this site then this would continue. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council (Car Parks Manager) asking if the height barrier could be re-located.

Councillor Ron Watts stated that raw sewage was appearing on the beach near to the Fort Road Car Park. The Town Clerk would get in touch with Bob Phillips of the Environment Agency.

Simon Preddy stated that in a recent exercise Pembroke School had collected over 20 bags of rubbish from the Fort Road area. In addition there was a group from the Anchorage which carried out weekly rubbish collections at that site.

It was also suggested that the PCSO team be asked to include this area in their patrols.

Simon Preddy reported that the Duke of Edinburgh Award group from Pembroke School had also been involved in collecting rubbish near the school (Bush Hill / Ferry Road) and a further 20 bags had been collected.

Comment was made by Councillor Watts that stones were being removed from the car park wall at Fort Road just in front of the picnic area. Glenville Codd would be advised about this by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk advised members that he understood that the shrubbery area etc near to the Do It All / Focus Store adjacent to London Road were to be cut back so that litter collection could be made easier. He had also been informed by County Councillor Brian Hall that the floor in park of the restored Market area was being dug up before being redone. The rubble etc was to be placed as hard standing for Irish Ferry vehicles in the Port Area.

There was a discussion on whether additional litter bins could be provided within the town. It was considered a possibility to see if some form of sponsorship could be provided by businesses within the town such as McDonalds, Woolworths, Boots, Asda, Tesco etc. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with Brian Maddocks of the County Council to see if these additional bins would then be emptied on a regular basis. There was no point in obtaining extra bins if they could not be emptied. He would also try and obtain some costings on litter bins in time for the next meeting.

104. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to report to the Team.

105. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.

In the absence of no officer from the County Council no update could be given.

106. Environmental Agency Update.

The Town Clerk had received no communication from Bob Phillips so there was nothing to report.

107. Litter Pick / Tidying Up in Pembroke Dock on 22 May.

Simon gave details of the planned litter pick on the Thursday during "Not in my Neighbourhood Week". The appropriate skip had been ordered for Gordon Street and the old railway line track would be cleaned up. The "litter pick" would start at 1800hrs. Simon also informed members that there would be a clean up of the area around Hobbs Point by the Diving Team on Sunday 18th May starting at 1230hrs. The BBC could be in attendance.

Councillor Sue Perkins expressed her concerns about young people who were jumping into the water off the slipway and area adjacent to the parking area. Concerns had been expressed before about the amount of tipping into the water which was taking place at this site and the dangers faced by those who jumped in the water at this point. Simon was looking into what deterrents could be put into place to stop the tipping. There was a possibility that surveillance cameras could be installed at this point. The dangers of jumping in at this point could also be expressed by a prominent sign. The matter would be taken forward by Simon and he would report back to the next meeting. The PCSO Forum would also be advised of the problem.

108. Any other business.

Sue Perkins reported that a resident at 25, Charles Thomas Avenue had a culvert in the grounds of his property which is full of rubbish. It was suggested that Bob Phillips is asked to investigate who is responsible to keep it free from debris.

Andrew Johnstone stated that he wished to praise the work carried out by Simon and his team in relation to the clearance of fly tipping in King William Street. Within 48 hours of the report the rubbish was removed by Pembrokeshire County Council who Simon had contacted.

The question of rubbish collection procedures was also debated. The County Council policy on "black tagging" of orange bags is as follows:-

If an orange bag is found to contain inappropriate items which are not suitable for re-cycling then the bag will be black tabbed and left for the person who put it out to recheck its contents are remove "offending materials". If the bag is not attended to then the following week it will be collected as ordinary waste. The idea is that the public are made more aware of what items are suitable for recycling. If orange bags are placed together then any bags which have been blacked tagged will be collected and placed in the ordinary waste that day and not left until the following week. There was also a discussion on the procedures to be followed in houses in multiple occupation or blocks of flats.

County Councillor Kate Becton mentioned that there was an ongoing problem in connection with land adjacent to Harbour View. The land is in a poor state and one of the concrete blocks is blocking a footpath. A local resident has written to her Member of Parliament who has arranged a meeting between the Environment Section of the County Council and other interested parties. Andrew Johnstone stated that in his view the pathway was not blocked by the boulders. The result of these discussions would be reported back to the next meeting of the group.

Andrew Johnstone also brought to the Teams attention the fact that the Young Firefighters had recently collected a large amount of litter etc. and filled a skip at the Over Flow Car Park at the Cleddau Bridge Business Park.

The Keep Wales Tidy week would be held in week commencing 22nd June 2008. There would be a further Dive off Hobbs Point on Friday 27th June to recover items fly tipped etc.

109. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16th July 2008 at 1730hrs.