

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM
HELD AT THE PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT
1730HRS.

Present:-

Councillor Ron Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)
Mr Andrew Lewis	Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy Group and Fly Tipping Officer
Mrs Lisa Lloyd	Tesco's, Pembroke Dock
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council (Area Maintenance)
Miss Rebecca Hughes	Pembroke School
Mr Joshua Taylor	Pembroke School
Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Community Website Project
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
Mr Colin Russell	Llanion Communities First
Councillor Sue Perkins	Pembroke Dock Town Council

In attendance:-

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

County Councillor Peter Stock	Pembrokeshire County Council (Cabinet Member)
County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)

78. Minutes from the last meeting.

These had been circulated with the agenda. It was proposed by Andrew Lewis and seconded by Margaret Murton that they be accepted as a true record. All were in agreement.

79. Matters arising from the minutes.

The Secretary reported that the Chairman and himself would be attending a meeting called by Angela Burns AM with the Port Authority and the County Council. This would take place on 13th December. It was hoped that we would be able to get some answers as to why some of the roads within the Dockyard which had been renovated using THI money etc had still not been adopted. Because they were not adopted then enforcement of Road Traffic Regulations could not follow. Concern was expressed about the number of Nolan vehicles which were now parking along Pier Road and elsewhere in the town e.g. the roundabout at Western Way Car Park. PC Morris and the PCSO team were monitoring the situation with regard to parking on the highway.

Simon Preddy stated that there was current consultation by the Assembly Government looking at the question of cigarette “butt bins” being required to be placed outside pubs, clubs and other public buildings. The consultation may produce a legislative requirement.

Concern was expressed about the state of the pathway alongside the road in King William Street as well as the pathway which leads to the Tesco’s Car Park. It was stated that the pathway is definitely in the ownership of the County Council. Mr Codd agreed to make some enquiries about the matter.

80. Correspondence.

There had been no correspondence received on environmental matters since the last meeting.

81. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.

Mr Codd reported that the precinct sweeper will now be in use for 7 days a week. The question of regularly collecting litter which was accumulating near the steps from/ to Focus Do It All and London Road was raised again. The Town Clerk stated that he had forwarded a copy of a letter he had received from Morbaine Ltd in which they stated that the area was the responsibility of Focus and not them. This letter had been forwarded by him to the County Council at Thornton Industrial Estate in Milford Haven. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council, Mr Brian Maddocks about the matter again to check on progress. There was a discussion about the uncovered skips which are sited in the Llanion Area. Simon Preddy stated that skips should be kept under proper control and the waste should not be allowed to escape once placed in them. The Town Clerk agreed to write to the Environment Agency about the matter as well as reminding them about the waste bins at the rear of the St. Govan’s Centre. In the meanwhile Simon would provide the names of the hirers of the skips which were kept at Llanion,

82. Town / Village Green Areas within Pembroke Dock.

The Town Clerk advised members that the Pennar and Bufferland Community Association and the Town Council were seeking to have an area between Military Road and Stranraer Road (top area) declared a Town Green. The area had been in use as a Play area when the RAF owned the area but the equipment was removed when the transfer to the County Council (formerly District Council) took place. There was also an area which had been used as a football pitch /play area. He asked that anyone wishing to highlight any other areas. The following additional areas was suggested – Albion Square School Field off Charlton Place near to Belle Vue Terrace. The Town Clerk stated that Barrack Hill had also been highlighted as a potential area. He would be writing to the County Council in due course to see what their proposals were for both areas since they had not been designated as “Green Areas” in the JUDP Plan.

83. Environment Agency.

The absence of anyone from the EA meant that there was no information about current activity in the area. The Town Clerk would make contact with the EA to see whether Bob Phillips was still in office.

84. Any Other business.

Margaret Murton raised a question about the Disabled toilets within Pembroke Dock. It was pointed out that there were two available one at Front Street and the other in the ASDA Car Park (Gordon Street next to Library). Lisa Lloyd stated that Tesco's toilets were available for public use and not just those using the store and this contained a disabled facility.

The Town Clerk apologised for omitting Communities First from the list of organisations who were invited to the meetings of PDEAT.

Simon Preddy reported that Pollution Control had again visited a property in St. Patrick's Hill Area following disposal of waste which had subsequently come down the hillside near to the Fort Road Car Park. He also stated that two Coastal Groups were working in the area to keep beaches clean including the one at Llanreath.

It was hoped that there would be a clean up of litter etc in the Western Way area shortly. This would be carried out by a contingent from the Air Cadets.

Comment was made that the road signs into Pembroke Dock needed to be cleaned / replaced.

Lisa Lloyd stated that she was now allocated 18 hours per week by Tesco's to work with the Community.

Andrew Lewis brought to the Committee's attention that there were a great number of lights within the Western Way Car Park area which needed to be replaced following vandalism. Some of the Sodium lights leading up to the Bandstand had been broken. It was hoped that the street lights leading to Pembroke School along Pembroke Road will shortly be repaired / replaced. The delay in replacing them had been caused by finding suitable fittings which would be more difficult to vandalise.

Comment was also made about rubbish being left in the Play Area / Picnic Area in the Park. Councillor Sue Perkins had written to Brian Maddocks about the matter but Glenville Codd agreed to see if an additional litter bin can be provided.

Andrew Johnstone raised the matter about the number of signs still affixed to the "Old Railway Gate" entrance to the Dockyard (i.e. Port of Pembroke Entrance from Western Way / Front Street). The Town Clerk stated that the latest information he had been provided with was that these notices had to remain whilst contractors were working on the THI projects but they will be removed once 12 months had elapsed.

The Port Authority currently had made a planning application for new gates to the area.

In the absence of any other business the meeting closed at 1830hrs.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6th February 2008 starting at 1730hrs (5.30pm)