

**MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE
DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM HELD AT THE
PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON WEDNESDAY 19th
SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 1730HRS.**

Present:

Councillor Ron Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)
Councillor Sue Perkins	Pembroke Dock Town Council
County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)
Ms Jo Batchelor	Tescos, Pembroke Dock
Mr Rhys Perkins	Tescos, Pembroke Dock
Mr Andrew Lewis	Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
PC John Morris	Dyfed Powys Constabulary
Mr Colin Russell	Llanion Communities First

In attendance:

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

Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Community web Project
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council (Area Maintenance)
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy Group and Fly Tipping Officer

71. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

72. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Councillor Kate Becton reported that there was to be a clean up day in the Town carried out by the County Council on Sunday 28th October. It had been noted that lighting in the area near to the Library had been damaged by vandals but that Jason Sullivan from the Street Lighting Section of the County Council was attending to the matter. Some remedial work within the Park had recently been carried out with two new benches being installed, some children's items and an area of resurfacing being completed.

73. Correspondence.

The Town Clerk updated members on the question of tractor units parked on pathways within the Dockyard area. Mrs Angela Burns was pressing for a meeting with the County Council and the Port Authority to ensure that some action was taken to stop this practice given the large number involved. There appeared to be a general failure by drivers to use the washroom / toilet facilities provided by the Port Authority. It was said that this was because they had to pay for its use. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Port Authority for clarification.

There was a belief that the Health and Safety Inspectorate should be advised of the problems and asked if there was a legislative requirement to provide adequate toilet and messing facilities for drivers and the Town Clerk was asked to pursue this. Comment was made that there were a number of other companies who arranged for their vehicles to be parked elsewhere within the town such as Bierspool in the Focus / Do It All Car Park, Pier Road etc. There seemed to be some dispute as to whether the roads in the Bierspool area were adopted by the County Council or not. The Town Clerk was asked to make some enquiries with the County Council. If we were not making progress on this issue then a few photographs and Press release may stir the authorities into action.

With regard to street cleaning within the town there still appeared to be a problem with several streets being inadequately cleaned on a regular basis. Comment was made as to whether there were sufficient resources available to provide an adequate service. It was suggested by Mrs Margaret Murton that one way of instilling a sense of pride in the streets was to have a competition for the best kept street within the town. In the absence of a representative from the County Council to answer questions about street cleaning in general it was decided that this idea will be carried forward to the next meeting of the group.

74. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.

In the absence of a representative from the County Council no information was forthcoming although Mr Glenville Codd had asked that any matters of urgency be e mailed to him by the Town Clerk.

75. Environment Agency Update.

The Town Clerk had received no information from Mr Bob Phillips and he would make contact in due course with the Agency to see if he was away sick etc.

76. New Issues to be addressed by the Action Team.

The following issues were raised:-

1. Fly Tipping near to the Contact Centre at Cleddau Bridge.
2. Fly Tipping in the lane behind Park Street adjacent to No 1.
3. Two Abandoned boats in Front Street which have been swamped by the tide.
4. The Litter Bins in Front Street appear to have been damaged by vandals such that the hinges are broken.
5. The pavements within Pembroke Dock remain dirty and need to be cleaned.
6. The Biffa Rubbish Bins to the rear of the St. Govan's Centre seem to be subject to regular vandalism. The question was raised as to whether they needed to be made secure. The Town Clerk would make contact with Bob Phillips from EA who had previously investigated the matter.
7. It was understood that the enforcement of the new rules in respect of disposal of old electrical products was down to the Environment Agency. Concern was expressed about Sunday Markets and whether these were covered by the regulations. Again the Town Clerk was asked to make contact with the Environment Agency.
8. It was reported that Tesco's were to extend the recycling area at their store to encourage more recycling. The question was raised as to whether this change would be advertised. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with Jill Jack at the County

Council to clarify the position. It may be appropriate to advertise this fact on the Website.

9. Concern was expressed about the state of King William Street where the road was uneven and some parts of the verge were overgrown. There was a belief that this street was fast becoming a perfect place for dumping items. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with Mr Codd and if necessary Simon Preddy to see if improvements could be made.
10. There were reports of vandalism on the ASDA walkway with youth climbing into the Electricity Sub Station. PC Morris agreed to bring this to the attention of the PCSO team.
11. Colin Russell mentioned that funding for some improvements in the local community could be secured from the Welsh Assembly Government. He would let the Town Clerk have details of a recent circular and perhaps the group could also liaise with Simon Preddy.
12. On a general point it was believed that the failure to repair the signage advertising the St. Govan's Centre did not enhance the area. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the centre to ask if repairs were to be made.

77. Any other business.

The representatives from Tesco's answered questions from members about tidiness and cleanliness around their store. They stated that there was a daily clean by contractors of the Car park area and they have "Butt Bins" placed at strategic points near to the entrance doors so that members of the public were encouraged to dispose of their cigarettes stubs properly. Details of their recovery of trolleys was provided for members. It was explained that there was a lock system installed in the trolleys which prevented trolleys being taken away easily from the Store area. The first phase of the extension work at the store would be finished in November. It was reported that a new traffic flow system which would involve re-timing of the traffic lights would also be introduced shortly.

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 28th November 2007 at 1730hrs.

The meeting closed at 1840hrs.