

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE  
PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
HELD AT THE PATER HALL, PEMBROKE DOCK ON  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 COMMENCING AT  
1730HRS.**

**Present:**

Councillor Ron Watts	Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)
County Councillor Kate Becton	Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)
Mr Glenville Codd	Pembrokeshire County Council
Mr Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy Group & Fly Tipping Officer
Mrs Margaret Murton	Pembroke Dock Civic Society
PC John Morris	Dyfed Powys Constabulary
Mr Andrew Lewis	Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
Mr Andrew Johnstone	Pembroke Dock Web Project (arrived 1750hrs)

**In attendance**

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

Mr Bob Phillips	Environment Agency
Mr Luke Dow	Pembroke School, Head Boy
Miss Rebecca Hughes	Pembroke School, Head Girl

**58. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

**59. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.**

It was understood from Mr Brian Maddocks who had spoken to the Town Clerk that a small picket fence was to be placed alongside the car park area next to Focus Do It All and adjacent to London Road. It was understood that Pembrokeshire County Council have a contract to cut the shrubbery alongside the pavement. Mr Glenville Codd would make some enquiries and report back to the next meeting given that the County Council were now providing a fence on private land. Mr Simon Preddy reported that Mr Barry Davies from the County Council was currently looking at the legislation regarding cleaner neighbourhoods. Mr Preddy also stated that the Young Firefighters Group from Pembroke Dock Fire Station had recently removed a large number of Tesco's Shopping Trolleys from the area near to the pathway which links King William Street to the Tesco's

site. It had been noted that there had been large parts of tarmacadam removed from this pathway. The County Council will have a look to see what repairs should be made.

#### **60. Report on “Walkabout” in Pembroke Dock on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.**

Mr Simon Preddy apologised to the Committee because there was no formal report to present. Members stated that they wished to record that Mr John Arthur from the County Council who had accompanied members on the walk had been most unhelpful. As a result not all the area highlighted as part of the walk had been visited e.g. Barrack Hill, Castle Street Pennar. Comment was made about the fact that an electricity supply to the old bookmakers shop in Dimond Street was being held in place by a piece of string. In addition Advertising Boards were being affixed to lampposts etc illegally. Now that the smoking ban in public places had been introduced then there had been an increase in the number of cigarette ends being deposited in the streets especially near to licensed premises. Simon stated that there had been a meeting of interested parties with members of the County Council (Public Protection Section, Planning, Police) last week to discuss tactics but there was little which had been forthcoming from the meeting. The Welsh Assembly Government was now looking at extending the street litter control notices from fast food outlets to Pubs and Clubs. The walkabout also highlighted the state of the area around the library together with the graffiti on the walls of the Library building and Toilet block. County Councillor Kate Becton strongly believed that the seating and raised flower beds should be removed. The Town Clerk pointed out that it was a question of keeping on top of maintenance (Broken Windows theory in Criminology) and properly addressing anti social behaviour. To remove items which are being damaged was the last resort in his view. The question of repositioning the CCTV camera towards the Library area was raised and this would be taken forward by PC John Morris who would also see if the PCSOs could focus on this area when carrying out their patrols. The town still had a number of properties where black bags were put out too early and as a consequence were attacked by birds and sometimes dogs. Councillor Becton believed that a few prosecutions were probably the only way a change of attitude could be introduced. Weed control had not started early enough again this year and as a result there were areas where they were an eyesore. Mention was made of the area in Commercial Row and in Park Street Lane. Mr Glenville Codd on behalf of the County Council admitted that weed eradication and control had commenced too late. Concern was expressed about the state of the boarders around the ASDA Car Park where litter had once again been allowed to accumulate. Ian stated that he had e mailed the County Council to inform them of the problem and had received an acknowledgement but nothing apparently had been done. If the County Council owned the Car Park then it was there responsibility to keep the litter in check. Ian once again expressed his disappointment in a failure by Council Officials to reply to correspondence or e mails. A simple acknowledgement was insufficient when no action was taken and no reasons were given.

#### **61. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.**

Mr Glenville Codd stated that a repainting programme of seating, barrier / railings, litter bins etc within the town had commenced. Again the effluent flowing from an area above

the Fort Road Car Park (St Patrick's Hill) was highlighted and Mr Codd stated that he would investigate. The litter / debris being created by the property at 36, St. Patrick's Hill was being addressed. Ian stated that letters to Mr Brian Maddocks in relation to the Wall near the school on Pembroke Road and the Gordon Street Car Park were still awaiting an answer. Copies were given to Mr Codd who stated that he would personally investigate the matter. Simon agreed to follow up the question of rubble emanating from St. Patrick's Hill.

Andrew Lewis stated that the Milford Haven Chamber of Trade had recently had a presentation from Mr Dai Rogers of the Milford Haven Plus Group who had distributed a small plastic green box for the collection of green waste material the contents of which could then be placed in the Green composter. Ian was asked to make contact with Mr Rogers to see if Pembroke Dock could be included in this scheme.

Councillor Kate Becton reported that a resident in Cromwell Street had made a complaint about a County Council workman spraying the weeds who had allowed the spray to waft over to a bed of cabbages in her garden. Mr Codd agreed to follow this complaint up.

County Councillor Kate Becton also stated that she wished to complain about the fact that the Town Council were to receive a private presentation from the Martello Quays Project team prior to a Town Council Meeting. She believed that such a presentation was unlawful. The Town Clerk replied that this was not a matter for PDEAT and in any event he regarded the presentation as no more than a lobbying from the developer of the Town Council. No decisions were being made by the Town Council during or shortly after that meeting and he therefore was satisfied all was in order.

## **62. Environment Agency Update.**

In the absence of Bob Phillips from the Environment Agency Ian gave a verbal report. He stated that Bob had visited the area behind the St. Govan's Centre where the skips are stored. On the day of Bob's visit (27<sup>th</sup> April) all was in order. Bob also stated that the sewerage leak at Fort Road had ceased. It will continue to be monitored by EA. There continued to be a problem with regard to flytipping of bin bags at the Cleddau Bridge Call Centre Car Park and a response was awaited from Pembrokeshire County Council. No abandoned vehicles had been seen at this Car Park. Japanese Knotweed had been found in soil deposited in the area near to the Cleddau Bridge Hotel. This soil had been transferred from Bierspool Retail Park area near to McDonalds. Bob stated that the soil could not be returned to the Bierspool until the knotweed had been killed. Bob in his report also stated that there had been a blocked sewer in Ridgeview Close at the beginning of May which had now been cleared.

## **63. Any other business.**

Andrew Johnstone raised the following points:-

- (a) Earth had been tipped in Park Lane. Simon Preddy would investigate and arrange for its removal.
- (b) The Dockyard entrance from Western Way is listed yet there are a number of advertising boards affixed to the walls. Andrew asked if this was acceptable? Ian

- agreed to write to David Davies at THI or the Planning Department of Pembrokeshire County Council to clarify the matter.
- (c) The proposed Marina Project did not in his view address the question of storm water being taken away into the “basin area”. There had been no attempt from the developer to establish what would happen when the Marina was built and the area was then full of water for 24 hours a day. Councillor Ron Watts stated that he would raise this matter with the developer when they made the presentation to the Town Council tomorrow.

There being no further business the date of the next meeting was fixed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1730hrs.