

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE DOCK
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM HELD AT THE PATER HALL,**

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PEMBROKE DOCK ON WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2006
COMMENCING AT 1730HRS (5.30pm).

Present :

Councillor Ron Watts
County Councillor Kate Becton
County Councillor Sue Perkins

Miss Maureen Bermingham
Sergeant Brian Murphy
Mr Simon Preddy
Mr Andrew Johnstone
Mr Andrew Lewis

Pembroke Dock Town Council (Chairman)
Pembrokeshire County Council (Central Ward)
Mayor of Pembroke Dock and Pembrokeshire
County Councillor (Llanion Ward)
Pembroke Dock Civic Society
Dyfed Powys Police (Pembroke Dock)
Keep Wales Tidy Group
Pembroke Dock Website Project
Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade

In attendance:

Mr Ian Jones

Apologies for Absence:

Mr Bob Phillips
Mr Roger Thomas
County Councillor Peter Stock

Mr Brain Maddocks

Mr Lee Griffiths
Mr Michael Harts

32. Minutes of the last meeting.

Town Clerk, Pembroke Dock.

Environment Agency (Wales)
Pembrokeshire County Council
Pembrokeshire County Council - Cabinet Member
for Communities and the Voluntary Sector
Pembrokeshire County Council (Head of Building
Services)
Manager, Focus / Do it AH Store, Pembroke Dock
Pembrokeshire County Council - Area Maintenance

It was proposed by County Councillor Kate Becton and seconded by Mr Simon Preddy

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that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 1 October 2006 be accepted as a true record.

33. Matters arising.

The Town Clerk updated members on the work taking place to put together a scheme to improve the facilities / amenities at the Memorial Park. The Town Council and the County Council were in discussion about ideas and there was to be a broad consultation process with interested parties. This group would be kept up to date with developments.

The Town Clerk also stated that he and the Chairman had visited Myra Shacklady from the Port Authority to discuss the problem of haulage lorries parking within the Town and then setting up so called "camps". The Port Authority had identified a possible site where such vehicles could be parked whilst awaiting a new load, however, the costs involved in developing the site were such that both Pembrokeshire County Council and Nolans needed to be involved in financing the proposal. Currently no progress was being made on the issue as the County Council appeared not to be interested in these ideas. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to see whether they were prepared to enter into some sort of agreement / negotiation with the other two parties.

The Town Clerk reported that following the last meeting the County Council had carried out a blitz on street cleaning within Dimond Street, however, matters were beginning to deteriorate again. It had been drawn to his attention that the current precinct sweeper was not operating properly in that some of the items it was collecting (mainly dirt) were left in the centre of the area it was cleaning. In the absence of anyone from the County Council he would chase the matter up by phone.

34. Correspondence.

Ian Jones stated that he had again written to Higher Management of Focus concerning the litter accumulating along London Road next door to their premises. He had also spoken to the stores HQ in Crewe. He had that day received a letter from the local Manager, Mr Lee Griffiths, together with some photographs indicating that it was the Manager's opinion that the vast majority of items did not come from his store but from other businesses. It was agreed that the letter would be dealt with under the "Walk about Town" report.

35. Walk about Town Report.

The report prepared by the Town Clerk relating to the "Walk About" Pembroke Dock had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The letter and photographs from Focus / Do It All was distributed to members. It was agreed that the current level of street cleaning / litter collection within Pembroke Dock was reaching an acceptable level with the exception of the areas shown in the report. There was a discussion on abandoned vehicles given that an abandoned vehicle in King Street had been reported to the County Council on at least three occasions. Sgt Murphy on behalf of the police stated that removal was a matter for the County Council. Simon Preddy stated that current legislation required the County Council to remove a vehicle within 24 hours of notification with costs being recouped from the owner of the vehicle. The County Council stated that they had no place to store any vehicle impounded. County Councillor Sue Perkins believed that a storage place was needed. There was a short discussion on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and the implementation within Wales. Simon's view was that the features in the Act would only work if there was effective enforcement from local authorities / the police. It was accepted that some residents of Pembroke Dock continue to put out their black bag waste too early thus allowing birds / dogs etc to attack them and to leave the contents strewn over the pavements / roadway. There was once again a call from the Committee for the waste collection and street cleaning to be better co-ordinated. The County Council stated that they had no waste

collection vehicle which could deal with "wheelie type" bins. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with the County Council maintenance section to bring these concerns to their attention.

The discussion on the litter accumulating on London Road and the fact that it is unsightly resulted in the group agreeing that a letter pick was necessary to tackle the problem. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with Focus and the other stores to see what could be achieved by a co-ordinated approach. Once again the fact that the Focus skip was

often left open to the elements allowed waste to spread all over the area. The "Instore" skip had a proper cover and it would appear that skip was not creating a problem. A "washed hands" approach was not acceptable as litter in this area was fast becoming an eyesore.

36. Pembrokeshire County Council Update.

The absence of any member of staff from the Maintenance section prevented this topic being discussed. The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with one of their representatives to say that it was important that a member of their staff attend these meetings so that concerns can be addressed.

37. Environment Agency Wales Update.

Ian distributed a copy of Bob Phillips' report. Concern was expressed by members about the Waterloo Industrial Estate and especially the litter etc left by the travelling community who were currently located in the turning area near the Civic Amenity Site.

38. Any other business.

The group believed that businesses were willing to participate in any recycling scheme, however, the County Council, having met its targets for recycling, were not prepared to spend money to do more than this. The County Council's priorities were domestic recycling rather than business.

Simon suggested that a litter pick be held in the Western Way Car park area and the adjoining shingle area. The group agreed to support such an event.

39. Date of Next meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 24th January 2007 starting at 1730hrs. The agenda will include an item on whether the group should prepare an action plan for Pembroke Dock. Such an action plan would include whether we should expand the area currently benefiting from flowers baskets / tubs as well as looking at items which would help improve the current level / effectiveness of street cleaning.