MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEYLAND TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 0217 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HIGH STREET, NEYLAND AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT:
Cllr S Hancock (Mayor)
Cllr Mrs J Bevan
Cllr M Harry
Cllr W McGarvie
Cllr Mrs T Payne
Cllr B Phelan
Cllr P Smith
Cllr P Wonnacott

APOLOGIES:
Cllr D Blyth
Cllr P Hay
Cllr Mrs T Llewellyn
Cllr B Rothero

The Town Clerk (Mrs J Clark) was in attendance.

964 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received.

965 REPRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Several members of the public were present (residents from John Street, Neyland) who wished to make representation about the new parking restrictions in John Street. Mrs Smith advised that she had made objections to PCC when the notice was displayed and had received a call from John Price the Traffic Manager to acknowledge her objection. She had also managed to stop the painting of the double yellow lines for the time being. The Mayor, Cllr Hancock gave an update on the circumstances surrounding the decision and following a discussion several suggestions were made to help alleviate the parking problems in the street:

a) Could the school sign be amended to permit parking of vehicles outside of school hours.
b) The Athletic Club could be asked if parents could drop their children off in the club parking bays and the school could ask parents to do this.

The Mayor stated that neither he nor the Town Clerk had been advised of the objections received and it was agreed that a meeting be set up with representatives from the school, residents of John Street and representatives of PCC to try to reach a compromise.

The members of the public left the meeting at 7.27pm.
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2017 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

The following points were raised:

a) Cllr Mrs T Payne advised that she had been present and should be deleted from the Apologies.
b) Minute 961 3. The clerk was asked to speak to the police officer covering Neyland and to write again to Supt Ian John.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- I am delighted by the level of public support shown in Neyland and across the country shown to Mr. Sam Cataki who lives in our town. He was a soldier for 12 years and he deserves the grant of British citizenship.
- I am really pleased by the announcement by Welsh Government of their support for the Neyland CIC to the tune of 0.5 million pounds.
- 10 June Unveiling of statue of Henry VII at Pembroke
- 11 June Haverfordwest Civic Service at St. Mary’s Church. Four meetings of Neyland Carnival Committee 13 June, 20 June, 26 June and 3 July.
- 17 June Milford Haven Civic Service
- 25 June Celebratory service at St. Clement’s Church to mark the ordination of the Rev. Mark Walford as priest.
- 29 June Presentation at the PLC of Stepping Stones, in recognition of pupil’s achievements.
- 2 July Fishguard & Goodwick Civic Service at St. Mary’s Church, Fishguard.

REPORT OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The following report was submitted:

REPORT OF MEETING OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2017 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, HIGH STREET, NEYLAND AT 6.30PM.

PRESENT:

Cllr D Blyth
Cllr Mrs J Bevan
Cllr Mrs T Llewellyn
Cllr Mrs T Payne
Cllr B Phelan
Cllr P Wonnacott
APOLOGIES:  
Cllr S Hancock (Mayor)  
Cllr M Harry  
Cllr B Rothero

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr D Blyth be appointed as chair and Cllr Mrs J Bevan as Vice-chair,

Recommended:  That Cllr D Blyth be appointed as chair and Cllr Mrs J Bevan as Vice-chair.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

An application for funding had been received from the Neyland Carnival Committee towards the staging of a carnival at Neyland on 8th July 2017. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a grant of £800 be awarded and that a letter of thanks be sent to the Committee wishing them every success and thanking them for their considerable efforts in organising the carnival.

Recommended:  That a grant of £800 be awarded to the Neyland Carnival Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

END OF REPORT

The following points were raised:

a)  The matter of payment and installation of bunting was raised and it was agreed that the Town Development committee would pay for the bunting and the installation would be paid for from contingencies.

RESOLVED:  That the report be accepted.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following report was submitted:

REPORT OF MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2017 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HIGH STREET, NEYLAND AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT:  
Cllr P Hay  
Cllr D Blyth
Cllr Mrs T Payne  
Cllr B Phelan

APOLOGIES:  
Cllr B Rothero

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO DNS PROCEDURE RE: EGNEDOL, MILFORD HAVEN

Copy correspondence sent to Lesley Griffiths AM the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, had been received from the Environmental Network for Pembrokeshire (ENP) and Friends of the Earth Pembrokeshire (FEP) regarding their concerns about the DNS procedure with particular reference to the application by Egnedol for a Biomass Energy Plant at Blackbridge, Milford Haven.

Both the organisations mentioned above have expressed very serious concerns about the whole DNS process, the lack of information provided by Egnedol and the lack of opportunity for public participation in the consultation process. They have suggested that the DNS procedure be re-designed and that the consultation on the Planning Application, the Environment Statement and the Local Impact Report should be repeated in order to accommodate meaningful and adequate public engagement and consultation.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Mason from ENP to ask how best to express our concerns to the Welsh Govt in order to provide support for their requests.

Recommended: That the clerk to contact Mr Mason for advice on how to provide support for the requests to Welsh Govt.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

END OF REPORT

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

TWINNING VISIT 2018

Cllr W McGarvie gave an update on the planned visit to Sanguinet next year stating that he hoped this would be a council visit and all councillors would be invited to attend. The clerk was asked to write to all councillors about the visit and to obtain interest from Members. Cllr McGarvie will get dates from the Sanguinet Twinning Committee.

RESOLVED: That all councillors be invited to attend a Council visit to Sanguinet next year.
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017

The clerk explained that the three-year lease for Christmas lights had ended last December and new arrangements would have to be made for this Christmas. A quote for a new three-year lease had been obtained from Festive Lights but it was considered too expensive. The clerk was asked to obtain a cheaper quote from Festive Lights and to ask the cost of a one-year lease. New quotes from other companies would be considered in January if a reduced price could not be negotiated.

RESOLVED: That the clerk tries to obtain a cheaper quote from Festive Lights for a one-year lease or for different lights.

That new quotes be obtained in January 2018.

BLUE GATES AT PLAY PARK

The clerk advised that one of the blue gates to the toddler play area had been badly damaged, apparently by mechanical means due to the severity of the damage. Cllr McGarvie offered to take the gates away to prevent further damage and to get a quote for a repair. This was agreed. The Mayor advised Members that a member of the public, Mr Gareth Lawlor had carried out an impressive amount of work on the toddler playpark. He had repainted all the old pieces of equipment and was repairing the damaged safety surfacing. It was agreed that Mr Lawlor be thanked for his efforts in making the park look presentable again. The only area that required new equipment was the large concrete area as you enter the toddler area. It was agreed that quotes be obtained for a piece of equipment suitable for this area which was also suitable for use by disabled children.

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGarvie obtain a quote for the repair of the gates.

That Mr Gareth Lawlor be thanked for his work on the playpark and that he be presented with a certificate for serves to the community.

That quotes be obtained for some new equipment suitable for the disabled.

MAYOR’S CIVIC SERVICE 2017

The clerk advised that some assistance would be required from councillors to transport tables and chairs and a small marquee to the Church Hall for the reception following the civic service. It was suggested that a local tradesperson with a van be asked to assist and to be paid for their services. This was agreed.

RESOLVED: That a local person with suitable transport be asked to help and to be paid for their services.
975  **WWI BEACON**

Cllr McGarvie had made enquiries about having a brazier made but this had proved costly. It was agreed, therefore to purchase a gas beacon which could be located and lit on the grass bank at the bottom of St Clement’s Road overlooking the waterway.

**RESOLVED:** That a gas beacon be purchased for the remembrance ceremony in November 2018 and that the possibility of locating the beacon on the grass bank at the bottom of St Clement’s Road be investigated.

976  **PAYMENTS MADE TO NEYLAND AND LLANSTADWELL JOINT BURIAL BOARD**

Following a reduction in the budget for the precept payments to the above Burial Board, correspondence had been received stating that this Council does not have a legal right to reduce the payments made to the Burial Board. The clerk was asked to respond to the letter stating that this Council will determine how much is paid based on a detailed budget for income and expenditure provided on an annual basis by the Burial Board.

**RESOLVED:** That this Council will determine how much is paid to the Burial Board based on a financial report and budget prepared by the Burial Board and submitted to this council on an annual basis.

977  **COMMUNITY PLANTING SCHEME**

A public meeting needed to be held to discuss the way forward for the above scheme. It was agreed, however, that a date be set at the special meeting being held to discuss the Strategic Plan for Neyland, which included a community planting project.

**RESOLVED:** That a date be set for a public meeting to discuss a Community Planting scheme at the Strategic Plan meeting of 17th July 2017.

978  **REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR S HANCOCK**

Cty Cllr Hancock submitted the following report:

**Meetings**

- HDUHB ARAC and Public Board
- HDUHB Mental Health Legislation Assurance Committee
- Carer’s Week Drop In event at Neyland Library
- HDUHB Charitable Funds Committee
- Information Governance Sub Committee
- Meeting with the PCC Older Person’s Strategy Co-ordinator
- EGM of Pembrokeshire County Council
- HUUHB Public Board
- PCC Seminar on Officer and member arrangements
- Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- HDUHB Business Planning and Performance Assurance Committee
West Wales Care & Repair Board  
PCC Service Transformation seminar  
VC Gallery Trustee meeting  
Meeting with Kerry Macdermott, PCC Head of Housing and Revenues  
Meeting with Gareth Lawlor at Neyland Playpark  
Meeting with town clerk and Mr Adam Pollard regarding planting and Railway Terrace

Ward Issues

- Housing dominates case work with no fewer than seven accommodation cases, some involving complex issues. The turnover of social housing in Neyland is pitifully small both for the county council and the housing association. We really need to increase the supply since at the moment the demand is vastly in excess of available properties.
- I have one housing benefit case.
- There have been a considerable number of maintenance issues over the past month:
  
  Fence between PLC and College Park overgrown and choked with litter.

  Fly-tipping at the Recycling Point in the High Street car park.

  Significant paint on the pavement caused when the Lawrenny Castle Hotel was sold.

- Mr Adam Pollard of High Street has been most public spirited by planting the troughs in Railway Terrace. There was a prior arrangement whereby members of the Terraces Improvement Group would undertake this but due to infirmary they can no longer do so.
- One disabled adaptation facilities issue on behalf of a resident in Cambrian Road.
- Requested urgent cleaning of the High Street bus shelter on Policeman’s bank caused by unauthorized posting which leaves a stubborn residue. Panels are also being checked at this location.
- I have had reports of speeding down Riverside Avenue. I have spoken to traffic management and they will be undertaking an evaluation of traffic speeds and volumes.
- I have made a couple of referrals to the Pollution Control Unit of the county council who in turn have reported matters to Natural Resources Wales about the foam and algae which is appearing from time to time on the beach at Neyland. I have asked for an investigation and for findings to be disclosed.
- I understand that there have been unauthorized excavations in Neyland Woods by someone on the pretext of excavating for a memorial bench but, wanting to excavate the Victorian tip in the heart of the woods. I have spoken to both council and the police about the matter.
- A local resident has expressed concerns about the white lines being painted near the school in John Street. This may result in public attendance at our meeting.
We are extremely grateful to Mr. Gareth Lawlor for his work on the Playpark facilitating environmental improvements and undertaking painting of equipment. He is really public spirited and making a real difference. He is also coming forward with suggestions as to how to improve play facilities.

RESOLVED: That Cty Cllr Hancock be thanked for his report.

979 REPORT BY COUNTY CLLR PAUL MILLER
Cty Cllr Miller was not present and no report had been received.

980 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
Accounts totalling £8,920.48 were approved for payment.

981 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT
The Town Clerk did not have a written report but gave an update on recent events and happenings with the council. It was agreed that a special meeting be held for new councillors to receive up to date information on the Neyland CIC and this Council’s involvement with the Community Hub.

982 ANY OTHER INFORMATION
The following matters were raised by councillors:

a) There was still a large quantity of weeds growing in the fence around the old college.

b) Cllr McGarvie advised that all issues with the library had been resolved and there was a now display for the Twinning Committee and a section of the library devoted to twinning information.

c) It was agreed to ask Paul Miller to attend the special meeting on the CIC.

d) It was reported that taxi drivers had been seen urinating in the car park at the rear of High Street.

e) Parking problems remained in Queen Elizabeth Avenue and Riga Avenue where vehicles parked so close to the wall that children could not get past without walking into the road. The parking near the Coburg Inn was also illegal. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the police about points d) and e).

f) It was requested that the order of the agenda be discussed at the next meeting.

983 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.00pm.
The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed………………………………………………..Mayor………………………………………….Date

Signed……………………………………….Town Clerk