



Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council Cyngor Tref Abergwaun ac Wdig

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The **MINUTES** Town Council Meeting

held virtually, under COVID-19 Regulations (Wales)

at 6pm on Tuesday 9th June 2020

Mayor, Cllr. Jackie Stokes, was in the Chair

Cllr. Jackie Stokes – *J. Stokes*

Cath Bannister, Town Clerk – *C. Bannister*

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION: CLLR. RYAN

The public session offers members of the public, the opportunity to comment on items on this agenda or those previously requested and agreed.

The public will be limited to two minutes per comment or question.

The Mayor will update with regards to previous actions and ideas proposed by the public during this session.

This session will also allow County Councillors to update the Town Council and those members of the public present, on matters of interest and for the Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Officer to update the Town Council.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

There were no members of the public present.

The press reported from the County Echo was present.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

There were no County Councillors present.

55/20 APOLOGIES: CLLR. STOKES

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs. Thickitt and Davies

Those Cllrs. that were present were:
Cllrs. Ryan, Stokes, McCarney, Perkins, Price, Pepper, , Murphy, Shaw and
Mason

56/20 MEMBER INTERESTS: CLLR. STOKES

To formally record any personal or pecuniary interests that a Town Councillor may have in any of the agenda items listed:

57/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: CLLR. STOKES

To record the previous meeting minutes, held on 3.3.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3.3.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

To record the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27.5.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 27.5.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

58/20 CLERKS REPORT: TOWN CLERK

The Clerk had no report to make to Cllrs.
All correspondence and information had been previously shared.

59/20 REPORTS: CLLR. STOKES.

Due to the committees being newly formed, there were no reports at this time.

60/20 TOWN COUNCILLOR UPDATE SESSION: ALL

An opportunity for Town Councillors to update the Town Council with regards to what has happened, what is happening and if anything needs attention, in the community that they represent.

Cllr. Pepper – Aberjazz is still scheduled to be held in late August with the majority of performances being virtually passed to various locations.

Cllr. Stokes – Had received a complaint that the Town Council had not responded to a letter received stating the disadvantages and dangers of 5G.

Responses had been made by Cllrs. Stokes, Pepper and Ryan.

The Town Councillors stated that they had no objections to the roll out of 5G in Pembrokeshire.

Jeremy Martineau had contacted Cllr. Stokes and asked for Town Council support with regard to a Memorial Garden for the victims of COVID-19.

There was a general discussion with varying opinions. It was agreed that this matter will be investigated further and if necessary, be brought back to the next meeting as an Agenda item.

61/20 LOCATION OF THE CANNON AND BENCHES IN FISHGUARD: CLLR. STOKES

The location of the cannon has been supported by Welsh Government and South Wales Trunk Road Agent.

Cllr. Stokes and the Clerk have recently met with the Atkins representative with regards to the exact location of the cannon and the design of the benches. The Mayor will update you on the evening.

The matter was discussed in depth and it was agreed that the cannon is to be placed outside the Farmers Arms on the square, pointing down towards the sea.

It was resolved to purchase two recyclable benches to replace the tatty wooden ones that were sited outside the Town Hall.

62/20 LIBRARY PAYMENTS: CLLR. STOKES

The PCC have asked that the Town Council honour the payment for the entire year, 1.4.20 to 31.3.21, despite the lockdown period.

Please discuss.

It was resolved to accept the PCC had continued to pay the staff during the library closure and that the payment due for 2020/21 in March 2021, will be paid in full as agreed.

63/20 FOOD AID SERVICES IN THE AREA: CLLR. STOKES

Does the Town Council wish to take part in the 24 hour emergency food box scheme? Cllr. Stokes has previously circulated details of the scheme to Cllrs. and is looking for Town Council support for the project.

Please discuss

It was resolved to support two separate schemes, one in Goodwick and one in Fishguard.

64/20 CRUISE SHIPS UPDATE FOR 2020/21: CLLR. PERKINS

Cllr. Perkins will update the Town Councillors with regards to the Cruise Ships season for 2020 and 2021.

28 ships we were expected for 2020.

The main feature of the 2020 season was the size of some ships. For example the German Ship "Mein Schiff had a passenger complement of 2,400 passengers. 6 of the total ships had a possible total of 12,000 passengers.

With the advent of Corona Virus, all proposed cruises have been cancelled.

The main question is when might a cruise programme recommence. 2020 is definitely all cancelled, and for 2021 any proposed programme will depend entirely on the disease controls and the confidence of passengers.

It may take more than one year for programmes to return to previous levels.

For the moment we can only sit and wait.

65/20 VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: CLLR. STOKES

The Welsh Govt. is urging businesses, wherever it is possible to do so, to continue and re-open, providing safe distancing measures can be adhered to.

If the Town Council can get permission, would you be interested in holding meetings in the market hall of the Town Hall, where social distancing measures can be observed.

Please discuss.

It was resolved to continue with holding virtual meetings.

66/20 CANDIDATES FOR POST OF TOWN COUNCILLOR: CLLR. STOKES

There were three applications for the post of Town Councillor prior to lockdown.

There are two vacancies.

Can the Town Council decide which applicants to co-opt onto the Council.

Please discuss

It was resolved that Cllrs. Stokes, Murphy and Mason will hold an audible 4 way chat with the three applicants to chose their preferred candidates.

Cllr. Stokes to progress.

67/20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: CLLR STOKES

None received at the time of sending the Agenda out.

68/20 URGENT MATTERS: CLLR STOKES

Any matters that have come to the attention of the Town Council after the Agenda has been circulated, can be discussed here.

The Chair and the Town Clerk will need to be advised before the start of the meeting.

Please be aware that no resolution can be reached on non-agenda items, but, they can be discussed and deferred to the relevant committee for further discussion or taken to the next full town council meeting as an agenda item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 6:53pm.