



Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council Cyngor Tref Abergwaun ac Wdig

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The **MINUTES** of the Town Council Meeting which was held virtually,
under current COVID-19 Regulations (Wales) at 7pm on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**

The Mayor, Cllr. Jackie Stokes, was in the Chair

Cllr. Jackie Stokes – *J. Stokes*

Cath Bannister, Town Clerk – *C. Bannister*

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION: CLLR. STOKES

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 those present, with regards to previous actions and ideas proposed by the public during this session, should there be any.

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:

Comment from Jeremy Martineau that the number of organisations now collated by the Chamber of Trade and Tourism, has now reached 78.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

County Cllr. Davies.

Cllr. Davies wished everyone a Happy New Year.

She requested a follow up meeting with the Clerk and the Chairman reference empty properties – the Clerk will progress this.

She had a pre-Christmas walk about with Will Bramble, the newly recruited CEO for PCC round Fishguard. She is progressing further improvements for the man made pathway from the Coop to the Golden Mile.

PC HARRIES:

The Chairman welcomed Pc Harries to the meeting. This was his first meeting to update the Councillors and to take back issues to the police service. He will be attending every 2/3 months.

Policing in the area is responsive and on not busy occasions, there is pro-active patrolling.

There is now 1 x Pc and 3 x PCSO's working out of Fishguard with another PCSO due to join the team in late February.

Pc Harries asked for questions and comments. The Councillors asked about policing late at night. Due to a restructure, Fishguard is policed by Haverfordwest after 10pm but he will feed back the concerns Cllrs. mentioned about late night revellers.

Going forwards, Pc Harries will bring local crime data to the meetings, although he did state that crime/ASB is generally okay in the locality but the Police can also deal with matters that are brought to their attention.

The Chairman thanked Pc Harries for his update.

STANDING ORDERS WERE ADOPTED

1/22 APOLOGIES: CLLR. STOKES

To formally record apologies for absence and to record the attendance of those Town Councillors present:

Apologies: Cllrs. Sturman – work commitments.

Those Cllrs. present were: Cllrs. Perkins, Price, Gwyn, Stokes, Mason, McCarney, Murphy, Shaw, Owen, Porter and Ryan

Those Cllrs. who were absent without notice were: Cllr. Davies and Thickett

2/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CLLR. STOKES

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: CLLR. STOKES

To record the minutes of a previous meeting, held on 7.12.21, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 7.12.21, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4/22 CLERKS REPORT: TOWN CLERK

Follow up actions taken by the Clerk from the last meeting and information updates.

Christmas Lights Update and reporting faults.	Just the one call out over the Christmas period and the lights are due to be taken down on 7.1.21
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5/22 REPORTS: CLLR. STOKES.

The following committee minutes have previously been circulated to all Town Councillors. If there are any questions with regards to their content, can they be addressed here.

Planning Committee

Finance Committee

Governance Committee – meeting not called

Events Committee

HR Committee – meeting not called

There were no comments with regards to the circulated minutes.

6/22 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, within the communities that they represent.

Cllr Perkins:

Should we be pursuing youth interest for 16+ year old, now that the age of voting has been reduced to 16. The idea being to encourage interest in local politics. The Clerk advised Cllr. Perkins to advise her, after the meeting, how this could be done and she will endeavour to progress and perhaps include it as a future Agenda item. Cllr. Owen stated that there is a school programme that deals with this and has been in place for at least two years.

Cllr. Perkins to progress with the Clerk.

7/22 TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2022/23: CLLR. STOKES

The Clerk/RFO has scheduled a budget for the period 2022/23. The Chair of Finance has been through the budget with her and subsequently presented the outcomes to the Finance Committee. The Committee are happy with the proposed budget and subsequent precept request. The request must be presented to PCC by 12.1.22.
Please discuss.

The Clerk/RFO went through the budget proposals, line by line with the Council. There were no adverse comments and it was resolved to ask for a precept request of £127,070.00 which is an increase of 3% on last years request, which is justified by the current cost of living. The Clerk/RFO will progress and submit the request.

Cllr. Ryan thanked the Clerk/RFO for the hard work and attention to detail to get the Town Council buoyant again. He also acknowledged and thanked Cllr. Mason for his previous part in this as the previous Chair of the Finance committee. Cllr. Perkins thanked the Clerk for the ease of the presentation made to them. It was easy to understand and follow.

8/22 PLANNING APPLICATION 21/0877/PA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN GOODWICK: CLLR. STOKES

The application has been circulated. Please view all of the documents attached to the PCC portal to allow you to make an informed decision on the proposed development, which the planning committee supported at the pre-planning application stage. Please discuss.

There was a general discussion with regards to the positive outcomes that would be gained by a Specialist Residential Development for Older People's Accommodation in Goodwick. The proposal is for 52 new homes on current wasteland off Wern Road. There were no negative comments. It was resolved to support the planning application.

The Clerk will progress.

9/22 GRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY FORUM: CLLR. STOKES

The Community Forum is asking for a grant of £900 towards the costs of producing a booklet detailing all community groups which will be mailed out to all properties and given to new residents in the towns.

Please discuss.

There was a general discussion with regards to the application, in particular, an expense that could be avoided by making the information available online and via a sheet of paper that could be handed out from post offices, the library, Health Centre, schools and the leisure centre.

There was a proposal to support the application but there was no seconder for this so the proposal was withdrawn.

It was resolved not to support the application.

10/22 JET WASHING THE SQUARE: CLLR. STOKES

Cllr. Stokes will update you with the latest advice and information.

The Clerk has progressed this matter with SWTRA. Due to the bedrock of the slabs and sand packed between the slabs, jet washing could cause damage and make the slabs uneven, causing trip hazards. Although not advised not to progress, the Clerk will take the matter back to SWTRA and ask them to clarify their response. This item will now be removed from the Agenda

11/22 REPLACEMENT BANNER: CLLR. STOKES

Cllr. Stokes will update you on the latest information available on the replacement banner required for the square. Please discuss

Cllr. Stokes advised the Council that the banner will be replaced free of charge.

12/22 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND TOURISM: CLLR. STOKES

A representative is required to sit on the above group. Please discuss.

It was resolved that Cllr. Stokes will take on this role.

13/22 CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED: CLLR STOKES

All received correspondence is emailed out upon receipt, wherever possible.

1. None received at the time of sending the Agenda out.

14/22 DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS: CLLR. STOKES

It is proposed that all meetings are scheduled to start at 7pm, unless otherwise agreed:

1st February 2022

1st March 2022

5th April 2022

3rd May 2022 – date will be re-published due to local elections.

6th June 2022

4th July 2022

6th September 2022

4th October 2022

1st November 2022

6th December 2022

3rd January 2023

7th February 2023

7th March 2023

15/22 URGENT MATTERS: CLLR STOKES

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7:58pm