



Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council  
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Dear Council Member,

The **Minutes** of the Full Council meeting  
of the Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
The meeting was held in the Town Hall meeting room and was multilocational.

Cllr. Shaw was be in the Chair

Clerk: ...*Rachel Thomson*  
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## Minutes

### PUBLIC SESSION - CLLR. Shaw

Before Town Council business commences, the public session offers members of the public, the opportunity to **comment on items on this agenda, or to bring concerns to the Council**. Members of the public will be limited to three minutes for their comments or question. Members of the public can liaise with their local Town and County Councillors at any time, not just at meetings.

**Presentation:** Representative from Theatre Gwaun to update the Town Council on its current operational and funding situation.

Representatives from Theatre Gwaun gave a presentation summarising the history and current situation of Theatre Gwaun, including the financial struggles the charity is going through. Theatre Gwaun wish to improve communication with the Town Council and the public, and are looking for support from the Town Council going forward on funding ideas and engagement with the Community.

### Public present.

On the evening: NPTT representative apologised for the accidental publication of parts of a Town Council report in the NPTT Newsletter without consent, due to a miscommunication.

### County councillors present.

On the evening: Cllr Ryan had nothing to report from the County Council.

### STANDING ORDERS WERE ADOPTED at 7.26pm.

#### 1. Apologies.

To formally record apologies for absence and to record the attendance of Town Councillors.

Present: Cllrs Shaw, McCarney, Tyrrell, Hughes, Morgan, Ryan (online) and Murphy (online).

Apologies received: Cllr Churchill (family commitment), Cllr Allison (unwell), Cllr J Davidson (unwell), Cllr O Davidson (university commitment) and Cllr Gwynn (family emergency). It was resolved to accept these apologies.

Absent without apology: Cllr Elcock.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

An opportunity for Councillors to declare a personal or pecuniary interest in any of the items listed below: None were declared.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Tyrrell, unanimous.

**4. Clerks report.**

On the evening:

1) Following agreement at the last TC meeting, the Clerk confirmed that the Dyfed Police Superintendent has accepted an invitation and will attend the November meeting of the Town Council.

2) Christmas Lights: The Clerk confirmed that PCC have agreed to the installation of the required equipment for an additional seasonal decoration on the street light on West Street.

**5. Councillor Update**

On the evening

Cllr Morgan: Updated the Council on his recent visit to the local Sewage Works located in Goodwick. He reported a high degree of compliance by Dwr Cymru and was impressed by the methodology used. There are sometimes blockages in the storm water drains that Cllr Morgan intends to monitor. Cllr Morgan suggested obtaining bathing water status for Goodwick should be considered, though public engagement and support would be needed.

Cllr McCarney: Updated on the recent meeting of North Pembrokeshire Trade & Tourism

**6. Councillor Action List Update:**

Update on live Action List: This was reviewed and updated.

**7. Working Group Update:**

Twinning: Cllr Shaw updated that the Town Council are still awaiting an answer from Rosslare Municipal District Council to the proposal of a possible twinning between the two towns.

TC&RWG: Cllr Morgan provided the Councillors with a report on recent activities, including feedback from the 'Drop In' sessions run by the Council in August and recent communications with consultants from PCC led Regeneration initiatives.

**8. Budget update and review - Clerk**

The most recent Receipts & Payments report has been circulated, are there any questions or comments: There were no comments of concern noted.

**9. An opportunity to ask questions regarding the committee meetings held last month**

Finance 16.09.2024: Not Quorate so could not proceed.

Planning 09.09.2024

Governance 17.09.2024

Events 17.09.2024

There were no comments to note.

**10. Public Toilet Agreement:**

The agreement for funding the public toilets in Fishguard has expired. Resolve in principle to continue with this agreement (subject to final costs to be confirmed).

The Clerk updated the Council with additional information provided by PCC but advised that final costings had still not been received. It was resolved to continue in principle with the Public Toilet Agreement, subject to a final decision being taken once the costs had been received from PCC. Proposed Cllr McCarney, seconded Cllr Morgan, unanimous.

**11. Jemima Nicholas Statue Proposal:**

Discuss the proposal for the installation of the proposed Jemima Nicholas Sculpture near to the cannon on Fishguard Square (agreed by SWTRA) and resolve for the Town Council to send a letter of support of this initiative.

There was an overall disapproval of the design and nature of the proposed Sculpture and it was felt that the suggested cut out faces to enable selfies to be taken was inappropriate. The idea of a statue on Fishguard Square to commemorate Jemima Nicholas was supported by the Council but they would like something more traditional, tasteful and respectful to the memory of the Last Invasion. It was therefore resolved that the Town Council were unable to provide the requested letter of support, Clerk to respond to request.

**12. Youth Representatives: Cllr Hughes**

Resolve to support the recruitment of Youth Representatives to the Town Council and agree an action plan going forward.

It was resolved to proceed with the plan of recruiting 2 Youth Representatives to the Town Council and for the Clerk and Cllr Hughes to action. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr McCarney, unanimous.

**13. Co-Op Car Park Issues: Cllr Murphy**

Resolve if the Town Council should write to the Co-Op to request reversion to 2 hours parking instead of the new 90 minute limit and also to permit overnight parking. After discussion, it was resolved the Town Council write to the Co-Op to request reversion of permitted parking from the current 90 minutes to the former arrangement of 2 hours free parking. Proposed Cllr McCarney seconded Cllr Hughes, majority in favour. The request to permit overnight parking was not supported by the Town Council.

**14. Badger Survey:**

Resolve if the recent Badger Survey (supplied without request or cost to the Town Council) should be published on the Town Council website.

After discussion it was agreed not to publish the report on the Town Council but to keep for future reference if required.

**15. Parrog dog signs:**

Following the installation of new signage by PCC, resolve if there is still a need for additional signage previously agreed by the Town Council.

It was resolved not to proceed with new signage in light of the new signs installed by PCC. Proposed Cllr McCarney, seconded Cllr Hughes, unanimous.

**16. Town Council Telephone Box:**

Following a complaint received at the recent TC Drop-In Sessions, resolve a course of action for the Town Council Telephone Box located at Pendre.

It was resolved to firstly clear out the overgrown telephone box (Cllr Hughes volunteered to action) and to then ask the Community for suggestions for usage or volunteers to take on. Proposed Cllr McCarney, seconded Cllr Morgan, unanimous.

**17. Newsletter:**

Following review and recommendation by the Events Committee, resolve to approve the October Newsletter prepared by Cllr McCarney and the Clerk, and agree how many copies should be printed and circulated.

It was resolved to approve the October Newsletter, and it was agreed that the printing run be reduced to 300 following translation into Welsh. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Hughes, unanimous.

**18. Town Centre & Regeneration Working Group (TC&RWG): Terms of Reference.**

Resolve to delegate decision making powers (non-financial) to the TC&RWG in relation to planning, organising and promoting public events directly relating to Regeneration and to adopt the amended Terms of Reference prepared by the Clerk. It was resolved to delegate decision making powers as outlined and to adopt the amended Terms of reference. Proposed Cllr McCarney, seconded Cllr Tyrrell, unanimous.

**19. Town Centre & Regeneration Working Group (TC&RWG):**

Resolve that the TC&RWG take decisions to work with appropriate outside bodies and take the lead where appropriate on projects directly relating to the Regeneration of Fishguard and Goodwick, providing regular updates to the Full Town Council. It was resolved that the TC&RWG take decisions on working with outside groups as outlined. Proposed Cllr McCarney, seconded Cllr Murphy, unanimous.

**20. West Wales Cohesion Project – ‘INCLUDE say No to Hate’:**

CETMA, the organisation running this project with Welsh Government funding have approached the Town Council seeking collaboration and support to run this project in Fishguard. Discuss and resolve if the Town Council should partake and engage with CETMA on this project.

It was resolved that the Town Council should engage with CETMA on this project, but to make it clear that any project should tackle all forms of hate and it should not be aimed at specific minority groups. Proposed Cllr Tyrrell, seconded Cllr Ryan, majority in favour.

**21. Town Hall: Proposed Community Asset Transfer from PCC to the Town Council**

Should the Town Council give an Expression of Interest to the proposal of a Community Asset Transfer of Fishguard Town Hall from Pembrokeshire County Council to Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council? Discuss and resolve a decision. It was resolved that the Town Council give an Expression of Interest for the proposal of a Community Asset Transfer of Fishguard Town Hall from Pembrokeshire County Council to Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Time meeting closed:** 8.36pm

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Position:** .....

**Ref:** Tc/24-10