Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 5th October, 2015 at 6:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA)

 Councillors: E. R. Harries (Chairman) Mrs. J. Hawkins

 M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

 Mrs. C. T. Williams

140. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor S. G. Joseph, who was unwell, and Councillors J. W. Cole, A. W. Eden and Mrs. C. Stevens.

141. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

 the Public Works and Planning Committee held

 on 7th September, 2015, be approved as a correct

 record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

142. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 Mayor’s Engagements:

Members were advised of the following engagements undertaken by the Deputy Mayor since the 28th September, 2015:-

30th September - Opening of Portfield Fair, Haverfordwest

4th October - Civic Service of Mayor of Tenby

143. CEMETERY:

 (a) Report:

 RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

 presented by the Clerk for the month of

 September, 2015 be accepted.

144. PLANS:

 RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of

 the Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

 Committee (which have been made in consultation

 with Members of the Public Works and Planning

Committee) in respect of the planning applications detailed on Page 1 of the attached report

 (see Appendix B) be approved.

145. PUBLIC INQUIRY REGARDING REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 13/0876/PA:

Members discussed a letter from the Development Management Section, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which the writer advised that a Public Inquiry was being held regarding the refusal of planning application no. 13/0876/PA.

This planning application concerned the installation of 5 wind turbines (59 m to hub height, 100 m to blade tip height) together with ancillary development of substation, control building, accesses and tracks, hard standing and associated works on the land South of Valero, east of Rhoscrowther, Refinery Road, Hundleton, Pembroke.

The Public Inquiry will start at 10:00 am on 10th November, 2015 at The Cleddau Bridge Hotel. It is anticipated that the Inquiry is scheduled to last 6 days over 2 sittings at the 10th – 13th November and 1st – 2nd December. If anyone wishes to speak at the Inquiry they must be present when the Inquiry opens and it is at the Inspector’s discretion as to whether they can speak.

RESOLVED THAT the letter be received.

146. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION REGARDING DRAFT PLANNING POLICY WALES, CHAPTER 10 RETAIL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT, AND DRAFT TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE 4: RETAIL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT:

Members gave consideration to a Consultation on the Welsh Government’s proposed revision of national planning policy in relation to retailing and retail centres.

The Welsh Government’s objectives for retail centres are to:

\* Promote retail centres, identified in a local hierarchy, as the most sustainable locations to live, shop, socialise and conduct business;

\* Sustain and enhance retail centres vibrancy, viability and attractiveness; and to

\* Improve access to, and within, retail centres by all modes of transport, especially walking, cycling and public transport.

 RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the documentation be received;

(ii) Members are to complete the Consultation response

form on an individual basis if they wish to do so.

147. DISCUSSION ON LICENSING ACT 2003 RELATING TO THE MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL BECOMING A STATUTORY CONSULTEE:

 The Chairman reminded Members that this has been referred from the previous meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

At that meeting, the Senior Licensing Officer and Licensing Inspector from the Pembrokeshire County Council had addressed the Committee, stating that it was no longer possible for the Licensing Team to consult with the Milford Haven Town Council in relation to licence applications for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates located in the town.

The Pembrokeshire County Council was complying with the legislation as per the Licensing Act 2003 and only forwarding information to statutory consultees. Town and Community Councils have never been statutory consultees as defined by the Licensing Act 2003.

Members agreed that it was important that Town and Community Councils should become statutory consultees.

RESOLVED THAT this Clerk investigates as to how

Town and Community Councils become statutory

consultees under the Licensing Act 2003.

148. CORRESPONDENCE FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT EXPLAINING HIS CONCERNS REGARDING RADIATION FROM MASTS AT MANCHESTER SQUARE CAR PARK:

Members discussed correspondence from a local resident in which he expressed his concerns regarding radiation from masts at Manchester Square Car Park.

 RESOLVED THAT Full Council is to be asked whether

 the resident can address the Public Works and

 Planning Committee on this issue.

149. BUS AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES IN WALES:

The Enterprise and Business Committee of the National Assembly for Wales is carrying out an inquiry into Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales.

The writer advised that the provision of bus services and the number of passengers using them has declined in Wales. This decline in passenger numbers is greater in Wales than any other part of Britain.

The UK Government has set out proposals to devolve powers over bus registration in February, 2015. The bus industry outside London was deregulated in the 1980s and the Welsh Government has said that powers to reintroduce regulation of the bus market in Wales are required.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the documentation be received;

 (ii) Members are to complete the Consultation form on

 an individual basis if they wish to do so.

150. PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY SCHEME – TRAFFIC CALMING/RAISED CROSSING TABLES, HUBBERSTON:

Members discussed a letter and plan from the Senior Traffic Engineer, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which he advised that the Pembrokeshire County Council will shortly be advertising a number of road safety schemes which are being proposed at various locations throughout the County, one of which is the introduction of raised crossing tables at the junctions of Church Road, Gelliswick Road and the private access road at Hubberston. The features form part of a new shared use plan being constructed on the south side of the Milford to Dale Road and will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing these junctions.

RESOLVED THAT the Senior Traffic Engineer,

Pembrokeshire County Council, be advised of

the following:-

(i) Church Road Junction - The 5 m long raised platform

 across existing junction should not be sited at this

 location, but resited further on Gelliswick Road,

 between the junction of Church Road and Croft Avenue,

 which it is felt will be safer for residents.

(ii) Gelliswick Road Junction - The 6 m long raised platform

 should not be sited at this location.

(iii) Private Road Junction - It was questioned why this junction

 has been allowed on a private road.

(iv) There is currently no complete footpath connecting the

 private road and Gelliswick Road.

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