

**DRAFT**

At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock  
Town Council held at the Pater  
Hall, Pembroke Dock on Thursday  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor P. Weatherall, Mayor  
Councillors D. Esmond, Mrs. C. Fortune,  
Mrs. P. George, P. Gwyther,  
K. Higgs, S. Perkins, W.S.Rees,  
Mrs. V. Roach, R. Watts

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ian Jones, Town Clerk

**137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Jones, T. McMahon and Councillor Mrs P Folland.

**138. PRESENTATION GIVEN BY MR. PETE GAZZARD, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OFFICER, DYFED POWYS POLICE**

Mr. Gazzard explained that he was employed part time as the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator by the Pembrokeshire County Council Community Safety Partnership. One part time post, which he held, was based in Pembroke Dock and the other post was based in Haverfordwest. He stated that at present there were only two Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) within the county of Pembrokeshire. Although this may seem to be a low number we needed to remember that ASBOs were the last resort and that other measures such as Behavioural Contracts were tried first. He reminded members that ASBOs were first introduced in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act of that year. He gave members details of examples of anti social behaviour such as harassment, vandalism, playing music too loudly etc. He also explained the differences between Criminal and Civil Orders.

Members were invited to ask questions about his work and at the conclusion of his talk leaflets about the work of the Community Safety Partnership and Anti Social Behaviour Report Forms were provided for information. The Mayor thanked Mr. Gazzard for his informative presentation.

**139. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No member of the public had any questions to pose to members.

**140. MINUTES**

PROPOSED by Councillor D T Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor R G Watts

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be adopted as circulated subject to the following amendments:-

**Min 183 page 151 should read at line 13 “ ...**

*Barrack Hill which was not leased ... ”.*

**141. MINUTES**

PROPOSED by Councillor V M J Roach  
SECONDED by Councillor D T Esmond

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**142. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**(i) 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007.**

**(a) Minute 125 – Renovation of the Chieftain Tank.**

The Town Clerk stated that the Western Telegraph had carried a report on the discussions which had taken place at the last meeting and the Mayor's observations on the issue had been given some prominence. The articles asked for comments from those living within Pembroke Dock, however, this week's newspaper had only contained one letter about the issue from a member of the public and that had mainly concentrated on the site for the tank rather than its current state.

**(ii) 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**(a) Minute 133 – Precept for 2008/9**

Councillor S Perkins stated that following a meeting of the Summer Festival Committee the previous Friday with the West Wales Maritime Trust about their ideas for Seafair Haven, it had been decided that the Summer Festival Committee would make an application for grant aid from the Milford Haven Port Authority.

**(b) Minute 136 – Martello Quay Development.**

The Mayor commented that the proposal for the Casino / Cinema within the Quays project was merely illustrative of what could be provided but there could be other options which maybe introduced subject of course to Planning Permission. Councillor S Perkins reiterated that the initial planning permission was outline only and the detail would need to be looked at in due course.

At this stage the Mayor welcomed the new reporter from the Western Telegraph, Ms Kirsty Jones, to her first meeting.

**143. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**137. Local Development Sites**

Members were reminded of the documentation which was distributed at the November meeting about the above topic. The Town Clerk asked if Members had identified any Candidate Sites as far as Pembroke Dock Town Council Area was concerned.

No sites had been identified by members.

**138. Local Housing Strategy 2007 -2012.**

The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix A a copy of the County Council draft document for consideration.

He asked Members to peruse the document so that a response could be formulated by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

He reminded members that the strategy did not address the problems of casual gypsy visitors to the area which had previously been raised as an issue by this Council. Councillor W S Rees stated that within Wales there was a shortage of some 3500 pitches and some existing sites may not be up to specification. Councillor V M J Roach expressed the view that we should be pressing for improvements to the Waterloo Site. Councillor S Perkins stated that Waterloo was not a suitable site and that the existing residents were gradually being moved to other locations. Currently there was a bid from the County Council with the Welsh Assembly Government for funding for the relocation etc. It was understood that there was only one single family now left at Waterloo.

Discussion on the other aspects of the Strategy followed and members decided that the following improvements should be suggested in addition to the comments about gypsy sites:-

1. Good Community play areas and other facilities were required.

2. Given that there were some 4000 people on the housing waiting list there was a vote as to whether the Right to Buy (RTB)/ Right to Acquire (RTA) should be retained in respect of Council owned houses. By 5 votes to 3 with 2 abstentions the right to purchase was supported.

3. There was a discussion on the question of Houses in Multiple Occupation (page 41). It was agreed that this area would need to be monitored.

The Town Clerk was asked to respond to the Strategy pointing out these comments.

#### **139. Dyfed Powys Police Authority Community Consultation Forums.**

The Town Clerk had received a letter from the Police Authority to inform him that the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall, Fishguard on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at 1900hrs (7.00pm).

The Council's representative on the body, Councillor Mrs V M J Roach stated that she had attended the meeting held in Carmarthen as she was unable to go to the one arranged for Pembrokeshire. The main subject for discussion was the budget for the 2008/9 year. The Authority had put forward the view that there was now a competition for resources from other agencies such as Prisons, Probation and immigration. She explained that in 1998/99 Central Government had funded some 80% of the money required for the service but by 2008/9 this had fallen to 60%. It had been stressed at that meeting that "local services were being shifted to local taxpayers". The Authority's budget would be approved at its February meeting.

Councillor Mrs Roach was thanked for her report.

*1930hrs Councillor W S Rees left the chamber*

#### **140. Tourist Direction Signs.**

The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix B of his report a copy of a letter he had received from Mr John Price concerning the proposal to place a Tourist Directional Sign to the Pembrokeshire Activity Centre. He had requested the Town Council's observations.

Members were of the opinion that the proposed signs should be approved.

#### **141. Planning Training Seminar For Community And Town Councillors.**

The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix C a copy of a letter he had received from One Voice Wales regarding a training event to be held at Aberystwyth / Carmarthen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February / Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

He asked that any member wishing to attend should let him know.

**142. Complaints Handling Seminar.**

The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix D a letter he had received from One Voice Wales concerning a seminar to be run in conjunction with the Public Services Ombudsman. The event was to be held at Aberystwyth on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

It was agreed that any member wishing to attend should make contact with the Town Clerk.

**143. Applications for Financial Assistance.**

The following applications for financial assistance under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 had been received:-

**(a) British Red Cross (South West Wales).**

The application stated that the organisation helped vulnerable people in crisis and asked for grant aid to support their work in the Community. No details of their work within Pembroke Dock had been provided. The Accounts for the Organisation had been provided and were in order.

The Mayor, Councillor P Weatherall declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the discussion or voting.

PROPOSED by Councillor P Gwyther  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach

**RESOLVED** – That no grant be awarded.

The Town Clerk was asked to bring to the applicant's attention that a more local application specifically highlighting the work the Red Cross carried out for the benefit of the community in Pembroke Dock may result in a more favourable decision.

**(b) Pembroke Dock Pensioners Friendship Club.**

The application requested assistance with the activities of this group which incorporate monthly coach trips, bingo, talks, home safety events etc. The group have 52 members from the Pembroke Dock area and meet weekly. The amount of grant aid sought was in the sum of £100. They previously were awarded a similar sum in October 2006 towards the cost of coach hire. The accounts provided were for the year ended 31 January 2007 and were in order. It showed that in that year they made a deficit of £44 and their balance in reserves was £1437.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune

**RESOLVED** – That a grant of £100 be paid.

**(c) Samaritans (Haverfordwest).**

This organisation provides emotional support to those who are in distress or feeling suicidal within the Pembrokeshire area. They dealt with about 1000 callers per month. It was difficult for the organisation to state how many of those calls came from the Pembroke Dock Town Council area as all calls were confidential. They stated that by receiving more grant aid from local authorities etc they would be able to provide more of a local response to the calls which had to be diverted to another area when volunteer staff were not available. The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 were in order and showed that the sum of £128,978 was held in reserve by the organisation. In January 2007 the organisation received a donation of £50 towards their work from this Council.

PROPOSED by Councillor P G Gwyther  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach

**RESOLVED** – Having taken into account details of reserves shown in the charity's latest accounts that no grant be awarded on this occasion

**(d) Urdd Gobaith Cymru.**

This organisation provides cultural and arts activities for children and young people. Each year an Urdd Eisteddfod is held which attracts over 15,000 young people to compete in various events. Over 100,000 visitors attend such gatherings. The organisation has branches in schools within the Pembroke Dock area and was looking for financial assistance towards their activities including the costs associated with the Eisteddfod itself. The Eisteddfod in 2007 cost some £1.9m to organise. Details of Pembroke Dock based activities or names of schools / individuals from Pembroke Dock taking part in the 2007 event were not provided.

PROPOSED by Councillor P Gwyther  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach

**RESOLVED** – That no grant aid be awarded on this occasion.

The Town Clerk when notifying the Charity of this decision was asked to indicate that if a local group associated with one of the schools in the Town Council area were to make an application specifically for an event they were organising or to assist with say travel to a larger event then a more favourable decision may be appropriate.

**(e) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales.**

This organisation provides ongoing specialist therapy to some 300 children who have cerebral palsy. They are based in Cardiff but treat children from all parts of Wales. There were 3 children from Pembroke Dock area benefiting from its work and a further 12 children from Pembrokeshire. Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 had been produced and were in order. In 2006/7 year the organisation made a financial loss of some £45,434 and they had unrestricted reserves totalling £303,733.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor P G Gwyther

**RESOLVED** – having taken into account the charity's latest accounts that no grant aid would be awarded on this occasion.

**(f) Macmillan Cancer Support.**

This application requested financial assistance to help them provide services to those suffering from cancer. In the last financial year some 20 people from Pembrokeshire received grant aid from this organisation totalling some £6595 to help them with their incapacity. They also provided specialist health service professionals (doctors, nurses, dieticians, physiotherapists etc) to assist with care of a person affected by cancer. The National (UK) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006 were in order.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune

**RESOLVED** – Having taken into account the Charity's latest Accounts and the fact that specific information about the services provided in Pembroke Dock were not provided, no grant should be awarded.

The Town Clerk was asked to draw the charity's attention to the fact that a more local application say from a Pembroke Dock group may be more favourably received provided specific information about its work in Pembroke Dock was highlighted.

**(g) Pembrokeshire Young Farmers Club.**

The application sought to secure grant aid to help the organisation fulfil its aim of providing young people aged 10 to 26 to partake in learning new skills and encouraging them to develop responsibility for the area where they live. The Town Clerk was informed that the South Pembs YFC which covers Pembroke Dock had some 50 members but the organiser had not stated how many live within the Pembroke Dock Town Council area. The accounts of the organisation were in order and showed that for the year ended 30 September 2007 they had assets of £64,737.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor P G Gwyther

**RESOLVED** – That no grant aid be awarded.

The Town Clerk was asked when writing to the group to bring to their attention that the answers to questions 7, 9 and 10 needed to be more Pembroke Dock specific rather than being county based.

**(h) Pater Pantomime Society.**

The aims of this organisation are to provide young people from the town the opportunity of taking part in a stage performance involving acting and musical skills. The pantomime is performed for a week once a year and it attracts some 1000 people to its performances. They were seeking grant aid to help them purchase up to date sound and improved lighting equipment together with scenery / costume hire totalling some £1500. The accounts for group were in order and showed that in the year ended 31 March 2007 it had assets of £1103.79. The organisation received a grant from the Town Council of £50 in 2006.

Councillor Mrs P E George declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the discussion or voting on this issue.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune

**RESOLVED** – That a grant of £100 be paid.

**144. Applications For Financial Assistance In 2008/9 Year.**

The Town Clerk had attached at Appendix E a draft of the application form to be used for 2008/9 year together with the proposed criteria. He had updated the form to show the post code for the Pembroke Dock Town Council area and to advise applicants that the information they provided would be open to public inspection and that council staff would assist them in completing the form if necessary.

In the light of the fact that applicants were not providing key information about their activities within Pembroke Dock, it was agreed that a new sentence be inserted which would indicate that the local branch of national or county based organisations should make the application if possible since full details of their Pembroke Dock activities (Q 7 on the application form) needed to be provided. Priority would continue to be given to locally based groups.

PROPOSED by Councillor P G Gwyther  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs V M J Roach

**RESOLVED** – That the revised form be agreed for the 2008/9 financial year.

**145. Application For New Premises Licence.**

The Town Clerk had received a copy of an application made by Lidl Stores of Pier Road, Pembroke Dock for a new premises licence to commence from 1 March 2008. The application was for the sale of alcohol during the following hours of opening:-

Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 0700 to 2100hrs  
Sunday 0900 to 1800hrs.

The premises supervisor was shown as Vanessa Ircha of Pembroke who already was in possession of a personal licence.

The application in response to a question about the four licensing objectives stated:-

“All staff are trained and are aware of the Licensing Legislation, especially in relation to prevention of under age sales. .... Training is repeated at least bi-annually. Any person found to be in breach of the company alcohol policy is subject to disciplinary proceedings. ....If anyone attempting to purchase alcohol appears to be under 18 the duty manager is called. The manager will only accept photographic ID as proof of age (passport, photo driving licence or PASS card). If no ID is produced no sale takes place.

Councillor D T Esmond declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs P E George

**RESOLVED** – That the following observation be made:-

The hours sought for a Sunday appeared to be outside the Sunday trading provisions. It may be preferable that the hours requested should agree with the Sunday Trading Hours.

#### **146. Planning Sub Committee.**

Following the death of Councillor Ted Hissey there was a vacancy for another member of this Sub Committee. Currently members were Councillor Ron Watts (Central Ward), Councillor Kevin Higgs (Llanion Ward) – *Councillor Mrs Pam George normally covered if Councillor Higgs was unavailable* and Councillor Mrs Veronica Roach (Market Ward). The person appointed would cover until the next Town Council elections in May of this year.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting when Councillor T McMahon would be present to see if he was agreeable to being a member of the Sub Committee.

#### **147. Planning Applications**

**07/0890/PA** Demolition of garage to extend restaurant area/toilets and kitchen/cellar to pub. Erection of 2 apartments to rear – Shipwright, 1 Front Street, Pembroke Dock - **This application had been withdrawn.**

**07/0932/PA** Erection of 4 dwellings and access road - Land adjacent to Lavinia Drive and Sycamore Woods, Bufferland, Pembroke Dock – **This application had been withdrawn.**

**07/1080/PA** Extension to dwelling – 14 Llanion Cottages, Pembroke Dock – **This application had been withdrawn.**

Councillor S Perkins who is a member of the Planning Sub Committee of the County Council declared an interest and took no part in the discussions and decisions made in the following planning applications:-

**07/1155/PA** Andrew Price-Richards Plot T, St. Patricks Hill  
Endless Summer Pembroke Dock -  
St. Patricks Hill **Erection of one dwelling**  
Pembroke Dock

PROPOSED by Councillor D T Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council would support the application provided suitable access to the property is from Victoria Road as agreed in the Planning Application for a plot east of the Master Gunners Quarters (Application 07/1008/PA)

**07/1165/PA** Mr and Mrs D Greig 5 Military Road  
5 Military Road Pennar  
Pennar Pembroke Dock -  
Pembroke Dock **Erection of single storey extension**

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor R G Watts

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council support the application

**07/1170/PA** F. Keegan Esq Former Llanion Glass Site  
Gerard Developments Ltd King Street  
34 Gerard Road Pembroke Dock -  
Harrow HA1 2NE **Erection of 4 apartments and 1 Town House**

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor P G Gwyther

**RESOLVED –**

The Town Council noted the proposed height of the development. After considering the fact that the premises to the rear of the property in Queens Street were commercial in nature any overlooking was considered not to be a major problem, accordingly they would support the application.

**07/1193/PA** Mr W H Harries Land adjacent Llanion Industrial Estate  
(c/o Acanthus Holden Llanion, Pembroke -  
Architects, Pembroke) **Erection of 2 commercial units**

PROPOSED by Councillor R G Watts  
SECONDED by Councillor D T Esmond

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council noted their earlier observations on a former application for this site together with the County Council reasons for turning down planning permission. The Town Council believe that the new proposals, although only outline, should be supported as they have addressed the earlier concerns.

**07/1196/PA** Mr and Mrs Gibbons Plot 26,  
Stepping Stone Cottage The Point  
2 Clos y Fulfan, Pembroke Dock -  
Barry CF62 5DG **Erection of one dwelling**

PROPOSED by Councillor P G Gwyther  
SECONDED by Councillor K C Higgs

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council support this application.

**148. Planning Decisions**

**07/0626/PA** Erection of 6 dwellings – Land off Britannia Drive, Pembroke Dock -  
**Approved**

**07/0904/PA** Variation of Condition 2 of 05/0765/PA to amend design to include velux and balcony in roof – Plot 1, Rear of Southampton Row, Pembroke Dock -  
**Refused**

**07/0975/PA** Erection of one dwelling – Land off Gilgal Terrace, Pennar, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**

**07/0991/PA** Change of use from shop to 3 residential units – 6 Bush Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6AX – **Approved**

**07/1008/PA** Erection of one dwelling – Plot east of Master Gunners Quarters, Victoria Road, Pembroke Dock – **Approved**

- 07/1012/AD** Erection of a sign – Brantano, Unit 2, Pembrokeshire Retail Park, London Road, Pembroke Dock – **Consent given**
- 07/1077/PA** Kitchen extension to front of dwelling – 15 Essex Road, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**
- 07/1084/AD** Erection of sign – Front Street, Pembroke Dock – **Consent given**
- 07/1090/PA** Change of use of one ground floor shop to flat and alterations and improvements to exterior – 47 Bush Street, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**
- 07/1115/AD** Erection of flag – Syncro Motor Factors, 21a Water Street, Pembroke Dock – **Consent given**

#### **144. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.**

##### **149. Civic Function 2008.**

The Town Clerk advised members that the AGM had been fixed for 8 May 2008 i.e. one week after the local council elections. He understood from Pembroke Town Council that their AGM was to be Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May with their Civic Service the following day. In order to make the necessary arrangements he suggested that the Civic Dinner be not held on 9<sup>th</sup> May but to a later date such as 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This would then enable those who are elected into office following their respective AGMs to have a better chance of attending the Town Council Dinner.

Members agreed that the date be changed to 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

##### **150. Invitation from “Voices of Pembroke” Choir.**

The Town Clerk read a letter he had received from the choir who were holding a Quiz night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at Pembroke Dock Cricket Club. We had been invited to send a team.

It was agreed that the following would represent the Town Council:-  
Councillor Mrs P E George, Councillor Mrs C Fortune, Councillor Mrs V M J Roach (or the Town Clerk) and Councillor R G Watts.

##### **151. Letter from Pembroke Dock Civic Society.**

The Town Clerk stated that he had received a letter from the Society in which they asked that the bandstand currently part of the Western Way Car park area be moved to the Memorial Park along with the Play Equipment, with the developers paying for the cost of its removal and resiting.

The Town Clerk stated that this had already been included as part of the Town Council's observations on the original planning permission. He was awaiting the formal decision on the planning application before writing to the County Council to request details of the section 106 agreement and whether our request for these costs to be met had been included in the legal agreement.

It was agreed to advise the Civic Society accordingly.

## **145. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

### **21. Payment of Accounts**

The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:

134	J.S. Pickering Electrical - Installation of Christmas Lighting	£1,810.00
135	AVG Technologies Ltd. - Renewal of Internet Security	£60.49
136	Talk Talk - Telephone Calls	£17.47
137	Society of Local Council Clerks - Manual	£18.00
138	SWALEC - Electricity - Albion Square Lamp	£21.51
139	LBS - Protective Clothing	£30.47
140	I. Jones - Postage	£60.00
141	1st Pembroke Haven Scout Group - Hire of Tent (Ice Rink)	£70.00
142	British Telecom - Line Rental	£86.24
143	Jewson - Hire of Generator	£94.47
144	Petty Cash	£100.00
145	Lower Moor Nursery - Christmas Trees	£105.00
146	Cape Hire & Sales - Fencing Around Tank	£108.77
147	Tenby Observer - Advertising (Christmas)	£121.73
148	PD Festival Group - 50% of Reception after Lantern Procession	£140.00
149	Hewlett Packard Ltd. - Ink Cartridges	£245.48
150	Newey & Eyre - Materials for Christmas Lighting	£287.86
151	The Consortium - Furniture and Stationery	£366.08
152	Graham's Hoist Service - Erection and Removal of Christmas Lighting	£3,520.00
153	J S Pickering Electrical – Removal of Christmas Lights	£400.00
154	Society of Local Council Clerks – Conference Fee	£223.25
155	British Telecom – Fax Line	£55.15
156	Pembrokeshire County Council – Hire of Western Way Car Park For Christmas Event	£250.00

The Town Clerk asked Members to note that Account Nos. 134 and 135 were paid out of meeting.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs P E George  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs C Fortune

**RESOLVED –**  
That the Town Council approve  
Account Nos. 134-156 for payment.

## **22. Salaries and Wages**

The gross sum of £5,250.43 was paid in respect of Salaries, Wages, Tax and N.I. for the month of December 2007.

### **146. REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **(a) Memorial Park Sub Committee.**

Councillor S Perkins advised members that a Constitution for the Friends of the Memorial Park had been prepared and approved by the Committee and this had now been forwarded to the County Council for their consideration. The group would need to work closely with both the County Council and the Town Council if progress were to be made on the improvements desired.

#### **(b) Pembroke Dock Summer Festival.**

Councillor S Perkins gave more details about the Summer Festival Group's meeting at the Watersports Centre last week with the West Wales Maritime Trust. It had been agreed that there would be some sort of event on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the festival week which would have a Seafair connection. One of the ideas was to have a civic function with the Town Council as hosts in the Maritime Trusts property in Front Street where boat owners taking part in the event would be welcomed, however, there would be a need to provide toilet accommodation there. On the Friday there would be an event at the Pembroke Haven Yacht Club at Hobbs Point and on the Saturday a Pig Roast and other activities at Hobbs Point itself (e.g. dancing etc). If it was not possible to use Hobbs Point then there was the possibility of using the Watersports Centre. Councillor P G Gwyther stated there was a need to get as many people from the town involved in this event.

**(c) Councillor T McMahon.**

The Town Clerk stated that Councillor McMahon had now returned home following his operation. Councillor McMahon hoped to attend the next meeting of Council which would be held in the Warrior Room. It was agreed that a Get Well card be sent from the Council to express our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**147. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) St. Andrews Road.**

Councillor Mrs P E George stated that there was a large pot hole in the above road which required attention.

**(b) Temporary Closure of the Laws Street Bus Stop.**

Councilor S Perkins stated that it would be helpful to bus users if a sign could be affixed at the Bus Stop to tell potential passengers where they could catch the bus whilst the street was closed.

The Town Clerk was asked to make contact with Silcox Coaches and The First Cymru Bus Company.

**(c) Focus / Do it All Car Park.**

The problems with the subsidence in the centre of the Car Park were again raised by Councillor D T Esmond. As it was a private car park this was a matter for the owners. Councillor R G Watts stated that the depression in the surface had that day been filled and re-tarmaced.

**(d) Lane at the rear of Devonshire Road leading to Pembroke Ferry.**

Councillor K C Higgs raised the issue of the failure of the County Council to keep the lane / pathway trimmed of brambles etc as well as dealing with a high quantity of leaves that made it slippery. Councillor S Perkins stated that the lane / path was cut on a 6 monthly basis and any additional cuts were not considered warranted by the County Council.

**(e) Pot Hole near to Red Rose Public House, High Street etc.**

The state of the road at this point was raised together with the fact that a street sign for Milton Terrace had been removed at its junction with Prospect Place. Members also mentioned the missing street sign for Diamond Street East.

The Town Clerk was asked to make contact by e mail with the County Council Area Maintenance Manager.

**(f) Town Murals.**

Councillor R G Watts brought to members attention that these had been relocated from the Further Education Centre to the portico near to the Old Dockyard Entrance in 2006 (Glazed Area). It had been noted that water was now dripping down into this area. The murals were being affected by high humidity / dampness. Mr George Lewis who was the leader of the group that made the murals is concerned about their current state. He inspected the murals about 5 months ago and had expressed his concerns at that time to the Townscape Heritage Initiative Group. Councillor Watts was asked to approach Mr. Lewis again to see if he would like them to be transferred to the custody of the Town Council who would then arrange for them to be placed for display in the Pater Hall. It was important that the matter be handled in this way as the murals had not been donated to the town and were therefore the property of those who created them.

**(g) Pembrokeshire Retail Park.**

The Town Clerk advised members that he had received two complaints about the traffic leaving the Bierspool Site now that Argo Stores and Brantano Shoes had opened their premises there. The previous Saturday, which was the opening day for Argos Stores, had resulted at one stage in vehicles wishing to leave the area having to wait some 1 ½ hours to gain access to London Road. He had written to the County Council again about the matter and was awaiting a response. Councillor K C Higgs suggested that another road exit from the site seemed to be desirable.

**The meeting ended at 2030hrs**

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**Mayor**