

**Central Messenger No.4  
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from Cllr. Kate Becton  
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Hello Everyone,

As you will see below the long awaited plans for the Marina are due to be submitted to PCC by the end of February 2007.

I am still pushing to raise standards of cleanliness in the Ward - it is one of those issues which never go away and can cause a certain amount of frustration!!

Other than that, I am looking forward to a busy, and hopefully sunny, spring and summer, with plenty of flower displays on our streets.

Best Wishes  
Kate

**DROP-IN SURSERV**

I WILL BE IN THE FOYER OF THE PATER HALL BETWEEN 10am-12noon ON SATURDAY 3rd MARCH, 2007, if you have any questions, problems, ideas. I look forward to talking to as many of you as possible on that date

**Marina**

At a recent meeting with the developer we were told that the Planning Application for the Marina will be submitted by the end of February 2007. The application itself will be for the engineering works necessary to create the land for development. However, a detailed design brief will be attached to this application so that we can all see the finished article, should approval be granted. There will be a six month consultation period so that everyone can view the plans and put their opinions forward. On a personal level I am 'Marina neutral', and my function is to represent the views of the people of Pembroke Dock Central. There will be public meetings during the consultation period and the developers will themselves organise open days for us to view the development and discuss concerns. Please watch out for the dates of meetings, etc. It is really important to get our opinions over.

**Policing Matters**

A Neighbourhood Policing Team will be operational in the Town from April 2007 individual officers have been appointed to have special responsibility for Pembroke Dock and the Team will have Community Safety Officers to provide a visible presence on the streets. Regular 'drop-in' sessions will be held so that residents can discuss any concerns they have with members of the Team Reports from Haverfordwest and Milford Haven, which already have Neighbourhood Teams, indicate that this facility makes a real difference to the residents.

**Memorial Park**

The Town Council and Pembrokeshire County Council are investigating what can be done to improve the facilities at the Memorial Park. Local groups are being asked to put their suggestions forward and a presentation will be made at a public meeting. I have spoken to a number of you regarding this idea and the general consensus is that it would be lovely to have a new children's play area, a community cafe, well stocked and tended flower displays, etc. But, without a park warden and a robust way of securing the park at night the area would remain far too vulnerable to vandalism. Please look out for notices of the public meeting as it would be a major step forward to revitalise the park.

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### Car Parking Charges

A decision has been made by the Cabinet to conduct a town-by-town assessment of the impact of car parking charges. This will be from April 2007 to April 2008. The cynic in me says that this is simply adhering to the current policy anyway, and with the County Council elections due in Mayn 2008, some members might feel that the introduction or increase of car parking charges would have not proved popular with electors.....

On the other hand, at least we shall have some hard facts on which to judge the issue, and it is encouraging that people power worked in this instance.

### Bulk Rubbish Collection

Bulky household items will now be collected by FRAME. There is a charge of £10.00 per collection, but you can have up to ten items collected for this amount.

Free collections are still available for fridges, freezers, cookers, washing machines and tumble driers.

Telephone Pembrokeshire Service Line; 0845 6021386 for either service,

Use the same number to report uncollected rubbish fly tipping.

### Town Council 'Ten Minute Rule'

Pembroke Dock Town Council now have a 'Public Question Time' on their agenda at every meeting. If you want to ask the Town Councillors a question, submit it in advance to Ian Jones, Town Clerk, and at the beginning of the meeting a maximum of ten minutes is allowed for these questions.

### Pembroke Dock Environmental Action Team

Are still meeting regularly and although I believe matters have improved there is still some way to go and some awful 'hot-spots' which need concerted attention. I am still pursuing a date for the new rotas where 'litter-pickers' follow the rubbish collection and will be asking questions at Full Council on March 1st 2007 about a weekend service to clear, at least, the Town Centre area. Continued nagging is, unfortunately, the way to improve the appearance of our Town. I'm getting lots of practise!

### Central Snippets

#### South Pembrokeshire Hospital

South Pembrokeshire Hospital is nearing completion open and offering a full range of services by the end of March.

#### Surgery on Argyll Street

The new Pembroke Dock Surgery is also 'nearly there' We won't know ourselves at this rate

#### Doctors on Call

Did you know that the. Doctors-on-Call out-of-hours now have a Doctor available at South Pembrokeshire? This is more convenient than a trip across the bridge.

#### Pembroke Dock .Festival

15th-22nd June, 2007. Parades. Beer Festival, Dances, Fun in The Park Day, Historic Walks, Wine and Cheese in the Gun Tower.....end more. Programmes soon

#### Pavements

I am at the beginning of a campaign to get PCC to set aside an amount in the Annual Budget for the upgrading / renewal of pavements - some of them are starting to get past their sell-by date. It is going to be a long haul. I'll give a longer report next time.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### Pembrokeshire County Council

01437 764551

(Social Services. Housing, Planning, Environmental Health. Education, Transportation. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Out of Hours emergency: 0845 601BB22

#### Municipal Services

0845 6021386

(Fly posting, rubbish collection, collection of large unwanted household items, abandoned cars, play areas, civic amenity sites, highways and drainage. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12noon)

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