

At a Meeting of Pembroke Dock Town Council  
held at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**PRESENT:**

Councillor S. Perkins, Mayor  
Councillors D. Esmond, Mrs. C. Fortune,  
Mrs. P.E. George, E. Hissey, D.L. Jones  
Mrs. V.M.J. Roach, P. Weatherall.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ian Jones, Town Clerk

**83. PRESENTATION GIVEN BY PEMBROKE DOCK SUMMER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee who organised the Pembroke Dock Summer Festival in June made a presentation to the Council. They believed the week of festivities went well and would like to repeat the event in 2007 but expanding on the types of event organised.

The Town Council thanked the Committee including Communities First for all the work which had gone into the event.

**84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P. Folland, P. Gwyther, K. Higgs, Mrs. J.M. Rees, and R.G. Watts.

**85. MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED-**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Town Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October be adopted as circulated.

**86. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**(a) Minute 154 – Warrior Tank etc. near to the Warrior Way Car Park**

The Town Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response to his letter to the Army. He had spoken to Col. Rogers' secretary who had advised that they were sending someone to assess it and would then reply to him.

**(b) Minute 162 – Planning Applications**

**06/0684/PA – Land at 26 Nelson Street – Erection of 6 Starter Homes**

The Town Clerk had received a response from Mr. David Lawrence regarding the definition of the term “Starter Homes” which was attached as Appendix C. He had replied that this term was not defined anywhere in planning legislation, and that the use of the term was not critical but it was important that the designs for the particular location were acceptable. Members subsequently considered this application within the Town Clerk’s Report under the heading of Planning Applications.

**(c) Minute 171 – Parks for People Grant Scheme run by the Heritage Lottery Fund**

The Town Clerk had sent a letter agreeing to the suggestions made by Pembrokeshire County Council in setting up a committee to look at this issue. Councillor S. Perkins had spoken to Sinead Heneghan the previous day who had requested some members of the Town Council to be part of a committee that would work for the renewal/restoration of the Park. Councillor Perkins invited anyone who was interested in being a member of this committee to let her know. Councillors P.E. George and P. Weatherall both indicated their interest and also suggested that Councillor R. Watts who was absent should also be a member of this committee. The committee would then write to people/organisations who had an interest in the regeneration of the Park and ask if they would like to nominate a representative on the committee. At the same time Pembrokeshire County Council would hold a ‘brainstorming’ session, which would ask for ideas of what people wanted in the Park. Councillor S. Perkins agreed to arrange a date for the meeting and to notify the three interested members.

**(d) Minute 169 - Promotion of Rail Services on Pembroke Dock Line and state of Pembroke Dock Station**

The Town Clerk advised that Mr. Youngman would be attending the Town Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

**(e) Minute 172 – Consultation on Gambling Policy**

This item had been deferred from the Town Council Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October. No further comments were made by members and the Town Clerk advised that he would reply to the County Council indicating that the Town Council were satisfied with this document.

**(f) Minute 173 – Pembroke Dock Winter Carnival**

Councillor Mrs. P.E. George advised that the Town Clerk had letters to distribute the following day to local businesses and organisations, and that she had also spoken to Communities First asking for their support.

## **87. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **179. Consultation on Gambling Policy.**

At the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September it was decided that this matter should be deferred to the meeting to enable Councillors to study the proposed Gambling Policy Licensing Statement issued by the County Council.

This matter had been dealt with under Matters Arising from the Minutes (Minute 86(e)), i.e. the Town Clerk had agreed to respond to Pembrokeshire County Council indicating that the Town Council were satisfied with this document.

### **180. Consultation on draft guidance on the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005.**

Copies of the guidance had been received from the Welsh Assembly Government and were enclosed. Responses to the questions posed were requested by no later than 29<sup>th</sup> December 2006. The Town Clerk suggested that Members might wish to comment on each item then or defer it until the November meeting to consult with their ward constituents.

Members agreed that this matter should be deferred until the next Town Council Meeting in November.

### **181(a) Request from Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade and Commerce.**

#### **Membership of the Tourism Committee.**

The Town Clerk had been asked by the Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade if they could be represented on the Tourism Committee as had been the practice in the past. This had already been agreed by the Tourism Committee and was endorsed by the full Council.

#### **Representative of Town Council to serve on the Chamber of Trade Committee.**

In addition they had asked if the Town Council would like to nominate a member to serve on their Committee. Councillor D. Esmond stated that he was willing to act as a representative of the Town Council as he was eligible to join the Chamber of Trade. In addition the Town Clerk had been asked to attend occasional meetings to update the Chamber with details of actions / initiatives being taken by the Town Council etc.

### **181(b) Off Street Places Variation Order 2006/4.**

The Town Clerk had been sent by the County Council a copy of the proposed charges to be imposed in respect of two places within Pembroke Dock viz. Gordon Street Car Park and Lower Meyrick Street. Copies of the correspondence together with the statement containing the County Council's reasons for making the order were enclosed at Appendix A.

Any written observations the Town Council wished to make on the matter had to be with the County Council by 30 November 2006.

Councillor S. Perkins commented that she was concerned that the people of Pembroke Dock did not fully realise the impact that these charges would have. Bush and Park Residents Association were distributing petitions, and she asked if Town Councillors could also help with this. She suggested that people could distribute posters and leaflets, and also send individual letters to Brian Hall, the Cabinet Member for Transportation. She advised that Councillor Kate Becton had already sent a letter to the County Council asking for details of the Pembroke Dock assessment and whether this took account of the fragility of the economy of the town.

Councillor Kate Becton was happy to support petitions and letters. She had replied to the County Council specifying her particular concerns.

Councillor Perkins confirmed that she would get the flyers/petitions printed the following day which would be with the Town Council on Monday.

The Town Clerk suggested that Jeremy could distribute leaflets to households in Pembroke Dock which would take 2 days at an approximate cost of £120. Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune suggested that it might be preferable to leaflet the cars in the ASDA Car Park and have a petition in the ASDA store, to which members agreed.

It was also agreed that Councillors would be given copies of petition forms which they could distribute in their ward, that someone should stand outside ASDA with petition forms, and that the Chamber of Trade would be asked to participate.

Councillor D. Esmond commented that Pembroke Dock was the only place that did not have an all day rate for parking, and suggested that the Town Council should write to the Welsh Office and ask why Pembroke Dock was being treated differently to other areas.

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. P.E. George

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should write to Pembrokeshire County Council to clarify why Pembroke Dock is being discriminated against with regard to parking charges, and to ask for details of the times that the charges apply. If a satisfactory reply was not received then the matter would be referred to the Welsh Assembly Government to see if they could intervene.

**182. Save Withybush Hospital Action Team – Charity Ball to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel .**

The Town Clerk had received a letter and enclosures (Appendix B) from the Secretary of the group who were organising a fund raising event.

Members who wished to attend were asked to complete the reservation form provided.

### **183. Pennar and Bufferland Community Association.**

Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune and E. Hissey declared their interest in this matter.

The Town Clerk had received a letter from the Association asking if the Town Council would support an application to install a CCTV Camera close to the St. Patrick's Childrens Play Area. It was suggested that such a camera would reduce vandalism in the area surrounding i.e. St Patrick's Church, the Community Hall, Treowen Road and Military Road as well as the Play area itself.

Members' opinions on such a request were sought.

Councillor Mrs. Fortune advised that there had been an increased occurrence of near-accidents on the junction of Ferry Road/Treowen Road, and there had been a build-up of youths, vandalism and speeding cars in the area near the Community Hall and Youth Club. A meeting had taken place where it had been suggested that a camera might calm traffic down, and be a deterrent to vandalism and graffiti.

Councillor Mrs. Fortune stated that she was requesting the Town Council's support in any application they should make, to which members agreed.

### **184. Requests for Financial Assistance.**

The Town Clerk reminded members that the Town Council's eligibility criteria for the awards of grants was clearly set out in the application forms which were issued to each organisation. No longer was there a need for the organisation to have a base within the town. The broad criteria read as follows:-

“The Town Council, within the limitation of the resources available, wish to support charities or not-for-profit organisations who are engaged in helping those who live within the Town Council area. The Council will therefore consider offering grant aid to those bodies which meet the following criteria:-

1. The services, facilities or activities for which grant aid is sought are wholly or mainly benefiting the residents of Pembroke Dock.
2. There is a need in Pembroke Dock for the specific services, facilities or activities provided by the organisation.
3. The organisation is a registered charity or “not for profit” body.
4. The organisation has financial need which will be assisted by the grant sought or without which the services, facilities or activities could not be provided or provided at a much reduced level.
5. Other sources of funding have been fully investigated and where possible secured.
6. The organisation actively encourages disadvantaged groups in the community to make use of the services, facilities or activities provided.

The Town Council had set the following priorities for 2006/7:-

Support for Older People – Support for voluntary organisations working with the elderly

Children and Young People – Investing in young people and those organisations working with young people to provide skills and recreational opportunities

Safer and Stronger Communities – Support for initiatives to improve the town environment

The Town Clerk had received the following applications for grant aid:-

**(a) Urdd Gobaith Cymru.**

The application request was for financial assistance towards the running costs of the charity. The Urdd organises 9 Eisteddfods and 32 competitions each year in the County with over 1500 of the County's members attending courses and fun weekends at the Urdd Centres at Llangranog and Glanllyn. The cost of maintaining staff and an office within each County was £47,000 per annum. The number of children involved as members of the Urdd within Pembroke Dock by school was as follows:-

St. Mary's Catholic School	- 25 members
Pembroke Dock CP School	- 48 members
Pennar CP School	- 46 members
Pembroke Comprehensive School	- 37 members

The Town Clerk reported that one event had been held at the Pater Hall in the past 6 months.

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should refuse this application after taking into account the budget set aside this year and funds this organisation had already received from Pembrokeshire County Council.

**(b) Cleddau FM.**

The above organisation had applied for grant aid towards the cost of running the station. The organisation is a community based radio station covering the areas of Pembroke, Pembroke Dock and Neyland. They also stated that a grant from the Town Council would assist them in their aims of "bringing the community to the community through the radio medium. The Town Clerk had been told that the cost of renting equipment etc for a 28 day broadcast period was £3,936.25 which was being met from donations, sponsorship and advertising. The organisation was not currently a charity but they would be applying for such status. Their accounts showed that at the end of the year 2005/6 the organisation had a credit balance of £2463.73

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should refuse this application after taking into account the budget set aside this year and funds already received from Communities First.

**(c) Friends of South Pembrokeshire Hospital.**

Councillor S. Perkins declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting.

The above organisation which is a registered charity had applied for grant aid stating that their principle aims and objectives was to create awareness and inform the public about the needs of patients / clients at the hospital and people in the community. At 31 March 2006 their credit balance was £12527.69.

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should award the sum of £100 to the Friends of South Pembrokeshire Hospital towards the work they carry out at the Hospital.

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

The above voluntary organisation has 55 members which meet on a regular basis within Pembroke Dock. The aim of the group was to provide entertainment for their members through the provision of speakers at their meetings, occasional coach tours and group meals such as Christmas. At the end of their last financial year their credit balance was £1481.

PROPOSED by Councillor P. Weatherall  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C.Fortune

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should award the sum of £100 to Pembroke Dock Pensioners Friendship Club.

**185. Planning Applications**

<b>06/0757/PA</b>	Mr. Roberts, Fairways, Pembroke Dock.	Plot at Fairways, Pembroke Dock - <b>Erection of one dwelling</b>
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor D.T. Esmond

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

**06/0767/PA** Mr. A. Price-Richards Plot R, St. Patricks Hill  
2 Cleggar Park Llanreath  
Lamphey Pembroke Dock -  
Pembroke Dock. **Erection of one dwelling**

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council have no objection  
to this application subject to satisfactory  
access being provided.

**06/0785/PA** National Offender Management 45 Laws Street  
Service, Glenroy, Trellech Road Pembroke Dock –  
Chepstow **Change of use from office to  
2 No. self contained flats**

PROPOSED by Councillor D.T. Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. P.E. George

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council recommend refusal  
on the grounds that no off-street parking was  
being provided.

**06/0684/PA** Preseli Construction Land at 26 Nelson Street,  
Unit 8/Waterloo Industrial Pennar  
Estate Pembroke Dock  
Pembroke Dock **Erection of 6 Starter Homes**  
SA72 4RT

The Town Council had deferred their comments until clarification had been sought on  
the term “Starter Homes”, which had subsequently been sent by Mr. David Lawrence.

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

**RESOLVED –**

The Town Council had no objection to this  
application, subject to the following observations/  
concerns being noted:

- the public right of way be retained
- access to existing garages be retained
- adequate sewerage works to be provided

## **186. Planning Decisions**

- 02/1380/PA** 3 No. Town Houses – Albion Garage, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**
- 04/1486/PA** Construction of 51 bed hotel with associated family restaurant – The Royal Dockyard, Pembroke Dock – **Refused**
- 05/1285/PA** Erection of two dwellings – Plots 6 and 7 adjacent Sycamore Street, Bufferland, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**
- 05/1425/PA** Erection of one dwelling – Land to the rear of 9 Milton Terrace, Pembroke Dock - **Refused**
- 06/0012/LB** Alterations and change of use of vacant Pharmacy Shop to a 2 bed residential flat – 28 Commercial Row, Pembroke Dock – **Listed Building Consent - Approved**
- 06/0219/PA** Provision of one extra residential caravan on site – variation of application PB 1018 – The Orchard Caravan Site, Ferry Terrace, Pembroke Dock - **Approved**
- 06/0526/PA** Change of use of basement into residential flat – 4 Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock - **Refused**
- 06/0611/PA** Alterations and Extension – 4 Imble Street, Bufferland, Pembroke Dock – **Approved**
- 06/0614/PA** Parking Bay – 48, St. Teilo’s Road, Pembroke Dock – **Approved**
- 06/0653/PA** Amendments to planning consent – 05/1560/PA – Land east side of Clarence Street, Pembroke Dock – **Approved**

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

### **187. Provision Of Christmas Trees In The Town.**

Members were requested to confirm that two Christmas Trees be purchased this year for display in the town. One would be located in Lower Meyrick Street near to the St. Govans Centre and one would be located at the Pump House. The cost this year would be £87 for the one at the Pump House and £141 for the one near the St. Govans Centre making a total cost of £228.00. It was hoped that the lights on the trees and other Christmas Decorations within the town would be ready to be switched on by 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas Lights will be erected over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> November. In addition Council might wish for a small artificial Christmas Tree to be placed in the foyer of the Pater Hall or on the balcony.

Members agreed to these arrangements for the purchase of Christmas Trees and that a fibre optic tree be placed on the stairs of the Pater Hall.

## **188. Letter From Emma Clarkson**

Emma is a Cadet Warrant Officer with the 1574 Squadron of the Air Training Corps. She had applied for financial assistance to help her take part in the International Air Cadet Exchange which was held in the USA in July 2006. The Town Clerk had received a letter of thanks from Emma together with a copy of the presentation she made on her return to this country. The copy was on the side table for members to view. If necessary the Town Clerk had the Computer Disc of the photographs etc which could be borrowed by members.

## **189. Application For Financial Assistance**

### **(a) Shelter Cymru**

The Town Clerk had received an application for financial assistance from the above organisation which was looking for a contribution towards the cost of providing free advice to those seeking advice on housing issues. In the application they stated that they provided 5 advice surgeries within the Pembroke Area and last year dealt with 227 people at these centres. As at 30 September 2005 they had £11,382 in general unrestricted funds with a further £472,001 in designated funds.

A decision on the application was requested.

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor P. Weatherall

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should refuse this application after taking into account the budget set aside this year and the funds already held by Shelter Cymru.

### **(b) Pater Pantomime Society.**

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

The Town Clerk had received an application for assistance from the above voluntary group for assistance towards the cost of the 2007 pantomime. 24 children were involved with the event. The Society was asking for a donation of £200 towards the cost of a performing licence. Last year (2005/6) the pantomime Society's income over expenditure was £212.52 and its reserves were £1190.56.

A decision on this application was requested.

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

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council should award the sum of £250 to the Pater Pantomime Society towards the cost of the 2007 pantomime.

**190. Meeting Of The National Assembly Mid And West Wales Regional Committee.**

The Town Clerk had been advised that the next meeting of the above Committee would be held at Penybont and District Community Hall, Penybont, Nr Llandrindod Wells on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006 beginning at 1000hrs and finishing at 1230hrs approx. The subject to be discussed was “Growing Up in Rural Wales”. The Town Clerk asked if any member wished to attend the meeting to let him know so that he could advise the Assembly accordingly.

**191. Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC) Annual General Meeting.**

The Town Clerk had been advised that the AGM was to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Picton Centre, Haverfordwest commencing at 1030hrs. Any member who wished to attend should let the Town Clerk know so that he could advise the Secretary accordingly.

**192. Planning Applications**

<b>06/0798/PA</b>	Countryside Commission for Wales c/o Cedric Mitchell Architects Ateliers, Bentlass Road, Hundleton, Pembroke	Countryside Commission for Wales Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock - <b>Proposed Extension</b>
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. C. Fortune

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

<b>06/0827/PA</b>	Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Cenarth, Pembroke Ferry, Pembroke Dock.	Land adjacent to Cenarth, Pembroke Ferry, Pembroke Dock - <b>Erection of one dwelling</b>
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PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C.E. Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

**RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

**06/0828/PA** Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Treloar, 2 Owen Street,  
2 Owen Street, Pennar, Pembroke Dock. **Erection of single storey extension.**

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs. C.E. Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

**RESOLVED –**  
That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

**06/0831/PA** PCD Pembrokeshire Ltd., Site adjacent to PCC Contact  
Beechwood Park, Centre, Argyle Street (Part of  
Stoneyford, site of former CP School) plus  
Narberth, Pems. land Southwest of Trinity  
Road, Pembroke Dock –  
**Additional Car Parking**

PROPOSED by Councillor P. Weatherall  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach

**RESOLVED –**  
That the Town Council have no objection to this application subject to the current pathway remaining in use and not being “blocked-off” by any form of gate.

**06/0834/PA** Miss R.G. Rudd, 7 Ferry Road, Pennar,  
7 Ferry Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock - **Extension to dwelling**

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs C. Fortune  
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

**RESOLVED –**  
That the Town Council have no objection to this application.

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

### **17. Payment of Accounts**

The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:

83	Joint Twinning Committee	£524.00
84	Smartstamp – Postage	£25.00
85	Zurich Municipal – Insurance Premium (Tank and Propeller)	£183.75
86	Tiger Lily’s – Wreath – Firemen’s Memorial	£20.00
87	Talk Talk – Telephone Charges	£20.08
88	I. Jones – Drinks (Reception – Students from Malta)	£21.93
89	Rembrandt Jewellers – Plaque – HMS Pembroke	£38.10
90	British Telecom – Telephone Charges	£69.09
91	The Consortium – Stationery	£81.84
92	Konica Minolta – Photocopying	£132.19
93	E. Glenister – Reception – Students from Malta	£151.00

The Town Clerk asked for the following additional accounts to be approved for payment:

94	I. Jones – Stationery	£34.99
95	British Telecom – Telephone Charges	£48.35

and to note that Account No. 83,84 and 85 were paid out of meeting and that Account No. 93 had been increased by £10.00.

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

**RESOLVED –**  
That Account Nos. 83-95 be approved for payment.

Councillor Mrs. P. George also requested, on behalf of the Town Council, that Ellen Glenister be thanked for the excellent buffet she had provided for the reception of the visiting students from Malta.

### **18. Pembroke Borough Silver Band Instruments Trust**

A letter had been received from the Clerk/Treasurer of the Trust, Mrs. V.M.J. Roach thanking the Council for the donation of £264.16 in respect of half the insurance costs for the current financial year.

On behalf of the Trustees, Mrs. Roach expressed thanks to the Council for their continued support.

### **19. Salaries and Wages**

The gross sum of £4221.42 and £4683.59 were paid in respect of Salaries, Wages, Tax and N.I. in the months of August and September, 2006 respectively.

## **90. SIX MONTH BUDGET REPORT**

A copy of the six month Budget Report had been distributed to members at the meeting. The Town Clerk asked members to note that the Town Council would receive a grant from the Townscape Heritage Initiative of £5,305 towards the cost of the finger posts, the cost of which had been shown in full under item 5(f). Item 6(g) was a grant of 80% of wage and salary costs of staff carrying out duties for the Pater Hall Community Trust. Item 8(a) – it was likely that costs for the Winter Carnival would be in the region of £2,200 to include fireworks prizes and publicity, etc.

The balance in the various accounts at 30 September were:

Current Account	£28,909.80
Deposit Account	£17,210.56
Pater Hall Improvements Account	£36,331.36

The final precept payment of £36,290 would be received in December 2006. The Town Clerk suggested that the Pater Hall Improvements Account be closed and the balance placed in the Deposit Account. The Town Council had agreed in principle to give a grant of £30,000 to the Pater Hall Community Trust in the 2006/7 financial year.

PROPOSED by Councillor D. Esmond  
SECONDED by Councillor E. Hissey

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Town Council accept the six month budget report and the recommendations therein.

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

### **(a) AGM of Age Concern**

Councillor Mrs. V.M.J. Roach had attended the AGM of Age Concern Pembrokeshire and gave the following report:

“I attended the AGM of Age Concern Pembrokeshire, of which I am your Representative, on Monday of this week at the Picton Centre, Freemans Way, Haverfordwest, and a copy of their Annual Report 2005/2006 has been left on the table for any one interested. Particular attention is drawn to page 6 – Welfare Benefits – which fellow Councillors might be aware of someone amongst their electorate, who might believe they are entitled to certain benefits, but find the complexity of the application forms a challenge and need assistance in completing same.

As no doubt you all know, new legislation – the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006 – became effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006, and Michelle Matheron, Policy and Information Officer, Age Concern Cymru, made a presentation, the theme being Equality and Diversity, and a copy of such I have also left on the table, together with a mini-guide to age discrimination at work.

It must be noted that the annual Art and Handicraft Competition and Exhibition will be held at the Library Hall, Dew Street, Haverfordwest – 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007, and I do hope that last year’s success of entries from our neck of the woods will be repeated.”

**(b) Update from School Governors**

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council in November.

**92. UPDATE FROM THE TOURISM COMMITTEE ON THE PEMBROKE DOCK CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**

This had been covered in general terms under Matters Arising. Letters were to be issued to businesses with over 10 staff within the town, voluntary organisations and schools to see if they would enter floats or walkers. Councillor Mrs. George stated that this was probably the last opportunity to hold a Winter Carnival and if not well supported there was a doubt that it would be repeated.

With regard to the competition for the Best Illuminated Property Competition, it was agreed that nominations would be invited from members of the public, and that Councillors would also be invited to nominate properties from their own ward,

**93. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) Scott Gammer**

Councillor E. Hissey commented that a few months ago the Town Council had invited Scott Gammer to the Pater Hall to congratulate him on his success in winning the British Heavyweight Championship. He had since successfully defended this title and Councillor Hissey felt that this success should be recognised by sending him a letter of congratulations from the Town Council.

**94. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

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

**RESOLVED –**  
That the public and press be excluded from the Meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960

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**Mayor**

