

**Central**  
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from Cllr Kate Beaton

Central Ward - Pembrokeshire CC

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you have been enjoying the lovely summer we are having—August is, of course, the normal recess period for the Council, but this year is living up to its alternative title of the 'silly season'.

In my somewhat cynical fashion I wonder if PCC thought this might be the ideal time to bury the bad news of the imposition of car park charges—well it didn't succeed—see article below for details of the 'No to Car Park Charges Campaign'.

I am actually enjoying myself more as time goes on—though it's not without its fraught moments.

I shall be on holiday during September; in any emergency situation that arises my fellow Labour Councillors will be happy to offer assistance, advice and information.

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Best wishes

Kate

CAR PARK CHARGES PCCs Cabinet have passed a resolution which imposes car park charges on Gordon Street Car Park and Lower Aberyck Street Car Park at the rate of 50p for 2 hours and £1.00 for 4 hours. Western Way Car Park remains free of charge.

At the well attended public meeting at the Pater hall views were clear—these charges would have a detrimental effect on the vitality of Pembroke Dock town centre—an area which is showing improvement, but needs to be nurtured and supported to ensure that the progress is sustained.

Residents living in Pembroke Dock Central are also concerned that the current parking congestion experienced by so many of us will get worse as shoppers seek free parking places.

Pembroke Dock is joining with Milford Haven and other towns to oppose these charges. Letters are available in the Town Council offices for people to sign. Alternatively, if you wish to write your own protest to Cllr B.J. Hall / Mr Ian Westley at PCC and put them through the Town Council letter box at Pater Hall by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, they will be presented to Cabinet.

This decision was made without any assessment of its impact and without any financial information—in fact, apparently on someone's 'view of the situation'. I shall be taking

the views and concerns expressed at the Public meeting and submitting our own assessment of the impact and have put a Notice of Motion to be discussed at full Council on October 19th, 2006, to 'rescind the decision of Cabinet until meaningful consultation can take place', ie, until we receive proper assessments/ evidence of need etc.

Let's inject a little bit of common sense into this situation!

PEMBROKE DOCK ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTION TEAM

Three meetings in, and I believe this Action Team has made a difference. The effect of the new, more powerful weedkiller is very evident throughout the Ward and everywhere seems generally cleaner. However, there is still Some Way to go—continued on next page  
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From previous page— More hours for street cleaning, and solving the 'rubbish left out early' syndrome are examples. I have met and written to the Head of Waste Management at PCC, who's department is doing a lot of work on re-organising the rotas for rubbish collection.

I have expressed the view that Monday may not be the ideal collection day for a Town Centre ward where most of the shops/banks etc, do not open on Sunday and are left with rubbish bags on the street in the Town from Saturday evenings in some cases. It's an unacceptable situation and I will continue to make sustainable improvements in our environment the no.1 priority.

Don't forget, PCC have a Municipal Services telephone number-0845 6021386. Use this line to report 'hot-spots' where rubbish has been left or has accumulated, missed

domestic refuse collection, abandoned vehicles, bulky household goods (£10 for ten items, white goods— fridges/freezers etc, collected free), and for ordering orange bags for recycling material, if like me, you have put your white label in a safe place and cannot find it. I have found it to be a very efficient service and it will really help if everyone uses it to help keep Central's environment cleaner and more attractive.

## **CENTRAL ACTION TEAM**

The next meeting of the Central -Action Team (CAT) will be held at the Pater Hall (Lewis Street Entrance) on October 11th, 2006. from 7.00pm-8.30pm. I have asked Mr Brian Maddox. Head of Maintenance, PCC, to come to talk to us about plans to further improve the environment in Central Ward. I am awaiting confirmation that he is able to do so. However. if not, a speaker from PCC will be there.

The CAT is an informal group open to all residents of Central Ward—you don't have to 'join' or sit on committees etc. Its overall aim is to

- look after Central?. It also gives me an opportunity to get your opinions/views on a variety of issues affecting the Ward.

***Hope to see you there.***

## **CENTRAL SNIPPETS**

### **Chamber of Trade**

The Pembroke bock Chamber of Trade has been reactivated. This will be a real boost for the Town Centre.

Collective action brings better results.

### **Marina**

Plans for the Marina development are due mid-October, 2006. The environmental impact assessments have apparently gone well. There will be a six month public consultation period. This is a huge issue for Pembroke Dock, so watch this and any other space!

### **Neighborhood Policing**

Central will have a dedicated Community Police Officer from the beginning of September, 2006, and Community Safety Officers will be deployed from March/April 2007.

### ***T.H.I.***

The detailed plans for the proposed projects are nearing completion. I will have further information after the Steering Group Meeting in October.

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

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abandoned cars, play areas, civic amenity site, highways and drainage. Mon-Fri 9am-  
5pm, Sat 9am-12noon]

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