

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 in the Council Chamber  
at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mayor DJH George, Deputy Mayor MGD James, DJO Chant, ES Evans, MC Gray, FD John, JG Lloyd, BT Price, K Rose, CT Taylor, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Also present was County Councillor DB LLOYD

**404 Apologies for Absence:** D Halse (family bereavement)

**405 Declarations of Interest:** Members were requested to identify any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in relation to items on the agenda.

405.1.1 Cllr Price declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 410 and left the Council Chamber while the item was discussed by Council.

405.1.2 Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Items 419 and 420.

405.1.3 Cllr Chant declared a personal interest in relation to Item 429.

405.1.4 Cllr Evans declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 434 and abstained from the vote.

**406 Confirmation of Minutes** for:-

406.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were RESOLVED to be approved.

406.2 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were RESOLVED to be approved.

### **Matters Arising**

**407 COMMUNITY AWARD 2012** It was RESOLVED that by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the press and public be excluded given that it could be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**408 CIVIC RECEPTION** Arrangements were made for the preparation of the Civic Reception on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**409 SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH** Arrangements were made for the preparation of the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**410 MUSIC AND ALCOHOL LICENCE** The Sound Cafe Ltd applied for a new premises licence at its premises in the High Street. The application stated that the café has the capacity to seat 65 people indoors and 35 people outdoors. The opening hours are to be 8am to 12.30am from Monday to Sunday with the exception of 8am to 1.30am on New Years Eve. The application included:

410.1 Permission to show films indoors from 6pm to 11pm from Monday to Sunday with the intention of hosting an occasional film day / night upstairs in the café most likely to be in the winter months and rarely more than once a week.

410.2 Permission to host indoor sports events from 12 noon to 11pm from Monday to Sunday with the intention of holding mini pool tournaments, chess nights etc.

410.3 Permission to play recorded music indoors from 8am to 12 midnight from Monday to Sunday not causing noise pollution to the street or surrounding premises.

410.4 Permission to provide facilities for making music from 12noon to 11.30pm from Monday to Sunday with the intention of it being low level amplification and acoustic only.

410.5 Permission to provide late night refreshment both indoors and outdoors from 11pm to 12midnight from Monday to Sunday.

410.6 Permission to sell alcohol on the premises only from 9am to 12 midnight from Monday to Sunday.

It was RESOLVED to support the application in its entirety.

**Accounts**

**411** Internal Audit for October 2012. The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the internal audit had been completed satisfactorily.

**412** Accounts for November 2012.



It was RESOLVED to approve of the accounts for the month and grant permission to pay.

**413 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the 3 year contract with LITE had now expired and it was RESOLVED to advertise for invitations to tender for the installation and removal of the street lighting display for the period of 2013-2015. It was further RESOLVED to place an advertisement in the local press in February 2013.

**414 Donations:**

Donation Requests:-

414.1 Flanders memorial appeal was RESOLVED to be left in abeyance pending further information.

414.2 Hafan Cymru e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012. It was RESOLVED not to offer financial support on this occasion.

Letters of thanks:-

414.3 Urdd national Eisteddfod Pembrokeshire 2013 letter of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was RESOLVED to be received. The information was received.

**Correspondence**

**415** Andy Icton e-mail of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Remembrance Sunday parade. It was RESOLVED to write a letter of thanks to Mr Icton congratulating the British Legion on their successful parade.

**416** Sue Davies PCNPA e-mail of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 NP/12/0412 Penpant – Development Control Meeting. The information was received.

**417** Hatti Woakes e-mail of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 Fishguard train service. The information was received.

**418** Mary Smith e-mail of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 St Davids shopper. The information was received.

**419** Brian Powdrill e-mail of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 Really Wild Festival 2013 to be held in Bishop's Palace. It was RESOLVED to request information regarding the logistics of the event in particular to seek clarification regarding vehicular access to the event as well as parking.

**420** Tim Watts e-mail of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Matsieng Lesotho Group. The information was received.

**421** Cllr Evans e-mail of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Wind turbine planning applications. The information was received.

**422** Ian Hancock letter of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012. It was RESOLVED that by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the press and public be excluded given that it could be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**423** Rebecca Lloyd letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 Christmas tree safety barrier on Cross Square. It was RESOLVED to acknowledge Ms Lloyd's letter and to thank her for the interest shown in improving the visual appearance of the safety barrier and to pass on Ms Lloyd's details to the Christmas Tree Association. It was further RESOLVED that the current barriers could not be altered as they were a designed to comply with current health and safety legislation

**424** Standard letters and newsletters – the following items are on display or available electronically:-

424.1 Proposed democracy bill was received.

424.2 PCF e-news November 2012 was received.

424.3 Oriol Y Parc December newsletter was received.

424.4 Climate change adaption survey was received.

**425 Reports from Members representing the Council:-**

425.1 One Voice Wales. Nothing to report.

425.2 St Davids Carnival Association. Nothing to report.

425.3 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr Price thanked all those involved in the Festival of Trees, the Lighting Ceremony and Father Christmas' Grotto for all of their hard work that contributed to the events' success. Cllr James reported that she will meet with the police in January to discuss their recommendation that the road be formally closed next year.

425.4 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Nothing to report.

425.5 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Nothing to report.

- 425.6 St Davids Eco City Group. Nothing to report.
- 425.7 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Williams reported that the Association's Annual General Meeting had taken place on 28<sup>th</sup> November with the existing committee members re-elected with Doug Malin as Chair. Cllr Chant reported that there were plans to improve the existing website and to aim to attract more local traders to become members of the Association.
- 425.8 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Cllr John reported that following the recent Annual General Meeting Mr David Davies had been appointed as the Authority's secretary.
- 425.9 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Nothing to report.
- 425.10 Youth Drop In. Following reports that pool balls had gone missing Cllrs Price and Rose informed the Council that they would attend the next Youth Club session to ascertain what equipment needed replacing and to obtain contact details for the current youth worker.
- 425.11 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Cllr Price reported that the school was busy with Christmas events and was looking forward to viewing the pantomime in the City Hall.
- 425.12 Mayor's Report for the Month. The Mayor reported that he had attended a meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> St Davids Sea Scouts where the Cubs were presented with a cheque by the Solva and St Davids Art Group and that he had also attended events at Ysgol Dewi Sant, St Nons's Ward Withybush Hospital, the Festival of Trees and Tabernacle Chapel's centenary celebration concert.

#### 426 County Councillor's Report

- 426.1 Cllr Lloyd reported that in August 2012 the Welsh Government had investigated serious child protection concerns. As part of the improvements with respect to safeguarding children, Pembrokeshire County Council had provided Tier 1 training (signs of abuse or neglect) for 9000 employees and Tier 2 training (action to prevent abuse or neglect) for a further 1000 employees. Cllr Lloyd informed the Council that all Pembrokeshire County Council employees involved in working with children had received the training and he sought to reassure the City Council of the positive measures being taken.
- 426.2 Cllr Lloyd reported that currently 146 children from Pembrokeshire are in the care system. 141 are cared for in Pembrokeshire whilst 5 are currently being cared for outside of the county due to their acute special needs. 145 children are currently on the 'at risk' register in Pembrokeshire. Pembrokeshire has more children cared for within the Local Authority than any other county in Wales and Cllr Lloyd sought to reassure the City Council the Pembrokeshire County Council had "got it's house in order". Cllr Taylor asked Cllr Lloyd why the recent comments by Mr Leighton, Minister of Education had been so damning of the measures undertaken by the County Council if indeed it's house was in order. Cllr Lloyd responded that in his opinion the Minister of Education had a personal agenda to close Education Departments in the county. Cllr Lloyd informed the City Council that he was opposed to any closures and was supported by Cllr James.
- 426.3 Cllr Lloyd reported that he had recently attended the Xtra Club at Ysgol Bro Dewi. The Xtra Club is an educational initiative inspired by the University of Los Angeles and provides children with a wide range of after school activities out side of the class room. Cllr Lloyd informed the Council that the programme was very successful and in his opinion a fantastic addition to the primary curriculum.
- 426.4 Cllr Lloyd reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Community Forum hosted by Planed. The event was not very well attended and there was no conclusive resolves to report.
- 426.5 Cllr Lloyd reported that the Community Pool Group was to purchase land from Mr Eldon Smith at Glasfryn Road. The family are willing to sell the land and negotiations to purchase the land are running parallel with the planning application.
- 426.6 Cllr Lloyd reported that there a Work Force Development Plan had been implemented in Pembrokeshire with the aim of recruiting school pupils to work for the oil companies operating in the county. Cllr Lloyd informed the Council that he would request that a trade fayre be held in Ysgol Dewi Sant to inform the pupils of the opportunities that may be available to them.

#### Planning

- 427 NP/12/0430 Retention of agricultural access track including laying hardcore at Upper Porthmawr, SA62 6PS. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 428 NP/12/0431 Grading of land to rear of property locating oil tank, construction of Pembrokeshire screening bank and excavation of to accommodate temporary caravan in connection with approved development NP/10/459. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 429 NP/12/0440 New residential unit at 39 Goat Street, SA62 6RF permission refused. The information was received.

- 430** NP/12 0559 erection of pitched roof over porch and utility at Awelfor, Berea, SA62 6DL. It was RESOLVED to support the application on the grounds that the City Council considered the proposed extension to be appropriate in scale and design to both the existing and neighbouring properties and was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual impact in the area.
- 431** NP/12/0546 Certificate of Lawfulness for use of building for purpose ancillary to operation of Porthclais farm and Campsite, SA62 6RR. It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the following meeting.
- 432** NP/12/0564 Single storey extension and first floor extension above Treferfyn, Berea, SA62 6DH. It was RESOLVED to support the application on the grounds that the City Council considered the proposed extension to be appropriate in scale and design to both the existing and neighbouring properties and was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual impact in the conservation area.
- 433** C18/12/pc Thinning of small and medium trees at Cathedral Close. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 434** 12/0710/PA Domestic wind turbine at Crug Glas, Solva, SA62 6XX. By a vote of 5:4 with 3 abstentions it was RESOLVED to support the application.

**435 Clerk’s Business:**

- 435.1 The Clerk informed the Councillors that they had been invited by the Dean for small reception at 12noon on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in the Deanery.

**436 Any other business**

- 436.1 Cllr Chant offered his apologies for the following Council meetings as he would be on holiday from January to March 2013.
- 436.2 Cllr Price proposed that the Agenda be printed on both sides of the page. It was RESOLVED to duplex the agenda when printing.
- 436.3 Following concerns about the use of the balcony at the City Hall it was RESOLVED to ascertain in what context the insurance policy covered its use by the Councillors and the members of the public.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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**Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Council Chamber at 6.00pm.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor MGD James, DJO Chant, ES Evans, MC Gray, D Halse, FD John, CT Taylor, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

**Apologies for Absence:** Mayor DJH George, JG Lloyd, BT Price, K Rose,

**437 Declarations of Interest:** Members were requested to identify any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in relation to items on the agenda.

**Matters Arising**

**438 NUN STREET** The Council considered colour options for the resurfacing of existing pavements in Nun Street together with proposed new pavements to be installed in 2013. It RESOLVED to request the colour scheme presently used in the High Street and at the Cross Square be adopted in Nun Street to ensure a degree of consistency within the city centre.

**Planning**

**439 NP/12/0546** Certificate of Lawfulness for use of building for purposes ancillary to operation of Porthclais Farm & Campsite, SA62 6RR. It was RESOLVED that the City Council could provide no evidence either in support of the application or to the contrary.

**440 NP/12/0594** Steel framed agricultural building at Penberry Farm, SA62 6DB. It was RESOLVED to support the application on the grounds that the City Council considered the proposed building to be appropriate in scale and design to both the existing and neighbouring properties and was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual impact in the area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm.

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