

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 7th December 2015 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

Present:, Deputy Mayor CT Taylor, DJO Chant, ES Evans, DJH George, MC Gray, DB Halse, MGD James, JG Lloyd, BT Price, S Williams with JE Foster, (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Mayor FD John arrived at 7.25pm

394 Apologies for Absence: K Rose (holiday), County Councillor DB Lloyd (family commitment)

395 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.

395.1 Cllr Price declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 403.

396 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

396.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd November 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

396.2 The 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd November 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

396.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 16th November 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

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Matters Arising

397 COMMUNITY AWARD Nominations for the 2015 community award. It was RESOLVED to present Mr Paul Edey with the award for 2015.

398 EDUCATION Statutory Consultation - review of secondary education provision in the mid and north west of Pembrokeshire, Fishguard and St Davids area. Huw Jones e-mail of 27th November 2015 and a copy of the Statutory Notice attached.

398.1 The Mayor informed members that the deadline for submitting an objection to the Statutory Notice was Wednesday 30th December 2015.

398.2 Cllr Taylor raised the issue of pupils numbers. Cllr Evans agreed that the numbers seemed inaccurate and that to limit pupils numbers in the new school would be unfair.

398.3 Cllr George informed members that there is roughly 400 pupils in Ysgol Dewi Sant at present and the Statutory Notice states that the capacity for the secondary element would only be 300 pupils.

398.4 Cllr Evans further reminded members that the school should be open to all faith primary school pupils in Pembrokeshire with free transport.

398.5 Cllr James informed members that many of the surrounding faith primary schools are entitled to attend the school with free transport.

398.6 It was RESOLVED to write an objection to the Statutory Notice, raising three key issues from the paper; the new school's pupil capacity, access for faith primary schools and the retention of the sixth form.

399 CITY HALL DEVELOPMENTS

399.1 Feedback from meeting with Wes Spees.

399.1.1 Cllr Chant informed members that the builders are on track with their work and that the next site meeting would take place on Monday 4th January 2016, prior to the completion of the extension and alterations to the City Hall.

399.1.2 Cllr Chant explained that the signage would be bilingual where it is possible. The luminescent signs were only available in English.

399.1.3 Cllr Taylor advised members that arrangements had been made with the builders to ensure that the City Hall would be cleared for each Christmas event.

- 399.1.4 The Mayor informed members that the Council would have to pay an additional cost for the new store cupboard doors, to replace the shutters.
- 399.2 Copy of notes taken at Site Meeting with Tony Morris and Sons on Monday 2nd November 2015 were received.
- 399.3 Archaeology Wales Report. The Clerk informed members that the report had been received and that a hard copy would be available in the Council Chamber for the perusal of the Council.
- 400 VIA BETA PROJECT** Steve Eggleton e-mail of 25th November 2015. It was RESOLVED to contact Mr Eggleton and advise him to approach the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and the National Trust with the request to place a bench and sculpture at Whitesands.
- 401 FLORAL DISPLAYS** Katie Daly e-mail of 27th November 2015. It was RESOLVED to thank Pembrokeshire County Council for allowing the Council to utilise the flowers planters, and to inform them that the City Council have made alternative arrangements for both the planting, and maintenance of the floral displays. The City Council RESOLVED to arrange a meeting in the New Year to discuss the floral displays with the interested parties.
- 402 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD** Neil McCarthy letter of 20th November 2015 Play Park Funding Award 2015/206 and a copy of the terms and conditions of the grant attached. It was RESOLVED to approve the contract and the Mayor was granted permission to sign the document.
- 403 ST JUSTINIANS** This item, being a matter of contract was agreed to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

404 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- 404.1 Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 11.45am in the City Hall. The Responsible Finance Officer informed members that event is all organised and requested that members confirm their attendance at the lunch. Cllr James informed members that she would be arriving late and Cllr Taylor agreed to collect the tickets at the door. The Responsible Finance Officer further informed members that the tables would be set up on Tuesday evening and requested the help of several council members.
- 404.2 Civic Reception on Saturday 12th December 2015 at 7pm in the City Hall. The Responsible Finance Officer informed members that he would set up the hall on Saturday afternoon. Cllr Williams informed members that she would make the mulled wine on Saturday afternoon in the City Hall kitchen.
- 404.3 Children's Christmas Pantomime on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 1.15pm in the City Hall. The Clerk informed members that she had received confirmation from Mr Gerry Graham.
- 404.4 Window Lights Competition on Wednesday 16th December 2015. The Clerk informed members that the businesses and residents would be judged and the Mayor would visit the winners' houses to present them with their prizes the following day.

Accounts

- 405** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for October 2015 had been completed satisfactorily.
- 406** Accounts for November 2015

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NOVEMBER 2015			
Balance as at 30/11/2015		£	
	Current A/c	257928.21	
INCOME	Car Park	3437.00	
	City Hall	292.86	
	Cafe	2277.40	
	Miscellaneous		
	Market stalls	75.00	
	Total	6082.26	
	LGA 1972 Sec137 for2014/15 is £10821		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery
	Last month's donations	250	Total donated 2015/16
	2015/16 total	4072	
	Balance available	6749	
PAYMENTS		£	
	Admin	2030.73	Salaries:Clerk,Assistant & RFO
		15473.23	VAT
		85.24	Internet/telephone
		167.00	SLCC membership
		282.00	RIALTAS Annual renewal
		90.00	One Voice Wales (Course for Asst Clk&RFO)
	Whitesands	515.55	Attendant's commission
		6404.20	G & R Nash
	Playground		
	Hall & House	140.81	Caretaker's salary
		463.02	Heat & light
		75.00	PAT testing
		18.32	D/D Boiler service etc
		20617.31	Hall development payments
		117.99	Consumables
	Mayor's Expenses	416.30	
	St Justinians	242.88	Toilet hire / cleaning
	Miscellaneous	27.00	Cllr C T Taylor (exps)
		1017.99	PCC - Quickwell toilets
		970.00	PCC (3 properties)
		114.91	Dwr Cymru -(2props)
	Total	49269.48	
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407 DONATIONS407.1 REQUESTS

407.1.1 Wales Air Ambulance letter (Not dated). It was RESOLVED to donate £100.

407.1.2 Copy letter from St Davids Scout Hut to St Davids Penknife Club (Not dated). It was RESOLVED to give a donation of £100 and to request a copy of the accounts.

407.2 THANKS

407.2.1 Robin Stenham e-mail of 1st November 2015 was received.

407.2.2 Ysgol Dewi Sant letter of 26th November 2015 was received.

Correspondence

408 Gary Meopham letter of 23rd November 2015 Invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the commercial activity at Whitesands. It was RESOLVED that six Council members would attend the meeting on Friday 8th January 2016 on behalf of the City Council.

409 Sarah Worby e-mail of 30th November 2015 Have your say on Council's budget pressures 2016-2019 and response form attached. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to complete the response form and to write a letter to Pembrokeshire County Council, voicing the concerns of the City Council with regard to the cuts.

410 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

410.1 St Davids Carnival Association. Cllr Evans informed members that the money raised from the Carnival would be donated to the Co-Responder Unit in the new year.

410.2 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr Price reported that the event had been successful this year. Cllr Gray suggested that the contractors who erect the lights, could attend the lighting ceremony each year to help with the switch on. The Responsible Finance Officer informed the Council that the lights contract was due to be renewed this year, and so their attendance at the lighting ceremony could be included within the new contract. Cllr Evans requested that the City Council advertise for unwanted Christmas decorations for Santa's grotto.

410.3 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Cllr Gray informed members that John and Margaret Evans were no longer helping to organise the Gymanfa Ganu and that someone would need to take it over. Cllr George requested that the couple be acknowledged for their years of service. It was RESOLVED to make arrangements for the Gymanfa Ganu in January and for Mr and Mrs Evans to be presented with flowers at the Gymanfa Ganu next year. The Clerk informed members that a menu request had been sent out to Crug Glas, The Grove, Twr Y Felin and the Cross Hotel for the St Davids Day dinner next year.

410.4 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Williams reported that the Day Centre had their Christmas lunch at the Grove the previous week and that the food was excellent, and the Christmas social in the Memorial Hall had been successful. Cllr Price suggested that curtains are put in the Memorial Hall, to keep in the heat and to reduce the echo. It was agreed to discuss this in the New Year.

410.5 St Davids Eco City Group. Nothing to report.

410.6 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Copy of minutes of the St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association committee meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2015. Cllr Taylor reported that the committee meeting was a success and that the association was doing well financially. The AGM however was not very well attended. Cllr Taylor informed members that the new brochure had been completed for 2016. Cllr Evans informed members that an additional meeting regarding the city centre Wi-Fi was taking place at Oriol Y Parc on Monday 14th December 2015 at 10am, all members were welcome to attend.

410.7 Porthclais Harbour Authority. The Mayor informed members that the AGM was due to be held on Tuesday 8th December 2015.

410.8 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Copy of minutes of the St Davids and Matsieng Lesotho Link AGM on Tuesday 10th November 2015. Cllr Taylor informed members that the bring and buy sale had now been changed to Saturday 9th January 2016 and was being supported by Ysgol Dewi Sant.

410.9 Youth Drop In. Cllr James raised her concern that there is no Youth Club provision in St Davids at present. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Cllr Sue Perkins to discuss this issue.

- 410.10 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Cllr Halse reported that members of the City Council had a positive meeting with the Ysgol Bro Dewi school council on Friday 20th November 2015. Cllr Taylor was impressed with the intellectual level of debate at the meeting of the school council. A date for the school council to attend a meeting with the City Council would be arranged in the new year. Cllr Evans reported how lovely it was to have the pupils of Ysgol Bro Dewi sing at the tree lighting ceremony.
- 410.11 Planed Community Forum. Nothing to report.
- 410.12 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Cllr Price informed members that they would receive a decision with regard to the planning application for the car park at St Justinians on Wednesday 16th December 2015.
- 410.13 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Cllr Gray informed members that the RNLI had contributed financially towards the club. Cllr Evans informed members that Daf Price have helped to save the life of an individual, whilst he was travelling abroad on a plane. It was RESOLVED to send a letter of congratulations to Daf Price.

Any other business

411 The Clerk informed members that Glasfryn Road would be closed for several weeks due to road works.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed
Chair

Date