

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council on Monday 1st December 2008 in the Council Chamber 7.00pm.

Present: DJO Chant Mayor, SJ Halse Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJH George, MC Gray, JG Lloyd, CT Taylor, S Williams with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

464 Apologies for Absence: AM Foster (Community Commitment), BT Price (Family commitment), R Thornton (Holiday)

465 Declarations of Interest: Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest that they might have in relation to items on this agenda.

466 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

- 466.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 3rd November 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 466.2 The 'In Committee' Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 3rd November 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 466.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 17th November 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 466.4 The 'In Committee' Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 17th November 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 466.5 Meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the Future of the Swimming Pool on Wednesday 26 November 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes:**467 Whitesands Car Park**

- 467.1 Surfer showers - Cllr J George noted that the provision of sea front showers by Pembrokeshire County Council was to be clarified.
- 467.2 Recycling Facility - Letter from Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing of 23 November 2008 suggesting that the provision for facilities be followed up with the relevant bodies was noted with frustration given the Minister's request for the original information.

468 Christmas Events: Arrangements were finalised for:-

- 468.1 Senior Citizen's Lunch on Wednesday 10 December 08.
- 468.2 Civic Reception on Friday 12 December 08.
- 468.3 Street Lighting 'Switch On' together with the Christmas Tree Association on Saturday 6 December 08.
- 468.4 Christmas Market on the Cross Square – a new initiative with 5 stalls, given the space taken by the Christmas Tree was agreed to be held between 12 and 4pm.
- 468.5 Display Lighting Competition Judging by the Mayor of Fishguard and Goodwick is on Thursday 11 December 2008.
- 468.6 Community Award (Suggest as an 'In Committee' item) was RESOLVED to be discussed 'In committee' as it was to be announced on 12 December at the Civic Reception.

469 Play Area and Bus Shelter

- 469.1 Clerk noted that new fencing had been erected and the new access path was being laid. Fitting of a narrow bench seat was being due to follow.
- 469.2 PRIDE grant cheque for £8000 was received on 27 November 2008.

470 Refurbishment of Benches – Clerk reported that 4 enquiries had been sent with 2 quotations received.

- 470.1 H Bennett and Sons quotation of 20.11.08 - £3628.
- 470.2 John Taylor quotation of 23.11.08 - £2667
RESOLVED that given the order of cost involved, the scope of the refurbishment work would be limited to the benches in the central area particularly only namely Cross Square, outside the City Hall. It was agreed to accept the quotation of Mr Taylor and to discuss the reduction in the work involved prior to order.

471 Waun Fawr – An offer to hang the gate on new posts from Gary Thomas Fencing involving one day's work was RESOLVED to be accepted.

472 Casual Vacancy of Councillor – Pembrokeshire County Council email of 1 December 2008 confirmed that there had been no request for an election. It was RESOLVED to advertise for co-option for a new member for consideration on 4 January

2009 noting that one written request had been received to date from Mrs Glenys James and verbal one from Mrs G Owen Caerfarchell.

473 Pembrokeshire County Council – Primary Schools Review – Letter of 24 November 2008 was noted and it was RESOLVED to request a copy of the minutes of the meeting from the Director of Education.

474 Meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council on 26 November 2008 - Future of the swimming pool.

County Councillor J George had attended the Cabinet meeting earlier in the day and points noted included:-

- Decision to close the pool was deferred to February 2009 to allow the Pool Users Group to provide their proposals for running the pool. The group had also met with Pembrokeshire County Council.
- Whatever transpires a sports hall will proceed on the site.
- Land ownership matters remained unclear.
- Cabinet noted that St.Davids was the only council that did not precept and this means of funding could be considered.
- The internal report identified many health and safety matters.
- The amounts of money involved in both operating and refurbishment of the pool are large.

Discussion that followed included the following:-

- Regarding the land, M Gray noted that no offer had been made as the owners were waiting to be asked in writing.
- Can the City Council precept be directed to a specific project?
- It was felt the City Council should await clear proposals and plans and then consider the funding situation and the possibility of a precept.
- Financial matters involved were substantial.
- There were non pool users in the community who would not be happy about funding the scheme through increases in their Council Tax payments.

475 St Justinians – Response from RNLI on 27 November 2008 regarding progress with plans for a new lifeboat station. It was RESOLVED to continue leading this matter and it was agreed to write to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to assist in establishing a meeting to assist both with the project and the associated matters of access, toilets and use of the old boat house for the benefit of the community.

476 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 28 November 2008 regarding the Automated Locking Arrangements of Public Conveniences was RESOLVED to be received.

County Councillor's Report

477 Highways – Councillor George advised that a 40 mph speed limit is being considered between Llandruidion and Solva.

478 Flashing Speed Warning Sign - it was agreed to request that this be returned to the location by Ysgol Dewi Sant on the A487 approach to St Davids.

Correspondence

479 Tom Thurstan letter of thanks of 9 November 2008 following his sponsorship on a Tall Ships voyage was RESOLVED to be received.

480 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Risk Reduction Action Plan 2009 – 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

481 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 7 November 2008 - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 – was RESOLVED to be received.

482 Information Commissioner's Office letter of 12 November 2008 – Details regarding the renewal of the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme were noted and it was RESOLVED that the Model Publication Scheme be adopted by the City Council as its Freedom of Information scheme.

483 Adjudication Panel for Wales's letter of 11 November 2008 - Annual report 2007- 8 was RESOLVED to be received.

484 The Royal Air Forces Association letter of 17 November 2008 was RESOLVED to be received.

485 PLANED letter received 19 November 2008 – EU and Welsh Assembly Government, Rural Development Plan – Communities as the Hub of Rural Life. Draft St Davids Peninsula Development Plan and invitation to consultation meeting in

St Davids RFC on 8 January at 7pm was noted and it was RESOLVED that the observations on the plan presented by the Clerk be submitted in response.

- 486** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority email of 18 November 2008 and North West Community Panel - Feedback from meeting on 9 October 2008, was RESOLVED to be received.
- 487** Dr Richard Thompson email of 19 November 2008 – Paintings of St Davids Cathedral: it was RESOLVED not to proceed with the purchase of the paintings.
- 488** Mr Paul Williams letter 17 November 2008 – support for Dolen Cymru Link leaflet was RESOLVED to be received.
- 489** Sustainable Communities Act, email of 20 November 2008, was RESOLVED to be received.
- 490** Welsh Blood Transfusion Service letter of 12 November 2008 – Control of Legionella bacteria in water systems. Given the need for appropriate technical knowledge it was agreed to advise the authority that there was no stored water facility at the City Hall with water coming from the mains with all hot water heated at the point of use on demand.
- 491** Tidal Energy Systems Ltd – letter of 20 November 2008 with the public copy of the Marine Fisheries Agency application for installation of current profile monitoring instrument in Ramsey Sound was noted and was agreed to be made available to the public on request.
- 492** Pembrokeshire Banner for the National St Davids Day Parade was RESOLVED to be reconsidered at a future meeting
- 493** Invitation for Councillors to the Ysgol Bro Dewi Launch of X-mas Factor CD Tuesday 9 December 2008 10.15 – 11.30am was RESOLVED to be accepted with 4 members agreeing to attend.
- 494** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 24 November 2008 Signs and Markings on A487 – it was RESOLVED to support the proposed changes.
- 495** Pembrokeshire County Council request of 1.12.08 for an advertisement for the City Council to be placed in their A-Z of Services was not accepted.
- 496** Letter of thanks were RESOLVED to be received from:-
- 496.1 Under Section 214 of the Local Government Act 1972
 - 496.1.1 Tretio Chapel Cemetery card of 6 November 2008.
 - 496.1.2 St Davids Cathedral letter of 7 November 2008.
 - 496.1.3 Caerfarchell Chapel letter of 10 November 2008.
 - 496.2 Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972
 - 496.2.1 St Non's Ward Witybush letter of 13 November 2008.
- 497** Brochures, Courses and Newsletters etc – the following items were noted:-
- 497.1 Community Matters letter 18 November 2008 Magazine, Annual Review and information
 - 497.2 British Humanist Association email of 20.11.08 Training in Religion, Beliefs and Human Rights.
 - 497.3 PAVS Volunteering Pembrokeshire Bulletin Autumn /Winter 2008.
- 498 Reports from Members representing the Council on Local Groups and Events:-**
- 498.1 Bws y Bobol – no report.
 - 498.2 PALC – C Taylor noted several clashes of PALC meeting dates with those of local groups that took priority.
 - 498.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association – no report.
 - 498.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group – 2009 plans are progressing.
 - 498.5 St Davids Eco City information received from Swansea Metropolitan University Students Field Trip and Cardiff University, School of Architecture was noted.
 - 498.6 St.Davids Peninsula Association for the Care of the Elderly and Disabled currently using the Memorial Hall for its weekly lunches during the period of work at the Red Cross Centre.
 - 498.7 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association – the group is reviewing its working and voting arrangements. The Clerk was to investigate the position where a member was an approved representative to a group but could find potential for a conflict of interest on some matters on account of their local business interests.
 - 498.8 St.Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link Group – responses are awaited from the local school in Lesotho.

498.9 Youth Drop In – J Braby and D Chant visited the group recently and they noted some concern over the numbers coming and going from the premises, particularly straight on to Bryn Road.

Clerk's Business:

499 Markets 2009 – Planning application reply was awaited from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority for application made 24 July 2008.

500 Pembrokeshire Town Clerk's Forum 29 January 2009 it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should attend and as County Councillor Mark Edwards (Pembrokeshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities) was also to be present it was agreed that he should be invited to attend a City Council meeting in the future.

501 Public toilets at Grove – it was RESOLVED to write to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to enquire about progress with the planned facilities.

Planning:

502 NP/08/520 Restoration of disused mill for bicycle shed and store at Treiago Farm – it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.

Accounts:

503 Internal Audit for October 2008 had been successfully completed and was RESOLVED to be accepted.

504 Accounts for November 2008.

Balances: (22/11/08) Current Account £55,261 Premier Account £23,983.

Playground Supplies Ltd	63.45
Post Office Ltd	23.20
Nisbets Ltd	367.15
Glyn Edwards Ltd	29.00
Sign It Ltd	79.90
Jewson Ltd	63.45
BT	504.45
R & G Nash	4304.41
Clerk's expenses	67.83
Jo Sime	62.50
Mathias Mica	102.08
Butherway Electrical Ltd	1110.35
Pcnpa Reception for King Letsie III	325.00
Adele Pearson	49.50
Viking	36.14
Phoenix Press Ltd	468.00
DC Menday	1458.00
Leander Architectural Ltd	557.00
Chubb Fire Ltd	126.51
Bookers	366.61
H Bennett & Sons	360.98
Nisbets	183.26

PERIOD 1.4.08 – 22.11.08	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE for PERIOD
		£	£
TOTAL	173107	183835	-10728
Car Park	118711	53109	+65602
City Hall	14650	11815	+2835
Admin		22856	-22856

505 Section 137 Donations Total to date from 01/04/2008 £2000

Tall Ships	300.00	Army Benevolent Fund	250.00
All Pems Cruse	50.00	Urdd Gobaith Cymru	25.00
Crossroads	50.00	Shelter Cymru	50.00

CYNGOR DINAS TYDDEWI

ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

948 Squadron ATC	25.00
Celtic Coaster	1000.00
Pembs Special Needs Gym Club	50.00
British Red Cross	50.00

H O P E	50.00
Royal British Legion	50.00
St Non's Bro Cerwyn Centre	50.00

505.I Permission to pay the accounts and to include the forthcoming bus shelter contract payment due prior to the next meeting was RESOLVED to be granted.

Mayor's Business

506 City Hall Lighting – The possibility of using some means of reducing the hall lights for events was to be investigated, with the difficulty dimming fluorescent tubes being noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chair

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509 Community Award:-

Nominations had been received for:

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