

Monthly Meeting of Council on Monday 6th February 2006 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

Present: DJH George as Mayor in the Chair, BT Price-Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJO Chant, AR Cox, J F Godkin, MC Gray, SJ Halse, MGD James, JG Lloyd, RJ Thornton, S Williams with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk)

562 Apologies for Absence: DGB Lloyd (work commitment)

Confirmation of Minutes for:-

563 Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 9th January 2006, were RESOLVED to be accepted.

564 'In Committee' Business of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 23 January 2006, were RESOLVED to be accepted.

Matters arising from the Minutes:**565 WHITESANDS:**

565.1 Beach Café Contract completion: –

565.1.1 Outstanding technical matters - reply from Viessmann UK Ltd was awaited.

565.1.2 Snagging item – 'Tenting' of vinyl flooring in Gallery area had been completed.

565.1.3 Payment position – with the work virtually complete it now awaits final certification from Pembroke Design Ltd.

565.2 Car Park:

565.2.1 Car Parking Order – Clerk reported that Pembrokeshire County Council was still considering its response.

565.2.2 Improvements to entrance area road layout – a letter from the landowners of 24 January 2006 indicating approval in principle was noted, and it was RESOLVED to proceed with an assessment of the costs for the work prior to seeking full approval.

565.2.3 Creating a volunteer 'Coast Care' Group – Mari Williams will be attending the Council Meeting on 21 February 2006.

565.2.4 Footpath from Golf Club to car park – a site meeting to consider the path with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire County Council is arranged for 8 February 2006 at 2pm.

Surfer's showers – Pembrokeshire County Council Leisure Service e-response querying who will pay for the water was followed by discussion on how to dispose of waste water. Further discussion was to be undertaken with Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club regarding waste disposal.

565.2.5 Sign for entrance – the draft design for a new main sign and costs given by Sigma Design Services Ltd of Artwork and installation £120.00; Production of sign as visual £157.50; Cost for overlay next year if costs go up including fixing onsite over existing sign £ 25.00 and separate sign for Car Park Order conditions at £98 were RESOLVED to be accepted

565.2.6 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club – letter of 25 January 2006 regarding Surf Life Saving Championships of Wales at Whitesands 12-13 August 2006 – it was RESOLVED to postpone consideration of any financial contribution to the next meeting.

566 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS: Multiplay Unit - Replacement or repair – it was RESOLVED that a small group consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, M Gray and Clerk investigate options further.

567 ST JUSTINIANS - Parking and Toilets: –

567.1 St Justinians Management Initiative Group – Park and Ride will be further considered at the next Technical Group meeting on 10 February 2006.

567.2 Planning Application NP/05/616 for a car park - it was RESOLVED to allow the application, currently deferred pending the provision of further information, pending a favourable outcome at the Technical Group meeting on 10 February. It was noted that fuller discussion on proposals are required within the City Council. M Gray and B Price declared personal interests in the matter.

568 CITY HALL:

568.1 Phase 2 Development - Pembrokeshire County Council, Public Protection response is awaited.

568.2 Marketing of the Hall – no change

568.3 CDG Community Buildings Audit – Survey Report was RESOLVED to be received and to be considered at the next meeting.

568.4 Hearing Loop – Clerk reported that 2 budget quotations had been received and a third was awaited – it was RESOLVED to await the full details.

568.5 Drop In – Sink unit was fitted and electrical connections due very due in the coming week.

569 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE: No progress other than discussions regarding St Justinians were reported. It was RESOLVED to reiterate concerns on existing traffic matters, particularly over speeding by Ysgol Dewi Sant and the need for a safe road crossing.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING:

570 St Davids Day:

- 570.1 Council Dinner – menus were received from Old Cross Hotel and The Grove with Lawton's@no16 able to provide a dinner in the City Hall - A Cox declared a personal interest and it was RESOLVED to have the dinner at The Grove Hotel.
- 570.2 Clerk advised that the High Commissioner of Lesotho and lady together with the Mayor of Naas, Cllr Pat MacCarthy and Mrs Carmel MacCarthy and Clerk, Maura McIvor had confirmed they were attending.
- 570.3 Flower Trail Prizes – it was agreed that prizes were to be organised with M Gray to discuss this with the organisers.
- 570.4 Tea after Gymanfa Ganu it was RESOLVED that the City Councillors will provide this tea.

571 Christmas Street Lighting Review was due after the next meeting of the Christmas Tree Association.

572 The Farmers Arms – Application for a new premises licence - John Morse Solicitors letter of 10 January 2006 and Pembrokeshire County Council letter of advice of 18 January 2006 – application for Premises Licence for the Farmer's Arms.

The following points of discussion were made as members of the public attending were invited to speak by the meeting:-

Mr Matthew Blakiston on behalf of the Farmer's Arms:-

- Apologised to residents for nuisance and accepted his responsibility. He had appointed a new manager Nick Trickett, also in attendance and now making changes and wished to go forward.
- Has problem got worst since autumn?
- Wants feedback on improvements.
- The Farmers was active in support of the Pubwatch scheme and was meeting with other licencees in area and he felt he was presenting change.
- Where did complaints originate as some of the problems were St.Davids based and not just related to the Farmer's Arms.
- He reiterated his unreserved apologies for problems caused from The Farmer's and was open to suggestions on how to improve

Mr Alan York – on behalf of Objectors to the Application:-

- The situation of the Farmers was that it was surrounded by houses with people who have to work and others with children.
- Continuing noise and disorder was mainly a concern in the summer. Last summer was horrendous and in acknowledging the new manager he noted that he was significantly older than previous managers. The problem has taken 2 years to reach this situation and many complaints have occurred regarding noise as well as over vomiting, urinating and fighting in the street.
- We do not know how long this will continue as there are no guarantees for the good management of the pub.
- Representations have been made to Pembrokeshire County Council to limit the opening hours.
- He read from a letter from Judge David Wyn Morgan of 4 Goat St who as a supporter and user of the Farmer's Arms, noted that his family view approval of the licence extension with dread.
- Landmark Trust as an adjacent landowner had noted that people letting out their property are not returning, with similar responses received from other Bed and Breakfast premises nearby. The Dean of St.Davids Cathedral was concerned over people spilling in to the Cathedral Close and disturbing the tranquillity.
- The situation cam resembles Queen Street in Cardiff on a Saturday.

Mr Hammond - Reiterated Mr York's points while noting that the situation may change.

Mr Nick Trickett, Manager of the Farmers Arms - Stated that he had been at the Farmers 6 months now and had disposed of staff who have taking the mickey. He emphasised that the problem has been stamped on and the Pubwatch scheme has been implemented. The Farmers will be a local pub again and asked for a chance to prove their commitment.

Mr Hammond – Suggested a 12 month trial of the new proposal.

Mrs Blakiston:

- Why are the Farmers and Goat Street being targeted when disturbances also occur elsewhere?

Other places were acknowledged by the Chair as causing nuisance, noting concerns from Maes y Dre and Caerfai Road and they would also be addressed. This situation arose because of the opportunity to comment on the new licence application

- Application for new licence gave a new opportunity.

Mr Alan York – Emphasised we are in the winter, the summer is very different and he had no faith in a likely change given the previous situation.

Mr Matthew Blakiston:

- Does not want to open late and noted that parts of the application had been completed citing an example if a Folk Group was to perform it had to be as a music licence.
- He was determined to stamp out poor behaviour.
- He noted that the City Council had made this application a special case and not applied their standard conditions with special case
- He ran a high cost operation creating work for 14 employees, 8 full and 6 part time in winter and 15 full time and 11 part time in summer.

Alan York – Noted that application of a blanket policy according to the Police is illegal.

Extended discussion then followed and in putting the matter to a vote there was:-

1. A proposal to adhere to the conditions agreed for the existing application with a continuation of current hours.
2. An amendment that the conditions of the new application be supported subject to the verbal assurances given by Mr Blakiston that he would remove poor behaviour.

On a vote the amendment was carried and it was RESOLVED to support the application with the assurances by Mr Blakiston to improve on the management of behaviour.

573 One Voice Wales – it was RESOLVED to invite Cllr. Peter Harwood (Newport) who is National Chair of One Voice Wales Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of Pembrokeshire Area Committee to the Council Meeting on 6 March 2006. Representatives of other local Councils were also to be invited.

574 PLANED – Minutes of Community Forum Meeting on 24 January 2006 – were RESOLVED to be received

575 County Councillor's Report:

J George reported that the swimming pool had been closed for four weeks as there had been no heating for the building. Repairs were still awaited and confirmation on a reopening time was not forthcoming. Given the known list of technical problems with the pool, the lack of any County Council capital expenditure planned for St Davids on sports and leisure facilities, together with the recent opening of new facilities in Fishguard and proposed pool and centre in Haverfordwest. He was concerned over the future of the pool. While Cabinet Members and Senior officers of Pembrokeshire County Council had been approached the matter remained unclear. It was RESOLVED to write a strong letter to Pembrokeshire County Council to seek an explanation of the situation, and asking if Pembrokeshire County Council cannot repair this facility what is the future for schools swimming and the effect on the school? Copies were to be sent to the Assembly Member and Member of Parliament. It was emphasised that the Pool was originally funded by the community with land given to the community for this purpose by the Gray family. It was agreed to present the situation to all local Community Council's who are effected, given that there had been no schools swimming possible in this period and ask them to add their support.

Correspondence

576 The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme - information was RESOLVED to be received.

577 Welsh Assembly Government – Health Challenge Wales, letter received 14 January 2006 together with Declaration of Support and Newsletter - was RESOLVED to be received.

578 Welsh Assembly Government, letter of 19 January 2006 - Borrowing by Community and Town Councils – Loan Sanction for 2006-7 - was RESOLVED to be received.

579 Welsh Assembly Government, letter of 23 January 2006 – The Local Government Partnership Scheme, Annual Report 2004-5 - was RESOLVED to be received.

580 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 20 January 2006 regarding Public Rights of Way at Treleidr – it was RESOLVED to be received to reply that both routes indicated have been traditionally used.

581 One Voice Wales – letter of 19 January 2006 and complimentary copy of Planning Handbook - was RESOLVED to be received.

582 Pembrokeshire County Council - North Area Liaison Meeting letter of 30 January 2006 and minutes of meeting of 24 October 2005. Meeting on Housing Allocation copy of presentation, was RESOLVED to be received.

- 583** Dyfed Powys Police Authority - Community Consultation Forums – public meeting in Pembroke Dock 9 February 2006 at 7.00pm, was noted.
- 584** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 23 January received 4 February 2006 – Supplementary Planning Guidance - Building in a Sustainable Way, was RESOLVED to be received
- 585** Pembrokeshire County Council – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 1 February 2006 – Joint Unitary Development Plan – Consultation on Proposed Modifications were agreed to be considered at the next meeting and D Chant declared a personal interest as an objector.
- 586** Supplementary Planning Guidance was RESOLVED to be received for :-
- 586.1 Affordable Housing in Pembrokeshire
 - 586.2 Low impact Development Making a Positive Contribution
 - 586.3 Biodiversity and Development in Pembrokeshire
 - 586.4 Loss of Hotels and Guest Houses in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority .
- 587** Plaid Cymru letter of 1 February 2006 – Tax relief on self invested private pension schemes (SIPPS) – was RESOLVED to be received.
- 588** North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum – Letter of 1 February 2006 – Evaluation of the Work of the Forum was RESOLVED to be received.
- 589** Dolen Cymru – letter of 1 February 2006 Consultation document on Welsh International Sustainable Development – it was RESOLVED to propose Lesotho as the country to receive development support from Wales, given the links established over many years.
- 590** Dial a Shredder - G Perkins was noted and while supported, the existing provision at the Civic Amenity Site was
- 591** DONATIONS *under Sec 137 Local Government Act 1972*:
- 591.1 Letter of thanks received from Pembrokeshire Coalition for donation of £50 was noted.
 - 591.2 Donation Requests:
 - 591.2.1 Llangollen International Eisteddfod, letter received 18 January 2006 – it was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 591.2.2 RSVP Wales letter received 21 January 2006 regarding ‘Cars for Carers’, was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 591.2.3 The National Endometriosis Society letter of 30 January 2006 was RESOLVED to be received.
- 592** The following items of correspondence were RESOLVED to be received:-
- 592.1 The Law Society Consumer Complaints Service – resolving complaints about solicitors.
 - 592.2 The Prince’s Trust – Go Red for Wales 27.2.06 – 5.3.06.
 - 592.3 Pembrokeshire County Council Training and Development Bulletin January 2006.
 - 592.4 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum - minutes of meetings
 - 592.5 Noah’s Ark Appeal - Newsletter 10.
 - 592.6 British Cleaning Council Launch of ‘Clean Britain Awards’.
 - 592.7 Unsolicited information: Glasdon Products, Gopak Tables, The Local Channel – free community website, Bus Shelters Ltd.

Planning:

- 593** Current plans – further information on the following applications:-
- 593.1 NP/05/410 Workshop outbuilding at Treledydd Fawr - none received.
 - 593.2 NP/05/682 Livestock shed - letter of 27 January 2006 notifying refusal of permission contrary to the City Council’s acceptance was noted.
 - 593.3 NP/05/659 Wildlife pond at Trewellwell, Caerfarchell – deferred pending discussion on future plans for the area.
- 594** New applications:-
- 594.1 05/1191/PA Conversion of Barn to Dwelling at Cwmwdig Farm, Berea –was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.

Accounts:

- 594.2 Internal Audit for December 2005 - it was noted that this had been successfully completed.
- 594.3 Accounts for January 2006
Balances as at 29th January 2006
Premier Account £608.62 Loan Account £10,392.84 Current Account £39,251.77

ACCOUNTS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT (ALREADY PAID)

HM Customs and Excise	316.95
Seton	62.16
Viking Direct	136.53
Mathias Hardware	65.94

B T (Broadband)	105.71
Swalec	196.56
Glyn Edwards Ltd	1664.56
Rev D C Menday	1160.84
P L Evans	190.50

ACCOUNTS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT (TO BE PAID)

Swan House Publishing	90.00	<i>This payment is for St Davids Day advertising in the publication 'Pembrokeshire Life' and is paid out of funds donated by St Davids Penknife Club.</i>
Wales Environmental Ltd	587.50	
Kidde Fire Protection	174.01	
Glyn Edwards Office Equipment Ltd	117.50	
J Phillips	73.44	
Cotton	229.34	
Lappset	99.88	
T & P Plumbing	904.11	R Thornton declared a personal interest

INCOME (01/04/05 to 29/01/06)
£143,275.50
(Car Park £117,282. Hall £8,730.34)

EXPENDITURE (01/04/05 to 29/01/06)
£121,231.08
(Admin £29,269.79 Car Park £37,769.22 Hall £9,106.60)

DONATIONS from 01/04/05

Crossroads	50.00	Torch Theatre Group	50.00
Childline Cymru	100.00	Royal British Legion	50.00
PCNPA	100.00	Portfield School	50.00
Grassroots Cymru	100.00	Urdd Gobaith Cymru	25.00
Bobath	50.00	MacMillan Cancer Relief	103.00
St Davids Cathedral Festival	750.00	National Eisteddfod	50.00
St Davids Cemetery	400.00	Victim Support	25.00
Caerfarchell Cemetery	100.00	Urdd Gobaith Cymru	25.00
Tretio Cemetery	100.00	Age Concern Cymru	50.00
Berea Cemetery	100.00	Pembs Coalition	50.00

594.4 Financial provisions: Whitesands £20000, Whitesands Shop tenancy Bond £500. Croeswdig tenancy bond £500 Council grounds maintenance £1500 - Total £22,500.

594.5 Permission to pay the accounts was RESOLVED to be granted.

594.6 Electronic payment is proceeding and signatories are being investigated.

594.7 Bank Loan – it was RESOLVED that given the current financial position to repay the outstanding £20,000 bank loan following completion of the Whitesands café contract.

594.8 Audit 2004/5 Recommendations regarding budget monitoring – a budget statement was provided and the Responsible Financial Officer suggested that a bi-monthly statement be provided and this was RESOLVED to be accepted.

Mayor's Business:

595 St.Davids Day Dinner Guests – it was RESOLVED to invite Mr Stephen Whitehead and Mrs Whitehead to the Council's dinner given his service to the provision of Christmas Lighting in St.Davids.

596 Councillor John Thomas of Llandissilio, previous Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council had recently died and it was agreed to send a card of condolence to his family.

597 Cross Square Tree – it was noted that work to remove the stump was in hand.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20th February 2006 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

598 Apologies for Absence: BT Price, RJ Thornton, DGB Lloyd and PL Evans Responsible Financial Officer.

599 Presentation on Coast Care Groups by Mari Williams, Clean Coasts Project Officer for Keep Wales Tidy
The Mayor introduced Mari Williams who outlined the work of the group.

The Clean Coasts Project began in Pembrokeshire in 1999 to assist set up groups through the provision of grants, insurance, equipment and materials for local projects. There are 32 groups in Pembrokeshire but no group at Whitesands although St.Davids Girl Guides are interested in assisting.

Litter collection is the main activity but assistance with path works and benches is possible.

Questions followed regarding setting up a group – A manual was provided and work was already underway with Ysgol Bro Dewi regarding Caerbwdy and the possibilities of working with Ysgol Dewi Sant were being investigated. The conditions required for groups included having 5 events per year and a separate bank account. Risk Assessments were required particularly prior to a litter pick. It was agreed that the City Council would promote the opportunity to establish a new group.

Matters arising from the February Monthly Meeting Minutes:**600 WHITESANDS**

600.1 Café Business Tenancy Document – VJG Johns & Son, letter of 14 February 2006 and draft business tenancy document from the tenant. The document was reviewed and the amended draft for a tenancy ending on the original date of 31 October 2009 was RESOLVED to be returned to Hains and Lewis, solicitor for the tenant.

601 ST JUSTINIANS - Car Parking and Toilets: –

601.1 St Justinians Management Initiative Group – The Clerk outlined the substantial progress made at the Technical Group meeting on 10 February 2006. A monitored trial of a Park and Ride service with a seasonal supporting car park facility had been agreed in principle for 2 years. Operational matters were now being discussed and comment from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority was awaited regarding details required for the planning application NP/05/616 already submitted by the City Council.

602 CITY HALL:

- 602.1 Phase 2 Development - Pembrokeshire County Council, Licencing and Public Protection response is awaited.
- 602.2 Marketing of the Hall – Discussion on the quality of present sports facilities followed, as well as the need for accessible toilets, led to it being RESOLVED to provide a scheme for a single fully accessible toilet in the garden area adjacent to the east side of the Hall.
- 602.3 CDG Community Buildings Audit – Draft Strategy document was RESOLVED to be deferred until the next meeting.

603 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS – General improvements were discussed and it was RESOLVED to proceed with a scheme to provide a small multiplay unit in the toddler area for about £5000; a multiplay unit for the main area at is £16,000 – 20,000 and possibly an aerial ropeway at £7000. The design and sources of funding were RESOLVED to be assessed with the aim of having the equipment in place at the end of the year.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING:

604 St Davids Day Celebration Programme - this was reviewed and the following noted:-

- 604.1 Programme for the week- outstanding matters:
- 604.1.1 Flower Trail - it was agreed to use certificates of thanks to participants rather than a competition this year.
- 604.1.2 Saturday St David theme walk - insurance cover for volunteer leader – it was RESOLVED to approve Mrs Nona Rees as an experienced volunteer leader for this walk and to accept and implement the risk assessment conditions provided by Allianz Cornhill.
- 604.2 Hosting of Guests – the itinerary of HRH High Commissioner to Lesotho was not known and the Mayor and Mayoress of Naas and Clerk arrival times were also yet to be confirmed.
- 604.3 Council Dinner: Gifts that were a token were agreed to be provided for High Commissioner, Mayor of Naas and speaker as has been past practice.
- 604.4 Market - 9 stalls had applied to join the market – Daffodils, Soaps, St.Davids Country Market, Hot Welsh Fayre, Caerfai Cheese, Perennial Nursery, Preseli Gold Sausage Co, Wild Boar Meat, Country Preserves,

Wellfield Ironworks and CK’s bread; with 1 charity table from Cancer Research. The RNLI Fundraising Branch, Shalom and Crossroads were not attending.

604.5 Goodwill Message to Cardiff – Clerk reported that Dr John Davies, of Cardiff St Davids Day Celebrations Committee, was coordinating the sending of a Message of Goodwill from St Davids to Cardiff on St Davids Day, to be taken by hand via Whitland, Carmarthen and Swansea and then to be read at the National Museum and presented at the Senedd opening on 1 March 2006. It was RESOLVED to provide a message and to participate in this new St Davids Day initiative.

604.6 Pembrokeshire County Council - Highway Closure of Cross Square from 27 February 2006 had been deferred to 2 March it being noted that the City Council had not been directly informed of this plan.

605 One Voice Wales – meeting with representatives of One Voice Wales and other local councils was confirmed for Monday 6 March 2006.

606 Pembrokeshire County Council – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority - JUDP Consultation response, the document was discussed and RESOLVED to be received without comment.

607 Farmer’s Arms – Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 17 February 2006 - Premises Licence hearing for the Farmer’s Arms was noted for Monday 27th February 2006.

Correspondence:

608 Pembrokeshire and Derwen NHS Trust Service Reductions and changes Public Consultation – was RESOLVED to be received.

609 Pembrokeshire County Council Letter of 17 February 2006 - North Area Liaison Forum meeting on 13 March 2006 - It was RESOLVED to include the swimming pool and affordable housing as agenda items.

610 St. Davids Care in the Community Ltd, letter of 7 February 2006 was considered with access concerns being taken very seriously. Enquiries were to be made to clarify the situation.

611 Clerk’s Business:

611.1 St Davids Day – Clerk noted that the level of activity was growing well and the City Council’s involvement, particularly with the anticipated development being led by PLANED needed to be considered for next year.

611.2 Newsletter – the first issue of St.Davids City news had been provided – it was RESOLVED to support future provision of the newsletter with future costs to be provided.

611.3 Staff Performance Review was due to be undertaken in March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated