

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm**

**Present:** SJ Halse Mayor, JG Lloyd Deputy-Mayor, DJH George, PA Goddard, MGD James, CT Taylor, RJ Thornton, S Williams with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

St.Davids Youth Drop In members: Morgan Williams and Tom John with Group Leader Dave Golding.

**564 Apologies for Absence:** JW Braby (Holiday), DJO Chant (Holiday), MC Gray (Family commitment) and BT Price (family commitment).

**565 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 the agenda.

565.1 C Taylor declared a personal interest as an advertiser in Pembrokeshire Life under Minute 572.4.

**566 Confirmation of Minutes for:-**

566.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 4th January 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

566.2 The 'In Committee' Business of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 4th January 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

566.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 18th January 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

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**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**567 WHITESANDS CAR PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** – Pembrokeshire County Council had reported that they were still seeking to resolve land ownership queries.

**568 LNG TANKERS in ST BRIDE'S BAY** - Meeting with the MCA was confirmed for Wednesday 10 February 2010 at Milford Haven Port Authority at 7pm with C Taylor, M Gray to attend and apologies from J George and S Halse.

**569** 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.

ALLOTMENTS

**570 CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING** Contract 2010-2012.

570.1 A draft of the tender document was presented and it was RESOLVED to proceed with a public tender with tenders to be returned by 15.00h on 8 March 2010 for consideration at the next monthly meeting on 8 March 2010.

570.2 Annual anchor point testing - Following information from Allianz, the Council's insurers it was understood that the testing should be annual and this was RESOLVED to be accepted and included in the tender as a separate item from the main price.

**571 ST DAVIDS' COMMUNITY POOL GROUP**

Minutes of Group meeting of 20 January 2010 were considered and RESOLVED to be received.

**572 ST DAVIDS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

572.1 Programme Review was undertaken with the events progressing well.

572.2 Dragon's Parade - it was RESOLVED to contribute £50 towards the expenses of the Air Training Corps Band under Local Government Act 1972 s137.

572.3 'Best Cawl in St Davids' Competition – the Clerk reported that the Really Wild Festival organiser Julia Horton Powdrill had offered to take over the event and this was accepted.

572.4 Pembrokeshire Life - Advertising it was RESOLVED not to undertake any advertising but to forward a copy of the programme.

572.5 St Davids Day Dinner:

572.5.1 Councillor's menu choices were to be made with Dr Rob Jones Medical Director of Shalom being invited as speaker.

572.5.2 Guests will include HRH Prince Seeiso high Commissioner for the Kingdom of Lesotho who is to arrive on 1 March, the Clerk having asked his office if a meeting could be arranged with him on Tuesday 2 March around 11am.

It was agreed to invite Rev Canon Bob and Mrs Elaine Morgan to the dinner.

572.6 Market – Charitable and Community Group Use - The Clerk reported on a growing number of enquiries from charitable groups wishing to have stalls and it was RESOLVED to defer considering the priorities between the main interest that is the traders and charitable use until the meeting on 15 February 2010.

### 573 ST JUSTINIANS TEMPORARY TOILETS

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority correspondence – the following items were RESOLVED to be received as part of a noticeably extended set of requirements being presented by the Authority for approval of temporary toilet provision by the City Council:-

573.1 Letter of 12 January 2010 - Unable to register the planning application.

573.2 Letter of 21 January 2010 - Notification regarding potential delays and right to appeal if not considered under the delegation scheme.

573.3 Letter of 15 January 2010 - New Licence agreement was required to use the land - it was RESOLVED to apply for the licence.

573.4 Letter of 21 January 2010 - NP/10/022 City Council's planning application – Temporary seasonal toilets 1 April or Easter if earlier to 31 October from 2010 to 2015 in lay by at St Justinians had been registered as a delegated matter.

### 574 PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

574.1 Traffic concerns in New Street and Nun Street - Meeting with Mr D Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council confirmed for 23 February at 10am.

574.2 Pothole repairs in roads – Cllr J George reported that Pembrokeshire County Council was undertaking repairs in this area.

575 CITY HALL – Planning application drawings – Following an extended discussion it was RESOLVED to approve the drawings and to apply for planning approval.

576 LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE BID - Eco City Group letter of 25 January 2010 advising that the bid was unsuccessful was RESOLVED to be received.

### 577 ORIEL Y PARC STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Mayor outlined the meeting on 28 January 2010 that did not have National Museum representation and this was viewed as disappointing by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. The lack of curatorial input from the National Museum was felt not to be appropriate for the high specification building and facilities that have been provided. Mr J Parkin of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority was to meet with the National Museum to take the situation forward and to improve the frequency of the Stakeholders meetings.

577.1 It was RESOLVED that after one month the situation regarding progress on improving the displays would be reviewed and the City Council would then consider writing to express its concerns over the situation.

577.2 Closure of Information Centre over Christmas was noted as being unsatisfactory.

**Accounts:**

578 Internal Audit for December been successfully completed and were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

## 579 Accounts for January 2010

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JANUARY 2010

Balances as at 25/01/2010	£
Current A/c	16228
Premium A/c	54004
Total	70232

SUMMARY	Car Park	City Hall	Admin	Capital	Misc	Café	St Justinian	VAT	TOTAL
Income		991			6002	1338			8331
Expenditure	328	592	1832	4587	1360	107	83	1014	9796
Balance	-328	399	-1832	-4587	4642	1231	-83	1014	-1465

## DONATIONS

LGA 1972 Sec 137 for 2009/10 is £9575 (£6.15 pp for 1557 residents)	
Last month's donations	150
Total donated 2009/10	
YTD	2562
Balance available	7013

LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance	
Total donated 2009/10	
YTD	700

## PAYMENTS

	£
PCNPA	83.00
Gwyn Davies & Sons Ltd	194.00
Martin Griffiths	140.00
Lower Moor Nursery	214.00
Porthmawr SLSC	344.88
W A Spees	345.00
Rainbow Solar Trading	262.00
Bissmire Fudge & Co	293.75
PCNPA (Dragons)	150.00
Lite Ltd	5389.72
Swalec	683.06
BT (Internet)	112.72
D C Menday	1496.21
Dwr Cymru	57.19
Viking Direct	108.23
Performance Rights Society	167.63
P L Evans	239.77
Total	10281.16

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

**580 Donations:**

The following letters of thanks for donations were RESOLVED to be received:-

- 580.1.1 Cystic Fibrosis Trust letter received 11 January 2010.
- 580.1.2 Samaritans letter of 11 January 2010.
- 580.1.3 St Davids Cathedral Festival email of 14 January 2010.

**581 Donation requests:-**

- 581.1.1 RNIB Cymru letter of 11 January 2010 it was RESOLVED to donate £50.
- 581.1.2 87.7FM Radio Withybush letter and accounts of 10 January 2010 it was RESOLVED not to donate.
- 581.1.3 Macmillan Cancer Support letter received 12 January 2010 it was RESOLVED to donate £103.

**Correspondence**

**582** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 5 January 2010 – Welsh Language Act 1993, Public Consultation on Draft Welsh Education Scheme 11.1.2010 – 22.3.2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

**583** Zoe Williams email 18 January 2010 – Sponsorship for Children in Africa was RESOLVED to be received with priority being agreed to be provided to the St.Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link.

**584** Gelli Aur email of 21 January 2010 - it was RESOLVED to obtain more information on the appeal prior to considering any contribution or provision of the City Hall for a community event.

**585** Public Services Ombudsman for Wales letter and information received 21 January 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

**586** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 18 January 2010 with Annual Inspection report on Play Area for 2009 by Digley Associates.

The Clerk outlined the points recorded that were all of a low risk nature and advised that a list of remedial work had been sent to Pembrokeshire County Council in order that it could quote for the works using the small retained maintenance fund accumulated over recent years.

**587** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 25 January 2010. Town and Country Planning Act 1980 – Tree Work Application (Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999. Notification of Health and Safety Tree Work at Penrhiw in the St Davids Conservation Area was RESOLVED to be received.

**588** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 21 January 2010 - Pembrokeshire County Council Local Delivery Plan: Delivery Agreement Revision was RESOLVED to be received.

**589** Welsh Assembly Government letter of 22 January 2010 - Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 2010 - 2011 was RESOLVED to be received.

**590** Welsh Assembly Government - Consultation on Accounts and Audit (Wales) Letter of 25 January 2010 Amendment Regulations was RESOLVED to be received.

**591** Alzheimer's Society Pembrokeshire Branch letter received 29 January 2010 – Invitation to Opening Ceremony of New Office was RESOLVED to be received.

**592** Dyfed Powys Police Authority letter received 29 January 2010 – ‘Dyfed Powys Police Authority Here To Represent You’ was RESOLVED to be received with Cllr C Taylor reporting on the lack of support he received during a recent incident. It was RESOLVED to write to the Authority requesting that a better police presence and response time be provided in St Davids.

**593** NSPCC letter received 29 January 2010 – ‘How do you protect more local children from abuse and neglect’ – it was RESOLVED to include the information in the newsletter.

**594** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter received 1 February 2010 – Local Development Plan Examination. Notice of Prehearing Meeting on 2 March 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

**595** One Voice Wales the following emails of 27 January 2010 were RESOLVED to be received:-

- 595.1.1 Local Environment Improvement Projects re Grant Opportunity
- 595.1.2 Countryside Council for Wales - Funding Newsletter.
- 595.1.3 Cymru Yfory Tomorrow's Wales is organising several meetings across Wales to establish supporter groups to start on the work of raising awareness of the need for the Assembly to have more powers.

**596** Standard letters, Promotional information and Newsletters – the following items were RESOLVED to be received:-

- 596.1 Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum January e-Newsletter.
- 596.2 Wales Co-operative Centre - Courses and Events February 2010.
- 596.3 Fairtrade Foundation January 2010 FT Towns Newsletter.
- 596.4 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum: News Briefing - January 2010.
- 596.5 Tall Ships Adventures Summer 2010.
- 596.6 SLCC Training Information and January Newsletter.
- 596.7 British Cleaning Council newsletter 'The Voice' Winter 09.
- 596.8 Clerks and Councils Direct January 2010.
- 596.9 County Cost Consultants letter of 12.1.2010 offering legal services.

**597 Reports from Members representing the Council on Local Groups and Events:-**

- 597.1 Bws y Bobol – Cllr R Thornton advised there was a meeting next week.
- 597.2 One Voice Wales - Cllr C Taylor No information since last meeting.
- 597.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association – No report.
- 597.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group – see above minute 572.
- 597.5 St Davids Eco City Group – no information.
- 597.6 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association - Cllr S Williams reported that the new chairman was Mr D Malein and that the Association had provided some funds to assist with the forthcoming dragon parade.
- 597.7 St.Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link: - Cllr C Taylor reported on 2 planned fund raising events and efforts will be made to contact the schools to present the work of the Link Group as well as establishing Friends of the Group.
- 597.8 Youth Drop In – The members of the Drop In who had observed the meeting gave an enthusiastic outline of the activities of the Drop In and after discussion on events the group were invited to attend further Council meetings to report on progress and it was RESOLVED to be received.
- 597.9 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor – no report.
- 597.10 Neighbourhood Watch Group – Next meeting due in March following cancellation of 3 January 2010 meeting on account of bad weather.

#### **County Councillor's Report.**

**598** Cllr George advised that the A487 road closure in centre of Solva for 4 nights from 8 March – Resurfacing work from 7pm to 11pm.

#### **Clerk's Business:**

**599** Street Map of St Davids:

- 599.1 The Clerk outlined a visitor's request for a better quality street map than those issued at the Information Centre. It was RESOLVED that an assessment be made of the costs of a map that folds to credit card size that was based on the orientation sign design be made.
- 599.2 Various minor vandalism matters and the ongoing litter mess in the vicinity of Town Hall Lane were presented and remain an ongoing nuisance.

**600** Tidy Towns Grant - it was confirmed that all of the 'St Davids' design benches had been repainted through funding from the Tidy Towns Scheme.

**Planning:**

**601 NP/10/025** Alterations to existing agricultural building at Porthclais Farm Campsite.  
It was RESOLVED to request the opinion of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority given the previous planning history of this building so that the matter may be reconsidered at the meeting on 15 February 2010.

**602 NP/10/032** Extension and replacement of existing Conservatory at 15 Maes Dyfed – it was agreed to offer Council Support for the proposal that was deemed to be an appropriate extension.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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**603 Apologies for Absence:** JW Braby (Holiday), DJO Chant (Holiday), M C Gray (Family commitment) and BT Price (Family commitment).

**Business:**

**604 ALLOTMENTS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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**Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 15 February 2010 at the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Paul Davies AM, the Assembly Member for Preseli Pembrokeshire to the meeting and there was a wide ranging discussion that opened with the current interest in extending the powers of the National Assembly that was not due to be fought on party political lines given the free vote. Other matters considered included the following.

Education in Wales, especially the future for 16 plus young people in the locality was difficult given the much wider choice of subjects to be offered. Mr Davies noted that the level of expenditure on children in Wales was £527 less per child than in England. In addition budget cuts of 5% in efficiency savings as well as efforts to protect 6<sup>th</sup> forms were presented.

There was a broad point regarding democracy with the view of a 'Broken Society concept from a broken democracy' and the desire of UK and Cardiff government to reduce local councils as well as concerns over the Cabinet form of local government in Pembrokeshire.

Mr Davies responded by emphasising a need for transparency of salaries of councillors and officers and he did not agree with making town and community councils smaller. The alternative approaches for local democracy are difficult albeit a Mayor would be directly elected unlike the Cabinet appointments.

The lack of Broadband service especially north and west of St Davids is a major issue. He felt that efforts to improve it are being made and the use of a wireless service was an option but the government does not seem to be embracing wireless services although communities could bid for funding in some cases.

Property revaluation and potential increases in business rates of as much as 85% were of grave concern. A campaign is being considered in other parts of the county especially Narberth to challenge why businesses are being charged so heavily – no answer being apparent from the government. The lack of clarity was also seen regarding transport with the need for extra train services to Fishguard and in Mr Davies' view the government had sat on the fence.

Policing levels in rural Pembrokeshire especially were noted as a concern and Mr Davies was meeting with the Chief Constable and Chief Superintendent and would bring the matter up once again.

Mr Davies offered to come along to meetings on a more frequent basis and this was much appreciated, the Mayor then thanked him for coming to St.Davids and he left the meeting.

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Police Community Support Officer Mark John then joined the meeting to both introduce himself as the new officer and for a general discussion on current matters, after which he left the meeting.

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**605 Apologies for Absence:** JW Braby (Holiday), DJO Chant (Holiday), PA Goddard (Holiday) MC Gray (Family commitment), MGD James (Family commitment) and BT Price (Family commitment).

**606 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.

**Matters arising from the 1 February 2010 meeting:**

**607 WHITESANDS CAR PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**

Approvals from land owners are still awaited.



**608 DEWI SANT ALLOTMENT SOCIETY**

608.1 Gill Lewis email of 11 February 2010 provided confirmation of the new group name and the officers with the planned launch of the allotments on 27 February 2010 prior to agreements being in place with the City Council were RESOLVED to be received.

608.2 Planning Position. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority email of 15 February 2010 indicating that while allotments have no requirement for planning, the associated work and activity has an impact and planning approval is required on grounds of visual impact, nature of the activity in the special landscape, access, parking and provision of any sheds. The Authority does support the principle of allotments in the areas and suggested that a more sustainable site be found.

**609 LNG TANKERS IN ST BRIDE'S BAY**

The re-organisation of the meeting following postponement was RESOLVED to be deferred to the next meeting when more members should be present.

**610 ST DAVIDS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

610.1 Programme was reviewed and organisational details were addressed particularly for the Cymnfa Ganu Tea, St Davids Day Blessing and marshalls for the Dragon's Parade on the Saturday.

610.2 St Davids Day Dinner:

610.2.1 Arrangements for the hosting of guests especially HRH Prince Seeiso, High Commissioner for Lesotho and HRH Princess Mabereng Seeiso as well as the Mayor of Naas, Eire - Councillor Mrs Pat Clear and Councillor Emer McDaid were discussed.

610.2.2 Bouquets - it was RESOLVED to provide bouquets but no gifts for Princess Seeiso, the Mayor of Naas and Mrs J Jones.

610.3 Market – Charitable and Community Group Use - Shalom and Eco City Group stalls were RESOLVED to be accepted for the St.Davids Day Market.

**611 GELLI AUR PROJECT**

Additional information on the scheme for a home in Wales for military personnel and the refurbishment of the historic building was noted and it was agreed to offer support to the project in principle.

**612 ORIENTATION MAP**

612.1 Folding Map version. R Cotton email of 15 February 2010 – it was preferred to leave the item as some members felt the interests of the St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association should be noted.

612.2 Richard Cotton request on 11 February 2010 on behalf of Matthew Blakiston who wishes to buy and display 2 copies of the City Council's orientation map (exactly as they are apart from updates) to be displayed internally in both the Farmers Arms and The Bishops – this was RESOLVED to be approved.

**Correspondence**

**613** Dyfed Powys Police Authority Community Consultative Meetings February 2010 on Tuesday 23 February at Pembrokeshire County Council in County Hall – was RESOLVED to be received.

**614** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 8 February 2010 - Local Development Plan Examination Pre- Hearing Meeting on 2 March 2010 at E-Commerce Centre, Pembroke Dock – was RESOLVED to be received.

**615** Bissmire Fudge letter of 11 February 2010. Dŵr Cymru access to Caerfarchell Waste Water Treatment Works. Deed of Grant of Easement – RESOLVED that the Deed be accepted signed and sealed.

**Clerk's Business**

**616 Whitesands:**

616.1 Resident's passes and season tickets - issue dates in the Memorial Hall were noted.

616.2 Wind Turbine on the Beach Café - Replacement of turbine blades. The supplier of the blades had noted that following the second failure of the blades since installation that the turbine should be removed in the event of strong winds. Given the cost of replacement it was RESOLVED to reconsider whether to continue with the installation in the event of a further failure.

**617 Markets** – Request from St Davids Country Market to start markets on the Cross Square on the 6 May instead of 3 June and possibly over Easter was RESOLVED to be approved.

**Planning**

**618 NP/10/025** Alterations to existing agricultural building at Porthclais Farm Campsite together with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 10 February 2010. No decision was made regarding the new application and the previous rejection of the appeal to the previous planning application was RESOLVED to be supported.

**Any Other Business:**

**619 Matsieng Lesotho Link** – Cllr C Taylor reported on the Charity Lunch on Friday 19 February 2010 and liaison with Gold Star communities.

**620 Cllr S Williams** advised that Christina Williams, who received support from the Council for a visit to Mozambique is presenting an exhibition at the Atrium in Cardiff on 3 March 2010 and all councillors were very welcome to attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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