

Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 6th February 2012 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Mr Kevin Shales, Community Development Officer of Pembrokeshire County Council who came to advise the Council about the possibility of obtaining financial assistance to develop the City Hall. Mr Shales informed the City Council that the likelihood of obtaining any funding would depend on the demand for updated facilities by the local community and that the scheme would need to demonstrate that an improved hall would be of a benefit to the community as a whole. It was RESOLVED to dedicate the second meeting of the month to reviewing the approved plans and to implement an action plan.

Present:

CT Taylor Mayor, DJH George Deputy Mayor, PA Goddard, MC Gray, SJ Halse, MGD James, JG Lloyd, BT Price, RJ Thornton, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).
Also present in the public gallery was Mr Geraint Michael.

447 Apologies for Absence:

JW Braby, DJO Chant

448 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. Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Item 463.

449 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

- 449.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 9th January 2012 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 449.2 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 9th January 2012 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 449.3 Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 23rd January 2012 were RESOLVED to be approved. It was further RESOLVED to discuss the insurance costs of the Christmas Tree Association's lighting ceremony at the next monthly meeting.

Matters Arising

450 CITY HALL Bissmire Fudge letter of 20th January 2012. This item being a matter of contract was RESOLVED to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was agreed 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.

451 TENDERS FOR THE TENNANCY OF CROESWDIG FIELD This item being a matter of contract was RESOLVED to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was agreed 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.

452 CAULDRONS & FURNACES The clerk informed the Council that Bethany Lloyd of Planed had confirmed that she will attend the City Council's second meeting of the month on Monday 20th February.

Accounts

453 The Internal Audit for December 2011 was RESOLVED to be approved.

454 Accounts for January 2011.

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

Correspondence

- 455** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 16th January 2012 Opening of the Wales Coast path celebrations. It was RESOLVED to receive the information and to contact Paula Ellis of Oriel Y Parc to enquire whether there were any commemorative events already planned in St Davids.
- 456** K R Fishcare letter (not dated) Aquarium installation and maintenance was RESOLVED to be received.
- 457** Maria Milner e-mail of 19th January 2012 Fairtrade status renewal it was RESOLVED to contact Liz Cousens and Mr & Mrs Wyn Buick to discuss the renewal.
- 458** Martin Bull e-mail of 20th January 2012 Section 137 expenditure. Spending limit for 2012/2013 will be £10200.00. The information was RESOLVED to be received.
- 459** Mrs M. Howells letter of 23rd January 2012 car parking penalty. It was RESOLVED to contact Pembrokeshire County Council objecting to the lack of discretion used by the Parking Enforcement Officers. It was further RESOLVED to request a copy of the guidelines issued to the officers and to invite Mr Geoff Sutton of Pembrokeshire County Council to attend a Council meeting to discuss the various issues that have been raised by local residents since the local authority had taken over the parking enforcement from Dyfed-Powys Police.
- 460** Rhiannon Tate e-mail of 26th January 2012 Request to broadcast footage of Whitesands car park it was RESOLVED to grant Miss Tate permission to use the footage.
- 461** Jocelyn Freeman e-mail of 26th January 2012 notification of forthcoming events as RESOLVED to be received. It was further RESOLVED to write to Miss Freeman thanking her for the information and to inform her that the City Council continues to follow her career with interest.
- 462** Tidal Energy letter of 27th January 2012 Notification of works at St Justinian was RESOLVED to be received.
- 463** St Davids Cathedral Festival letter of 30th January 2012. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Price together with Cllrs Halse, James, Goddard, George, Williams and spouses would attend the concert on Monday 4th June 2012.
- 464** Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership letter of 31st January 2012 local Transport Authority Toolkit for Low Carbon Busses it was RESOLVED to request a tool kit.
- 465** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd (not dated) letter suggesting that an alternative torch be lit from the Olympic flame and carried to St Davids. It was RESOLVED pass a copy of the letter to the Olympic Committee and to inform the Eisteddfod Committee of this decision.
- 466** Standard letters and newsletters – the following items are on display or available electronically:-
- 466.1 The All Wales Joint Arson Group Consultation was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.2 Dolen Cymru Newsletter was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.3 Oriol Y Parc February newsletter was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.4 One Voice Wales Response to Bylaws Consultation was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.5 Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum e-news was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.6 Pembrokeshire Coast national Park Authority consultation on planning feedback was RESOLVED to be received.
 - 466.7 One Voice Wales Ombudsman's Casebook was RESOLVED to be received.

467 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

- 467.1 One Voice Wales. Cllr Goddard had nothing to report
- 467.2 St Davids Carnival Association. Cllr James reported that the next meeting will take place in January.
- 467.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr Price reported that the Red Cross had donated £60 to the Association. As Chair person of the Association, Cllr Price presented the Mayor with a cheque for £1000 towards the costs of installing and maintaining the Christmas lights.
- 467.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group. Cllr Halse reported that the programme was complete. Cllr Gray informed the Council that Mr Derek Jones had commissioned an award for the Dragons parade. It was RESOLVE to write a letter of thanks to Mr Jones. Cllr Halse informed the Council that there was a possibility that the schools would be closed on 1st March due to teachers' strike action. Cllr Halse suggested that the Council consider arranging an event for the local children to be held on St Davids Day in future.
- 467.5 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr James reported that the Day Centre was operating well and that Age Concern would be using St Davids as an example for their Silver Circle project.

- 467.6 St Davids Eco City Group Cllr Thornton had nothing to report.
- 467.7 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Williams reported that the last meeting was held in January and that the association was hoping that 2012 would prove to be a more profitable season than 2011.
- 467.8 St.Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. The mayor reported that the Cathedral had agreed to give the group proceeds of the Lent lunch to be held on Friday 16th March.
- 467.9 Youth Drop In. Cllr Price reported that the group continued to operate well.
- 467.10 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Cllr Price reported that the Bishop was attending the school on 1st March and the children’s service would now be held on 5th March.
- 467.11 Mayor’s Report for the Month. The Mayor reported that since the last meeting he attended the inauguration of the Roland Bateman Memorial lights at the Rugby Club. The evening was most enjoyable and he was made very welcome.

468 County Councillor’s Report

- 468.1 Cllr George reported that the amendments to the traffic regulation orders as requested by the City Council had been formally approved and that the material changes to the street furniture and road markings should soon appear.
- 468.2 Cllr Williams raised the point that the east side of New Street from the bus stop to Moshulu shoe shop was not sufficiently lit. It was RESOLVED that the Cllr George would contact Pembrokeshire County Council and request that the lighting be improved. Cllr Price suggested that the Council conduct a survey of the street lights. It was RESOLVED to survey the street lights at the next monthly meeting.

469 Clerk’s Business:

- 469.1 Arrangements for the Army’s reception on 28th March 2012. It was RESOLVED to continue the arrangements that been held previously thus providing a buffet at the Grove Hotel for 150 people at £10 per head and a drink for each of the soldiers.

470 Mayor’s Business

- 470.1 Invitation to the Rugby Club for Councillor’s St Davids day dinner. It was RESOLVED not to invite the Rugby Club as the previous invitation was sent to Major Williams and his wife as winners of the 2010 Community Award.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Chair

Date.....

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20th February 2012 at the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.**Present:**

CT Taylor Mayor, PA Goddard, MC Gray, SJ Halse, MGD James, JG Lloyd, BT Price, RJ Thornton, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

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Matters Arising**473 CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT.**

473.1 Following a review the existing plans it was RESOLVED publish a questionnaire in the next newsletter which can be cut out and returned to the Clerk when completed. The aim of the questionnaire will be to establish what improvements to the hall the current user groups would like to see, what improvements would benefit the community as a whole and what improvements could be made to ensure that community groups that don't currently use the hall would do so in the future. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Price, James, Goddard and Halse would meet with the Clerk at 10am on Monday 27th February to devise the questionnaire.

473.2 It was RESOLVED to request that the caretaker keep a record of any potential bookings that were unable to take place due to either the hall already being booked and/or the space being unable to accommodate the needs of the particular user group.

473.3 It was RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer provide the Council with a breakdown of the groups that have used the hall in the past twelve months.

Correspondence

474 Rosie Davies e-mail of 15th February 2012 Ysgol Dewi Sant's May fair. It was RESOLVED to inform Mrs Davies that the Council was currently unaware of any potential date clash and to provide her with the contact details of organisation that were invited to the civic reception in 2011.

475 Bethany Lloyd's e-mail of 20th February 2012 Provisional time table for Cauldrons & Furnaces pilgrimage on 7th July 2012. It was RESOLVED to inform Miss Lloyd of the City Council's preference to use the Red Cross First Aiders as oppose to the St John's Ambulance. It was further RESOLVED that Cllr Gray would get a quote for the rope required to secure the flags that are due to be flown on the Cross Square

Clerk's Business

476 2012 Elections. The Clerk informed the Council that training that was to be provided to new clerks on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7pm in County Hall has been cancelled by Pembrokeshire County Council. Guidance notes will be issued instead.

477 Cymafa Ganu. The clerk requested permission to purchase the tea, milk, sugar, Welsh cakes, bara brith and daffodils required. It was RESOLVED to approve the request. It was further RESOLVED that councillors would meet in the City Hall at 1.30pm on Sunday 26th February to set up the tables and prepare the refreshments.

478 Bunting in the City Hall. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Gray and Thornton would decorate the interior of the hall with bunting on Thursday 23rd February at 6pm.

Planning:

479 H1/I2/MH/pc Removal of hedgerow on A487, Hendre Farm. It was RESOLVED to support the application with the proviso that the hedge be re-instated as a Pembrokeshire hedge.

480 Mayor's Business

- 480.1 The Mayor reminded stewards to be at Oriel Y Parc by 10.30 on Saturday for the Dragons Parade. Cllr Gray advised the Council that he would take the high visibility jackets to Oriel Y Parc on Saturday morning for the stewards to collect.
- 480.2 The Mayor expressed his disappointment that the exterior of the City Hall hadn't been pressure washed. The clerk informed the Council that the previous contractor had sold his business. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain a quote for the front to be cleaned prior to the army parade on 28th March. 2012.
- 480.3 Following a report that the front of the City hall was not sufficient light outside the front of the City Hall it was RESOLVED to obtain a quote for the installation of two exterior lights.
- 480.4 Cllr James informed the Mayor of an incident where children on bicycles had nearly caused an accident. It was RESOLVED to inform the police of children riding bicycles and skate boards around St Davids in the dark with no lights on.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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