

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 8th March 2010 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

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

Members of Dewi Sant Allotment Society: G Lewis and R Marsh.

621 Apologies for Absence: Full attendance.

622 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.

C Taylor declared as a member of the St.Davids Community Pool Group Minute 629.

623 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

623.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st February 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

623.2 The 'In Committee' Business of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st February 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

623.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 15th February 2010 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

624 WHITESANDS CAR PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS.

The Clerk reported that the scheme had been marked out on the road but final agreement of use of some land was awaited from Pembrokeshire County Council.

625 LNG TANKERS in ST BRIDE'S BAY – New meeting with Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Milford Haven Port Authority.

It was RESOLVED to discuss the matter further and enquiries were to be made as to how support could be provided for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in order for it to have additional powers to control LNG tankers in the St Brides Bay area. It was noted by Cllr Gray that the lack of control of such vessels would not be tolerated in the USA. A further meeting was to be planned with local community councils and Milford Haven Port Authority as well as involving the local Members of Parliament and National Assembly Members.

626 DEWI SANT ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The Mayor introduced Gill Lewis and Rob Marsh as representatives of the Society and outlined the status quo regarding the proposed site near Emlych and the role of Pembrokeshire County Council and the local limitations regarding planning permission.

Dewi Sant Allotment Society correspondence received included:-

626.1 Allotment Society letter of 22 February 2010.

626.2 Gill Lewis email of 25 February 2010.

626.3 Dewi Sant Allotment Society - 2 letters of 8 March 2010 presented by the Society members at the meeting.

Mr Rob Marsh emphasised the enthusiasm of the Society for the use of the Emlych site and suggested a site meeting of involved parties given the planning related concerns raised by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority in relation to access and visual impact.

It was RESOLVED to hold a site meeting of key parties particularly with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire County Council and it was suggested that the search for an allotment site be continued should the Emlych site not prove suitable.

Gill Lewis and Rob Marsh were thanked by the Mayor for coming to discuss this matter and they then left the meeting.

627 CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING TENDER Contract 2010-2012 and Annual anchor point testing.

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.

628 ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - Review.

The Mayor outlined the success of this year's growing number of events congratulating Cllr G James on the first Over 50's Forum Eisteddfod. The whole sequence of events had worked well with the volunteer efforts from Siop y Bobol, the Cymanfa Ganu and the Really Wild Cawl Competition providing £804 for Withybush Hospital League of Friends.

The attendance of the Mayor of Naas, Cllr Mrs Pat Clear and Cllr Emer McDaid as well as HRH Prince Seeiso, High Commissioner for Lesotho had been much appreciated and a very constructive meeting had been held with Prince Seeiso that will assist take the St Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link forward. It was encouraging that he had offered to return to meet with local schools in the future.

629 ST DAVIDS COMMUNITY POOL GROUP

The following items were RESOLVED to be received:-

629.1 Minutes of meeting 25 February 2010.

629.2 Notes of Discussion with Mr John Deason on 21 February 2010 - The Mayor noted the key points made regarding the project in Fishguard.

630 ORIEL Y PARC STAKEHOLDER GROUP:

630.1 Mayor reported that Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority has not yet met with National Museum of Wales and a meeting was now planned in March.

630.2 Stakeholder's meetings would now be held quarterly.

631 PAUL DAVIES AM - Letter of 17 February 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

632 ST JUSTINIANS TEMPORARY TOILETS:

632.1 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 24 February 2010 approving the use of the portaloos for 5 years was RESOLVED to be received.

632.2 Dates for hire of portaloos - The numbers of units on site at £25 per week per unit (no rise since last year) was RESOLVED to be 2 portable toilet units from 2 April to early October the final date being weather dependent and 2 additional units between 28 May and 5 June, and 17 July and 1 September 2010. The costs involved were in the order of £1650 and these were accepted with a letter being agreed to be sent to the Porthstinian Boatowner's Association and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to ask for funding support as in previous years.

632.3 Application for Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Licence – it was RESOLVED to apply for the licence for the periods outlined in the table.

632.4 Servicing – it was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Arnold Boorman to undertake daily inspections and servicing visit for the season.

Accounts:

633 Internal Audit for January 2010 had been successfully completed and was RESOLVED to be approved.

634 Income and Expenditure Accounts for February 2010.

Balances as at 28/02/2010

	£
Current A/c	8651.86
Premium A/c	54007.13
Total	62658.99

SUMMARY	Car Park	City Hall	Admin	Capital	Misc	Café	VAT	TOTAL
Income		83				1784		1867
Expenditure	611	369	1974		784	346	226	4310
Balance	-611	-286	-1974	0	-784	1438	-226	-2443

DONATIONS

LGA 1972 Sec 137 for 2009/10 is £9575 (£6.15 pp for 1557 residents)	
Last month's donations	153
Total donated 2009/10 YTD	2715
Balance available	6860

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

PAYMENTS

	£
Dwr Cymru	57.19
Viking Direct	108.23
PRS Ltd	167.63
J Phillips	170.03
Vibe-Clare	143.75
Phoenix Press	717.92
Glyn Edwards Ltd	39.57
Viking Direct	170.21
British Gas	83.85
Phoenix Press	632.00
Small Firms Services	11.75
McAfee	49.99
HL Fielding Ltd	406.10
D C Menday	1496.21
P L Evans	239.77
Butherway Electrical Ltd	331.94
Bissmire Fudge & Co	408.50
Viking Direct	47.68
Clerk's postage & expenses	50.92
CK's Cymanfa tea supplies	88.72
Cambrian News Advert	141.00
Martin Griffiths	348.50
Lavins Electrics	25.00
Grove Hotel	1219.20
BT	303.77
948 Squadron ATC Band	50.00
Total	7509.43

634.1 The accounts were RESOLVED to be accepted and permission to pay the accounts was granted.

635 Donations:

635.1 Macmillan Cancer Support letter of thanks of 8 February 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

636 Donation requests:-

636.1 Kidney Wales Foundation letter 11 January received 18 February 2010 - it was RESOLVED to donate £50.

636.2 Cruse Bereavement Care letter of 1 March 2010 - it was RESOLVED to donate £25.

Correspondence

637 Welsh Assembly Government letter of 8 February 2010: Review of Councillors' Allowances Regulations – Consultation that closes 11 June 2010.

The information was discussed particularly in regard to present accounting practice that involves all civic event expenses to be called mayor's allowance. The council supported the payment of expenses incurred when members are representing St Davids outside of the community but they are to be discretionary rather than fixed allowance payments. Further consideration of this point was to be undertaken to clarify the matter.

638 Pembrokeshire County Council letter 11 February 2010: Food Safety Act 1990: Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 - Inspection of City Hall with schedule of recommendations. The information was received and it was RESOLVED to purchase a probe thermometer for use by hirers.

638.1 Food Safety Training – in the past the Council had arranged training for local group representatives who hire the halls and it was RESOLVED to investigate an additional training session.

639 Prime Cymru, Helen Bussell email of 18 February 2010 regarding the end of the Rural Challenge Project and a Newsletter were RESOLVED to be received.

640 BDO LLP – Letter of 19 February 2010 Audit Briefing, Winter 2010 was RESOLVED to be received.

640.1 Financial Risk Assessment had been reviewed for the year prior to 31 March 2010 as a part of the external audit requirements and it was RESOLVED to accepted and approved.

641 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 18 February 2010 – Local Development Plan (end date 2021) - Notice of Examination Hearing Sessions was RESOLVED to be received.

642 Mr Ifor Williams email 21 February 2010 – Naming of Nun Street with supporting historical Information courtesy of the Mayor. It was RESOLVED to send a copy of the historical information that related to the nunnery in Nun Street that was the basis for the name which in Welsh is known as Heol Non.

643 Fairtrade Foundation letter of 15 February 2010 and re-issue of Fair Trade City certificate – was RESOLVED to be received.

644 Invitation from Christina Williams to an exhibition of photographic work at Glamorgan University on 18 March 2010 at 7pm was RESOLVED to be received.

645 Invitation from St Davids Eco City Group received 2 March 201 – Community Supported Agriculture event in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 9 March 2010 7.30 to 9pm was RESOLVED to be received.

646 Phillips Entertainment Christmas Pantomime 2010 – information on performances was RESOLVED to be received.

647 Haverfordwest Chamber of Commerce standard letter received via PLANED on 2 March 2010 – Increases to Business Rateable Valuations 2010.

647.1 C Taylor declared an interest as a business owner.

648 One Voice Wales - the following items were RESOLVED to be received:-

- 648.1 Letter of 24 February 2010 - Membership renewal for 2010-2011 at £249 was RESOLVED to be agreed.
- 648.2 Email of 4.2.2010 Sustainable Development - Sustain Wales British Council Questionnaire. There was no representation agreed.
- 648.3 Emails available regarding:-
 - 648.3.1 16.2.2010 Progress of Legislative Competence Order.
 - 648.3.2 16.2.2010 Event organised together with Sustain Wales and Wales Cooperative Centre - Social Enterprise for a Sustainable Wales – “Not quite sure what 'sustainable development' really means, and whether it really matters to you and your social enterprise?” Wednesday 28 April 2010 at Gorseinon Centre Swansea 10am - 4pm.
 - 648.3.3 18.2.2010 Equality of Opportunity Committee Inquiry into the Accessibility of Railway Stations.
 - 648.3.4 22.2.2010 The Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) is currently conducting a comprehensive review of the planning application system in Wales. OVW report to WAG will be available to download from the GVA Grimley website www.gvagrimsley.co.uk/wagplanningconsultation from Monday 8th of March.
 - 648.3.5 26 2 2010 Planning Aid Wales February 2010 newsletter and Planning Aid Wales Conference information for event 29-30.4.2010.
 - 648.3.6 4.3.2010 Welsh Language Policy and Legislation Update <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/welshlanguage/legislation/updates/?lang=en>

649 Dyfed Powys Police Authority letter of 4 March 2010 - Consultation on Employment Targets and publication of Statement of Accounts closes 19.3.2010 was RESOLVED to be received.**650** International Youth Holiday Camp on Tuesday 13 July 2010 – The event, organised by a voluntary and charitable organisation, planned to bring around 450 young people to visit the Cathedral for a Mass and then go to Whitesands for a picnic in the afternoon. With over 200 of the visitors likely to have some form of disability, assistance with parking for 12 coaches 6 minibuses and 2 ambulances was requested both at Merryvale and Whitesands car parks.

It was RESOLVED to allocate the required space for parking in Whitesands car park for the afternoon and if necessary to send a letter to Pembrokeshire County Council requesting support for the use of Merryvale car park for the morning visit.

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

- 651.1 Nuclear Free Local Authorities Welsh Forum email 3 March 2010 regarding Seminar on Saturday March 13th at the Park Inn Cardiff Centre. The seminar is considering the implications to Wales and the South West of nuclear new build at Wylfa, Hinkley Point and Oldbury.
- 651.2 Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust email 23.2.10 - Petition to save Britain's disused airfields (on line).
- 651.3 Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum: Marine Litter Day – 13.3.10 and AGM.
- 651.4 Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum: February Newsletter.
- 651.5 Wales Co-operative Centre - Courses and Events March 2010.
- 651.6 Fairtrade Foundation February 2010 FT Towns Newsletter.
- 651.7 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum: News Briefing and AGM notification for 24 March 2010.

652 Reports from Members representing the Council on Local Groups:-

- 652.1 Bws y Bobol - thanks were offered to Cllr R Thornton for providing and driving the bus with the ATC band for the Dragon's Parade.
- 652.2 One Voice Wales – next meeting on 30 March 2010.
- 652.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association – C Taylor no new items to report.
- 652.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group – S Halse no new items to report.
- 652.5 St Davids Eco City Group – minutes of 2.2.10 are available electronically.
- 652.6 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association – meeting in the coming week.
- 652.7 St.Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link – report presented previously.

- 652.8 Youth Drop In – Cllrs James, Price and Williams had visited the cookery competition in the Drop In on the preceding Thursday and it had been very successful and at a very high standard.
- 652.9 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor – Cllr B Price had no new items to report.
- 652.10 Neighbourhood Watch Group – Meeting Wednesday in the Memorial Hall at 4pm.
- 652.11 Shelter Cymru – Cllr P Goddard reported on the recent Shelter Cymru workshop at Wolfscastle Country Hotel regarding homelessness in rural Wales where the problem is often hidden compared within towns. With 26,000 empty houses and 91,000 families on waiting lists in Wales the problem was substantial and there are around 4100 on the waiting list in Pembrokeshire with 40% of them being in work. One possibility to consider was an increase in council tax on empty houses. Reference manuals were left with the Council.

653 County Councillor's Report.

Cllr J George reported on two footpaths:-

- 653.1 Pavement in the High Street from the City Hall to Lloyds Bank was planned but no time had been given for the work.
- 653.2 Nun Street Path as a safe route to school had no funding and was not planned.

There was strong feeling about the lack of progress on these paths and it was agreed to present this position to Mr Darren Thomas, Head of Highways and Construction of Pembrokeshire County Council on visit on 23 March 2010 at 10am.

Clerk's Business:

654 Play Area in New Street:

- 654.1 The Clerk advised that the new Amazon Rainstorm multiplay item had been installed and that arrangements for a photocall for all who had contributed towards funding the scheme was to be arranged.
- 654.2 Various repairs had been completed notably to the horizontal bars with the refitting of the Waltz carousel by St Davids Assemblies Ltd now planned.
- 654.3 Given changes to the grass cutting contract arrangements it was RESOLVED to ask Pembrokeshire County Council to ensure that the new contractor would ensure that litter picking is complete prior to mowing and strimming of the area.
- 654.4 Mini-Carousel – consideration of replacement was discussed as the repair of the fixing had not been practical so far.

655 Complaints from Resident's:-

- 655.1 Bus parking across Glasfryn Lane. The occasional but regular blocking of the road by buses awaiting a space in the bus stop was accepted and it was RESOLVED to ask Messrs Richards Brothers to ask drivers to park and allow access for residents. At the same time it was agreed to reiterate that inappropriate parking in New Street and the departure of buses at the same time was still occurring.
- 655.2 Penporthgwyn and 4WD vehicles – concerns regarding appropriate use of the short cut route following recent experience of a resident by the Bishops Palace when several 4WD's came down the bank and through the ford was to be considered further after checking who has responsibility for the unmade road.

656 City Hall - Electrical Certification:-

- 656.1 Appliance testing has meant a replacement electric kettle is needed and this was accepted.
- 656.2 Premises Licence testing indicates 4 items requiring action and repairs were RESOLVED to be undertaken.
- 656.3 Provision of a First Aider – the position was to be clarified.

Planning:

657 NP/10/040 Amendment to NP/09/426 to lower conservatory and alter dormers at Fishermans Cottage 18 Catherine Street – it was RESOLVED to offer Council Support.

658 NP/10/054 Extension to existing outbuilding to form stable at Four Winds SA62 6RP– it was RESOLVED to offer Council Support.

659 NP/10/068 Renewal of Temporary Consent NP/07/668 for a motor mechanics garage at Trehenlliw Farm SA62 6PH – it was RESOLVED to offer Council Support

660 NP/10/070 Alterations and Extensions also summer house, 2 sheds and a greenhouse at Lamorna, 2 St Non’s Close – it was RESOLVED to offer Council Support.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed
Chair

Date

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662 CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING TENDER 2010-2012 and Annual Anchor Point Testing.

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Date