

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 13th March 2017 in the Council Chamber at 6.30pm

Present: Mayor CT Taylor, DJO Chant, MC Gray, MGD James, FD John, JG Lloyd, RT Thornton, S Williams with JE Foster (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

487 Apologies for Absence: Deputy Mayor BT Price, ES Evans, DJH George, DB Halse

488 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.

488.1 Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Item 15.1.2.

489 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

489.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 were RESOLVED to be approved.

489.2 The "In Committee" minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 were RESOLVED to be approved.

489.3 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 20th February 2017 was RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

490 CITY OF CULTURE

490.1 Members were joined by Mike Cavanagh, Head of Cultural Services at Pembrokeshire County Council. Mike explained that if St Davids was successful, a year long programme of events would be run throughout 2021. This would boost the economy in both the high and low season. Mike informed members that 10 other cities had bid for the UK City of Culture for 2021.

490.2 Mike Cavanagh email of 7th March 2017 - Financial support for the bid. Mike informed members that financial credibility for the bid was essential and that Pembrokeshire County Council had agreed to invest up to £5 million if St Davids were awarded City of Culture for 2021. The money would be spent on activities, infrastructure, events and so forth. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to seek clarification as to what amount of money the Council are legally able to donate.

490.3 The Mayor and Cllr James attended the meeting on Wednesday 8th March. The Mayor provided members with the following report:

Together with Cllr Clenys James I attended the second meeting appertaining to the bid which was held in Ysgol Dewi Sant on Wednesday of last week. Most of the outcome of that meeting is summarised in the papers which Pembrokeshire County Council's Cultural Services Officer Mr Mike Cavanagh has distributed to us in time for tonight's meeting of our council, and which need to be read carefully by all councillors. As he will be attending the meeting to explain all the implications, I feel it would be invidious to cover all the same ground in this report. He can explain the issues more thoroughly than myself, and in any case councillors will have a good opportunity to ask him their own questions about the progress achieved. What I personally think is important to understand and consider, is that this bid will not actually be led by this council, but in practice by the county council. It will be ours nominally, but in reality it will be handled by a larger group than ourselves. Our city name will be attached, but as in

Derry and in Hull, if it goes beyond the initial stages the bid will necessarily have to be handled by a totally separate and specially created administration.- and we will have to decide if we are happy about this. But in the short term, and I know that this is one of the matters which Mr Cavanagh will wish to raise at tonight's meeting, it will be very necessary for the bid to be seen to be supported financially by local councils and organisations, and the council will clearly have to make a decision about this. As a general observation, the bid comes at a difficult time for the city council, with elections only a matter of weeks away. But if the bid is to succeed, I would assume that, other matters apart, it will be essential for the newly elected council to be in the vanguard of support following the elections.

490.4 Hard copies of the City of Culture documents are available in the Council Chamber.

491 CITY HALL DEVELOPMENTS

491.1 Youth Drop In Centre. Members were joined by Wes Spees, Nick Price and Mel Davies. 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.

491.2 New Worcester boiler – The Clerk informed members that the boiler had been ordered at a cost of £2,167.70 and that it would be installed on Thursday 16th March 2017.

491.3 Surplus coloured electrical bulbs. The Responsible Finance Officer informed members that the bulbs had been donated to the Porthclais Harbour Authority for community events and as previously agreed by the Council, the bulbs could be utilised by any community organisations within St Davids.

492 NEWGALE

492.1 Newgale Coastal Adaption Scheme - Emyr Williams letter of 1st March 2017 was received. The Clerk reminded members that the deadline for completing the 'Have Your Say' response form was Monday 20th March 2017.

492.2 A Stakeholders Meeting was held on Thursday 9th February 2017. The Mayor attended the meeting and provided members with the following report: *As mayor I attended last week's stake holders meeting about the Newgale road proposals held at The Duke of Edinburgh public house*

The discussions at this meeting were primarily devoted to the impact on the village of Newgale itself and practical considerations for readjustment which would have to be made by the village if and when a new road is built, and regardless of which route is finally chosen There was also much discussion about whether or not the existing road would or could be retained, and for how long, even after the new road has been completed.

This meeting was not therefore so directly relevant to St Davids, Solva and other settlements west of Newgale. But there were matters which would be of importance to us all, in particular maintaining the integrity of the coastal footpath which would be much affected if the shingle bank was no longer there.

The discussions about Newgale village looked at how the local infrastructure might be adapted, with possibly some land heightening at the existing car parks. It was accepted that in the long run some of the low lying properties would have a limited future, but that such changes would take place gradually, minimally over the next ten years, but possibly over a longer time scale of twenty years or even longer.

Changes will also have to be made at the south end of the beach, and modifications to land height will almost certainly be needed at the existing car park if it is to continue to operate.

493 POLICE STATION

493.1 Heddwyn Thomas email of 17th February regarding the valuation of the former St Davids Police Station Property was received.

493.2 Dafydd Llywelyn letter of 23rd February 2017 regarding the relocation of the St Davids Police Station was received.

494 ST DAVIDS PENINSULA CARNIVAL The Carnival Committee has dissolved as there is not sufficient volunteers. Bill Preece email of 6th March 2017 advising members that the Penknife Club would discuss the Carnival at their next meeting was received.

495 LINK OFFICERS

495.1 Dr S P Jones letter of 1st March 2017 Support for Town Councils – Link Officer Evaluation and proposed joint meeting was received.

495.2 Positive feedback received from local Councils. The Clerk informed members that she had contacted several local Councils to determine the level of support they had received and how often the Link Officers had attended their meetings. The majority of the Clerks had reported that the Link Officers had attended monthly Council meetings and that it had been beneficial to have a direct link with Pembrokeshire County Council.

496 SKATE PARK Brian Hadley email of 6th March 2017 – Proposed Skate Park at Waun Fawr. It was RESOLVED to arrange a site visit with Rhino Ramps to determine the size and possible locations for installing skate facilities at Waun Fawr. The Council further RESOLVED to inform the Rugby Club of the size and location of the proposed skate facilities following the site visit.

497 BUSINESS RATES INCREASES The Clerk informed members that a formal letter had been sent to Richard Hagg regarding the effects of non-domestic rates revaluation 2017. No response had been received to date.

Accounts

498 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for January 2017 had been completed successfully.

499 The accounts for February 2017 were RESOLVED to be approved and permission to pay was granted.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FEBRUARY 2017			
Balance as at 28/02/2017		£	
	Current A/c	182192.71	
INCOME	Car Park	1200.00	
	City Hall	218.58	
	Cafe	1821.92	
	Ice Cream concession	4700.00	
	Market stalls		
	VAT repayment		
	Total	7940.50	
	LGA 1972 SEC137 for 2016/17 is £10840		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery
	Last month's donations	300	Total donated 2016/17 1400
	2016/17 total	4600	
	Balance available	6240	
PAYMENTS		£	
	Admin	2976.54	Salaries: Clerk,Asst & RFO
			Stationery/office supplies
		230.04	Internet/Telephone/photocopier
		76.49	Asst Clerk - exps
		310.00	One Voice Wales (renewal)
		1380.00	Newsletter printing
	Whitesands	834.07	Ticket printing
	Playground		
	Hall & House	57.15	Caretaker's salary
			Supplies
			Hall curtains
		20.45	D/D Boiler service etc
			Hall development
		1087.62	Electricity
	Mayor's Expenses	23.40	Travel
	St Justinians		Toilet hire & cleaning
	Miscellaneous	80.00	Gifts for NAAS & Lesotho
		988.00	PCC (3 properties)
		100.88	Dwr Cymru -(2props)
		81.13	Electricity for Xmas lighting
		290.22	Xmas exps inc Road closure, glasses,minibus hire
		10.26	PRS
		54.00	Cawl comp banner
		234.00	PCC (Quickwell toilets)
	Total	8834.25	
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Finance

500 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2016/17 The Responsible Finance Officer informed members that there are additional requirements this year, HMRC returns, Council Code of Conduct and Member's Personal Interests. The return deadline this year is 6th June 2017.

501 DONATIONS:501.1 REQUESTS

501.1.1 Bobath Cymru letter of 9th February 2017 was received.

501.1.2 St Davids Cathedral Festival letter of 20th February 2017. It was RESOLVED to donate £1000.

501.1.3 Cruse Bereavement Care letter of 24th February 2017. It was RESOLVED to donate £50.

501.2 THANKS

501.2.1 Teenage Cancer Trust letter of 21st February 2017 was received.

Correspondence:

502 Dr Sarah Beynon email of 13th February 2017 Bee Friendly Scheme. It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the first meeting of the newly elected Council on Monday 15th May 2017.

503 Nick Evans email of 20th February 2017 Pembrokeshire PSB Draft Well-being Assessment Consultation. It was RESOLVED for members to complete the questionnaire individually.

504 Ben Clyde-Smith e-mails of 21st February and 2nd March 2017 Lost Cove Surf Competition 2017. It was RESOLVED to email the event organisers and inform them that the Council would not allow stalls or caterers to trade within the car park on the day of the event.

505 Liz Roach e-mail of 24th February 2017 PAVS Community Connectors Project. It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the first meeting of the newly elected Council on Monday 15th May 2017.

506 John Bader letter of 24th February 2017 Independent Remuneration for Wales – Annual Report 2017/18 was received.

507 Robert Tims e-mail of 27th February 2017 Dog Business. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Pembrokeshire County Council for advice regarding the dog fouling issues within St Davids and for an article to be included within the next edition of the St Davids City newsletter. The Council further RESOLVED to write a letter to Mr Tims acknowledging his concerns and inform him that the Council aim to work with Pembrokeshire County Council to try and address this issue.

508 Anna Williams e-mail of 28th February 2017 Cymdeithas Waldo Williams Society – request for a plaque on the City Hall. It was RESOLVED to refuse the request to have a plaque on the exterior of the City Hall.

509 Steve Halsall letter of 28th February 2017 The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Secondary Consultation period was received.

510 Steve Morbey email of 7th March 2017 Dog fouling issues and information regarding a community dog watch scheme. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Pembrokeshire County Council for advice regarding the dog fouling issues within St Davids and for an article to be included within the next edition of the St Davids City newsletter.

511 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

511.1 St Davids Carnival Association. Nothing to report.

511.2 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Nothing to report.

- 511.3 St Davids Day Celebration Group. The Mayor reported that the week of celebrations had been a success and that the majority of events had been very well supported. The Gymanfa Ganu was quieter than usual. The Mayor informed members that the Cawl competition had raised a good amount for the Scout group. The Clerk informed members that several letters of thanks had been received from individuals that attended the St Davids Day dinner on Wednesday 1st March at Crug Glas.
- 511.4 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Williams informed members that the annual lunch at Gwryd Bach had taken place with around 20 individuals. The lunch went very well,
- 511.5 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. The Mayor informed members that the minutes of the last meeting would be available in April.
- 511.6 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Cllr John informed members that a music night at Porthclais would take place at the end of July. Cllr John further reported that the organisation were hoping to run a fun day for disabled individuals.
- 511.7 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. The Mayor provided members with the following report: *Following our very successful bring and buy sale at the beginning of the year the group is now looking forward to fund-raising at, and organising, one of the annual Lent Lunches. This will take place at the City Hall on Friday 7th April from 12 noon onwards. All councillors will be very welcome at this event in support of our civic twinning. We are very grateful to the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Revd Jonathan Lean for allocating us this slot in the series. The students of Ysgol Dewi Sant, who have been very active in their support for the link, will also be organising one of the Lent Lunches, again for Lesotho, at the school on Friday 31st March. I am sure that all councillors will once more be very welcome to attend. One of the intended beneficiaries of my recent mayor's ball is the Lesotho link, and I shall hope to be making an announcement about this as soon as we have completed our final analysis of the ball's financial outcome.*
- 511.8 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.
- 511.9 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Nothing to report.
- 511.10 Planed Community Forum. Nothing to report.
- 511.11 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Cllr Chant informed members that the AGM is taking place on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 6pm in the Memorial Hall.
- 511.12 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Cllr Gray informed members that the AGM would be taking place at Easter.
- 511.13 Community Land Trust. Nothing to report.
- 511.14 Bws Y Bobl. The Responsible Finance Officer informed members that the new bus had been delayed and that it should be available by August/September.
- 511.15 Music Festival. Cllr John informed members that the first music event would take place on Friday 14th July at the Tabernacle Chapel. Donations from local businesses would be gratefully received to run the festival and all money raised from the event will be donated to local charities.

Planning:

512 NP/17/0084 Single storey side & rear extensions at 5 Maes Dyfed, St Davids, SA62 6SR. The City Council considered that the proposal was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual or environmental impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

513 NP/17/0109 2.1 x 0.6m aluminium composite sign, class R1 reflective material on 2 no. 76mm diameter galvanised steel posts, no illumination, set back 2.5m from highway – “Twr-Y-felin”, “Blas Restaurant” at Twr-Y-Felin Hotel, St Davids, SA62 6QS. The Council considered that the proposal would both encourage tourism and generate employment in the area, and as such would help to sustain the economic and social well-being of the local community. Furthermore the City Council considered

that the proposal was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual or environmental impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

- 514** NP/17/0119 Kitchen extension to rear elevation and construction of porch to front elevation at 45 Pen-Y-Garn, St Davids, SA62 6QY. The City Council considered that the proposal was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual or environmental impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

Mayor’s Business

- 515** Western Mail article – Lack of celebrations for St Davids Day. It was RESOLVED to write a letter to the Western Mail informing them of the celebrations that had taken place and to include a copy of the programme of events for the week of celebrations surrounding St Davids Day.
- 516** Council Photograph – It was RESOLVED to arrange for Phillip Clarke to take a photograph at the next monthly meeting of the Council.
- 517** Annual Community Meeting – It was RESOLVED that the Annual Community Meeting would not take place this year.

Deputy Mayor’s Business

- 518** Cawl competition. The Mayor informed members that the event had raised £169.50 for the local Scout Group. It was RESOLVED for the Deputy Mayor to present the cheque to the Scout group.

Clerk’s Business

- 519** Children's Christmas Pantomime. The Clerk informed members that following several discussions with Ysgol Bro Dewi and Ysgol Dewi Sant, it had proven difficult to find a suitable date for a pantomime in the City Hall due to all the Christmas events (both School and Council) taking place throughout December. The Council RESOLVED that the pantomime would not go ahead this year and that the Council would cover the cost of the coaches for Ysgol Bro Dewi pupils to have a trip to the Torch Theatre in December 2017, in lieu of the annual pantomime in the City Hall.
- 520** Community Pre- application Consultation – Nicola Gandy email of 3rd March 2017. The Clerk advised members that the Planning Agent, Geraint John had been contacted and that a meeting would be held once the Pre-application had been finalised.

Any other business:

- 521** Cllr John reported that the entrance to St Davids required some maintenance. It was RESOLVED to allow Cllr John to hire a strimmer from Mathias for one day to cut the grass.
- 522** Cllr Williams reported that the pool table was being stored in Nick Price’s shed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed
Chair

Date