

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 11th May 2015 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor FD John, Deputy Mayor CT Taylor, DJO Chant, ES Evans, DJH George, MC Gray, DB Halse, MGD James, JG Lloyd, BT Price, S Williams with JE Foster, CH Gray (Clerks) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Also present was County Councillor DB Lloyd.

55 Apologies for Absence: K Rose (work commitment).

56 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.

56.1 Cllr Price declared a personal interest in relation to Item 61.1.

56.2 Cllr Evans declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 77 and left the room while the item was discussed.

57 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

57.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 13th April 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

57.2 The "In Committee" Minutes for the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 13th April 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

57.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 27th April 2015 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

58 YSGOL DEWI SANT The Clerk confirmed that the consultation document had been received by the LEA. A summary of the consultation progress together with the following stages of the statutory process were received.

59 CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTS

59.1 Martin Avil e-mail of 1st May 2015. The colour options for overhead street displays were received.

It was RESOLVED to order a bilingual overhead street display with white writing, a yellow cross and red steps.

60 CITY HALL

60.1 Wes Spees e-mail of 6th May 2015 was received. It was confirmed that Mr Spees would attend a Council meeting on 15th June 2015.

60.2 Archaeological excavation - Councillors were invited to attend a tour of the excavation at Whitesands at any time.

60.3 Lighting and technical system - Andrew Sturley e-mail of 29th April 2015 was received. The clerk informed the council that a site visit of 7th May 2015 had been undertaken by Mr Sturley and it was RESOLVED to request that Mr Sturley provide the Council with a recommendation of equipment to purchase for the City Hall not exceeding £5,000.

61 ST JUSTINIANS

61.1 Provision of temporary toilets. The Clerk confirmed that payment of £2285 had been received from PBOA as their contribution towards the cost of providing toilets at the site.

61.2 Purchase of original lifeboat station. It was RESOLVED to defer the matter of purchasing the original lifeboat station subsequent to the valuation of the building.

62 SCHOOL COUNCILS

62.1 Ysgol Dewi Sant - It was RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with the school council representatives in September 2015.

62.2 The date for the meeting with Ysgol Bro Dewi school council was still to be confirmed.

63 WHITESANDS TOILETS - Richard Brown letter of 10th April 2015 was received. It was RESOLVED to further review the installation of the turnstiles during the annual review in November 2015.

- 64** NEWGALE Response to Adaptation Plan. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would submit a collective response on behalf of the City Council reiterating the concerns that the Council previously raised. Anna Wilson letter of 27th April 2015 was received. It was RESOLVED to organise a meeting with Solva, Llanrhian and Brawdy Councils to discuss the plan for Newgale shingle bank the week commencing 18th May 2015.
- 65** QUICKWELL HILL BENCH Andrew Tuddingham and Phil Sadler respected e-mails of 27th and 29th April 2015 were received. The Clerk reported the bench would be installed the week commencing the 8th June.
- 66** RED CROSS CENTRE The copy letter of 28th April 2015 from Jeff Collins to Canon Dorrien Davies was received. Cllr Williams expressed concern that many elderly residents would be affected by the closure. The Clerk suggested that the day centre group contact Mr Peter Howe, Community Regeneration Officer at Pembrokeshire County Council to discuss the possibility of the group obtaining grant funding to purchase the building and administer its management. Cllr James informed members that the group were not in a position to do so.
- 67** CIVIC AMENITY SITE Members were presented with a document detailing a full list of the quantity of materials that could be taken by householders to the civic amenity site. It was RESOLVED to display the information in the City Hall's public notice box.
- 68** TRAFFIC MATTERS
- 68.1 Double yellow lines in Bryn Road and Goat Street. The Clerk reported that the Highway Authority were to undertake a site visit on 21st May 2015.
 - 68.2 Road sign on Fishguard Road re: twinning with Lesotho. The Clerk reported that the Highway Authority had consented to the installation of a new sign and it was RESOLVED to obtain a quote, should the sign not be stored on the balcony.
- 69** MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD REPAIRS - Neil McCarthy letter of 29th April 2015 advising that Pembrokeshire County Council had now undertaken responsibility for safety inspections on site was received. The Clerk confirmed that the rocking horse had been fixed.
- 70** AFFORDABLE HOUSING Nigel Sinnet (Pembrokeshire Housing Association) e-mail of 29th April 2015. The Clerk reported that Pembrokeshire County Council were investigating the possibility of purchasing ex-local authority housing in St Davids.

Accounts

- 71** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for March 2015 had been completed successfully.
- 72** Accounts for April 2015.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE APRIL 2015				
Balance as at 30/04/2015		£		
	Current A/c	269181.38		
INCOME	Car Park	18175.00		
	City Hall	938.70		
	Cafe	1821.92		
	Boat Owners re toilets	2285.00		
	Miscellaneous			
	Market stalls	540.00		
	Total	23760.62		
	LGA 1972 Sec137 for2014/15 is £10821		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery	
	Last month's donations		Total donated 2014/2015	1400
	2015/16 total			
	Balance available	10821		
PAYMENTS		£		
	Admin	1586.89	Salaries:Clerk & RFO	
		1444.21	HMRC (NIC & IT)	
		90.13	Internet/telephone	
		181.33	Stationery	
	Whitesands	2621.25	Attendant's commission	
		79.00	Cafe repairs	
	Playground			
	Hall & House	151.83	Caretaker's salary	
			Stationery etc	
		18.42	D/D Boiler service etc	
		128.29	Cleaning products	
	Mayor's Expenses			
	St Justinians		Toilet hire / cleaning	
	Miscellaneous	1131.16	New bench	
		487.20	Flag for Porth (recoverable)	
		120.96	Cambrian News (job advert)	
		976.78	PCC (3 properties)	
		161.94	Dwr Cymru -(2props)	
			(inc fountain)	
	Total	9179.39		
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The accounts for the month were RESOLVED to be approved and permission was granted to pay.

Correspondence

- 73 Ombudsman letter of 21st April 2015 Revised guidance on the Code of Conduct was received.
- 74 Jude Parr e-mail of 30th April 2015 Help with transportation for local resident was received.
- 75 Julie Skelton letter (not dated) Introducing Malcolm Phillips as Cares Wales Ambassador was received.

Reports from Members representing the Council:-

- 75.1 St Davids Carnival Association. Cllr Evans reported that the next meeting was to take place on 21st May 2015 at 5.30pm at the Bishops.
- 75.2 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr Price reported that she would meet with the Clerks to discuss the 2015 lighting ceremony.
- 75.3 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Nothing to report.
- 75.4 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Nothing to report.
- 75.5 St Davids Eco City Group. Nothing to report.
- 75.6 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Evans reported that the next meeting was to take place on 13th May at 7.30pm in the City Hall.
- 75.7 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Nothing to report.
- 75.8 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Cllr Taylor provided members with a following report:
The group has recently held a meeting with Ian Gateley of Ysgol Dewi Sant who reported on the school's plans to link with Mahionyeng High School in Matsieng. This link has been initiated by Dolen Cymru education officer Sharon Flint during her recent visit to Lesotho, and we are now awaiting a full report from her on this and on our existing school links in Matsieng. Meanwhile I can provisionally inform the council that she will be bringing three teachers from Lesotho to St Davids on 17th and 18th June, and we are hoping to co-operate with Ysgol Dewi Sant in arranging a programme of welcome and hospitality for them. I will keep the council informed about these plans as soon as I have more details. Cllr Taylor praised the efforts of Ysgol Dewi Sant in maintaining a good link with a new secondary school in Lesotho.
- 75.9 Youth Drop In. Cllrs John and Price confirmed that they would attend the following drop in session on Thursday evening at 7pm.
- 75.10 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Cllr Halse reported that the Governors of the school had responded to the recent consultation regarding the provision of secondary education in relation to Ysgol Dewi Sant and that the view of the governing body was consistent with the view shared by members of the City Council. Cllr Halse confirmed that the governing body were to meet on Tuesday 12th May to discuss the recommendations resulting from the Estyn inspection and informed members that he would provide copies of the official meeting minutes when they become available in June.
- 75.11 Planed Community Forum. Cllr Halse reported that a meeting was to take place on the 12th May 2015.
- 75.12 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Nothing to report.
- 75.13 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Cllr Gray reported that following the recent AGM the Club were hoping to obtain a contribution from the RLNI towards the cost of the telephone and broadband at the surf hut.
- 75.14 Community Land Trust Steering Group. Cllr Evans reported that no meeting had taken place recently but a community engagement was on-going.

76 County Councillor's report:

- 76.1 Cllr Lloyd reported that the community Land Trust now had sixteen board members and had received universal support with Mathry Community Council being very involved. The CLT had received £500 for a housing consultant to prepare a report that would be completed by the end of May 2015. The group were due to meet with the PCNPA as well as the County Council. Once the planning application had been approved, a business plan would be finalised, Cllr Lloyd expressed his delight that Mr Bill Preece was involved in the project. Cllr Taylor asked whether the swimming pool element was still a priority of the scheme? Cllr Lloyd confirmed that it was.

- 76.2 Cllr Lloyd reported that Pembrokeshire County Council had appointed a new Monitoring Officer who had previously worked in Ceredigion.
- 76.3 Cllr Lloyd informed members that he felt that the Future Schools Group was a revelation and that in his opinion a 3-16 school would be very exciting. New staff had recently been appointed at Ysgol Dewi Sant while at the same time existing staff had been made redundant, with Cllr Lloyd stating that the school would suffer less than elsewhere in the county. There had been an increase in pupils studying A-Level Science.
- 76.4 Cllr Lloyd reported that Annie Halliwell was doing extremely well as the co-ordinator for the Dementia Memory Café with Cllr Williams adding that Oriol Y Parc had offered the group use of the discovery room once a month at no cost.

Planning:

- 77** NP/115/203 Change of use of existing farm buildings & associated land to provide parking & disabled parking areas, workshop, ticket office/shop gallery, bug zoo, bunk room & extension, scientific laboratory, interpretive centre, insect breeding rooms, storage, restaurant & kitchen, new polytunnels & remove & resite silo & new toilet block at Lower Harglodd, SA62 6BX. The Council considered that as the project primarily involved the conversion of the existing buildings, the visual impact of the site would alter only slightly in terms of its size, and that the proposed conversion would in fact improve the site's visual appearance. The Council further considered that the proposal to convert the existing buildings and the construction of the relatively small new building would have no significant detrimental environmental impact on the surrounding area. 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. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 78** NP/15/226 Re-rendering front elevation, rake out existing cement pointing, lime wash in off white colour at Penberri Cottage, Fachelich, SA6 26QL. 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.
- 79** NP/15/227 Extension to existing agricultural building & adjoining feeding area at Rhosson Ganol Farm, SA62 6PY. 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.
- 80** NP/15/244 Multi purpose agricultural storage shed at Caerhys, SA6 26DX. 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.
- 81** NP/15/245 Alterations & extensions to provide additional living accommodation to the existing single family dwelling at 21 Nun Street, SA62 6NS. 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.
- 82** NP/15/234 Conservatory to rear and extra windows to upstairs rear of property at Middle cottage, Caerfachell, SA62 6XS. 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.

Any other business:

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- 83** Cllr Gray asked for the "closed" footpath along the fields at Glasfryn to Ysgol Dewi Sant to be included as an item on the agenda of the subsequent council meeting.
- 84** The Mayor thanked Cllr Halse for all of his hard work and dedication during his year of office and offered his best wishes to former Mayoress Mrs Stephanie Halse.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed
Chair

Date