

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council on Monday 3rd November 2008 in the Council Chamber 7.00pm.

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

400 Apologies for Absence: AS Cox (Resigned), AM Foster (Family commitment), S Williams (Indisposed).

401 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.

S Halse declared a prejudicial interest regarding resident's parking in New Street in minute 413.

B Price declared a prejudicial interest in relation to planning application NP/08/486 and 487 in minutes 437 and 438.

D Chant declared a personal interest NP/08/486 and 487 in minutes 437 and 438.

B Price declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the Bus Shelter contract payments under the accounts in minute 441.

402 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

- 402.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 6 October 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 402.2 The 'In Committee' Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 6 October 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 402.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20 October 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.
- 402.4 The 'In Committee' Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20 October 2008 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

403 Whitesands Car Park – Entrance area design amendments provided by Pembrokeshire County Council were discussed and further options were agreed to be investigated.

404 Eco City Group:-

- 404.1 Allotments Group – Pembrokeshire County Council's response regarding the possible use of green areas in Bryn Road, Pen y Garn and Bryn Teg is awaited.
- 404.2 Invitation from the Group to the City Council to attend a lecture on Wednesday 19 November 'Less is a Four Letter Word', a lecture by Paul Mobbs author of 'Energy beyond Oil' at TyF Eco Hotel at 7pm. R Thornton and J Braby offered to attend on behalf of the Council.

405 Christmas Events:

- 405.1 Senior Citizen's Lunch Wednesday 10 December 08:
 - 405.1.1 It was agreed to decorate the City Hall on Tuesday 2 December at 2pm.
 - 405.1.2 Dinner arrangements were agreed to be the same as last time with the assistance of Adrian Cox to be requested.
- 405.2 Civic Reception Friday 12 December 08:
 - 405.2.1 Invitation List – it was agreed to invite all of the local groups as previously agreed, including the volunteers of Siop y Bobol.
 - 405.2.2 Catering: The enquiry for the supply of food (mince pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches) with paper plates, serviettes and no service for 150 people had received 3 quotations:-
 - 405.2.2.1 Cegin Paran £3 each, home cooked - £450.
 - 405.2.2.2 Louise Cook £4 each, home cooked plus delivery charge - £620.
 - 405.2.2.3 Stephanie Thomas £2.50 each - £375.
 It was RESOLVED to accept the lowest price from S Thomas of Mathry.
- 405.3 Street Lighting 'Switch On' – 5.30pm on Saturday 6 December 08 – outstanding arrangements were discussed with existing barrier arrangements to be used around the Christmas Tree. It was agreed that the overdue electrical panel replacement was to be undertaken by Butherway Electrical Ltd., and while there was no space for a full market hot food was to be provided using the stalls.

406 RESOLVED: That under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

- 406.1 City Hall Phase 2 Developments.
- 406.2 Lesotho Royal Visit.
- 406.3 Caretaker.

407 Play Area and Bus Shelter – the Clerk provided an update of the work in progress with fencing due for delivery in 1-2 weeks and the new access due to be completed shortly afterwards.

408 Signage - Orientation panel. The style of map was to be simple with key sites and business types identified by coloured markers using a changeable design for easy modification in the future. The location of the plans would be at the National Park Visitor Centre car park and inside the Information Centre, also by the City Hall probably in A1 format. The position regarding planning was to be clarified.

409 Refurbishment of Benches – Quotations were due in for the December meeting.

County Councillor's Report

410 Councillor George advised that there was nothing to report.

411 Reductions in street lighting in the area have yet to be finalised but will only be in outlying areas, not in the centre.

412 New Street – Given the incidence of many cars now going the wrong way down New Street, members requested that signage improvements possibly with the use of road markings were to be investigated.

Correspondence

413 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 7 October 2008 - Resident's parking in New Street. Councillor SJ Halse left the council chamber for the discussion of this item. It was RESOLVED that the vote be recorded and to support the principle of resident's parking noting the need for access to Lawn Villa

- M Gray proposed and J George seconded.
- In favour J Braby, D Chant, J Lloyd, B Price and R Thornton.
- Not in favour C Taylor.

Councillor SJ Halse returned to the meeting.

Cemeteries:-

413.1 St Davids Cathedral letter of 10 October 2008 regarding Cemetery improvements. It was noted that the letter did not acknowledge the existing contribution made by the council or contributions received from burial fees. The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed there were funds available but noted that there would be about £10,000 in the accounts at the beginning of the 2009 season. It was RESOLVED to contribute £4,500 towards cemetery work that included a contribution towards maintenance.

413.2 Cemetery maintenance – Annual contributions were RESOLVED to be granted to Tretio, Berea and Caerfarchell Chapels at £100 each.

414 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 25 September 2008 received 12 October 2008 – Cabsafe Project was RESOLVED to be received.

415 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Letter of 7 October 2008 regarding responses to Draft National Park Management Plan was RESOLVED to be received.

416 CND Cymru letter of 14 October 2008 and Mayor's for Peace Network information it was RESOLVED to ask for more information on behalf of the Mayor.

417 Dyfed Powys Police Authority letter of 15 October 2008 – Policing Plan 2009/2012 it was RESOLVED to have anti social behaviour, drug related crime and accessibility to the police as priorities.

418 Welsh Assembly Government, Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2008-2011 was RESOLVED to be received.

419 Swansea Building Society letter received 27 October 2008 – Premier Savings Account recommendation from One Voice Wales was RESOLVED to be received.

420 Pembrokeshire County Council / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter 2 October 2008.

Supplementary Planning Guidance – Planning Obligations Public Consultation Drafts were RESOLVED to be received for:-
The Approach; Education; Public Libraries; Recreational Open Space; Recycling and Waste Facilities and Transportation.

421 Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales:-

Letters of 24 and 29 October 2008 – Review of Community Council Election Results 2008.

It was RESOLVED to write noting:-

- 421.1 That the proposal of reducing number of councils in this area was not accepted given the level of activity.
- 421.2 It was emphasised that the reductions mentioned would not increase local participation in elections for fewer seats.
- 421.3 Local bodies such as this Council have few powers of real use.
- 421.4 Letter of 31 October 2008 – Workshops 2008 was RESOLVED to be received.

422 Alzheimer's Society Pembrokeshire Branch AGM on 5 January 2009 was RESOLVED to be received.

423 BDO Stoy Hayward LLP letter of 24 October Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2008.

- 423.1 RESOLVED to receive the Notice of Conclusion of the Audit and the associated documentation that recorded a successful audit with no matters being identified as needing attention.
- 423.2 RESOLVED that the advertisement for the Conclusion of the Audit be displayed for 14 days together with the Annual Return in accordance with the prescribed dates.
- 423.3 RESOLVED to accept and pay the fee of £1028.13.

424 AS Cox Resignation as a City Councillor – it was RESOLVED to thank Adrian Cox for his work during his time as a City Councillor, and for the Clerk to initiate the process of notification of a casual vacancy to Pembrokeshire County Council and to advertise for an election for a new member.

425 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Development Management invitation of 29 October 2008 for a representative to meet with Wales Audit Office representatives as a part of the audit of the planning service on Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 9.30am Llanion Park was noted.

426 Brochures, Courses and Newsletters – the following items were noted:-

- 426.1 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum news briefing for November.
- 426.2 Stephen Crabb MP Summer 2008 Newsletter
- 426.3 PAVS Pembrokeshire Voice Autumn 08.
- 426.4 Legislate - subscription newsletter to keep up to date with Welsh Assembly business.

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

- 427.1 Bws y Bobol - R Thornton reported that more volunteer drivers were still needed.
- 427.2 PALC - no additional information.
- 427.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association had been discussed as above.
- 427.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group – Bishop will be available for the Blessing at 2pm on Sunday - Next group meeting is on 18 November 08.
- 427.5 St.Davids Peninsula Association for the Care of the Elderly and Disabled – J George reported on problems regarding water in the building.
- 427.6 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association – support for the local map was been reiterated.
- 427.7 St.Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link – C Taylor outlined progress noting the next meeting on 11 November 08.

428 Donations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 428.1 Letter of thanks were RESOLVED to be received from:-
 - 428.1.1 Artswave letter of 27 October 2008 for support for Concert and donation of £25.
 - 428.1.2 British Red Cross letter of 29 October 2008 for donation of £50.
- 428.2 Donation Requests:-
 - 428.2.1 St Non's Bro Cerwyn Centre, Withybush Hospital letter of 20 October 2008 - it was RESOLVED to donate £50.
 - 428.2.2 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru 2009 letter received 22.10.08 was RESOLVED to be received.

Clerk's Business:

- 429** Fairtrade Wales – Following the announcement that Wales has been given Fairtrade nation status, a Fairtrade flag is touring Wales - It was RESOLVED to fly the flag when it reaches St Davids on Sunday 11 January 2009.
- 430** Waun Fawr Gate – it was RESOLVED to assess the cost of a replacement gate following recent damage and corrosion.
- 431** Whitesands Review on 17 November 08. It was RESOLVED that members should visit site to assess and needs for the coming year.
- 432** Clerk's Pay – Following the announcement of a 2.45% pay award for local authority staff it was RESOLVED to accept the increase for the staff and that this be back dated to 1 April 2008.
- 433** Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service arrangements were finalised.

Planning:

- 434** NP/08/013/gdo6 Agricultural building at Penberry Farm, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.
- 435** NP/08/473 Extension to dwelling Dan-y-Garn, Treleidr, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.
- 436** NP/08/486 Conversion to holiday accommodation, Rhosson Chapel, St Justinians, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT. Councillor BT Price left the council chamber for the discussion of this item and the next one.
- 437** NP/08/487 Listed Building application - Conversion to holiday accommodation, Rhosson Chapel, St Justinians, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT. Councillor BT Price returned to the meeting.
- 438** NP/08/495 Dwelling on land to north of Bank House Farm, Trelerw. It was RESOLVED not to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT noting concerns over the effect on the distinct character of an essentially agricultural and rural area, it being felt that this was inappropriate intensification.

Accounts:

Thanks were offered to the Responsible Finance Officer over the successful completion of the external audit for 2007/8.

- 439** Internal Audit for September 2008 had been successfully undertaken and was RESOLVED to be accepted.

440 Accounts for October 2008.

Balances: (24/10/08) Current Account £19,936 Premier Account £63,838.

JJ Morris	293.70	
Peter Lavin	407.70	
Total Heating Solutions Ltd	393.63	
J Phillips	407.36	
HM Revenue & Customs	1567.04	
HM Revenue & Customs	11409.39	
Peter Lavin	243.00	
Bethan Price	70.00	
N Pembs Transport Forum	12.00	
Mr Flag.com	42.28	
MC Davies	800.00	
Price & Sons	18800.00	BT Price declared a prejudicial interest
Jewson Ltd	253.80	
Arnold Boorman	52.00	
Grove Hotel	1879.00	
Peter Lavin	230.40	
Clerk's expenses	39.39	
Br Gas	4.52	
SITA UK Ltd	800.00	
PCC	25.00	
Peter Lavin	202.50	

Swalec	360.21
Carreg Construction	4993.81
Allianz Insurance	242.50
Lappset UK Ltd	31.73
D C Menday	1275.25
P L Evans	214.75
Playground Supplies Ltd	63.45
P Lavin	261.45
J Phillips	233.08
Artswave	25.00
Mr flag.com	82.30
Viking Direct	128.57
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	1028.13
Warpool Court Hotel	16.00
Peter Lavin	345.25

PERIOD	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE for PERIOD
1.4.08 – 24.10.08	£	£	£
TOTAL	162491	140245	+22246
Car Park	114667	47750	+66917
City Hall	14123	10648	+3475
Admin		21472	-21472

441 Donations from 01/04/2008

Tall Ships	300.00	Celtic Coaster	1000.00
All Pembs Cruse	50.00	Pembs Special Needs Gym Club	50.00
Crossroads	50.00	British Red Cross	50.00
Army Benevolent Fund	250.00	H O P E	50.00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	25.00	Royal British Legion	50.00
Shelter Cymru	50.00	Artswave Concert	25.00
948 Squadron ATC	25.00		

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

Mayor’s Business

442 Mayor’s Charity Ball – Mayor announced that he was planning a Mayor’s Ball in aid of local elderly groups in St.Davids on Friday 27 March 2009 - it was RESOLVED to offer the hire of the hall for no charge. The idea would be to have 8 persons per table open to everyone in St.Davids.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed
Chair

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443 Apologies for Absence: AS Cox (Resigned), AM Foster (Family commitment).

444 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.

445 City Hall Phase 2 Development.

446 Lesotho Royal Visit

447 Caretaker

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed
Chair

Date.....

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 17th November 2008 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

The Mayor welcomed Chris Williams and Sara Thomas of Tidal Energy Systems Ltd to the meeting and they were invited to outline the pilot scheme for tidal energy generation in Ramsey Sound.

The 'Deltastream' system, comprising 3 turbines linked in a triangular arrangement, is proposed and it is estimated that over 1 Megawatt of power will be generated and it will reach land at St Justinians and then use the existing 11kva overhead cables to feed into the grid.

The Environmental Impact Assessment scoping document was in draft form with comments requested and the intention was to undertake survey work in January 2009, public exhibitions in February 2009 aiming for a planning application in August 2009 with installation in 2010 for completion in 2011.

After questions it was RESOLVED to offer the support of the Council for the scheme and the Mayor wished them every success for what will be a valuable project for St.Davids. C Williams and S Thomas then left the meeting.

Present: DJO Chant Mayor, SJ Halse Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, AM Foster, DJH George, MC Gray, JG Lloyd, C Taylor, RJ Thornton, S Williams with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

448 Apologies for Absence: BT Price (Family commitment).

449 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.

Whitesands Review for 2008 Season

450 Presentation of Accounts and Report

The Responsible Finance Officer presented the figures for the current season. In view of the poor summer weather the results show that gross income was only slightly down by £4600 on 2007, while higher expenses were incurred on account of resurfacing and fencing work.

WHITESANDS CAR PARK		SEASON 2008	SEASON 2007
Activity Summary:			
Cars	(Main Car Park)	39457	40788
Cars	(Overflow field)	3875	4891
Minibuses		194	175
Buses		23	19
M/Cycles		48	44
Disabled		3194	2994
People count		181430	195207
Income:	(Gross) inc S/T	129191.00	134775.10
	VAT	19241.22	20072.21
	Net	109949.78	114702.89
	Residents passes £1938	Number of passes issued 646	
	Season tickets £3774	Number of tickets issued 101	
	Disabled season tickets £280	Number of tickets issued 14	
Expenses:			
	Commission	19369.79	20232.86
	Printing	703.00	666.82
	Resurfacing/ fencing	20340.10	
	PCC	4473.60	4300.80
	Sundries	556.95	159.42
	Nash Bros	4304.41	5554.82
	Total	49747.85	30914.72

SUMMARY:

Gross takings		129191.00		134775.10
Less				
VAT	19241.22		20072.21	
Expenses	49747.85	68989.07	30914.72	50986.93
Net Income		60201.93		83788.17

Overflow Field (Figures included in above)

Cars		3875		4891
Income		10273.50		13205.70
Less VAT	1530.1		1966.81	
Less commission	1569.37	3099.47	1980.85	3947.66
Net		7174.03		9258.04
Due to Nash Bros 60%		4304.41		5554.82
Council 40%		2869.62		3703.22
Total		7174.03		9258.04

450.1 It was RESOLVED to accept and approve the car park accounts.

450.2 It was RESOLVED to pay rental of £4304.41 for use of the overflow car park field to Mr R and Mr G Nash.

451 Ticketing:

Charging Rates for 2008 were RESOLVED to be agreed as follows noting that these had been set since November 2006:-

451.1 Season tickets:-

451.1.1 Car £40 and for disabled users £28.

451.1.2 Commercial season tickets for business users who are parking but not trading - £250 per space.

451.1.3 Resident's pass for Whitesands – £4.00.

451.1.4 Car Park at St Justinians – The Mayor reported on an offer from Mr J Price that resident's parking at St Justinians could be added to the existing resident's pass for an additional £2 per ticket. The Mayor was requested to investigate this further.

451.2 Day Tickets:-

451.2.1 Car - £3.00 with motorhomes to be charged according to the size and spaces taken.

451.2.2 Registered disabled car user £2.00.

451.2.3 Motorcycle - £2.50.

451.2.4 Minibus - £7.00

451.2.5 Coach - £10.00

451.2.6 Permission to purchase tickets and resident's passes for the 2009 season was RESOLVED to be granted.

452 Tenancies and Licences:

452.1 Café Tenancy is due for renewal in 2019.

Recycling and use of the facilities provided at the café for all visitors in the area- it was RESOLVED to approach Pembrokeshire County Council to review the matter further.

452.2 Car Park Attendant's Licence - due for renewal in 2010.

452.3 Ice Cream Licence - due for renewal in 2010. The sale of drinks at the ice cream kiosk, that is not allowed, RESOLVED to be drawn to the attention of the licensee.

452.4 Overflow Parking Field - Agreement due for renewal from 31 October 2011.

453 Car Park Management:

453.1 Pedestrian road safety and the provision of footpath – an assessment was ongoing.

453.2 Surfer's showers – County Councillor J George agreed to investigate this with Pembrokeshire County Council.

453.3 Tarmac resurfacing for the top half of the car park was deferred given the current financial position.

453.4 Control of Dogs, especially on the beach was noted as an ongoing problem.

C Taylor joined the meeting having been representing the Council at an earlier meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council.

Matters arising from the 6 October Monthly Meeting:

454 Christmas:-

454.1 Street Lighting 'Switch On' - Saturday 6 December - plans were in progress. J George advised that the Police will not allow plastic barriers for crowd control but there may be a possibility of appropriate barriers for temporary use being made available from Pembrokeshire County Council.

455 Lesotho - Royal visit of King Letsie III on 14 November 2008 had been a successful occasion.

Investigations were to be made into means of protecting the wall hanging received from His Majesty with a view to it being safely displayed in the Memorial Hall.

Correspondence

456 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 7 November 2008 – Review of Primary Education. A report on a meeting in County Hall earlier in the evening on 17 November 2008 was provided C Taylor. He noted that Pembrokeshire County Council was looking to close Hayscastle School and this would effect children going to Croesgoch and Roch schools. It was RESOLVED to object to any closure of a small school and to ask for clarification of the costs to be saved and the impact on Welsh language provision.

457 PALC and Carew Community Council email of 9 November 2008 – Update on an incident with the remote locking of public conveniences.

It was RESOLVED to ask for comments from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the safe operation of the locking system and also to advise that lights were noted as being left on in toilets all night.

458 Western Telegraph email 14.11.08 Pembroke Design 25th Anniversary – request for support through advertising was noted.

459 PAVS information on display.

Clerk’s Business:

460 Allianz letter of 10 November 2008 – City Hall Insurance inspection was noted with no risk matters arising.

461 Play Area – Member’s visit following the Annual Inspection – it was agreed to arrange a visit on receipt of the inspection report. The Clerk outlined problems with vandalism and it was agreed to look at amendments to the bus shelter to minimise improper use.

462 Youth Drop In – Noise and nuisance outside of the Youth Drop In – Clerk reported on numerous incidents of unpleasant behaviour and damage and it was RESOLVED that J Braby and D Chant go along to a Drop In meeting to discuss the situation.

Any Other Business:

463 St Justinians - RNLI and Planning – it was RESOLVED to ask the RNLI for an update on progress regarding the new lifeboat station, parking and plans for the old lifeboat station.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chair

Date.....

Minutes of a Meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding Sports Facilities at Ysgol Dewi Sant and the Swimming Pool on Monday 26th November 2008 in the Council Chamber 5.30pm.

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

Pembrokeshire County Council:

Councillor Rob Lewis, Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, Sport, Leisure and Tourism;
Mr Mark Lewis, Director of Finance and Leisure.

448 Apologies for Absence: AM Foster (Work commitment), SJ Halse (Holiday).

449 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.

450 Business:

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Rob Lewis and Mr Mark Lewis to the meeting and they were invited to report on the situation regarding the pool and possible sports facilities.

Mark Lewis began noting that the issue being considered was how to provide a sports hall for Ysgol Dewi Sant; it was not an attempt to close the pool.

Points presented included:-

- 1 Funding Position
 - a. There is no additional money for a sports hall in the short or medium term.
 - b. There is a prospect of deficit funding using the losses currently incurred on the pool to provide a sports hall.
 - c. Currently the pool operates with a net cost of £150,000 pa having grown substantially from £75,000 just a few years.
 - d. The proposed funding would use the saving of the deficit and from that £150,000; £100,000 would be borrowed to fund the scheme with the £50,000 used for running the pool each year. This is based on an investment of £1.3m for sports hall and fitness suite.
 - e. Pools are very expensive to run.
 - f. No capital money is available, so a new pool (estimated at around £3million) is not an option.
- 2 Condition Survey on the Pool

An extensive condition survey has been completed highlighting that the building is coming to the end of its economic life. It is about 35 years old and will not last many more years. Refurbishment will cost in the order of £1 million and there is no cash available.
- 3 Site Constraints and Feasibility
 - a. Can build a new hall on the pool site as it is within Pembrokeshire County Council's ownership.
 - b. Future funding prospects are very poor as there are no funds available and it is going to get tighter from 2010 on.
 - c. Specification would be for a sport hall of 1000 sq m.
 - d. School would have preferential use for the hall and then it would be available for public use at all other times.
 - e. Health and fitness suite will be open to the public all day long.
- 4 Pool
 - a. Admission numbers have been falling but this summer it has been busier because of the poor weather.
 - b. Revenue, as well as the previously stated costs for refurbishment are serious financial commitments and in terms of value for money it costs Pembrokeshire County Council between £7 and £10 per person visiting the pool by way of a subsidy.
- 5 Options
 - a. Do nothing and let the pool carry on and in a few years there will probably be a failure and it will be past its sell by date.
 - b. Provide a Sports Hall on the site by using the deficit funding.
 - c. Building a new pool would cost in the order of £3.3 million. Refurbishment would probably give a non compliant building in disabled terms and is not seen as an option.

Mr Lewis is now reporting to the Cabinet and a copy of the report is on the Pembrokeshire County Council website with a recommendation for the second option for the provision of a sports hall.

Questions and Discussion Points:

C Taylor Why has the option of using a joint facility with a sports hall built on adjacent land not been investigated?

M Lewis There is no capital for a new sports hall. To have a pool and sports hall would cost £3m + £1.3m.

B Price Why has the pool not been looked after properly over the years?

M Lewis Pool was part of the school for many years and since PCC took it over it has now come to the end of its economic life after 35 years.

D Chant Major expenditure given to Fishguard and Haverfordwest, why were the facilities especially in Haverfordwest less costly particularly the provision of a moving pool floor? Why not share the funds around the county?

M Lewis When he originally investigated where to invest for the overall sports provision in 2003; 6 strategic sites were identified. He is now trying to assist with the provision of a sports hall rather than just closing the pool.

D Chant Will the pool be left open until work on a sports hall commences, the pool should not be closed without a commitment to a new facility?

M Lewis Categorically assured the meeting that until the tender and planning process is sealed and delivered the pool will stay open.

D Chant What is the time scale?

M Lewis 3-4 months.

R Lewis Planning approval may take some time.

M Gray Did not like this position at all as it feels that we are being pressured.

D Chant Who has made decision with this proposal?

M Lewis Cabinet is yet to decide, a recommendation for the sports hall on the site of the pool would go to Cabinet on 1st December, not the full County Council.

R Lewis Cabinet Liaison Team does monitor Cabinet decisions with County Councillors involved with consultation but not the decision.

C Taylor Given there are similar pools in Crymych and Narberth, what is the obligation of the council to the electorate? St.Davids is not being supported in the same way. Costs of using buses for the children to swim should be considered in the assessment of the decision. We need more information on the whole matter.

R Lewis The Sports Hall is a positive response to this situation.

C Taylor Earlier the message was presented that if you do not support the hall you may lose the school. The tone has changed.

M Lewis The Leader has given a categorical assurance that the school is not closing.

D Chant Access is unsatisfactory and parking is inadequate at the moment, what is planned to improve this aspect?

M Lewis There should be no cars in school and this should apply now not in the future.

J George Noted that the Governors are dealing with this matter.

J George Senior citizens use the pool every day and will lose a valuable service.

B Price Felt saddened by this situation especially as there is sea all around, she also had concern over the costs of transport.

M Lewis The national curriculum requires access to a pool – 3 schools use St.Davids pool. Mathry School could use Fishguard with improved facilities leaving transport for St.Davids and Solva that will have access to quality time in the new pools and sports facilities when they visit Fishguard or Haverfordwest.

C Taylor Why are local authorities so obsessed with closing pools in Wales?

M Lewis Within his tenure Pembrokeshire County Council has been spending £20 million on sport and leisure. Many pools were built in the 1970's and they are all coming to the end of their useful lives. Other authorities are just closing facilities, in this instance a sports facility is being offered.

J George Noted that Mathry and Croesgoch Schools have now gone to swim at Fishguard since the breakdowns caused temporary closure in St.Davids

D Chant Emphasised that this is very difficult to swallow.

R Lewis There is no money available even of £20,000 for small refurbishments.

J George How much would it cost to charge a precept?

M Lewis You would be inheriting an enormous liability and £150,000 net annual loss.

C Taylor Would Pembrokeshire County Council be willing for a community group to take this on?

M Lewis Noted that the liabilities are colossal and revenue costs high but in principle yes they would offer it for a nominal sum eg £1.

R Lewis Sports Hall could be built if the community took on the running of the pool.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm

Signed
Chair

Date.....