

Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 3rd November 2014 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

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

Also present was County Councillor DB Lloyd.

332 Apologies for Absence: K Rose, PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

333 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.

333.1 Cllr Halse declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 15.1 and left the Chamber while the item was discussed.

333.2 Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Item 18.

334 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

334.1 The Council Monthly Meetings on Monday 2nd June and Monday 6th October 2014 were RESOLVED to be approved.

334.2 The Second Meetings of the Month on Monday 16th June Monday 20th October 2014 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

335 SMP NEWGALE Mr Ian Westley, Director of Housing, Transportation and Environment and Mr Darren Thomas, Head of Highways and Construction at Pembrokeshire County Council, attended the meeting to discuss the managed re-alignment of Newgale as outlined in the national Shoreline Management Plan which would eventually see the A487 road re-directed from its current position along the foreshore at Newgale. Mr Westley informed the Council that there was no time frame in place to determine how or when the proposals would come into effect due to the present lack of funding. Mr Thomas informed the Council that following the adoption of the SMP, Pembrokeshire County Council would themselves develop a more detailed management plan. As Highway Authority, the County Council's primary concern at present was to protect the shingle bank at Newgale and to keep the A487 open. Prior to the storms in early 2014 the road had been closed only a handful of times. Following this year's storms the Highway Authority had learned many valuable lessons regarding the temporary diversion that is put in place when the A487 is closed due to adverse weather conditions. Serious consideration needs to be given to a long term solution as problems such as the narrow width of the road, traffic congestion and drivers failing to adhere to the temporary one way system, meant that the current diversion route was far from ideal. Cllr John suggested that better signage would help to improve the situation and Mr Thomas agreed to look at the possibility of installing permanent signs that could be covered when the diversion was not in use. Mr Thomas informed the Council that a Viability Assessment was due to be undertaken on the shingle bank which would give a clearer indication of the bank's long term integrity and help to provide possible long term solutions. Cllr Chant asked whether more permanent sea defences could be put in place? Mr Westley answered that sea walls would both detract from the natural beauty of the site and do little to prevent the damage on ground level. Mr Westley then informed the Council that one of the lessons learned this year had been that there appears to be no legal owner of the shingle bank. Pembrokeshire County Council had undertaken to re-instate it because as Highway Authority they had a duty to keep the road open, however strictly speaking the shingle bank was not their responsibility to maintain. Cllr Evans stated that maintaining the current route of the A487 from Haverfordwest to St Davids through Newgale and Solva was vital to the local tourism industry and that to cut off the road permanently would be a massive blow for the local economy. Cllr Gray stated that many years ago plans were drawn up for a new road to be built to the rear of Carters, across the valley before joining the current road upon the hill outside of Roch and wondered whether something similar could be developed in the future? Cllr James stressed that it was vital to maintain access for emergency vehicles to rural communities such as those in the peninsula. Cllr Taylor stated that he felt that first and foremost a positive commitment to building a new road was essential in moving forward and suggested that at a subsequent meeting, the City Council should adopt a policy regarding the future management of Newgale. Mr Westley assured the City Council that any future plans (which were likely to be formulated over the next 3 years) would be discussed fully with the City Council. County Councillor Cllr Lloyd stated that it was well recognised that during the winter storms the Highway Authority had conducted themselves in an outstanding manner despite being under tremendous pressure. Cllr Lloyd suggested that it could be of benefit to the City Council to liaise with the other Community Councils situated on the

peninsula. It was RESOLVED to place the A487 at Newgale as an agenda item for discussion in the new year. The Mayor thanked Mr Westley and Mr Thomas for attending the meeting, Mr Westley and Mr Thomas then left the Council Chamber.

336 HOUSING

- 336.1 Peter Maggs e-mail of 27th October 2014 advising that the City Council's details had been passed to Pembrokeshire Care & Repair Service, was received.
- 336.2 Cllr Evans e-mail of 9th October 2014 containing the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 advice note was received. It was RESOLVED to defer this item for further consideration in the new year pending the implementation of any legislation that would provide that the Local Authority could impose a higher council tax on second homes. Should the legislation be passed, it was RESOLVED to request it be fully enforced by Pembrokeshire County Council.

337 CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT - It was RESOLVED to advertise for tenders to insulate the Drop In Centre and rear of City Hall.

338 SCHOOL CROSSING NUN STREET Following Kirstie-Anne Donoghue e-mail of 28th October 2014 advising that because the number pedestrians using the crossings in Nun Street failed to comply with statutory criteria, the County Council could only consider the re-instatement of a Lollipop Lady serving Ysgol Bro Dewi if the City Council were to prepared to cover the cost. Despite the Council's serious concerns for the safety of the primary school children it was RESOLVED to no longer pursue the reinstatement of a Lollipop Lady at the school crossing. It was further RESOLVED to request that the Highway Authority implement a permanent 20 mile per hour speed limit in Nun Street and to install a flashing sign that is activated by vehicles exceeding a prescribed speed.

339 WHITESANDS ROAD Following minute reference 299 from 6th October 2014:
Cllr Taylor informed the Council that he felt that the road at Whitesands past Fynnon Feidog had become dangerous due to the number of cars parking on the visibility verge. Cllr Taylor felt that bollards should be installed to prevent cars from parking. It was RESOLVED to include this item for discussion on the agenda of the next monthly meeting of the City Council. It was RESOLVED to make a request to the Highway Authority for reflective safety bollards to be installed along the grass verge.

340 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 340.1 The Mayor reminded Councillors taking part in the parade to meet at Oriol y Par car park at 10.20am on Sunday 9th November.
- 340.2 Councillors Halse, John, Chant, Evans, James and Taylor confirmed that they would attend the Cathedral service following the parade and ceremony on the Cross Square.
- 340.3 Cllr George confirmed that he would greet the Deputy Lord Lieutenant on the Cross Square prior to the parade, on behalf of the City Council.

341 LIGHTING CEREMONY The tasks detailed below were RESOLVED to be delegated to the City Council and Christmas Tree Association respectively:

TASK DETAIL	RESPONSIBILITY
Road closure 1) Letter to Highway Authority. 2) Barriers High Street / Cross Square. 3) Liaise with the police and obtain written confirmation that they will manage the traffic. 4) Risk Assessment.	City Council
Setting up PA system on Cross Square.	Christmas Tree Association
Contacting dignitaries and schools to attend to attend Cross Square. Arranging the format and the MC.	Christmas Tree Association
Posters.	Christmas Tree Association
Wet weather contingency plan	Christmas Tree Association
Stewards	Christmas Tree Association

It was further RESOLVED that the Christmas Tree Association would provide the Clerk with a copy of the format together with a copy of the wet weather contingency plan. Cllr Evans informed the Council that the Young Farmers Club had painted the street lighting poles, though some had come up better than others. It was RESOLVED to write a letter of thanks to the YFC and to invite them to the Civic Reception.

342 PEMROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET IMPLICATIONS copies of the information distributed at consultation meeting of 23rd October 2014 was presented to the Councillors and it was RESOLVED to request that the County Council provide the City Council with a financial breakdown of the cost of providing non statutory services in St Davids.

343 ST DAVIDS FAMILY DISCOVERY TRAIL Rona Liggitt e-mail of 27th October 2014 expressing the Peninsula Association's interest in the project was received. Cllr Taylor provided the Council with a copy of a similar leaflet devised by the Civic Society several years ago. Cllr James felt that the leaflet would provide a good starting point for a new trail. It was RESOLVED to await a formal response regarding funding from the PCNPA

Accounts

344 The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit for September 2014 had been completed satisfactorily.

345 Accounts for October 2014.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OCTOBER 2014			
Balance as at 28th October 2014		£	
	Current A/c	302986.30	
INCOME	Car Park	7630.00	
	City Hall	1403.52	
	Cafe	1821.92	
	Miscellaneous		
	Market stalls	165.00	
	Total	11020.44	
	LGA 1972 Sec137 for2014/15 is £10821		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery
	Last month's donations		Total donated 2014/2015
	2014/15	total	1675
	Balance available		9146
PAYMENTS		£	
	Admin	1546.69	Salaries:Clerk & RFO
		1616.34	NIC & IT
		112.09	Phone and Internet
		7305.30	Insurance
		275.69	Office supplies
	Whitesands	1144.50	Attendant's commission (5)
	Newsletter		
	Playground	168.00	
	Hall & House	235.11	Caretaker's salary
		90.63	Br Gas
		276.90	Swalec
		18.71	D/D Boiler service
		136.48	Cleaning products
	Mayor's Expenses		
	St Justinians	550.00	Toilet hire / cleaning
	Miscellaneous	1080.00	W A Spees re building works
		159.99	Purchase freezer
		149.51	Bookers re Xmas exps
		952.00	PCC (Council tax-3props)
		171.82	Dwr Cymru -(2props)
	Total	15989.76	
Minutes 2014 / 2015		54	

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

346 DONATIONS

346.1 It was RESOLVED to pay the Royal British Legion £50 in lieu of the Remembrance Sunday wreath which cost £18.50.

Donation Requests

346.2 Shalom House e-mail of 22nd October 2014. It was RESOLVED to donate £100.

Correspondence

347 Steve Davis letter of 8th October 2014 St Davids Youth Club. It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Davis to the following meeting of the City Council on 17th November to discuss the future provision of youth services in St Davids.

348 Bruce Payne e-mail of 21st October and copy letter from Solva Community Council to Pembrokeshire County Council objecting to the proposed closure of Solva Youth Club was received.

349 Ian Westley letter of 22nd October 2014 Increase in car parking charges in Pembrokeshire was received.

350 Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service e-mail of 23rd October 2014 Public Consultation Survey. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would submit a corporate response on behalf of the City Council.

351 Susan Preece letter of 23rd October 2014 Copy letter to PCNPA Replacement of old wooden telephone pole at junction of Bryn Road and High Street was received.

352 Cllr Wynne Evans e-mail of 25th October 2014 Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Consultation Event . It was RESOLVED that Cllr Evans would attend the event.

353 Jane Gibson letter of 27th October 2014 Considerations for planning application responses was received.

Reports from Members representing the Council:-

353.1 St Davids Carnival Association. Nothing to report.

353.2 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Nothing to report further to Item 10.

353.3 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Cllr Halse confirmed that a meeting was to take place on 6th November 2014.

353.4 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Poster received from Cllr James regarding the presentation Weathering the Storm on 27th November at County hall was received.

353.5 St Davids Eco City Group. Nothing to report.

353.6 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Evans reported that a meeting was to take place on 12th November 2014 and the AGM was to take place on 26th November.

353.7 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Cllr John reported that the AGM was due to be held during December 2014.

353.8 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Cllr Taylor reported that the AGM was to take place on 11th November 2014.

353.9 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.

353.10 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. Cllr Halse reported that the Governors anticipated receiving the results of the recent Estyn inspection in December 2014.

353.11 Planned Community Forum. Cllr Halse reported that he would attend the forum meeting the following day. Cllr James confirmed that she would also be in attendance.

353.12 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Cllr Chant reported that the Association had progressed the pre-application.

353.13 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Nothing to report.

354 County Councillor's report:-

354.1 Cllr Lloyd informed the Council that the following morning would see a group of stakeholders meeting to discuss the future provision of education in mid and north Pembrokeshire. Included in the group would be Head teachers of all relevant schools, both primary and secondary and the Head of Education for the Diocese. The aim of the group is to eliminate and reduce the number of options contained in the recent report by the Director of Schools and Children. Cllr Lloyd stated that his preference was for Option 5 which would establish a new English medium 3-19 VA school in St Davids on the existing Ysgol Dewi Sant site following a merger with Ysgol Bro Dewi. Ysgol Bro Dewi primary school would close and an Additional Learning Needs centre would be established on the former site under the leadership of the new 3-19 VA school. With the exception of Ysgol Bro Dewi all other primary schools in the St Davids

area would be retained. Cllr Lloyd reported that this option was also favoured by the Bishop and the Dean of St Davids as well as Canon Brian Witt and Canon Dorrien Davies and was the only option that would safeguard the provision of a Sixth Form in St Davids. Cllr Evans asked the County Councillor whether the creation of a new Sixth Form Academy in Haverfordwest would impact on the Sixth Form provision in St Davids, Cllr Lloyd assured the City Council that that it would not.

354.2 Cllr Lloyd reported that Ysgol Dewi Sant had recently completed an extremely successful re-visit by the Estyn inspectors. All nine previous issues had been addressed and there had been a strong improvement in leadership and teaching.

354.3 Cllr Lloyd informed the Council that he had voted in favour of the recent settlement offered to the Chief Executive of Pembrokeshire County Council in accordance with the legal advice supplied to the County Councillors. The settlement had subsequently been reduced to £280000.

Planning

355 NP/14/0395 New access and parking for proposed RNLI lifeboat station, St Justinians, 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.

356 NP/14/0509 Construction of a single 1.5 storey detached dwelling at Plot 1 Maes Elfed, SA62 6QE. 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.

357 C23/14 T1 Elm and T2 Sycamore 15% Crown Lift at 2 Bryn Road, St Davids. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

358 C25 1 Sycamore Tree Crown Thin 10-20% at Merrivale, 44 Goat Street, St Davids. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

Clerk's Business

359 SLCC Membership. It was RESOLVED to renew the Clerk's membership at a cost of £165.

360 City Hall repairs. The Clerk reported that the lights in the main hall had been repaired and that she was still awaiting a quote for a storage heater/s in the Memorial Hall and hoped to have the information available at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed
Chair

Date

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 17th November 2014 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor DB Halse, Deputy Mayor FD John, ES Evans, DJH George MC Gray, MGD James, JG Lloyd, K Rose, CT Taylor, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

361 Apologies for Absence: DJO Chant, BT Price.

362 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.

362.1 Cllr Gray declared a personal interest in relation to Item 12.

362.2 Cllr Halse declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 21 and left the Chamber while the item was discussed.

362.3 Cllr Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 23 and left the Chamber while the item was discussed.

Matters Arising

363 YOUTH CLUB Members were joined by Mr Steve Davis, Manager of Youth Services and Liz Griffiths, Youth Worker at Pembrokeshire County Council to discuss the future provision of youth services in St Davids. Mr Davis thanked the City Council for their continued support of the Youth Club and assured the Council that the implications of the future budget cuts would not adversely affect the provision of youth services in St Davids for at least 2 years. Ms Griffiths informed the Council that while the children that attended the club were enthusiastic and engaged fully with the activities offered as part of the curriculum, numbers of attendees remained low. The City Council had previously expressed their interest in holding an additional session as well as running the club throughout the school holidays. It was RESOLVED to promote the existing Thursday night with a view to increasing numbers by using facebook, the Council's website, the City Newsletter and publishing posters. Mr Davis would also liaise with the Youth Worker at Ysgol Dewi Sant to promote the club night. Should the numbers increase substantially then the possibility of hosting an additional evening session could be considered in the future. Ms Griffiths confirmed that she would inform the Clerk whether it would be possible to host the Youth Club during the forthcoming school holidays. Mr Davis reiterated his thanks to the City Council and Cllr Williams thanked Mr Davis and Ms Griffiths for the continued service. Mr Davis and Ms Griffiths then left the Council Chamber.

363.1 Hall hire agreement between St Davids City Council and Pembrokeshire Youth Service - it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would draft an agreement which would provide that the Youth Club could use both the Drop-In Centre and the City Hall facilities (including the kitchen) free of charge on the condition that the Youth Service would compensate the City Council for any damage or breakages that occurred during their use.

364 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Andy Iceton e-mail of 9th November 2014 requesting feedback from Councillors was received. It was RESOLVED to write a letter of thanks to Mr Iceton for organising a successful parade and to offer the City Council's assistance in ordering wreaths for the individual organisations taking part in the wreath laying ceremony.

365 ST JUSTINIANS

365.1 Cllr Evans' notes following a meeting with the RNLI and various statutory bodies at which Cllrs Evans and James were present, in County Hall on 6th November 2014 were received. It was RESOLVED to contact the RNLI to seek confirmation of their intentions regarding the future of the existing boathouse and slipway should permission to demolish the structure be refused.

365.2 Following Ffion Rees e-mail of 10th November 2014 suggesting that the PBOA meet with members of the City Council it was RESOLVED to convene a meeting on 11th December 2014 at 6pm in the Council Chamber.

366 CHRISTAMS EVENTS

366.1 LIGHTING CEREMONY The Clerk confirmed that the road closure had been amended to include the frontage of the Old Cross Hotel only and had been approved by the Highway Authority. Ben Blake e-mail of 11th November 2014 together with prescribed Temporary Road Closure Notice were received.

366.2 CIVIC RECEPTION

366.2.1 The Clerk confirmed that invitations to local organisations and to individuals have been sent.

366.2.2 It was RESOLVED to approve a budget £500 for the buffet and Cllr Rose was granted permission to purchase food and sundries.

367 CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT Wes Spees e-mails of:

367.1 3rd November 2014 containing a draft application form was RESOLVED to be approved subject to the opening times of the City Hall being amended from 10am to 8.30am.

367.2 10th November 2014 containing a draft design and access statement was RESOLVED to be approved.

368 CITY HALL REPAIRS

368.1 Storage heaters in Memorial Hall. Brian Price quote for the installation of a fan storage heater at a cost of £2660 + VAT was considered by the Council to be in excess of what was required in the hall. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Mr Price as well as Mr R Cox and Mr T Rees in order to ascertain a more appropriate estimate.

368.2 Leaking roof in Gents toilets. the Clerk informed the Council that Mr K Broaders was to carry out repairs to the existing roof as soon as the weather permitted. A permanent solution would then coincide with the insulation of the rear of the hall.

369 TRAFFIC MATTERS

369.1 Nun Street - Kirstie-Anne Donoghue e-mail of 10th November 2014 advising that the request for a reduced speed limit and flashing sign has been passed to the Authority's traffic engineer was received.

369.2 Whitesands Road - Ben Blake e-mail of 11th November advising that parking restrictions are enforceable on the verge was received. The Council considered that penalising cars that parked on the verge would do little to ensure the safety of pedestrians using the road as the cars would continue to block other drivers' visibility. It was RESOLVED to request that bollards be installed to prevent the cars from parking and subsequently obstructing the view of on coming traffic.

370 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS The Clerk reported the installation of the of the lights was on schedule and that all was going well.

371 ST DAVIDS FAMILY DISCOVERY TRAIL Rhowan Alleyne e-mail of 5th November 2014 was received. It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the leaflet published by the Civic Society to the Community Forum and to the St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association and to encourage the groups to link with Mr Allenye to discuss the project.

372 LICENCE APPLICATION Premises licence application received from The Veg Patch, 16 Nun Street, SA62 6NS.

372.1 The applicant requests permission to supply alcohol for consumption off the premises. it was RESOLVED to support application.

Cllr Rose left the meeting at 8.25pm.

Finance

373 DONATIONS

Donation Requests

373.1 Urdd Gobaith Cymru letter of November 2014 was received.

Letters of thanks

373.2 Shalom letter of 5th November 2014 was received.

374 PENSION AUTO ENROLMENT SCHEME The Responsible Finance Officer reported that in compliance with new legislation governing work place pensions, the City Council would be obliged to provide a pension scheme for the

Clerk as of 1st February 2017. The RFO informed the Council that he had subscribed to an online instruction course run by SAGE at a cost of £252 + VAT. It was RESOLVED that the City Council would pay the cost of the course and that the RFO would report back to the Council with suitable pension options, once they become available

- 375 ANNUAL REVIEW OF WHITESANDS CAR PARK** The Responsible Finance Officer presented the annual car park accounts together with his report. both of which were received with thanks from the Mayor and Council.
- 375.1 It was RESOLVED to approve the sum of £6330.39 to Messers Nash and to grant permission to pay.
 - 375.2 Pembrokeshire County Council quote of £6120 + VAT to resurface the upper section of the car park was received. It was RESOLVED to obtain a quote for the re-painting of the parking space lines in the car park upon completion of the resurfacing.
 - 375.3 It was RESOLVED to maintain the current price structure for the 2015 season.
 - 375.4 It was RESOLVED to ascertain whether the wind turbine at the cafe could be repaired.
 - 375.5 JM Thayer letter of 3rd November 2014 was RESOLVED to be acknowledged with the standard form explanation that the City Council's income is derived mainly from the car park.
 - 375.6 Upon the Mayor's request, the RFO presented the Council with an income and expenditure summary of the Cafe from January 2015 to date, a copy of the information is attached to these minutes. The RFO reminded the Council that a full summary of the accounts would be presented at the annual meeting of the community in May 2015.

WHITESANDS BAY CAR PARK			Season 2014		Season 2013	
Activity Summary:						
	Cars	(Main Car Park)	31100			27030
	Cars	(Overflow field)	3860			4000
	Minibuses		180			158
	Buses		24			21
	M/Cycles		37			16
	Disabled		4739	39940		5664
	People count		160290			151583
Income:	(Gross)	inc S/T	165073.00			152164.00
	VAT		27512.17			25360.67
	Net		137560.83			126803.33
	Residents passes	£2660	Number of passes issued 532			
	Season tickets	£5200	Number of tickets issued 104			
	Disabled season tickets	£455	Number of tickets issued 13			
Expenses:						
	Commission		25120.95			22953.75
	Printing		598.24			556.28
	Resurfacing/ fencing					
	PCC		5643.00			5523.00
	Sundries		310.00			42.75
	Nash Bros		6330.39			6560.00
	Total		38002.58			35635.78
SUMMARY:						
	Gross takings		165073.00			152164.00
	Less					
	VAT	27512.17			25360.67	
	Expenses	38002.58	65514.75		35635.78	60996.45
	Net Income		99558.25			91167.55
Overflow Field (Figures included in above)						
	Cars		3860			4000
	Income		15440.00			16000.00
	Less VAT	2573.34			2666.67	
	Less commission	2316.00	4889.34		2400.00	5066.67
	Net		10550.66			10933.33
	Due to Nash Bros 60%		6330.39			6560.00
	Council 40%		4220.27			4373.33
	Total		10550.66			10933.33

Correspondence

- 376** Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 30th October 2014 'Drive for Life' refresher course was received.
- 377** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority e-mail of 30th October 2014 Invitation to take part in Focus Group session. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Gray would attend the event.
- 378** Joe Sutherland e-mail of 3rd November 2014 request to discuss the role of CTC Cymru with the City Council. It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Sutherland to attend a meeting of the City Council after Christmas.
- 379** Oriol y Parc e-mail of 7th November 2014 Request for confirmation of volunteer stewards at the Dragon Parade on Saturday 28th February 2015. It was RESOLVED to provide written confirmation that Councillors would volunteer as stewards at the event.
- 380** St Davids Library e-mail of 4th November 2014 Proposed reduction in opening hours at |St Davids Library It was RESOLVED to offer use of the library premises to the County Council at no cost. It was further RESOLVED to request that the proposed opening hours be amended to 10am-1pm and 2pm- 6pm on both Tuesdays and Thursdays and to suggest that volunteers be recruited to sustain and/or expand the service.

Planning

- 381** C27/14 Crown lift & thin of one lime tree, reduce overgrown privet hedge and reshape one holly tree at Dolwerdd, Nun Street, SA62 6SS. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 382** NP/14/0592 installation of external flue to accommodate new biomass boiler at 1 High Street, SA62 6SA. The City Council considered that the scale and design of the proposed flue was deemed likely to have a detrimental visual impact on the surrounding conservation area. It was RESOLVED to refuse to support the application.
- 383** NP/14/0623 Amendment to planning permission NP/10/459 to provide five letting units, office, reception, store, staff room, revised car parking, widening of access track and retention of temporary caravan until September 2016 at Upper Porthmawr, SA62 6PS. 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.
- 384** NP/14/0644 Non-illuminated wording Twr y Felin Hotel added to roof, illuminated entrance sign engraved in granite slab at Twr Y Felin, SA62 6QS. 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.

Mayors Business

- 385** St Davids Day Dinner - it was RESOLVED to hold the annual dinner on Saturday 28th February 2015 and to obtain menu choices from both The Grove Hotel and Crug Glas.
- 386** They Mayor informed the Council that the City Council had received an invitation to Shalom House's Light a Life ceremony on 1st December 2014 which was also the date of the following council meeting. It was RESOLVED that the mayor would represent the Council and attend the ceremony. The Deputy Mayor would Chair the Council meeting and the Mayor would join later, once the event had finished.

Any other business

- 387** Cllr Taylor informed the Council that the St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho link had received confirmation that they had won a Wales-Africa Gold Star award and were to be presented with the prize at a special ceremony in Cardiff with the First Minister in attendance.
- 388** Cllr John suggested that an annual record of attendance be published in line with the County Council record. A general discussion regarding absence and apologies took place. Councillors were reminded that the agenda was a legal summons to attend Council meetings and that where possible apologies should be submitted to the Clerk in order to be offered on the agenda with a reason for absence.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed

Chair

Date

