

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 7th October 2013 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

The meeting was preceded by a visit from Mr David Haynes, acting head teacher at Ysgol Dewi Sant at 6.30pm. The Mayor welcomed Mr Haynes to the meeting and congratulated him on his very recent appointment as head teacher at the school. The Mayor asked Mr Haynes to explain what measures had been taken by the school to address the issues raised as a result of the recent Estyn inspection. Mr Haynes confirmed that Pembrokeshire County Council needed to be seen to be making a change yet the County Council did believe in Ysgol Dewi Sant as a leadership team and recognised their importance as a local force. In January 2013 former head teacher Mr Bevan retired. It was well understood that during his time as head teacher the school was not in the right place and some of the school's shortcomings under his management resulted in Estyn concluding that Ysgol Dewi Sant was "adequate with the prospect for improvement". Mr Haynes confirmed that the school had identified its weaknesses and was keen to be transparent in dealing with them. A post inspection action plan had been put in place and as well as the structural improvements that had taken place over the summer holidays a new distributive teaching and learning model had been implemented. Mr Haynes confirmed that Ysgol Dewi Sant was not the same school that it was in May 2013 and the teachers were trying to create a culture of learning from each other. Senior management issues had been addressed with the introduction of a system that matched excellent teachers with those that needed mentoring. Mr Haynes informed the Council that he believed that following the next Estyn inspection in September 2014 Ysgol Dewi Sant will be judged well and that he believed that it was an excellent school with exciting prospects for the future. Cllr Chant asked Mr Haynes whether the fear of closure had now been put aside. Mr Haynes replied that while closure was potentially still an option he was confident that Pembrokeshire County Council would recognise the work being undertaken by the school and the impact that a closure would have on the local community. He added that the County Council would make their decision based on their officers' recommendation and so far the officers seem impressed. Mr Haynes also added that the school would be inviting Cabinet members to visit Ysgol Dewi Sant in the near future. Cllr Taylor asked whether there was a realistic possibility that Ysgol Dewi Sant would become a Voluntary Aided school in the future. Mr Haynes confirmed that this too was a potential option, one that the school would welcome. Mr Haynes confirmed that though the school had not yet had the opportunity to have a full discussion with the a representative of the education department for the Diocese, he was aware the Mr Brian Witt had met with Mrs Kate Evan-Hughes, Head of Education at Pembrokeshire County Council. County Councillor David Lloyd congratulated Mr Haynes on his full time appointment as head teacher and informed the City Council that despite the huge number of very worthy applicants, Mr Haynes was by far the best candidate and the Governors were confident that under his leadership the school would continue to prosper. Cllr Lloyd also informed the City Council that he was in the process of compiling a report drawing on papers written by various members and organisations within the community including Cllr Taylor and his daughter Mrs Katherine Pearce, Oriel Y Parc, Mr Brian Witt etc. and that copies would be distributed to Councillors in due course. The Mayor thanked Mr Haynes for attending the meeting and at 7pm both he and Cllr Lloyd left the Council Chamber.

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

162 Apologies for Absence: MC Gray, County Councillor DB Lloyd

163 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.

164 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

- 164.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st July 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.2 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st July 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.3 The Second meeting of the Council on Monday 15th July 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.4 'In Committee' Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th July 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.5 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd September 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.6 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd September 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved pending the inclusion of Cllr Evans' declaration of a personal interest in relation to Item 132.

- 164.7 The Second meeting of the Council on Monday 9th September 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 164.8 The Third meeting of the City Council on Monday 16th September 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

165 YSGOL DEWI SANT The following items of correspondence were considered in relation to this item:

- 165.1 Bruce Payne e-mail of 6th September 2013 containing copy letter to Cllr Jamie Adams from Solva Community Council objecting to proposed closure of Ysgol Dewi Sant.
- 165.2 Cllr Jamie Adams copy letter of 19th September 2013 to Bruce Payne responding to the letter from Solva Community Council.
- 165.3 Anne Curran copy e-mail of 11th September 2013 to Cllr David Lloyd expressing concern regarding Ysgol Dewi Sant's future.
- 165.4 Simon Morgan e-mail of 11th September 2013 containing Cabinet Report and Business Consultation.
- 165.5 Katherine Pearce copy e-mail of 21st September 2013 to Keith Griffiths requesting advice and support.
- 165.6 Keith Griffiths copy e-mail of 20th September 2013 responding to Katherine Pearce.
- 165.7 David Lloyd copy e-mail of 21st September 2013 to Keith Griffiths outlining reasons to keep the school open.
- 165.8 Keith Griffiths copy e-mail of 21st September responding to David Lloyd.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Evans would represent the City Council at the school's open evening. It was further RESOLVED to write to the leader of the County Council requesting clarification as to whether the decision to undertake preliminary consultation in relation to the provision of education in St Davids would be made by the Cabinet members or by the full Council. The Clerk also gave a report to the Council following a meeting between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Paul Davies AM, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

166 CITY & MEMORIAL HALL RATES OF HIRE Following a review of current rates of hire together with the income and expenditure for the previous 12 months it was RESOLVED to amend the rates of hire from 1st January 2014 as follows:

- 166.1 Community / charitable use
- 166.1.1 City Hall to remain at £6.18 per hour.
- 166.1.2 City Hall with kitchen to remain at £7.44 per hour.
- 166.1.3 Memorial Hall to remain at £3.72 per hour.
- 166.1.4 Memorial Hall with kitchen to remain at £4.98 per hour.
- 166.2 Commercial use
- 166.2.1 City Hall increase to £10.50 per hour from £9.90.
- 166.2.2 City Hall with kitchen increase to £12.00 per hour from £11.16.
- 166.2.3 Memorial Hall increase to £6.50 per hour from £6.18.
- 166.2.4 Memorial Hall with kitchen increase to £7.50 per hour from £7.44.

It was further RESOLVED to honour the existing bookings with the current rate.

167 PUBLIC TOILETS AT QUICKWELL HILL CAR PARK Jonathan Mills e-mail of 5th September 2013 confirming the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee's endorsement of the City Council's proposal was received.

168 HEALTH & HYGIENE CERTIFICATES It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Rose, Williams, Price and George together with Mr Evans would undertake the Level 2 training course at the expense of the City Council with the date to be confirmed with the course provider.

169 CITY COUNCIL PROPERTY Progress reports and quotes where relevant regarding

- 169.1.1 Replacement bench at Quickwell Hill. The Clerk informed the Council that a further quote was awaited from Mr John Guest. It was RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting of the City Council.
- 169.1.2 CCTV at Whitesands Beach Café. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.

- 169.1.3 Stage lighting. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.
- 169.1.4 Blackout blinds. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.
- 169.1.5 Cooker in City Hall kitchen. Following Wim Rutjes e-mail of 23rd September 2013 confirming that the kitchen is sufficiently ventilated to operate the cooker in accordance with current legislation it was RESOLVED not to replace either the cooker or the ventilation system.
- 169.1.6 Wifi.
- 169.1.7 Leaking roof above kitchen. The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Ken Broaders had inspected the roof but was unable to identify where the leak was coming from. He would return to determine the cause when the weather was more favourable to mounting the roof.
- 169.1.8 Guttering. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.
- 169.1.9 Fence posts at Memorial playing field. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.
- 169.1.10 Mini carousel at Memorial playing field. This item was deferred to the next meeting of the City Council.

170 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND VANDALISM The Mayor and Cllr John reported that at a meeting convened by the police at Ysgol Dewi Sant the recent incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour were discussed with some of the children and parents that were alleged to have been involved. The Mayor reported that it was a somewhat mixed meeting with the parents concerned that their children had been unfairly associated with the incidents motioned and there was some complaint regarding the wording of the letter sent by the police, however the dialogue opened up between all parties was positive. Cllr John reported that out of the 15 students request to attend the meeting only 6 of the boys turned up and none of the girls. Cllrs James and John informed the group of the City Council youth liaison evening on 23rd October and reported that the Headmaster was very keen that the children were to attend. It was RESOLVED to include the Youth Representatives as an Item on the next agenda.

171 CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS The Clerk Site meeting arranged with WA Spees for Wednesday 16th October at 12noon. It was RESOLVED that any Councillors wishing to attend the meeting would do so.

172 ROYAL VISIT It was RESOLVED that under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

173 PLANNING APPLICATIONS Naomi Oriel e-mail of 2nd October 2013 outlining Pembrokeshire County Council's policy in relation to retrospective planning applications and Jane Gibson e-mail of 7th October 2013 outlining Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's policy in relation to retrospective planning applications were received.

174 TRAFFIC MATTERS Following Jackie Hatton-Bell of Cwtch restaurant copy letter of 1st September 2013 to County Cllr David Lloyd requesting the implementation of a waiting restriction outside the frontage of Nos 20-22 High Street to allow for disabled access it was RESOLVED to await a formal request from Pembrokeshire County Council as Highway Authority.

175 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT Following a report from Mayor in relation to St Davids children gaining recognition for representing Wales it was RESOLVED to send letter of congratulations to every student at Ysgol Dewi Sant that gains a cap for their country and to invite them to the Civic reception to award them with a certificate.

Accounts

176 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for July & August 2013 had been completed successfully.

177 Accounts for September 2013. `

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER 2013			
Balance as at 30/09/2013		£	
	Current A/c	258783.82	
INCOME	Car Park	15590.00	
	City Hall	2121.98	
	Cafe	2277.40	
	St Justinians	600.00	
	Miscellaneous	25.00	
	Market stalls	435.00	
	Total	21049.38	
	LGA 1972 Sec137 for 2013/14 is £10532		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery
	Last month's donations	15	Total donated for 2013/14
	Total donated 2013/14	715	
	Balance available	9817	
PAYMENTS		£	
	Admin	1522.50	Salaries:Clerk & RFO
		42.00	Phone and Internet
		101.70	Stationery etc
	Whitesands	3043.50	Attendant's commission (5)
		98.80	Cafe repairs
	Hall & House	342.08	Caretaker's salary
		80.00	Painting Drop In
		20.16	Supplies
		18.51	D/D Boiler service
	Mayor's Expenses		
	St Justinians	510.00	Toilet hire / cleaning
	Miscellaneous	50.00	Flowers
		385.07	Bank charges
		550.00	Printing Newsletter
		933.00	PCC (Council tax-3props)
		108.12	Dwr Cymru -(2props)
		300.00	Soplicitors fees
	Total	8105.44	
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The accounts were approved for the month and permission was granted to pay.

178 Donations

Donation requests

178.1 Les Owen e-mail of 30th September 2013 sponsorship for Walk On Wales in aid of the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal and Combat Stress. It was RESOLVED to donate £50 to the charity.

Correspondence

179 Gerald Miles e-mail of 11th September 2013 extension of Naas twinning to include the City Golf Club and Cathedral Choir. It was RESOLVED to forward the information onto the Golf Club and Choir respectively. Cllr Taylor informed the Council that he would be happy to assist with any twinning responsibilities in the future.

180 Jude Parr PCSO email of 16th September 2013 invitation to the next PACT meeting. Cllr James informed the Council that she would attend the meeting.

181 Joanna Price e-mail of 17th September 2013 funding request for St Davids football club / training. It was RESOLVED to invite Miss Price to the next monthly meeting of the city Council to discuss her proposal.

182 Janet Ingram e-mail of 19th September 2013 Finger post sign for Ty'r Pererin; dog fouling on bridleway from St Nons to Pen Y Garn and Caerfai Road. Please see also Kelly Clift e-mail of 24th September 2013 in relation to dog fouling. It was RESOLVED to determine whether any permission needed to be sought from the County Council in relation to adding a finger post. It was further RESOLVED to support the efforts of the dog warden and to report any incidents of fouling.

183 Joyce Watson AM e-mail of 3rd September 2013 invitation to attend the White Ribbon service in St Davids Cathedral at 12noon on Monday 25th November 2013 and appealing for male Councillors to sign the Not In My Name pledge and be photographed doing so. It was RESOLVED that the male councillors would be photographed signing the pledge at the next meeting.

184 Ian Westley Notice of 23rd October 2013 closure of section on Bryn Road on Monday 11th November 2013. The information was received.

185 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

185.1 PALC - Cllr Taylor reported that no meeting had been held recently and consequently there was nothing to report.

185.2 St Davids Carnival Association – Cllr Rose reported that at a recent meeting Cllr James had stepped down from her position as Chair and that she, Cllr Rose had been appointed as the Chair of the Association. The City Council offered it's thanks to Cllr James for her hard work and commitment to the carnival over the years. Cllr Rose confirmed that a new treasurer had also been appointed.

185.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association - Cllr Price reported that the next meeting was to take place on thursday 24th October in the Council Chamber at 7pm.

185.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group - Cllr James reported at a meeting of 30th September dates had been confirmed for the Eisteddfod, St Davids Day teas and the dragon parade. A date for the Cawl competition had yet to be confirmed. The next meeting was to take place on Thursday 17th October at 10am in the Council Chamber.

185.5 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly – Cllr Halse reported that the group was currently assessing their requirements for grant funding.

185.6 St Davids Eco City Group - Cllr Rose reported that no meeting had been held recently and consequently there was nothing to report.

185.7 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. A full report was given by Cllr Chant, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

185.8 Porthclais Harbour Authority - Cllr John reported that no meeting had been held recently and consequently there was nothing to report

185.9 St.Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. A full report was given by report by Cllr Taylor, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition to the report offered by Cllr Taylor the Council considered Rhys

Jones and Ebony Owen letter of 3rd October 2013 appealing for a contribution towards the cost of the planned trip to Lesotho as head boy and head girl of Ysgol Dewi Sant.. It was RESOLVED to offer a donation once they had established what the short fall was.

- 185.10 Youth Drop In.
 185.10.1 Cllr James reminded the Council of the Youth Liaison meeting on Thursday 24th October 2013 from 5.30pm – 7pm in City Hall.
 185.10.2 Cllr John informed the Council a cliff diving / coasteering trip had been arranged for the youngsters by TYF with Porthclais Harbour Authority contributing towards the cost.
- 185.11 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor.
 185.11.1 Cllr Price reported Mrs Vaughan appeared to be settling in well as the newly appointed head teacher at Ysgol Bro Dewi that the next meeting of the Governors was to take place on 15th October 2013.
 185.11.2 Following Sally Jones e-mail of 7th October confirming that Pembrokeshire County Council had no plans to reinstate a lollipop lady at the St Peter's Lane crossing with Nun Street it was RESOLVED to write to both the head teacher and the Chair of Governors of the school outlining the Council concerns for the safety of the children. It was further RESOLVED to pursue the installation of a 20pmh zone and flashing lights as originally contained in the unsuccessful Safe Routes in the Community bid.
- 185.12 Planed – Cllr Halse reported that the Community Forum met in September to discuss the Community hub and the Community Orchard with Oriol Y Parc and the Cathedral in negotiaions regarding the proposed orchard.

Planning

- 186** C18/13/pc 1 x Ash – to be removed, 4 x Ash/Sycamore - to reduce hazardous branches overhanging parking/turning area at Melin, Dan Y Rhiw. C18/13/pc 1 x Ash – to be removed, 4 x Ash/Sycamore - to reduce hazardous branches overhanging parking/turning area at Melin, Dan Y Rhiw. The Council considered the position and condition of the tree and concluded that its removal was acceptable. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 187** NP/13/0444 Refurbishment & modification works at The Bishops, SA62 6SL. Listed application. 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.
- 188** NP/13/0443 Refurbishment & modification works at The Bishops, SA62 6SL. Full application. 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.
- 189** NP/13/0407 Amendments to application No. NP/09/366 to provide 1) alteration to the compound area to include an additional container for control centre and aerial mast; 2) extension of temporary period for all work from 24 months to 36 months and extension of temporary period for above ground works from 14 months to 24 months at RNLI car park , St Justinians. 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.
- 190** NP/13/0442 demolition of existing dwelling with garage and construction of new build dwelling with overall envelope volume of existing building at Carneithan, SA62 6PT. 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.
- 191** NP/13/0464 Alterations to smaller “cottage” part of Rhos Y Cribed, SA62 6RR. 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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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