

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 24th June 2020 in the City Hall at 2.30pm

Present: Mayor BS Sehmi, Deputy Mayor AC York, DJ Griffiths, DB Halse, FD John, JG Lloyd, BT Price, RT Thornton, S Williams, with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

1 Apologies for Absence: DJH George, ES Evans, MJ Chant.

The Mayor Cllr Sehmi welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors for his nomination as Mayor, and also thanked those Councillors involved in the recently set up Food Hub and for the impact it has had in the community.

2 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.

Accounts:

- 3** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for April 2020 had been completed satisfactorily.
- 4** The accounts for May 2020 were RESOLVED to be approved and permission to pay granted.
- 5** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the bill to Pembrokeshire County Council for the Library contribution for the year April 2019 to March 2020 had been received in the sum of £3760.24. This had virtually doubled and enquiries were to be made to establish the reasons for the increase. In the meantime PCC had been advised of non-payment.
- 6** Similarly, the outstanding bill to Wicksteeds for work on the Playground had been withheld as the additional finishing off work on the gate had not been completed.

7 DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON RFO’S REPORT OF 01/06/2020.

7.1 **Whitesands Car Park:** The Car Park had re opened on 20th June (Saturday) with toilet and life guarding facilities available. It was felt that there would be limited use until the 5 mile travel restrictions are lifted on 06/07/2020.

Arrangements were being made to get Card Reading facilities in place in readiness for the tourists after 13/07/2020. This could mean provision of a Solar Panel and a battery at the Attendant’s Hut. Dragon WIFI were getting quotations. Authority was given to proceed.

7.2 **City Hall:** Caretaker and wife still in isolation until mid August. If Hall bookings do materialise we will need to arrange for separate cleaning and preparation of facilities.

7.3 **Weekly Market:** Arrangements being made for the Market to re-start from 9th July 2020.

7.4 **St Justinian:** No date given to re-start boat trips. When this is known permission given to order two portable loos for the rest of the summer. The contribution of the Boat Owners to be reassessed when dates and costs are known.

8 PLANNING/ LICENSING

Licensing Application for Premier Inn: Members had given their feedback on this matter. All required the application to be rejected as it did not conform to the Council’s published standard.

9 FOOD HUB

The successful Food Hub has used the facilities of Memorial Hall, Kitchen and City Hall during the lockdown. As it is to continue operations probably in the Scout Hut, it was proposed that the Council donate the cost of a small fridge. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Signed

Date

Chair