

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm

190 Present: Mayor BS Sehmi, Deputy Mayor AC York, MJ Chant, DJH George, DJ Griffiths, DB Halse, FD John, JG Lloyd, BT Price, RT Thornton, with CH Gray (Clerk) JE Foster (Deputy Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Also present was County Councillor DB Lloyd.

191 Apologies for Absence: S Williams, ES Evans.

192 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.

192.1 Cllr Price declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 211 and left the meeting while the application was discussed.

193 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

193.1 The Council Monthly Meetings on Monday 8th February 2021.

193.2 The Second Meeting of the Council on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Matters Arising

194 PORTHMAWR SLCC Members were joined by Stuart Penfold and Richard Cox of the SLCC who explained the difficulties encountered by Members of the Club from outside of the parish boundary in relation to car parking fees.

194.1 Cllr Chant e-mail of 2nd March 2021 was received and it was RESOLVED to grant the Club 4 car park passes free of charge to be used at any time until 31st October 2021 and to permit active members of the club to purchase Season Tickets at the same price as a Residents Pass for 2021 and to review the arrangement at the end of the season.

195 ELECTION OF MAYOR ELECT It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Alan York as Mayor Elect of St Davids. Cllr York would be formally elected as Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the City Council in May 2021.

196 TRAFFIC MATTERS / TEMPORARY ONE WAY SYSTEM

196.1 Traffic Meeting - minutes of the Traffic Meeting on Thursday 25th February 2021 were received and it was RESOLVED to include the proposal to remove the tree and widen the part of the carriageway on Catherine Street.

196.2 Surface Dressing Programme 2021 – Kelly Morris e-mail of 10th March 2021 was received.

197 ST DAVIDS RFC – MARKET GARDEN PROPOSAL Following a site visit on Thursday 25th February 2021 Councillors considered that the proposed raised beds would be too close to the pitch and RESOLVED not to support the proposal.

198 KITCHEN VENTILATION The Clerk informed members that in order to meet the necessary ventilation requirements, a British Gas Engineer has recommended that an air vent be installed in the kitchen door and the Clerk sought permission to purchase one. It was RESOLVED to approve the request and permission was granted to pay.

199 MEMORIAL PLAY PARK AND SKATE PARK

Sinead Henehan e-mail of 4th February 2021 – S106 funding from the Glasfryn Road Development.

199.1 Cllr Price e-mail of 9th March 2021 regarding rubbish and antisocial behaviour at the park was received. The Clerk confirmed that the Refuse and Recycling Collector from Pembrokeshire county Council had agreed to check the park more frequently for litter in particular just before primary school children finished school.

Finance

200 The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit for January 2021 had been completed successfully.

201 Accounts for February 2021 were RESOLVED to be approved and permission to pay was granted.

202 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2021/22 Responsible Finance Officer reported that the RA had been completed and all necessary precautions undertaken.

203 ASSET REGISTER 2020/21 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Register had been updated accordingly.

204 DONATIONS:204.1.1 Requests

204.1.1.1 Cymru Older People's Alliance letter of 8th March 2021 was received.

204.1.1.2 NSPCC letter (not dated) was RESOLVED to be deferred until the Annual Meeting of the City Council in May 2021.

204.1.2 Thanks

204.1.2.1 Citizens Advice letter of 4th March 2021 was received.

Correspondence:

- 205** Nick and Fee e-mail of 1st March 2021 Memorial Bench request was received and it was RESOLVED to accept the offer of installing a bench in St Davids pending a suitable location being agreed.
- 206** Tracy Gilmartin-Ward e-mail of 4th March 2021 Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector was received.
- 207** Charlotte Mathias e-mail of 5th March 2021 Licensing Act 2003: Consultation on Review of Licensing Policy was received.
- 208** Matthew Tebbutt e-mail of 8th March 2021 the Sustainable Stitch in time project (2019-2022) PLANED free online event was received.

209 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

- 209.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Nothing to report.
- 209.2 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Nothing to report in relation to St Davids Day. Cllr Carmel Kelly e-mail of 15th March 2021 was received and it was RESOLVED that the Mayor would send a photo or video to Cllr Kelly and counterparts in Naas wishing them a Happy St Patricks Day on behalf of the City Council and share to share the greeting on social media.
- 209.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Price reported that the group were hoping to deliver Easter eggs to their members.
- 209.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association. Minutes of the meeting of 17th February were received from Cllr Evans.
- 209.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Nothing to report.
- 209.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Nothing to report.
- 209.7 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.
- 209.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor. Cllr Halse reported that pupils were undertaking a phased return to school and that all students were expected to have returned to classroom learning by 12th April 2021.
- 209.9 St Davids Community Forum. Nothing to report.
- 209.10 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Nothing to report.
- 209.11 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Nothing to report.
- 209.12 Bws Y Bobl. Nothing to report. It was RESOLVED to contact PACTO to ascertain what had happened to the St Davids Bws scheme and the Bws itself.
- 209.13 Music and Arts Festival. Nothing to report.
- 209.13.1 Re-discovering Ancient Connections. Rhowan Alleyne confirmed that is to meet with members via Zoom on 29th March 2021 to give a presentation on the St Nons Interpretation Project.
- 209.13.2 County Councillor David Lloyd e-mails of 24th February and 10th March 2021 regarding the Commissioning of a suite of six Welsh folk songs and St Davids

Cathedral Festival letter of support attached were RESOLVED and it was RESOLVED to endorse the proposal without financial contribution.

209.14 Coffee and Chat. Nothing to report.

209.15 St Davids Befrienders. Cllr York reported that the group was running well, the Shed scheme was accelerating well, the Food Pod was still active and many people had informed Cllr York that it was good to know that they (the Befrienders) were there. Cllr York informed Members that Cllr Mark Carter had agreed to donate a steel cupboard from Carters in Newgale to the Shed scheme.

209.16 One Voice Wales. Cllr Thornton reported that an online meeting had taken place on 2nd March 2021 and that the Councillor Allowance amount had not been altered by the Independent Remuneration Panel.

210 County Councillors report:

210.1 Cllr Lloyd reported that the 2020 Festival of Ideas had been a phenomenal success with some breath taking contributions and paid tribute to Patrick Nash and Ifor Thomas for their efforts. Cllr York endorsed Cllr Lloyd’s comments and further complimented the stunning collection of seminars and lectures.

Planning:

211 NP/21/0044 Change of use of land to short stay car park in relation to Ramsey Island Boat trips – proposed park and ride at Grove Hotel, High Street SA62 6SB. Susan and Gareth Preece e-mails of 28th February and 7th March 2021 together with their letter of objection and Stephen Benger e-mail of 24th February 2021 containing a Highways response was received. The Council considered that the site entrance failed to allow sufficient visibility to ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicles entering and exiting the site as well as those travelling on the High Street. It was RESOLVED to refuse to support the application.

212 NP/21/0109 Variation of Condition No 2 of NP/19/0614 at Rhosygilwen, St Davids, Haverfordwest, SA62 6DB. 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.

213 NP/21/0117 Replacement roof with dormer windows to provide loft conversion. New porch to front entrance at 9 Maes Y Mynach, St Davids, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6QG. 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.

214 NP/21/0138 Internal alterations to create and open plan kitchen dining and lounge and create library. Rear extension to create garden room at 12 Ffordd Caerfai, St Davids, Haverfordwest, SA62 6QT. 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 8.20pm

Signed
Chair

Date

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Council on Monday 29th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor BS Sehmi, Deputy Mayor AC York, MJ Chant, ES Evans, DJ Griffiths, FD John, JG Lloyd, RT Thornton, with JE Foster (Deputy Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Also present was Rhowan Allyne, Interpretation Officer at Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.

215 Apologies for Absence: DB Halse, DH George, BT Price, S Williams

216 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. There were none.

Matters Arising

217 ST NONS HOLY WELL Members were joined by Rhowan Allyne, Interpretation Officer at Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to discuss the heritage project funded by Ancient Connections. Ms Allyne explained to members that Ancient Connections uses arts, heritage and tourism to create meaningful connections between communities in north Pembrokeshire in west Wales with north Wexford in east Ireland. Ms Allyne advised members that the proposed interpretive experience would centre around St Nons and would hopefully incorporate three aspects including a new interpretation panel sited at the car park, a family self-guided trail from Oriel-y-Parc to St Non's and a sound walk (podcast/broadcast which would be available to listen to while walking the trail and accessible online for those not able to attend the site).

Ms Allyne requested that members pass on their recommendations for any groups or individuals that could be interviewed/recorded as part of the project. Furthermore, members were advised that the project was due to commence from April 2021 and that it was anticipated to be completed by September 2021.

The Mayor thanked Ms Allyne for attending the meeting and for providing the Council with an update on the proposed heritage project.

218 WHITESANDS CAR PARK The Deputy Clerk advised members that a meeting had been held with the Car Park attendant, Peter Lavin following the Welsh Government Co-vid review. Following the Government announcement that there would be an ease of travel restrictions and that all Welsh residents could travel throughout Wales, it was agreed to open the car park on Thursday 1st April 2021.

The Deputy Clerk further advised members that the café would also be open from 1st April.

All tickets would be available to purchase from the Car park attendants hut at Whitesands and those who purchased a Resident Pass or Season Ticket in 2020 would be able to use their pass again in 2021 at no extra cost.

Cllr Evans enquired about the Furlough Scheme and to what extent the staff would continue to be furloughed.

The Responsible Finance Officer explained that there would be a phased return of staff and all the Council's operations.

- 219** MEMORIAL PLAY PARK AND SKATE PARK Progress report following site meeting with Mr Mike Shepherd, Safety Inspector for Pembrokeshire County Council on Friday 26th March. Members were advised that the site visit had been postponed and an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Council.
- 220** COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION – include private e-mail addresses on City Council website. It was RESOLVED to leave Councillor e-mail addresses off the website.

Correspondence:

- 221** Mike Cavanagh e-mail of 11th March 2021 St Davids Day Major event was received. It was RESOLVED to contact Mr Cavanagh and enquire about the forthcoming meeting dates.
- 222** Jeremy Wadia e-mail of 14th March 2021 St Davids Community Garden was received.
- 223** Councillor Evans e-mail of 21st March 2021 Community Renewal Fund was received. It was RESOLVED for the Clerks to investigate the possibility of additional funding.
- 224** Kathleen Carroll e-mail of 22nd March 2021 The Bumblebee Conservation Trust’s new campaign ‘Bee the Change’ was received. The information would be shared on the City Council website and facebook page.
- 225** Tracy Gilmartin e-mail of 22nd March 2021 Countryside Code refresh 2021 – Final wording was received.

Planning:

- 226** NP/21/0165 Replacement Windows at 2, Bryn Road, St. Davids, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6SG. The Clerk advised members that this application had now been cancelled.
- 227** NP/21/0174 Demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of replacement farmhouse at Porthclais, SA62 6RR. It was RESOLVED to defer this application and include this as an item on the subsequent agenda to allow additional time to peruse the application.

The following items were agreed to be included on a subsequent agenda:

- 228** Cllr Evans – date for next edition of St Davids City News.
- 229** Cllr Thornton – registration of all the Council land with the HM Land Registry.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed
Chair

Date