

Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 7th March 2022 in the City Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor AC York, Deputy Mayor FD John, ES Evans, DJH George, DB Halse, JG Lloyd, BT Price, BS Sehmi, RT Thornton, S Williams, with CH Gray (Clerk) JE Foster (Deputy Clerk) and W Mann (Responsible Finance Officer).

- 395 Apologies for Absence:** MJ Chant. DJ Griffiths, Cllr BD Lloyd.
- 396 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.
- 397 Confirmation of Minutes for:-**
- 397.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 14th February 2022 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

- 398 ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL** Members were joined by Festival Administrator, Becky Shaw who confirmed that after a two year absence the Festival would return in 2022 under the Directorship of Simon Pearce and would involve some wonderful musicians, a PROMS concert for HM Jubilee and a good range of children's musical events.
- 399 ECO DEWI** Members were joined by Jeremy Wadia who asked the City Council to endorse tree planting at Wuanfawr and improving wildlife space at Caerfachell Green, hosting a consultation and engagement events and improving the pollinator trail and making green verges more bee friendly which the Council resolved to support.
- 400 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
- 400.1 The Clerk confirmed that a Tender advert was placed in the Western Mail (2nd March) and Western Telegraph (9th March) (£397.50 each) and invitations to tender have been sent to previous applicants.
- 401 TRAFFIC MATTERS**
- 401.1 Maura Kempster e-mail of 20th February 2022 and Stephen Benjer e-mail of 21st February 2022 were received and it was RESOLVED to ascertain Mr Bengers advice as to whether a crossing would be beneficial or detrimental to pedestrian and vehicle users.
- 401.2 Speed Indication signs –Phil Leggett e-mail of 23rd February was revised and it was RESOLVED to request that both signs be installed at the locations in Nun Street and Augusta Way.
- 402 COUNCIL PROPERTY**
- 402.1 The Clerk confirmed that the plumber has been contacted to adjust the water flow on the fountain.
- 402.2 Pump track –. Kevin Shales e-mail of 23rd February 2022 confirming that grant funding had been awarded was received.
- 403 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022**
- 403.1 Councillors were reminded of the meeting 10th March at 10am in City Hall. The time was altered to 11am

403.2 Libby Taylor e-mail of 22nd February 2022 – tree planting to celebrate was received and RESOLVED to be approved.

404 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD The Clerk confirmed that the new rocking horse has been installed and is working well.

405 COMMUNITY ELECTIONS 2022

405.1 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of containing pre-election guidance was received.

405.2 Emyr John e-mail of 28th February 2022 offering advice from One Voice Wales was received.

406 STAFF MATTERS This item, being a matter of contract was agreed to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

Accounts

407 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for January 2022 had been completed successfully.

408 The accounts for February 2022 were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer and RESOLVED to be approved with permission granted to pay.

409 DONATION REQUESTS

409.1 Children's Wales Air Ambulance letter (not dated).

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				Feb-22			
Current Account Balance at			28/02/2022	£101,287.82			
INCOME	Car Park		£1,361.44				
	City Hall		£96.00				
	Cafe		£2,760.00				
	Icecream Franchise		£0.00				
	Market Stalls		£0.00				
	Miscellaneous		£796.60				
	St Justinians		£0.00				
	TOTAL		£5,014.04				
LGA 1972 SEC 137 20/21 £12738.00				LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance			
	Last month's donations		£0.00	Total donated 21/22		£0.00	
	2021/22	Total	£4,250.00				
	Balance available		£8,488.00				
PAYMENTS							
Admin			£4,458.37	Admin Staff Costs - including pensions			
			£1,269.05	General Office (Phone, Internet stationery etc)			
			£12.10	Bank Charges			
			£25.64	VAT Payment			
			£0.00	NI & IT Returns To HMRC			
			£5,765.16				
Whitesands			£195.75	Attendant's commission			
			£0.00	Council Tax - Whitesands			
			£2,106.30	Printing			
			£0.00				
			£2,302.05				
Hall & House			£178.40	Caretaker's salary			
			£997.48	Heat & Light			
			£0.00	Council Tax - Hall & House etc			
			£85.89	Water Rates			
			£2,606.52	Dishwasher replacement			
			£3,868.29				
Christmas Lighting			£335.66	Advertisement for Tender			
Miscellaneous			£107.00	Bouquets			
Minutes 2021 / 2022			86				
TOTAL			£12,378.16				

410 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

- 410.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Nothing to report.
- 410.2 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Nothing to report.
- 410.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Nothing to report.
- 410.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association. Please see Maura Kempster e-mail of 20th February 2022.
- 410.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority. National Trust letter of 28th February 2022 – car park charges was received.
- 410.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Nothing to report.
- 410.7 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.
- 410.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor.
- 410.9 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association.
- 410.10 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club.
- 410.11 PVT. Nothing to report.
- 410.12 Music and Arts Festivals. Nothing to report.
- 410.13 Re-discovering Ancient Connections.
- 410.14 Coffee and Chat. Cllr John reported that all was going well.
- 410.15 St Davids Befrienders
- 410.16 One Voice Wales - Membership renewal.
- 410.17 Eco Dewi/Bee Friendly -
 - 410.17.1 Bee badges were distributed to pupils at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi. Permission to purchase more as required?
 - 410.17.2 Bee friendly city status –pollinator seed provided free of a charge – permission to cover cost of printing small leaflet with instructions?
- 410.18 Grants Funding Committee. Cllr Thornton requested an update on the Celtic Coaster route and the involvement of the Cathedral.

Planning:

- 411NP/22/0149 Proposed single storey extension 21 New Street, SA62 6SW. 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.
- 412 G & H Parker letter of 24th February HM Coastguard Radio Mast was received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed
Chair

Date

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It was agreed that item 13 be moved for discussion with item 9 and that item 9 be discussed after item 11

413 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Halse

414 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Price declared a prejudicial interest in item 10.2.

Matters Arising**415** CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

415.1 Tender applications received from ETTS and LITE. After extensive discussion the meeting RESOLVED to accept the tender from ETTS.

416 TRAFFIC MATTERS

416.1 Flashing speed signs –progress report still awaited from Phil Leggett who is currently off work with COVID.

417 COUNCIL PROPERTY

417.1 Grass areas maintained by PCC: meeting agreed in principle to a program of conservation under the direction of EcoDewi a program of areas to be left unmown was agreed in principle. Meeting agreed to the purchase of six “*Pardon The Weeds, We are Feeding the Bees*” signs for these areas.

417.2 City Hall rates

417.2.1 It was RESOLVED to offer a concession to those who booked the 2022 places prior to the revised booking terms to honour those bookings in full. That full implementation of the 2022 terms will apply to ALL 2023 bookings from September 2022

417.3 Waun Fawr: Community Service – the meeting agreed that the Clerk to contact Mr Jack Dudley regarding the possibility of various options.

417.4 Car Park Whitesands:

417.4.1 With regard to Ms Judy Mi Liathan Residents Pass Request the meeting agreed that a pass issued in Ms Liathan’s mother’s name with Ms Liathan’s car Registration Number would be appropriate.

417.4.2 With regard to Mrs Glenys Payne’s enquiry the meeting asked that the Clerk contact Mrs Payne to suggest whether a Disable Pass might be appropriate.

417.4.3 With regard to Mr Stuart Penfold enquiry the council agreed that the Clerk should advise Mr Penfold they held no objections but that the land in question is not owned by the council and that Mr Penfold should contact the owners

418 QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022 – PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

418.1 The provisional timetable was agreed and in principle to also include in the timetable the practicality of a firework display on June 4th

419 COMMUNITY ELECTIONS 2022 – The 5th May elections in the City Hall will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the City Council on Monday 9th May followed by the Monthly Meeting of May. The meeting accepted these arrangements

420 ST DAVIDS SCOUT HUT – discussions regarding the adoption continue and progress will continue subject to the decisions undertaken by the new council following the 5th May election.

421 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

421.1 Caretaker appointment – report from the Staff Committee that an appointment has been made and clerk to prepare appropriate contract to commence employment from April 11th and arrange transition

421.2 Clerk – confirmation of candidates for interview – candidate’s applications to be reviewed by the Staffing Committee and interviews to be arranged for April 4th.

Finance

422 DONATION REQUESTS

422.1 St Davids Cathedral Festival it was agreed because the cancellation of 2020 and 2021 festivals to defer a decision and that the Clerk should ask the festival organisers whether the 2020 donation has yet to be used.

422.2 It was agreed that the council make a contribution of £1000 towards the cost of replacement cornet for master M Price

422.3 It was agreed to offer YFC Sir Benfro free use of the City Hall for a planned event.

Correspondence

423 Regarding SSgt DS Williams’ invitation to forthcoming Social Get-together – councillors noted the invitation.

Mayor’s Business

424 The meeting was very pleased to hear of the success of the Festival of Ideas program and the benefits of this success to the community

425 The council RESOLVED to agree to Caretaker’s Retirement Gift of £250 and bouquet of flowers

AOB

With regard to the contribution to St Davids made by the organisers of ECO DEWI It was agreed to make a donation of £250

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed
Chair

Date