

Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 9th May 2022 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor RJ Thornton, Deputy Mayor ES Evans, D Griffiths, J Jeremy, FD John, B Lloyd, C Plant, BT Price, R Price, BS Sehmi, S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk) and W Mann (Responsible Finance Officer).

23. Apologies for Absence:

24. Declarations of Interest: None.

24.1 Cllrs R Price & BT Price declared a prejudicial interest in item 10 – discussion regarding St Justinians – donations from boat owners. Both councillors left the meeting while this meeting was discussed.

24.2 Cllrs D Griffiths, R Price & BT Price declared a personal interest in items 14 & 15 and took no part in these discussions

25. Confirmation of Minutes for: -

The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 11th April 2022 - agreed.

26. Matters Arising

26.1 It was RESOLVED that because the 2020 and 2021 festivals had been cancelled that it would be appropriate that the 2020 donation (already made) be used by the organisers for the 2022 festival. Clerk to advise the festival committee of this decision

26.2 Council disappointed that PCC are not able to proceed. In the meantime, it was RESOLVED to pursue solutions to the “nuisance factor” of flashing lights for residents of Augusta Way.

26.3 Please see Michael Harries e-mail of 1st April new opening hours at the tip. Council noted this and RESOLVED that a request is made that the tip opening hours include Saturdays. Clerk to write to PCC.

26.4 Council requested that Clerk write to St Davids RFC asking for permission to mount fireworks display.

26.5 Brian Martin e-mail of 5th April 2022 Increase in Second Homes Tax. Council noted this concern and that Mr Martin be advised that his concern has been forwarded on to the responsible department in PCC.

26.6 Suzanne Thomas e-mail of 8th April 2022 – Parking discount at Whitesands. Council RESOLVED to discount to £10.

26.7 Re-discovering Ancient Connections. Please see Ann Shrosbree e-mail of 4th April 2022. Clerk to write and advise that Deputy Mayor will attend.

26.8 Coffee and Chat. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to organisers Glenys and John James for all their hard work.

26.9 Eco Dewi/Bee Friendly - Clerk agreed to liaise with YPD St Nons Campus to establish an accurate number of badges needed.

26.10 Concerns regarding the impact of a Gin Still installed in Nun Street on residents in Cathedral Villas. It was not clear whether any licensing or planning applications are required and / or whether this is a matter normally devolved to this council. The council RESOLVED therefore that the clerk contact PCC to pursue the matter with the proprietors.

27. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ETTS have confirmed that they are undertaking CFA registration and will be fully compliant by the summer. Meeting asked that the Clerk confirm that the previous contractors (LITE) have been advised that they no longer hold the contract.

28. COUNCIL PROPERTY

28.1 The No Dogs signs have now been installed at Whitesands.

28.2 Pump track – due to conservation issues (birds nesting) the project start will be delayed until approximately August. The meeting expressed concern with regard to the delay and the impact that this might have on its progression during the autumn weather. Also concern regarding the impact of the delay on the grant application. Clerk to obtain full report from the project contractor (West Wales Trails). Clerk to contact Pembs National Park to seek independent advice regarding the time required to secure the safety of the nesting birds' conservation. Clerk to also establish the impact of the delay on starting the project on the grant application.

28.3 Pump track - Letter of concern from EcoDewi regarding the possible removal of mature hedgerows. Clerk to contact EcoDewi to reassure that the removal and “cutting back” is only to extend to facilitate the construction.

28.4 The meeting noted that the new sign in the car park has been ordered.

28.5 The meeting noted that Pembs CC have been asked to re-paint the white lines at the car park and Clerk to liaise with PCC to establish cost and commencement date.

29. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022

29.1 Quote has been received for the afternoon tea from Whitesands Beach House the meeting agreed that in view of the short amount of time available between this meeting and the Jubilee celebration that the details of the arrangements should be urgently established. Councillors Price, and Williams to liaise with other councillors and Richard Davies to meet at the Beach House this week.

29.2 Deferred from last meeting regarding Zoe Coupland's e-mail of 7th April 2022. The meeting agreed that the “Beacon Event” should take place on 2nd June as a broad community event to include music and to take place on 2nd June – Cllr Thornton to light the beacon. Councillors to organise the event to be agreed. Clerk to advise Ms Coupland.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

30.1 Email dated 29th April from Ms Katy Fox regarding antisocial parking. The meeting agreed that the issue was a considerable concern but not within its scope. It agreed that the clerk should forward the details of the problem to PCC (Highways) asking that they reply to Ms Fox. Clerk to advise Ms Fox of this

Accounts

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

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

CYNGOR DINAS TYDDEWI
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

30-Apr-22

Current Account Balance at 30/04/2022 £121,358.16
£

INCOME

Car Park	£27,198.74
City Hall	£156.00
Cafe	£2,520.00
Performing Rights Fee Ac	£206.15
Market Stalls	£820.00
Total	£30,900.89

LGA 1972 SEC 137 20/21 £12738	
Last month's donations	£1,000.00
2021/22 Total	£1,000.00
Balance available	£11,738.00

LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance	
Total donated 21/22	£0.00

PAYMENTS

£

Admin

£4,701.10
£929.49
£580.00
£6,210.59

Admin Staff Costs - including pensions
General Office (Phone, Internet stationery etc)
Newsletter Printing Costs

Whitesands

£3,824.95
£765.75
£4,590.70

Attendant's commission
Council Tax - Whitesands

Pembs CC SLAs **£1,230.00**

Grass Cutting & Maintenance Contracts

Hall & House

£175.00
£1,163.59
£493.90
£146.92
£487.81
£2,467.22

Caretaker's salary
Heat & Light
Council Tax - Hall & House etc
Water Rates
Hall Maintenance - including pest control

Donation **£1,000.00**
St Justinians **£1,049.28**

(Cornet)
(Belated 2021 Charges)

Miscellaneous

£330.00
£53.14
£236.25
£400.00
£1,019.39

Market Stalls
Bank Charges
Bee Signs
Staff Gifts

Total **£17,567.18**

33. Reports from Members representing the Council: -

- 33.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Nothing to report.
- 33.2 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Nothing to report.
- 33.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Meetings have now resumed.
- 33.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association. Clerk to contact.
- 33.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority.
- 33.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Nothing to report.
- 33.7 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.
- 33.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor. Two new head teachers being interviewed.
- 33.9 Porthstinian Boat Owners Association.
- 33.10 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Nothing to report.
- 33.11 Bws y Bobl. Nothing to report.
- 33.12 Music and Arts Festivals.
- 33.13 Re-discovering Ancient Connections.
- 33.14 Coffee and Chat.
- 33.15 St Davids Befrienders.
- 33.16 One Voice Wales – Membership. Renewal confirmed.
- 33.17 Eco Dewi/Bee Friendly.
- 33.18 Grants Funding Committee. Minutes to be forwarded to the Clerk.

34. County Councillors report: The meeting congratulated Cllr Bethan Price on her election. Cllr Price thanked Cllr Lloyd for his hard work and commitment to St Davids and that she was looking forward to continuing to serve the community in her new role.

Planning:

35. NP/22/0230/RES Land to the East of Glasfryn Road – RESERVED MATTERS. Clerk to contact PCNPA to request an extension of the time for response and to ask for clarification with regard to the term “affordability” and what local covenants might be in place.

36. NP/22/0246/S73 Rhos y Cribed, Ffordd Porth Clais – It was RESOLVED to support the application.

37. NP/22/0262/LBA Rhos y Cribed, Ffordd Porth Clais – It was RESOLVED to support the application.

AOB

38. In the light of the extremely brief “hand-over” from the outgoing clerk the council agreed foregoing second monthly meetings in June and July to assist the new clerk during the early weeks of his tenure.

39. Cllr Williams requested that a deep-clean of the kitchen be undertaken. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Thornton.

40. Cllr John requested that the functioning of the fountain in Cross Square be confirmed. On-going problems indicated that it was not working adequately Clerk to pursue this.

“In Committee” Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 9th May 2022 in the City Hall at 9.30pm.

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41. STAFF MATTERS

Hall Manager – following interviewing the Staffing Committee recommends appointing Mr Keith Simcox to the position of Hall Manager.

Clerk to write to Mr Simcox to confirm appointment and prepare Contract of Employment.

Clerk to discuss “hand-over” with current caretaker – Mr. John Phillips - and arrange initial meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed

Date