

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm**

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

**340 Apologies for Absence:** DJ Griffiths.

**341 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.

341.1 Cllr Halse declared a personal interest in relation to Item 356.1.1.

341.2 Cllr Thornton declared a personal interest in relation to Item 356.1.1.

341.3 Cllr Halse declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 346 and left the Council Chamber while the business was discussed.

341.4 Cllr Price declared a personal interest in relation to Item 367.

**342 Confirmation of Minutes for:-**

342.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were RESOLVED to be approved.

342.2 The Second meeting of the Month on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were RESOLVED to be approved.

### **Matters Arising**

**343** COMMUNITY AWARD 2019 was RESOLVED to be presented to Mair Davies of Pen Y Garn.

**344** EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE It was RESOLVED to convene a meeting at 11am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

**345** TRAFFIC MATTERS

345.1 Cllr Bethan Price e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 continuing recent press release re discontinuance of free transport for 16 year old school and college students was received and it was RESOLVED to write to Pembrokeshire County Council outlining the City Council's concerns and objecting to the proposal in the strongest possible terms.

345.2 Cllr Evans e-mail of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 concerning pedestrian safety outside Mountain Warehouse, High Street was received and it was RESOLVED to contact PCC as Highway Authority to investigate the possibility of installing safety railing on the pavement corner adjacent to the junction with New Street. It was further RESOLVED to request that the Highway Authority assess pedestrian safety at the Cochyn Rownd.

345.3 Transport meeting with officers of PCC and PCNPA. Rebecca James e-mail of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was received and it was RESOLVED to convene a meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in the Council Chamber.

- 346** FOUNTAIN REPAIRS Adam John e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 advising that the repair work should be completed next week was received.
- 347** ST DAVIDS LIBRARY SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH PCC Minute 9.1 of the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was received for reference. *The Council has again this year, continued to support the County Council with the cost of running the Quickwell toilets at £1700, the extended Library service at £3207, and the maintenance of the flower beds and troughs.*
- 348** STREET LIGHTING POLES Following a request from Cllr John it was RESOLVED to leave the Christmas lighting poles in situ and to allow the Carnival Association permission to hang bunting on them in 2020.
- 349** FLOODING IN RHODIAD Following a request from Cllr Williams and Cllr Price it was RESOLVED to inform the Highway Authority that flooding on the Rhodiad Road continues to be a dangerous problem and needs remedying.
- 350** FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI NON CAMPUS Members were advised that following concern raised by Cllr Price, the footpath had since been cleared and the hedges trimmed back..
- 351** COUNCILLOR SURGERY Cllr York's request that the surgery frequency be reduced to once a month (on the first Tuesday of every month) was received and RESOLVED to be approved.
- 352** HISTORICAL PLAQUES Official Blue and Purple plaque proposal invitation criteria and information was received.

### Accounts

- 353** The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for October 2019 had been completed successfully.
- 354** The accounts for November 2019 were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer and RESOLVED to be approved with permission granted to pay.



**Finance**

**355** Section 137 Expenditure Limit. Please see Judith Cole letter of November 2019 Indicating Welsh Government suggested statutory spending limits (£8.32 per elector for 2020/2021).

**356** DONATIONS:356.1 Requests

356.1.1 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 requesting a contribution towards the Primary School Christmas pantomime was received and it was RESOLVED to donate £1000.

**Correspondence**

**357** North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum's e-mail of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 National Framework Consultation response was received. *(NB. the full report was previously sent electronically to councillors via e-mail).*

**358** Bruno Peek Pageant Master letter of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 containing schedule of events for VE Day 75 was received.

**359** PCC Planning Support Team e-mail of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 Proposed BT Payphone removal at The Pebbles was RESOLVED to be approved following confirmation that no telephone calls had been made at the kiosk during the past 12 months.

**360** Ysgol Croesgoch letter (not dated) invitation as Additional Community Council Governor was received.

**361** Welsh Government Biodiversity Policy Team e-mail of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Biodiversity & resilience of ecosystems duty information pack was received.

**362** Chris Curtis e-mail of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Complaint relating to associated with the Twr y Felin Hotel building works was received. The Clerk advised Members that no specific hours of building operation were specified in the planning permission consent.

**363** Welsh National Opera email of 19<sup>th</sup> November Ticket and travel packages for the 2020 Beethoven anniversary celebrations was received and the information RESOLVED to be passed to local music groups.

**364** Tanya Davies, Dyfed Powys Police e-mail of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Autism Friendly City initiative was received and RESOLVED to be endorsed.

**Reports from Members representing the Council:-**

364.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr Price reported that the recent event proved to be a wonderful success. Cllr Evans offered thanks on behalf of the Association to all involved.

364.2 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Noah Harvatt e-mail of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was received.

364.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Williams reported that the group recently enjoyed a trip to Vincent Davies Store in Haverfordwest and Christmas lunch at The Mill, Trefin.

364.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Evans reported that at the recent AGM all members were re-elected.

364.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Nothing to report.

364.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Nothing to report.

364.7 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.

- 364.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor. Cllr Halse reported that the school numbers were at capacity for Years 7-11. A full discussion regarding the S.106 Agreement monies had taken place. £215000 would ensure a school extension.
- 364.9 St Davids Community Forum. Minutes of the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were received and Cllr Sehmi reported that the next meeting was to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The recent wine tasting event was well attended raising over £500 for the Memory Café.
- 364.10 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Noting to report.
- 364.11 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Cllr York reported that the Club would soon be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 364.12 Bws Y Bobl. Cllr George reported that the Bws would be going to the garage for repairs this week.
- 364.13 Music and Arts Festival. Nothing to report.
- 364.14 Re-discovering Ancient Connections. Cllr Chant reported that the recent public event regarding the art festival was very successful.
- 364.15 Coffee and Chat. Nothing to report.
- 364.16 One Voice Wales. Nothing to report.
- 364.17 St Davids RFC. Nothing to report.
- 364.18 Friends of Oriel Y Parc. Cllr Sehmi reported that judging had taken place for the Jeff Davies Award and prizes would be presents at the respective school Christmas concert. The next exhibition to be held at Oriel y Parc would feature insects.

**365 County Councillors report:**

- 365.1 Cllr Lloyd reported that the Festival of Ideas group met recently and the three main topics would be: 1) Environment & Nature; 2) Spirituality & Wellbeing; and 3) State of Nations.
- 365.2 Cllr Lloyd reported a conference addressing the increased suicide rate in Pembrokeshire was being propose by the Directors of Education and Social Care in Pembrokeshire County Council and that anyone that would like to become involved or would like more information could contact Cllr Lloyd.

**Planning:**

- 366** NP/19/0614 Rhosygilwen, SA62 6DB - Conversion of an existing adjoining garage combined with existing residential accommodation to create a new self-catering holiday unit. 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.
- 367** NP/19/0582 Carn Nwchwn Farm SA62 6QN Variation of diversification project involving the conversion of 3 existing redundant barns to bunkhouse accommodation and associated facilities, staff accommodation, workshop, office food store and launderette. Construction of a small link building between barns 1 and 2 to accommodate kitchen facilities. Creation of parking area and cycle stands. Storage hoppers for biomass pellets and recycling compound. Works to the site access to improve visibility and create 2 passing bays.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed .....  
Chair

Date .....