

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 3rd October 2022 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor Cllr RJ Thornton, Deputy Mayor Cllr ES Evans, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr FD John, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr R Price, Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr N Walsh, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk) and W Mann (Responsible Finance Officer).

89 Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Plant, Cllr BT Price.

90 Declarations of Interest: None.

91 Confirmation of Minutes for:

91.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 4th July 2022. **RESOLVED - Approved.**

91.2 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 5th September 2022. **RESOLVED - Approved.**

92 Matters Arising

92.1 Hall Booking Policy – see correspondence received September 15th.

Hall Booking Form – see September meeting resolution (79.2) to reconsider Terms and Conditions (item 1.5). The council **RESOLVED** to consider further options at the next meeting.

92.2 Correspondence from Gill Lewis of ECO Dewi and Clerk’s replies.

Also included is the ecologist report relating to the Pump Track site – seen previously by council in its July meeting. The council **RESOLVED** to review the concept in March 2023.

Ms Lewis raises concerns regarding whether the advice given in the ecologist’s report has been properly understood. She also raises concerns regarding the initial decision-making relating to the Pump Track.

92.3 Pump Track Waunfawr Update. The council **RESOLVED** to review the concept in March 2023.

93 Traffic Matters

93.1 Item raised under Any Other Business in the September meeting for inclusion in this agenda: Need for larger traffic mirror to facilitate visibility during time of heavy traffic manoeuvring out of New Street and into High Street. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to arrange with PCC.

94 Council Property

94.1 Facebook Account; St Davids City Council Facebook account remains “locked-out” despite numerous ongoing attempts at unlocking the administrative rights. Recommendation to launch a new St Davids City Council Facebook account based on alternative credentials. The old Facebook account will display a message of explanation and invitation to join new Facebook account. The council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation.

94.2 Request from Cllr Thornton that the council discusses car park charges at Whitesands. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to pursue options ahead of next meeting.

94.3 Request from Cllr Thornton to discuss Car Parking Attendant Service contract for 2023 to 2025 (beginning March 1st 2023).

The clerk’s office has prepared the 2023-2025 application form and poster and advertisement in readiness.

The advertisement historically has been displayed and published in the preceding November for applications to be submitted by early January. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to pursue options ahead of next meeting.

95 Correspondence

- 95.1 Request from Cwtch Festival to mount banners outside the City Hall / Flags on Memorial Gardens at the time of festival 28th-30th October. **RESOLVED** – Approved.
- 95.2 Observation from Cllr Thornton regarding unacceptable dog fouling in the cemetery. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to write to Cathedral informing them of situation.

96 Reports from Members representing the Council:

- 96.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association - Xmas events dates confirmed.
- 96.2 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly - £200 raised successfully.
- 96.3 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association – Next meeting 9th October.
- 96.4 Porthclais Harbour Authority – Nothing to report.
- 96.5 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link – Next meeting 4th October.
- 96.6 Youth Drop In – Changed to Tuesday nights.
- 96.7 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor – Looking to employ new Deputy Head.
- 96.8 Porthstinian Boat Owners Association – Portaloo removal during half-term.
- 96.9 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club – Fundraising taking place.
- 96.10 Bws Y Bobl – New driver.
- 96.11 Music and Arts Festivals - Cwtch Festival 28th – 30th October.
- 96.12 Re-discovering Ancient Connections – Event changed to 18th November.
- 96.13 Coffee and Chat – Concerns regarding residential issues in the Hafan.
- 96.14 St Davids Befrienders – People’s Shed in Scout Hut.
- 96.15 One Voice Wales – Next meeting postponed.
- 96.16 Eco Dewi/Bee Friendly – Cllr Thornton presentation.
- 96.17 Grants Funding Committee – Meeting needed.

Accounts

- 97 Internal Audit for August 2022.
- 98 Financial Statement for September 2022.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

Sep-22

Current Account Balance at 27/09/2022 £205,735.43

RECEIPTS

City Hall	£2,270	
Whitesands	£22,128	
Street Furniture	£0	
Office & Administration	£58	<i>Refunds & Misc</i>
Admin staff Costs	£0	
Play Area	£0	
Events and Market	£972	
St Justinians	£0	
Finance	£0	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£25,428</u>	

LGA 1972 SEC 137 20/21 £12738			
Last month's donations			£50.00
	2022 / 2023	Total	£1,550.00
Balance available			£11,188.00

LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance	
Total donated 22/23	£0.00

PAYMENTS

SIGNIFICANT DETAILS

City Hall	£1,182	£188 Council Tax (Hall & House) £244 Utilities & Heat and Light £725 Hall Manager Salary & Supplies
Whitesands	£3,501	£3,501 Commissions
Office & Administration	£2,227	£140 Councillor Training £1,505 New Website Fees £186 New Flag
Admin staff Costs	£4,570	
Donation	£50	Cerebral Palsy Cymru
Events and Market	£1,359	£1,155 Market Stalls, setting up & Mtce
St Justinians	£744	£744 Toilet Hire & Cleaning
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,633</u>	

99 County Councillors report: Please see below written correspondence from Cllr Bethan Price.

Since the meeting in September and hearing of incidents in The Hafan Sheltered Housing I met with the warden Diane Nicholсан and invited Cllr John also to come along. We had a good walk around and I was saddened on how neglected and run down the Hafan had become, we met with a few of the residents and they also expressed at how depressing it had become living there and on a few occasions been woken up by the police because of a certain new resident whom had been housed there. They actually did not feel safe living there, a sheltered housing with no CCTV and a lovely communal warm room that everyone is scared to use anymore. Moving on from that meeting I got in touch with the wardens boss Helen Griffiths, Housing Officer, Social Care and Housing and reiterated my concerns and of the residents concerns and also of our concerns regarding housing people at the Hafan who have just come out of prison and not taking into concerns of the residents. She visited the Hafan and also was shocked. She took on this post in May and is looking at ways to make the Hafan a more sociable, safe place to live, where the residents feel proud to say they live there, I am looking forward to helping her with it.

We spoke at great lengths about the housing crisis in Pembrokeshire and how its at its now its worse for years. The last vacant bungalow at the Hafan 50 people bid for it.

Housing is one of the main topics I have been dealing with since taking on the role as County Cllr, trying to support residents in their bid for properties, I met a lady who is in her 70s and sleeping on her sisters setee and is Gold band priority yet still can't get a place in the Hafan!

I am now pleased as you all are aware but the grass on the Glasfryn has now been cut. The cut in the Summer was apparently the final cut but I asked the grass cutting team to please come back as it was again not satisfactory and they did ,also the ongoing problem regarding the Grass at Bishops Court has also been dealt with. I attended an event at Swn y Mor which was lovely and there was lots of information from ATEB to the residents regarding saving energy etc.

The fuel support Scheme payments will help many households in Pembrokeshire this winter so please keep telling people about the information..... I forwarded you all an email last week..... Payments are likely to start in October and will continue until end of March, closing date is Tuesday 28th February 2023.

I have not been approached with much traffic matters this month, the only concern that has been brought to my attention is that of a concerned resident in Heol Dewi regarding the speed of cars driving up the street where there are a lot of cars parked and children playing, I will forward this information onto Stephen Benger. Please inform me if you have been told of any issues.

It was a lovely surprise at the beginning of the Month that I saw two PCSO'S walking the streets of St Davids, I chatted to the and sent them into the direction of Coffee and Chat, they informed me that they hadn't been to St Davids very much as nothing ever happens in St Davids, they are PCSO Donna Bible and Gareth Davies. Cllr John told me that they also do not have use of the Fire Station as their office anymore so I do now feel that as a City Council we need to get back in touch with the Police Commissioner and ask him to come along to our meetings

I also have been busy as a County Cllr attending events etc and last week The Mayor and myself attended two lessons at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi ,Dewi Campus, it was all about Democracy, it was organised by Planed and was very interesting.

I would like to congratulate Jeremy Wadia and Eco Dewi for their successful Big Green Week, well done all involved.

On the Tuesday 8th November I shall be holding county Cllrs open surgery from 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm no appointments necessary.

Planning: Details of these can be found on the PCC NPA website.

100 NP/22/0515/FUL Addition of 2nd floor bathroom to create a gable roof. 1, Goat Street, SA62 6RE – Council RESOLVED to support this application.

101 NP/22/0516/LBA Addition of 2nd floor bathroom to create a gable roof. 1, Goat Street, SA626RE – Council RESOLVED to support this application.

102 NP/22/0517/FUL Construction of slate-hanging to gables and demolition of garden room extension. Upper Treleddyn, SA626PY – Council RESOLVED to support this application.

103 NP/22/0518/LBA Construction of slate-hanging to gables. Upper Treleddyn, SA626PY – Council RESOLVED to support this application.

AOB

Cllr Sehmi – No Dogs Signs at Whitesands should be replaced free of charge.

Cllr John – Letter of thanks to ex Councillor.

Cllr John - Reports concerning cars speeding around St Davids.

Cllr John – Wheelchair – wheels have been ordered by clerk.

Cllr Williams – Request visit from Police Commissioner.

Cllr Williams – Request for City/Memorial Hall doorway.

Cllr Jeremy – Request to address obstructive A-Frame on High Street.

Cllr Jeremy – Reports of excessive mess being left outside store.

Cllr Lloyd – 4wards newsletter presentation at council meeting January 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed
Chair

Date