

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Mayor Cllr RJ Thornton, Deputy Mayor Cllr ES Evans, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr FD John, Cllr C Plant, Cllr BT Price, Cllr R Price, Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk), and J Foster (Deputy Clerk).

**219 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr N Walsh, and W Mann (RFO).

**220 Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to identify any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in relation to items on the agenda. **Cllr ES Evans & Cllr R Price – Item 200 Planning Application NP/23/0063/FUL. Cllr BS Sehmi – Item 201 Planning Application NP/23/0057/FUL.**

**221 Confirmation of Minutes for:**

221.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023. **Not Approved.**

221.2 In Committee Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

**222 Matters Arising**

222.1 Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March from Jason Killens, Chief Executive of the Welsh Ambulance Service providing a full response to recent correspondence with Paul Davies MS regarding the slow response by the Welsh Ambulance Service to life-threatening emergencies in St David's and its surrounding areas – further to item 163.6. **RESOLVED – RFO to provide report on when money to First Responders was last donated. Clerk to request update on First Responders from St Davids Fire Service.**

**223 Correspondence**

223.1 Email dated 7<sup>th</sup> February from local resident requesting to be issued Whitesands Resident Pass. **The meeting RESOLVED to recommend purchase of Seasonal Ticket.**

223.2 Email dated 27<sup>th</sup> February from EcoDewi requesting to use Cross Square (or City Hall in the event of bad weather) 10<sup>th</sup> June as part of Green Market in St Davids during UK wide Great Big Green Week. **RESOLVED – The Council approved a repetition of arrangements for the event held last year.**

223.3 Letter received 27<sup>th</sup> February from One Voice Wales - Renewal of Membership 2023-24 at £415pa. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

223.4 Email dated 28<sup>th</sup> February from Pembrokeshire County Council requesting assistance with one element of the operation of the new toilet at Whitesands. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

223.5 Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> March from Siop y Bobol drawing the Council's attention to the absence of community bus from St Davids, Bws y Bobol. **RESOLVED – Clerk to acquire update from Pembrokeshire Voluntary Transport.**

**224 Donations**

- 224.1 Email received 15<sup>th</sup> February from Cruse Bereavement Support requesting Council contribution towards costs to train bereavement volunteers. **The Council deferred the item to the next meeting for a decision to be based on previous donation amounts.**

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

- 225.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. **Nothing to report.**
- 225.2 St Davids Cay Celebration Group. **Extremely successful events.**
- 225.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. **Success at Eisteddfod.**
- 225.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association. **Cllr JT Jeremy appointed as new Council Representative.**
- 225.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority. **Next meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**
- 225.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. **Coffee Morning fundraising for Lesotho students 8<sup>th</sup> June.**
- 225.7 Youth Drop In. **Nothing to report.**
- 225.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor. **Cake Stall fundraising for Lesotho students 13<sup>th</sup> May.**
- 225.9 Porthstinian Boat Owners Association. **Cllr R Price requested that the ROF notify the boat owners of the cost of the 2022 provision and the proposals for 2023.**
- 225.10 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. **Nothing to report.**
- 225.11 Bws y Bobol. **Update required from PVT.**
- 225.12 Music and Arts Festivals. **Forthcoming festival in City Hall.**
- 225.13 Re-discovering Ancient Connections. **Art exhibition Oriel y Parc.**
- 225.14 Coffee and Chat. **Members awarded at recent Eisteddfod.**
- 225.15 St Davids Befrienders. **Progressing.**
- 225.16 One Voice Wales. **Nothing to report.**
- 225.17 Eco Dewi/Bee Friendly. **Nothing to report.**
- 225.18 Grants Funding Committee. **Meeting tbc.**

**226 Accounts**

- 226.1 Internal Audit for January 2023.
- 226.2 Financial Statement for February 2023. **It was RESOLVED that in the absence of the RFO that this be deferred to the next meeting in April.**

## Financial Report

February-23

Balance @ Bank on 27-Feb-23 £119,819.60

SA 1972 SEC 137 22/23 £12738			
Last month's donations			£320.00
2022 / 2023	Total		£3,590.00
Balance available			£9,148.00

LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance	
Total donated 22/23	£1,400.00

## Income

City Hall	£231
Whitesands	£3,475
Office & Administration	£0
Events & Market	£0
St Justinians	£0
Finance	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,706</b>

## Expenditure

City Hall	£1,937
Whitesands	£353
Street Furniture	£0
Office & Administration	£725
Admin Staff Costs	£4,315
Play Area	£0
Events & Market	£3,248
St Justinians	£0
Finance	£320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,898</b>

## ADDENDUM TO FINANCIAL REPORT TRANSACTIONS £100 PLUS

MONTH Feb-23

City Hall	Whitesands	Street Furniture	Administration	Play Area	Events & Market	St Justinians	Finance
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Utilities					Christmas		
£236 House	£293 Commission				£3,100 Lights		£320 donation
£486 Utilities Hall							

**227 County Councillors Report:**

Good Evening.

This is just a brief County Cllrs report as I shall be attending the meeting and will be there to answer question from you all.

February has been a very busy month and quite stressful, my first budget as a New County Cllr, I am sure you all are aware that as from April Council Tax will increase by 7.5%. Lasts Thursdays full Council meeting was very long, a long debate but with that rise St Davids waste and recycling centre is safe for another year. It is still going to be a tough year ahead but thankfully our recycling centre remains open for another year.

On a happier note following on from my email regarding the lack of lighting opposite the rugby club which was supported with very good photos from parents with children trying to cross the road in the dark I received an email from Mel Stephens the street lighting officer saying that it has been agreed to install an additional street light at the crossing. I will also continue to fight to get an extra light on the Glasfryn Road.

I am also so pleased to announce that Carnhedryn is now a 40mph zone, the residents are so thrilled with this, I would like to thank Clare Williams in County Hall for all her work and effort in getting this done.

Work in the communal room at the Hafan has started and hopefully when its finished the residents will start to use it and bring some life back into the Hafan like it was years ago.

As I mentioned in the last meeting I am now the LEA governor at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi and I will be attending my first full Governors meeting Monday 13 March. I went along to the tree planting session that Eco Dewi had organised with the School up at the Glasfryn, it was an enjoyable afternoon.

I had the honour in opening the Ancient Connections exhibition SIFT at Oriel Y Parc and last week, St Davids week I was extremely busy and apart from these duties I attend seminars and meetings and help with local residents concerns. This coming Friday I have a meeting regarding the mugger which I will report back to you on Monday.

I look forward to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March when we as City Council meet with Stephen Bengier and his Consultant regarding parking issues in St Davids.

If you have any issues or concerns please get in touch.

Kind Regards,  
Cllr Bethan Price

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

**228 NP/23/0063/FUL** Single storey side extension to pavilion to provide additional changing room, shower and WC. Llanrhian Cricket Club, Llanrhian Cricket Pavilion, Llandigige Fawr, Berea, St Davids SA626DH.

**RESOLVED – Approved.**

**229 NP/23/0057/FUL** Remove existing glazed conservatory roof & replace with new raised zinc flat roof & glazed roof lights. Replace existing L shaped windows & door. New solar panels installation to existing pitched roof. 2 Foordd Caerfai, St Davids SA626QT. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

**230 NP/23/0079/FUL** Re-plan roof to remove hidden valley gutter, installation of glazed roof to kitchen & studio at a mezzanine level. Glan-yr-afon, St Davids SA626PJ. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

**AOB**

**Cllr B Price confirmed that St Davids Recycling Centre is not closing and requested this to be posted of SDCC Facebook.**

**Cllr John made observation that the recently closed Croeswdig Field Tenancy Tender Advert was still listed in the Western Telegraph.**

**Cllr Williams made observation that the City Hall dishwasher needed simplified operating instructions.**

**Cllr Sehmi requested that No Dogs flags at Whitesands should be replaced free of charge.**

**Cllr Evans requested an update on DBS checks for Councillors.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed .....

Date .....

Chair