

**Minutes of the Second Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr FD John, Cllr B Lloyd (left the meeting 8.00pm), Cllr RJ Thornton, Cllr N Walsh, with S Mann (Clerk), JE Foster (Deputy Clerk).

**48 Apologies for Absence:** Mayor, Cllr ES Evans (Council/Mayor Engagement), Cllr BT Price, Cllr C Plant (LEAVE), Cllr S Williams, and W Mann (RFO).

**49 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.

Cllr JT Jeremy declared a personal interest in item 59.

Cllr N Walsh declared a personal interest in item 57 & 58.

**50 Confirmation of Minutes for:**

50.1 Grants Committee Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

50.2 The Monthly Council Meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

**51 Matters Arising**

51.1 Bryn Road Toilets Progress Report. Confirmation from PCC regarding a transfer of the freehold and imposition of covenant restrictions against the land's use and development in the future to ensure the transfer promotes economic & social / environmental wellbeing. The meeting noted the progress and it was RESOLVED that the clerk obtain confirmation on the April 2024 freehold transfer timeline & a conditional structural survey at PCC's cost.

51.2 Lloyds Bank. Proposed closure of St Davids Branch and impact that this will have on the community and businesses that rely on the bank. The meeting noted the clerk's correspondence with Paul Davies MS, and his reference to the Financial Services & Markets Act 2023. In all of the correspondence to all parties including Stephen Crabb MP, Lloyds Bank, & the Post Office the clerk had asked that the powers and intentions of this Act be given some consideration. The Act received Royal assent on 29<sup>th</sup> June and gives new powers, in particular to act where it is found or anticipated that there will be shortages in cash access services which would have significant impacts on local areas. The clerk advised the meeting that a response from the Post Office was also awaited with regard to its Post Office guidelines and the current small

and exposed arrangements in the St Davids branch located within CKs Supermarket and whether any plans are being put in place to anticipate the high level of business that will inevitably occur when customers transfer from Lloyds bank if there is no alternative banking facility.

## **52 Council Property**

### **52.1 City Hall Premises.**

52.1.1 Gudel Wall. The meeting noted the necessity to remove vegetation / repoint stone wall and requested quotations for maintenance work be obtained by the clerk.

52.1.2 Back Gate Shed. The advice that the shed had been purchased by and for use of weekly bowling club was noted by the meeting.

## **53 Mayor's Civic Service & Reception**

53.1 Civic Service. Mayor's civic service to take place 11.15am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at St Davids Cathedral. Noted by the meeting.

53.2 Civic Reception. Confirmation of venue and approval of catering budget (£2500 in 2022). The Deputy Clerk advised the meeting that further venue quotations were awaited. The meeting RESOLVED that the catering budget should be increased in line with this year's inflation rate and raised up to £2700.

## **54 Correspondence**

54.1 Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July from Chairman of St Davids Lesotho Link Group thanking councillors and City Council staff for the fantastic civic reception and welcome arranged for Lesotho guests in City Hall 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was received and noted by the meeting. Cllr RJ Thornton also extended thanks to the meeting.

54.2 Email dated 11<sup>th</sup> July from Royal Navy Communications and Influence Creative Campaigns Manager enquiry regarding public venues to play Royal Navy films/images around Remembrance weekend 11-12 November 2023 was received and the meeting RESOLVED to offer use of the city hall free of charge.

54.3 Email dated 11<sup>th</sup> July from community member expressing concerns regarding local supermarket food safety standards was received and the meeting RESOLVED that the clerk write to CKs Supermarket & PCC voicing raised concerns and requesting appropriate response.

54.4 The clerk's office had received a number of phone calls regarding speeding traffic entering onto Swn y Mor from Glasfryn Road and concerns for children playing there. The residents had asked can PCC be approached to ask that signage put in place urgently and to consider laying sleeping policeman to slow the traffic before a child is seriously injured. The meeting noted concerns raised and agreed the information be forwarded to PCC & County Councillor B Price.

## **55 Donations**

55.1 Letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> July from Llanrhian Cricket Club requesting City Council to consider donating towards their intended purchase of Defibrillator was received and the meeting asked the clerk to assist with guidance on funding opportunities for public access defibrillators available to community groups.

## **56 Staffing Matters**

56.1 Caretaker / Hall Manager Business Card. The meeting considered options for Hall Manager Card showcasing the appropriate information - City Council logo/name/phone number/email/website booking information QR Code in 2022/23 - and agreed the existing format be updated accordingly.

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

**57 NP/23/0280/FUL** Changes to existing guest house & residential dining (Class C1) with bespoke gin distillery & small bar/restaurant (mixed use C1/A3) together with alterations. St Davids Distillery, Restaurant & Rooms, 11-13 Nun Street, St Davids, SA626NS. Deferred from 3<sup>rd</sup> July meeting the item pending an extension and a site visit on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July to provide time for the council to consider the proposal in further detail. As with 3<sup>rd</sup> July meeting councillors were joined by a number of concerned residents and members were addressed by resident disputing the Application Response Document presented to that 3<sup>rd</sup> July meeting. Following additional extensive discussion, the meeting RESOLVED to support the application subject to inclusion of observations made by councillors with regard to ensuring clear route kerbside collection and delivery.

**58 NP/23/0281/LBA** Changes to existing guest house & residential dining (Class C1) with bespoke gin distillery & small bar/restaurant (mixed use C1/A3) together with alterations. St Davids Distillery, Restaurant & Rooms, 11-13 Nun Street, St Davids, SA626NS. It was RESOLVED to support the application – see above.

**59 NP/23/0313/FUL** New access and associated works Y Gorlan, 77 Nun Street, St Davids, SA626NU.

It was RESOLVED to support the application. The meeting 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.

**60 NP/23/0330/FUL** Install replacement roof & wall frames to the extension at the rear of the property. 89 Nun Street, St Davids, SA626NU. The meeting 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.

### **AOB**

#### **Items for information only:**

Cllr BS Sehmi: Website requires photos update.

Cllr BS Sehmi: Maintenance work required for man-hole on Goat Street.

Cllr RJ Thornton: Arrangements confirmed for distributing Coronation Celebration Coins to school-age children of St Davids.

Cllr FD John: Requested update on Cross Square fountain – Cllrs suggested electrician to assess electrical issues.

Cllr FD John: Requested update on street signage repainting – Clerk advised contractor due to commence.

Cllr FD John: Requested update on “Happy to Chat” benches – Clerk to remind PCC.

Cllr FD John: Glasfryn verges overgrown / dangerous – Clerk liaise with Cllr B Price.

Cllr FD John: Requested Clerk remind Welsh Water of visit to SDCC re struggling sewage demands due to increase in residential areas.

#### **Items for the next agenda:**

Cllr FD John: Whitesands Café Security Camera.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed .....

Date .....

Chair