

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 3rd 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, Cllr RJ Thornton, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk), JE Foster (Deputy Clerk) and W Mann (RFO).

37 Apologies for Absence: Mayor, Cllr ES Evans, Cllr BT Price, Cllr R Price, Cllr C Plant (Leave) & Cllr N Walsh.

38 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 and none were received.

39 Confirmation of Minutes for:

39.1 Grants Committee Meeting on Monday 27th March 2023: deferred to the next Council Meeting following the Grants Committee Meeting 13th July.

39.2 Second Monthly Council Meeting on Monday 19th June 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

40 Matters Arising

40.1 Bryn Road Toilets Progress Report. Confirmation received from PCC Property Department that PCC are the freehold owners of the land and that a freehold transfer would be the preferred way forward in anticipation for an asset transfer from the start of the next financial year – April 2024. Clerk to pursue clarification from PCC regarding a transfer of the freehold and imposition of covenant restrictions against the land's use and development in the future.

40.2 Scout Hut Asset Transfer. Visit from Mr Alan York providing the meeting with summary of Asset Transfer progress. Progress Report received and noted by the meeting: PCC have accepted that the Expression of Interest can be made as a sole tenancy. Updated Heads of Terms to be considered for approval next meeting along with updated Scouts Business Plan & SDCC Business Plans for Council consideration.

40.3 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 correspondence received from Paul Davies MS and Stephen Crabb MP in which they express their concerns. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should reply to both members

asking that they continue to pursue the matter. The meeting acknowledged the considerable concern in the community and businesses following the bank's closure announcement and it was RESOLVED that the clerk write to Lloyds expressing this considerable concern and ask that the closure decision be reviewed. The meeting also expressed its concern that if the community and businesses were to have to rely only on the Post Office for all of its banking business whether it would have the capability to cope both with the volume and the number of transactions. Also, because the location of the branch (inside CK's) is close and adjacent to the till dealing with alcohol and other goods whether it is able to conduct business privately and confidentially. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should write to the Post Office to express its concerns.

41 Council Property

41.1 Cross Square Market. Consideration for Saturday Markets during the school summer holidays following an extended run of poor weather conditions causing a period of market cancellations earlier this season. Requests had been received from all stall holders to hold additional market days to make up for their loss of income and the meeting RESOLVED to approve the request.

42 Correspondence

42.1 Email dated 14th June from community-based group Stitchy Witches Support and Development Worker requesting to use the city hall free of charge for an exhibition in order to try and raise awareness of the group in an attempt to increase membership and funds was received and it was RESOLVED to approve the request.

42.2 Email dated 15th June from EcoDewi thanking SDCC for use of Cross Square in support of St Davids Peninsula Great Big Green Week which ran from 10th – 18th June 2023 was received and noted by the meeting.

42.3 Email dated 16th June from visitor to St Davids raising concerns regarding the cost of King's Coronation Bunting & duration being left on display after the event was received and the meeting RESOLVED that the clerk respond accordingly.

42.4 Email dated 21st June from Cllr C Plant regarding complaints received from residents of St Davids concerning speed of vehicles & cyclists going the wrong way on Nun Street was received and noted by the meeting.

42.5 Email dated 22nd June from resident of St Davids expressing concerns regarding disregard to the 20mph speed limit on Nun Street was received and noted by the meeting.

42.6 Email dated 26th June from EcoDewi thanking SDCC for use of Cross Square and market stalls in support of St Davids Open Gardens Weekend 24th – 25th June 2023 was received and noted by the meeting.

43 Staffing Matters

The following item is a matter of contract and under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, consideration as to whether the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information is advised.

43.1 Caretaker. Following interviews of applicants Staffing Committee recommended appointing Mrs Katie Bolger to the position of Caretaker – Council agreed.

44 Accounts

44.1 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for May 2023 had been completed successfully.

44.2 The accounts for June 2023 were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer and it was RESOLVED to be approved with permission to pay.

Financial Report			June-23																					
Balance @ Bank on	27-Jun-23			£154,196.61																				
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Income																								
City Hall				£392																				
Whitesands				£18,264																				
Market				£896																				
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Expenditure																								
				£100+ Items																				
City Hall		£2,519		£1,281																				
Whitesands		£6,068		£6,068																				
Office & Administration		£3,426		£3,070																				
Admin Staff Costs		£5,501		£5,501																				
Street Furniture		£57																						
Play Area		£85																						
Events		£874		£825																				
Finance		£185		£185																				
Market		£747		£660																				
TOTAL		£19,462		£17,590																				
Addendum of Items of £100 plus Value is Attached																								

	Hall	White Sands	St Furniture	Office Admin	Admin Staff	Play Area	Events	St Justinians	Finance	Market
									£185	
£185	Bank Charges									
	Ancient Connections									
£180	Stall Transportation						£180			
£175	Dog Poo Bags			£175						
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45 Reports from Members representing the Council:

- 45.1 Bws y Bobol: Nothing to report.
- 45.2 Coffee and Chat: Attendance lower this time of year.
- 45.3 EcoDewi / Bee Friendly: Progressing.
- 45.4 Grants Development Committee: Meeting 13th July.
- 45.5 Music and Arts Festival: Boia Festival October.
- 45.6 One Voice Wales: Meeting last week.
- 45.7 Oriel Y Parc: New “Lost Worlds” Exhibition.
- 45.8 Police Surgery: Next Surgery 6th July.
- 45.9 Porthstinian Boat Owners Association: Nothing to report.
- 45.10 Porthclais Harbour Authority: Details of next event tbc.
- 45.11 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club: Nothing to report.
- 45.12 St Davids Befrienders: Forthcoming Annual Meeting.
- 45.13 St Davids Celebrations Group: Nothing to report.
- 45.14 St Davids Christmas Tree Association: Meeting later this month ahead of summer break.
- 45.15 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly: Concern regarding Lloyds bank closure.
- 45.16 St Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link: Student visit 26th June event great success. Cllr Thornton thanked all involved.
- 45.17 St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association: Nothing to report.
- 45.18 St Davids RFC: Current tenant leaving end of season.
- 45.19 Youth Drop In: Progressing.
- 45.20 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor: Progressing well – Lesotho students enjoying visit.

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

46 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. At the start of the meeting councillors were joined by a number of concerned residents and members were provided with a written Application Response Document (ARD) and were addressed by a resident of Nun Street regarding this. In addition, another resident made observations that disputed the ARD. Following an extensive discussion, the meeting RESOLVED that an extension of time be requested and the item be deferred until the next full council meeting on Monday 17th July to provide time for the council to consider the proposal in more detail and site visit be arranged to assist with this process.

47 NP/23/0302/FUL Provision of a lift overrun extension to facilitate the change from a platform to a passenger lift. Twr-y-felin Hotel, Feidr Pant-y-bryn, St Davids, SA62 6QS. 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 S Williams requested an update on contents of shed at back of city hall.

Cllr RJ Thornton confirmed judging of the Cathedral Competition 16th August.

Items for the next agenda:

Cllr RJ Thornton: Gudel wall maintenance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

Date

Chair